

Answers to REL/Set-3

1. (a) (ii) In 2019, Chennai faced a severe water crisis when its four main reservoirs dropped to nearly one-tenth of their capacity, leaving millions without adequate supply.
- (b) Because it is caused by factors like exponential population growth, poor water management, and deteriorating infrastructure, rather than by natural drought alone.
- (c) (i) conservation: cultural ethos
- (d) Despite the reservoirs drying up, the crisis was not due to a natural drought but poor planning and neglect, resulting in failed municipal systems and reliance on private tankers.
- (e) (ii) Conservation and local action are essential to solving the water crisis.
- (f) stewardship
- (g) Rainwater harvesting, water-efficient agricultural practices, better pricing strategies, and restoration of traditional methods like community ponds and drip irrigation.
- (h) (iv) (1) and (4)
2. (a) A surprise attack on Israel by Hamas, killing around 1,200 people and abducting over 240.
- (b) exacerbated
- (c) The conflict has caused over 62,000 deaths, massive displacement, destruction of Gaza's infrastructure, and severe shortages of essentials, with the UN warning of famine threatening nearly half a million people.
- (d) Palestinians
- (e) (iii) The United Nations warned of an impending famine in Gaza.
- (f) Despite global appeals, hostilities persist, causing heavy casualties, infrastructure destruction, rising regional tensions, and widespread international condemnation.
- (g) (iii) South Africa
- (h) One major concern raised by the United Nations Human Rights Council is the evidence of serious violations of international law by both Hamas and the Israel Defense Forces, including the deliberate targeting of civilians and the use of prohibited weapons.
- (i) ...because both Israel and Hamas remain engaged in active military operations.
3. (a) has decided
- (b)

Error	Correction
would rot	rots
- (c) **Prateek:** How was your travel experience to Mysuru?
- (d) (ii) those days, she was working
- (e) ruined
- (f)

Error	Correction
are pushed	have been pushed
- (g)

Option No.	Error	Correction
(iii)	facilitate	are facilitated
- (h) (i) do not bear
- (i) if she could go to the movie the next day with her
- (j) (i) would
- (k) (i) has ...reduced
- (l)

Error	Correction
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4. (A) GE India Pvt Ltd.

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1 August 20XX

The Manager

Excel Printers and Distributors

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Jaipur 3020XX

Subject: Complaint against Order No. XP 865/23

Dear Sir

This is with reference to the Order No. XP 865/23 placed on July 14, 20XX which consists of office stationery and business cards. As per the agreement, we were hoping to receive the order latest by July 20, 20XX.

First of all, the order did not reach in time. Also, the quality of the paper in ledgers, notepads and bill books is questionable and the design of the business cards does not match with the selected one. We are facing a lot of inconvenience due to this.

Kindly ensure that the order will be replaced latest by 10 August, 20XX, failing which payment will be stopped or the order will be cancelled from our end. You are requested to look into the matter on an urgent basis.

Yours sincerely

Pawan Khanna

Manager (Procurement)

Or

(B) 15, Esplanade Road

Bengaluru

17 May 20XX

The Editor

The Deccan Herald

Bengaluru

Subject: Skyrocketing prices of essential commodities

Dear Sir

The plight of the common man is pitiable because of the skyrocketing prices of essential commodities. The rates of vegetables like tomatoes at ₹ 200/kg are vying with lentils in the same range. Most vegetables, fruits and cooking oils are already on an upswing. Cooking gas is so expensive that one wonders why would the poor not go back to coal and wood. Every few days, the prices of milk go up. The poor and the middle class don't know what to spend their money on. Two decent meals are hard to be arranged.

The prices of petrol and diesel have touched a new high in recent months which seems to have triggered this hike. People are compelled to cut down their expenditure on all essential food items to make ends meet.

The government must take some stringent measures to control the rising prices and black marketing by releasing buffer stocks so that the common man does not suffer.

Yours sincerely

Deepti

5. (A)

Economic Growth and E-Waste

E-waste garbage list includes gadgets like smartphones, tablets, laptops, video game consoles, cameras, computers, TVs, stereos, copiers, fax machines, etc. The graph shows that the generation of electronic waste has grown exponentially between 2017-2020 going from 5000000 tonnes to 35000000 tonnes. However, the years between 2005 and 2015 registered static growth in this sector. But the last five years have seen e-waste generation jump 7 times. The metropolitan cities of Mumbai, Delhi-NCR region, Bengaluru, and Chennai are the biggest contributors of e-waste. With 2 million tons of e-waste generated annually, e-waste recycling is a source of income for many in India, but it also poses numerous health and environmental risks.

Or

(B)

The Shrinking Indian Middle Class

According to economists, employment levels had risen before Covid impacted our economy. Health, nutrition, and educational outcomes showed a significant decline. The global recession in 2020 has impacted our economy battering the poor into acute distress. A year into the pandemic, this number is estimated to be 67 million. The number of very poor will reach 75 million, more than double the figures expected prior to the recession caused by Covid-19. 75 million people will be living at less than \$2/day. Inflation needs to be controlled, PDS revived, jobs generated, soft loans, and social support doled out if India wishes to save itself from a serious economic slide.

6. (A)

- (a) Ebright lost interest in collecting the butterflies because it was a tedious job with less feedback.
- (b) (ii) He was studying butterfly migrations along with Dr Urquhart.
- (c) The phrase is used ironically as Ebright had read about the migration of butterflies to central America and here they did not go far beyond seventy-five miles.
- (d) (ii) it was tedious and there was little feedback

Or

(B)

- (a) (iii) option 3 and 4 only
- (b) Anne felt that these were her own views and she would never like anyone to read her views and as such that won't matter to anyone.
- (c) (i) the diary would listen to his thoughts without judgment
- (d) The writer thinks it won't make any difference if they write in the diary because no one else is going to read it unless they ever find a real friend.

