

Section A Reading

Q.1(a)

- (i) Hear their conversation
- (b) (iv) His angry nature
- (c) (iii) Fountain pens
- (d) (i) His guilt became public
- (e) Jawaharlal Nehru talks about the punishment when his father thrashed him for stealing one of the fountain pens from his father's office desk.
- (f) Nehru describes his mother as someone who he did not fear. His mother had immense love and admiration for him and he was as tall as his mother. She was closer to him than his father.
- (g) Jawaharlal Nehru describes his father as someone who was powerful and a disciplinarian. His father was an epitome of strength, courage and intelligence for him. He was someone who believed in honesty and truthfulness.
- (h) (i) Frightened - scared
- (ii) Confide - to have trust
- (iii) Petite - slender, small, thin
- (iv) Proclaimed - Declare.
- (i) (iv) Self control

Q.2.

- (a) (iii) A natural skill or ability
- (b) (ii) As a force that is untamed and unstoppable
- (c) (i) Passion awakens
- (d) (ii) The power of passion over talent
- (e) (ii) They can be turned into gains with passion.
- (f) (ii) Uncontrolled
- (g) (iii) Passion is more important than talent.
- (h) (ii) Passion leads to the realisation of one's potential
- (i) (ii) ~~A flame that consumes everything~~ A constant psalm or song
- (j) (iv) "Turning each setback into a gain, never lost"

Q.3.

- (a) The river, according to poem, gently moves like a song and helps sad hearts.
- (b) According to the poet, the tall trees some secrets amongst the leaves and when the leaves move, it sends the message of peace to all.
- (c) The moon symbolizes a sweet smile on the face of Nature.
- (d) The stars, are described as guards of the night

c) The central idea of the poem is that all the nature's elements are in constant communication with humans. Nature is always comforting and calming to humans. It is we who fail to understand the importance of these signs.

d) (i) weary
(ii) mist

(g) The flutter of the butterfly's wings fills my heart with joy.

h) According to the poet, nature has its own ways to speak to humans. All natural elements are speaking in their own ways and directly connect to the human heart.

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Dear Madam,

I hope you are in good health and high spirits. I am writing this letter to express my heartfelt gratitude for everything you taught me during my time as your student. Today, when I am studying in my new school, I often remember the lessons of life you shared with us along with music. They are helping me overcome many difficulties here. Your words about discipline, patience and self confidence guide me every day.

Music has now become an important part of my life. It helps me to stay calm, focused and positive. Whenever I feel stressed, singing a song or practising the keyboard makes me feel better. I truly believe I am leading a happier life because of the love for music you planted in me.

Thank you once again for being such an inspiring teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mohan Sharma

5. Plastic - A Growing Threat to Our Environment

Plastic has become an important part of our daily life, but today it has turned into a major threat to the environment. It is used everywhere - bags, bottles, toys, packaging and many household items. However, the same plastic is causing serious harm. It pollutes land and water, blocks drains and destroys the beauty of nature. Animals suffer the most because they often eat plastic thinking it is food. Many sea animals die because plastic gets stuck in oceans and rivers.

The worst part is that plastic does not decompose for many years. It remains in the soil and water for hundreds of years, making the earth unhealthy. As responsible citizens, we must reduce the use of plastic. We should carry cloth bags, recycle waste and spread awareness. Only then can we protect our planet from this danger.

- Rohan, Class 7

6. One Must Create One's Opportunity

Opportunities do not always come on their own; we must create them through hard work and

Instead of feeling sad, we should take failure as a lesson and try again with more effort. A person who keeps trying never remains a failure. Therefore, failure is not a curse but a guide that leads us to success.

7. Picture Composition

Grammar

8. a) Hardly had Arti seen the thief when she went into action.
b) Health is too important to be neglected.
c) Do not waste time doing useless things.
d) Rita told Kanta that she was going to the office and asked her where she was going there.
e) His only disappointment was that his own brother deceived him.
f) Being poor, he could not continue his studies.
g) Keats is the most profound English poet in English literature.
h) Her work would have been finished by four.
i) No one except Modi could bring the BJP into power.
j) He said to me, "I told the story last month."

q.	Line	Error	Correction
	(a)	at	about
	(a)	tricki	Tricki
	(b)	on	at

determination. A person who waits for luck may remain unsuccessful, but someone who works sincerely moves forward in life. When we develop our skills, improve our habits and take bold steps, new chances automatically open up. Even small decisions like reading daily, practising regularly or asking questions help us grow. Many successful people created their own opportunities by believing in themselves and working consistently. Instead of complaining about problems, we should focus on what we can do. When we take action, every difficulty becomes a chance to learn. Therefore, one must create one's opportunity to achieve success and live a meaningful life.

x) Failure is Not a Curse

Failure is often seen as something negative, but in reality, it is not a curse. It is a part of life and an important step towards success. When we fail, we learn what went wrong and how to improve. Every great person has failed many times before achieving success. Failure teaches us humility, patience and determination. It also strengthens our mind and helps us understand the real value of hard work. If we fear failure, we may never try anything new.

- (c) at in
- (c) streets street
- (d) on at
- (d) for from

10. a) The laden heart had snapped in two.

b) It was certainly a dreadfully hard frost.

c) The disciple wouldn't listen to the queen's wisdom.

d) Heavy and incessant rain filled the darkness.

e) The boys certainly made fools of themselves.

11. a) To emphasise

b) To die while in service or actively working.

c) To go to bed or go to sleep

d) To make money dishonestly or for selfish gain.

e) Overturn

12. a) will meet

b) hoped

c) has done

d) have not seen

e) going

13. a) on

e) about

b) on

c) of

d) on

14. a) should
b) must
c) must
d) might
e) can

15. a) The letter was delivered by the postman.
b) Many people in India drink tea.
c) The classroom is being cleaned by Rohan.
d) Premchand had written the story.
e) A new hospital is being built by the government.