

CHAPTERWISE QUESTION

Class X

ENGLISH

Time : 2 hrs

A LETTER TO GOD

Marks : 60

SECTION - A - READING

1. Read the passage and answer the questions.

10 × 1 = 10

1. One of the traits that gets overvalued the most is frankness. However, unrestrained and unfiltered frankness may lead to the end of even the closest of relationships. Such frankness is understandable, acceptable, and even 'cute' in children under the age of five.
2. Thinking before one speaks and using restraint are hallmarks of growing maturity and preparation for life. Learning to put a filter between thoughts and spoken words (and, even more importantly, written words) is an important life skill. Think is an acronym that stands for True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, and Kind. This would work fantastically well as a mental filter
3. It is good to speak what is true, but only along with the other attributes in the acronym, particularly the last one, kindness. In the righteous glow of speaking what we see as the truth, we often forget to be kind. We blurt out "truth" even when it is totally unhelpful and unnecessary to do so, let alone inspiring! Too often, such truth-telling is destructive rather than noble. Only those who do not care about the consequences can afford the luxury of 'speaking their minds' whenever and wherever they please. When relationships are at stake, it is essential to choose the time, place, and words appropriately when imparting unpleasant truths. And even then, only when absolutely necessary and with the utmost kindness.
4. Speaking without forethought can be even more dangerous in other circumstances, for example , when someone has entrusted us with a secret. A sign of maturity is the ability to keep a secret. Very young children are incapable of understanding the concept of a secret. To them , every piece of information is interesting ,new and meant to be shared. As we grow older, we all learn how to keep a secret, but too often we keep only our own secrets and not those that others confide in us. We may blurt out something a friend told us in confidence, perhaps carelessly, but often to appear important in other people's estimation. It gives us a sense of power to know something that our friends don't ,and it requires conscious effort to keep information to ourselves.
5. But this is the real test of an important life skill; self -restraint. Revealing a friend's secret is a betrayal of the friendship. Indeed, the consequences may well spread way beyond friendship alone. It may lead to gossip spreading like a forest fire , destroying peace of mind and even lives.
6. Words have the power to hurt or heal. They are not mere tools for tweeting and messaging. Before the tongue speaks, before the fingers fly over the keyboard, it is important to pause and apply the THINK acronym filter. Is this True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind?

7. Of course it is important to communicate. But it is far more important to be considerate and compassionate. Speaking well is a skill, speaking kindly is a life skill.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions:

- i) The term “acronym “used in para 2 denotes a/ an.....
 - a) Bitter truth
 - b) Acrobat
 - c) Abbreviation of the title / phrase
 - d) Phrase
- ii) Complete the analogy. Hurt: Heal ; Cruelty:
 - a) Kindness
 - b) Utter suddenly
 - c) Speak softly
 - d) Wipe out
- iii) The writer says that it is not necessary to use very kind words to convey the truth. (State True/ False)
- iv) Words are not mere tools for tweeting and messaging, but they also have power.....
- v) Find the word from the passage which means the same as ‘TREACHERY’
- vi) How much frankness is acceptable?
- vii) What does the term “put a filter” mean in this context?
- viii) According to the writer, what is the best way to reveal the truth?
- ix) Why is it important to keep secrets?
- x) What, according to the writer, is a life skill?

SECTION B : GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

2. **Attempt the following Questions.**

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- a) Complete the given sentences by filling in the blank with the correct option.
Jafar very polite at the moment, because he wants to make a good impression.
 - a) was being
 - b) has been
 - c) is behaving
 - d) is being
- b) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.
My Grandfather read without glasses even now.
 - a) should
 - b) would
 - c) must
 - d) can
- c) Select the option that identifies the error and supply the correction for the following line.
Philadelphia is a city known in many things.

OPTION	ERROR	CORRECTION
A	is	was
B	a	the
C	in	for
D	known	knowns

- d) **Read the conversation between Jisso and Bibin. Complete the sentence by reporting Bibin's reply correctly.**

Jisso : Why did you go to the hairdresser?

Bibin : I wanted to have my hair cut. It was long overdue.

Jisso asked Bibin why he had gone to the hair dresser. Bibin replied that

- e) Select the correct option to fill in the blanks for the given line.

My class teacher told me that I work hard.

- a) shall b) should c) can d) could

- f) **Identify the error.**

Music must take us to ecstatic heights.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- g) **Read the conversation between Anupama and Nirupama. Complete the sentence by reporting Nirupama's reply correctly.**

Anupama : Why are you looking so worried?

Nirupama : My exams are approaching. I have not prepared well.

Anupama asked Nirupama why she was looking so worried. Nirupama replied that

- h) **Fill in the blanks choosing the correct options from the ones given below.**

We visited Australia last summer. It was a very memorable experience. One day we hiking with some local boys.

- a) go b) went c) were going d) had gone

- i) The elephant's gestation period is 22 months, longest for any land animal.

- a) a b) an c) which d) the

- j) Complete the sentences choosing the correct option.

