

## **CHAPTERWISE QUESTION**

### **ENGLISH**

#### **A LETTER TO GOD**

##### **SECTION - A - READING**

1. i) c) Abbreviation of the title / phrase  
ii) a) Kindness  
iii) False  
iv) Hurt of heal  
v) Betrayal  
vi) One should be frank to the extent that it does not affect relationships. Complete frankness looks good only in children. As we grow old we should be smart and filter information.  
vii) In this context 'to put a filter' means before speaking, a sensible person will filter whatever he wishes to say. He will think through his thoughts before uttering a word.  
viii) The writer says that one must ensure that the place, time and the words are chosen with care. In addition to this one must use very kind words to convey the truth.  
ix) It is very important to keep secrets. We may blurt out something a friend told us in confidence, in a careless manner but often to appear important in other people's estimation. So it requires conscious effort to keep the information to ourselves.  
x) According to the writer, speaking well is a skill, speaking kindly is a life skill.

##### **SECTION B : GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

2. a) b) has been  
b) d) can  
c) C in for  
d) he had wanted to have his hair cut and that had long been overdue.  
e) b) should

- f) Error - must      Correction - can
  - g) her exams were approaching and that she had not prepared well.
  - h) b) went
  - i) d) the
  - j) iii) was attracted
3. Content – Language – accuracy – grammar - vocabulary

### **SECTION - C - LITERATURE**

4. **A**
- i) a) angry
  - ii) b) Write a second letter to God for demanding the remaining amount as per his earlier letter.
  - iii) b) The sight of boxers exchanging blows made the child unhappy.
  - iv) c) the post master was curious to know the content of Lencho's letter.
  - v) c) Lencho thanked the post master for helping him.
- B.**
- i) b) To retain the faith of the man who had started a correspondence with God.
  - ii) a) Money
  - iii) d) To answer Lencho's letter and help him.
  - iv) d) He wanted to create the impression that the monetary help had come from God.
  - v) d) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- C.**
- i) c) Lencho was a hardworking farmer
  - ii) a) Lencho would build a bigger house to live.
  - iii) a) A is true but R is false.
  - iv) d) the post office
  - v) c) To seek monetary support from God
5. i) Lencho's field of ripe corn was dotted with flowers that promised a good harvest. The only thing that the earth needed to yield a good harvest was a downpour or at least a shower. So Lencho kept looking at the sky towards the north-east in the hope that he may see the clouds approaching that would rain down on his field, thereby ensuring a good harvest.
- ii) Lencho was filled with utter sadness when the hailstorm stopped. He was troubled to

see that his cornfield was totally destroyed. The field was white, as if covered with salt. Standing in the middle of the field Lencho lamented that the hail had left them nothing. He was dejected thinking that his family would have to go hungry that year.

- iii) When he was taking out the letters from the mail box, the post man noticed Lencho's letter. He was amused to see that it was addressed to God. Never in his career as a post man had he known that address. So, he took the letter to the post master.
  - iv) The hailstorm had destroyed Lencho's crops completely. The crops were destroyed to the extent that nothing remained in the corn field. It made Lencho remark that a plague of locusts would have left behind more than that. They feared that they would have to starve that year. So, the night was a sorrowful one for Lencho's family.
  - v) When Lencho found the God's reply letter with money in it, he was not at all surprised because he had been quite confident that God would never deny him the much-needed financial support for his survival. His faith in God was so strong that he never doubted for a moment that God would send a reply for his letter.
  - vi) In his second letter to God, Lencho complained that only seventy pesos had reached him. He demanded that God should send him the rest of the money since he wanted it urgently. He also added that God should not send the money through the mail because the post office employees were 'a bunch of crooks' indicating that they had stolen thirty pesos from God's letter.
6. i) The postmaster represents the people who still believe in helping others. He admired Lencho for his staunch faith in God. To keep Lencho's faith in God alive, the postmaster co-operated with his employees and collected seventy pesos to be given to Lencho. He felt sympathy towards Lencho after knowing his situation. He tried his level best to help Lencho to overcome his problems. He was compassionate and did not even let Lencho know that they were helping him. He sent the amount to Lencho in the name of God. In a nutshell, the postmaster possessed values like selflessness, loving nature, humility, sympathy and compassion.
- ii) The conflict between humans and Nature is illustrated by the destruction of Lencho's crop by the hailstorm. Lencho was expecting a good rain to get a good harvest. He was an ox of a man and used to work hard in his fields, but nature turned violent and destroyed his crops completely. It points to the helplessness of human beings when they have to face the rage of Nature.
- The story also illustrated another conflict, between humans themselves. The postmaster along with his friends and staff sent Lencho seventy pesos in reply to Lencho's letter to

God, although they didn't know Lencho. Lencho had demanded hundred pesos from God. Owing to his staunch faith that God could not have made a mistake in sending the full amount as per his request, Lencho blamed the post office employees for taking away thirty pesos from God's letter. He called them 'a bunch of crooks'. This shows that man does not have faith in another man, thereby giving rise to this conflict.