7. (A)

- (a) (ii) angry and scolding
- (b) The speaker keep addressing Amanda by name to get Amanda's attention and show frustration or displeasure.
- (c) frustration
- (d) The poet focuses on the struggle that Amanda is facing. The poet strongly believes that children should never be deprived of their freedom.

Or

(B)

- (a) The poem does not follow a set rhyme or meter. The poet has used enjambment and free verse.
- (b) *Synecdoche* is a poetic device that uses a part to represent the whole. Frost has used "heart" to represent his personality as a whole that underwent a change in mood and attitude after a chance encounter with an ordinary crow.
- (c) (ii) 2, 4, and 6
- (d) gave the poet's heart a change of mood

8. (a) The poet describes the bear in a humorous way. He says that as soon as a bear sees a human being, it hugs him tightly. It clasps its prey tightly with both its hands and squeezes him to death. If he is still alive, he gives him another tight hug to kill him.
- (b) From the window, Valli saw a cow running in the middle of the road and was highly amused. She found happiness, joy, and life in this. On her ride back home, she saw the same cow dead and lying in a pool of blood. Death changed Valli's mood; she was upset and suddenly everything lost its charm and beauty.
- (c) No, Chubukov is not sincere in saying so. He didn't have a good opinion about Lomov. He thought that he had come there to ask for some money. He changed his stand only when he came to know that Lomov wanted to marry Natalya, his daughter. It was something that Chubukov always wanted in his heart of hearts.
- (d) Custard was making a lot of clatter and clinkering and he was squirming. He jumped up, snorting and clashing his tail. He attacked the pirate. It terrified the pirate. He fired at Custard and missed. Custard killed him by swallowing him up. It shows that he was brave.
- (e) On both sides of the gravel road were acres and acres of neatly pruned tea bushes spread like a sea against the backdrop of densely wooded hills. It was the second sprouting period. Women wearing plastic aprons were plucking new tea leaves and putting them in the bamboo baskets.
9. (a) Animals do not need silk clothes, playful toys, and various utensils to stay happy. But Mrs. Pumphrey had provided these privileges to her pet, Tricki. These luxuries replaced the dog's actual needs for exercise, play, and healthy food and made him ill, obese, and dull because his owner pampered him like a child. So, it's true that 'Privilege often confuses actual needs for perceived ones.'
- (b) Hari Singh had robbed all kinds of people. According to him, the greedy men were scared of being robbed. The rich men showed anger. The poor men accepted their fate after being robbed. He thought that Anil would show only a touch of sadness. He would not be sad for the loss of money but for the loss of trust.
- (c) Noodle used titles to describe Think-Tank like 'O Great and Mighty Think-Tank', 'Ruler of Mars and her two moons', 'most powerful and intelligent creature in the whole universes'.
10. (A) '*Coorg*' portrays coping with loss through cultural pride. As modernisation threatens their traditions, the Coorgis preserve their martial heritage, folklore, and hospitality, maintaining their identity despite changing times. Their pride acts as a defense against the erosion of their way of life. In contrast, '*The Ball Poem*' shows a boy facing personal loss when he loses his ball, symbolising childhood innocence. He realises that no one can retrieve what is lost, learning to accept loss and build resilience. The poem states, '*Money is external*,' showing that loss cannot always be replaced. Thus, while Coorg responds to separation collectively by celebrating its heritage, the boy in '*The Ball Poem*' copes individually, growing through acceptance and understanding of loss.

Or

- (B) '*Madam Rides the Bus*' shows Valli's longing for freedom through her daring bus journey, breaking free from her limited world to explore beyond her village. Her excitement represents human curiosity and the desire to experience life firsthand. In contrast, '*A Tiger in the Zoo*' highlights the tiger's frustration in captivity, pacing behind bars, deprived of its natural freedom. While Valli temporarily escapes her restrictions, the tiger remains permanently confined, unable to fulfil its instincts. The poem describes the tiger's rage and helplessness, showing how unnatural limitations crush its spirit. Thus, Valli's journey celebrates the joy of movement and exploration, whereas the tiger's captivity exposes the deep suffering caused by denying freedom and natural space.

11. (A) Richard Ebright, first and foremost, was a scientist. He was interested in science so he first began to collect butterflies. But he found time for other interests too. He was a man of many parts — a multifaceted genius. Not only did he collect butterflies but also took a deep interest in varied activities. He collected rocks, fossils, and coins. He became an eager astronomer too and would indulge in star-gazing sometimes all night. Ebright also became a champion debater and public speaker. In this field, his Social Studies teacher turned Ebright's tremendous energy towards the Debating and Model United Nations Clubs. He was a good canoeist and all-around outdoors person. He was also an expert photographer. He excelled in nature and scientific exhibits. To conclude, besides being a remarkable scientist, Richard Ebright enjoyed myriad adventures, hobbies, and interests that made him a wholesome personality.

Or

- (B) Bholi was sent to school because with her ugly face and lack of intelligence, she had little chance of getting a match. "Let the teachers at school worry about her," said her mother. Bholi was unwilling to go because she thought that she was being sold and turned out of the house like their cow, Lakshmi. She was given clean clothes to wear for the first time. Her visit to school proved a turning point in her life. Her teacher worked on her like a sculptor. She spoke to her lovingly and sweetly in her soft, soothing voice. She consoled and encouraged her to speak without a stammer. She raised in her the hope of a new and respectable life. Education and the teacher's efforts produced wonderful results. Bholi's teacher played the role of a catalyst in her transformation. She made her a confident, bold and self-respecting person. From a 'simpleton,' she became an enlightened girl.