He by what was new and foreign

- i) has attracted b) is attracted iii) was attracted iv) attracts

3. **Attempt any one of the following questions.**

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- A. You are Viji / Vishal, living at 25, Karunya Nivas, Nedumangad, Trivandrum. Your colony has been facing dog-menace for the last six months. Drawing attention to the injuries caused to the residents. Write a letter in 100 - 120 words to the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation, requesting him to tackle this problem as early as possible.
- B. You bought a pair of Sandals from Wood Park House, Ernakulam. When you unpacked them, you found to your surprise that both the sandals were meant for your right foot. Now write a letter of complaint to the Manager of the shoe house asking for replacement at their cost.

SECTION - C - LITERATURE

4. **Read the extracts and answer the questions.**

3 × 5 = 15

- A. *Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink.* *On the public writing*

table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it.

- i) Lencho's behaviour suggests that he is
 - a) angry b) sad c) happy d) dejected
- ii) Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink to
 - a) Write a second letter to God for thanking Him for sending the money and helping him.
 - b) Write a second letter to God for demanding the remaining amount as per his earlier letter.
 - c) Write a complaint letter against the post master to the higher officials because the former had stolen his money.
 - d) Convey to God that he was sure of getting God's assistance in times of need.
- iii) Pick the option that lists the similar usage of 'blow' as is used in the passage.
 - a) If you are cold, blow on your hands.
 - b) The sight of boxers exchanging blows made the child unhappy.
 - c) We can feel the breeze blowing through the trees.
 - d) The death of his father was a heavy blow to him.
- iv) The line "The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it" suggests that
 - a) the post master was disappointed to see Lencho's reaction.
 - b) the post master was angry that Lencho did not thank him personally.
 - c) the post master was curious to know the content of Lencho's letter.
 - d) the post master was happy to know that Lencho appreciated his kindness.
- v) Which of the following statement is not true according to the given extract?
 - a) Lencho did not become happy when he got the reply for his letter to God.
 - b) Lencho wrote two letters to God.
 - c) Lencho thanked the post master for helping him.
 - d) Lencho wrinkled his eyebrows while expressing his ideas in the letter.

B. Read the extract and answer the questions

So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea: answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary, and several friends of his were obliged to give something 'for an act of charity'. It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with it a letter containing

only a single word as a signature: God.

- i) What was the postmaster's intention behind answering Lencho's letter?
 - a) To help the poor farmer whose crops were destroyed in the hailstorm.
 - b) To retain the faith of the man who had started a correspondence with God.
 - c) To come into the good books of Lencho and his family.
 - d) To get popularity by helping the poor farmer.
- ii) Besides goodwill, ink and paper, the postmaster needed also to answer Lencho's letter.
 - a) Money b) Faith c) Post card d) Stamp
- iii) What was the postmaster's resolution?
 - a) To get a promotion by doing charity.
 - b) To build a big house and buy a new car
 - c) To be Lencho's partner in farming.
 - d) To answer Lencho's letter and help him.
- iv) The post master affixed the signature 'God' in the letter because
 - a) He thought himself to be benign like God by helping Lencho to get the money.
 - b) He wanted to trick Lencho by giving only some amount to him.
 - c) God had come in his dream and told him to do so.
 - d) He wanted to create the impression that the monetary help had come from God.
- v) Assertion: Lencho did not get the full amount that he had demanded from God.
Reason : Even after giving a part of his salary and collecting donations from his colleagues, the post master was able to gather seventy pesos only.
 - a) A is true but R is false.
 - b) A is false but R is true.
 - c) Both A and R are false.
 - d) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - e) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.

C. Read the extract and answer the questions

Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write. The following Sunday, at daybreak, he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place in the mail. It was nothing less than a letter to God.

"God," he wrote, "if you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because the hailstorm...."

He wrote 'To God' on the envelope, put the letter inside and, still troubled, went to town.

- i) Referring to Lencho as 'an ox of a man' indicates that
 - a) Lencho had an ox
 - b) Lencho was wild like an animal

- c) Lencho was a hardworking farmer d) Lencho looked like an ox
- ii) Pick out the statement that indicates what Lencho will not do if he got the money from God.
 - a) Lencho would build a bigger house to live.
 - b) Lencho would buy food for himself and his family.
 - c) Lencho would utilize the money for buying seeds to sow his field again.
 - d) Lencho would buy the necessities for himself and his family.
- iii) Assertion : Lencho had absolute faith in God.
Reason : Lencho wrote a letter to God, demanding seventy pesos.
 - a) A is true but R is false. b) A is false but R is true.
 - c) Both A and R are false.
 - d) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - e) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- iv) Lencho went to on Sunday morning.
 - a) the church b) the town
 - c) the municipal office d) the post office
- v) Why did Lencho write a letter to God?
 - a) To seek the blessings of God b) To stop the hailstorm
 - c) To seek monetary support from God d) To seek mental support from God

5. Answer any five of the following questions in about 40 - 50 words. 5 × 3 = 15

- i) Why did Lencho keep looking at the sky towards the north-east?
- ii) What were Lencho's feelings when the hailstorm stopped?
- iii) What made the postman take Lencho's letter to the post master?
- iv) Why was the night a sorrowful one for Lencho's family?
- v) What were Lencho's feelings when he found the letter with money in it?
- vi) What did Lencho write in his second letter to God?

6. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words. 1 × 5 = 5

- i) The postmaster represents the people who still believe in helping others. Mention those values of the Postmaster which you would like to emulate.
- ii) There are two kinds of conflict in the story : between humans and nature, and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?