

Answers to RSPL/2 (DS 1)

SECTION A — (Reading)

1. (a) (iii) (b) (ii) (c) (iii) (d) (ii)
(e) (iv) (f) (i) (g) True (h) 'prominent'
- 2.1 (a) We are facing weather-related stresses today because real-estate developments that treat hills and water embankments, become most vulnerable to weather-related stresses. Virtually, weather-related stresses occur not only because of rising populations, but also of the way people live and consume today.
- (b) To deal with monsoons, our simple task is to clean the drains in the locality before each monsoon season. It is not about resources, skills or local willingness but about our systems that encourage delays and complicate our tasks that should be done routinely.
- (c) Yes, we should accept monsoon as the starting point of urban planning in the areas where it affects habitats the most. It is seasonal and natural. So, rains and floods occur unusually.
- (d) The truth of the matter is that floods and climate change pose without empowering those who are affected by them. Secondly, we need more power and control over our lives and our environment.
- 2.2 (a) (i) (b) 'complicate' (c) (ii) (d) 'accept'

SECTION B — (Writing and Grammar)

3.

Global Warming

by Rahul

Global warming is a real global warning. Earth's temperature is rising and polar ice and glaciers are melting. The culprits behind all these upheavals are the burning of fossil fuels, consequent pollution, deforestation which result in depletion of Ozone layer.

Over the years, humans have been indulging in activities that have led to such a dismal situation. If the greenhouse effect or global warming continues at such a level, it would result in a worldwide catastrophe, including multiple hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, tidal waves, floods and so on.

Now, it is high time that we must take serious steps to reduce the carbon dioxide level. This can be done by reducing pollution level by planting more trees, by using cleaner energy options, etc., otherwise, Earth will be a planet without human beings.

Or

Sunflower Public School
Dehradun
Uttarakhand

16 January 20XX

Dream World Sports
Kolkata

Dear Sir

Subject: Sports items for the school

As the Sports Day of our school is going to be held next month, we want you to supply the following sports items at the earliest so that the students can practice for the different sports. Please send the items mentioned below to the school between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm except Sunday.

Items	Brand	Quantity
Football	Nivea	16
Cricket Bat	SG	14
Basket Ball	Sparton	10
Tennis Ball	Cosco	12

You are also requested to send the bill with discount. Payment will be made after the consignment is received.

Further, please ensure the quality of the consignment. In case, defects are found in the goods, the whole consignment will be returned without any payment.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Mahesh Arora (Sports Secretary)

4. **A King without a Finger**

A king had a male servant who at the time of distress always said to him: “My king, don’t be discouraged because everything God does is perfect, and He makes no mistakes”.

One day, they went hunting together and a tiger attacked the king. However, the servant managed to kill the beast but couldn’t prevent his majesty losing a finger.

Furious, the king said, “If God was good, I would not have been attacked and lose one finger”.

The servant replied, “Despite all these things, I can only tell you that God is good and everything He does is perfect. He is never wrong.” Outraged by the reply, the king imprisoned the servant.

Once again, the king left for another hunt. This time, he was alone and captured by savages who used human beings as sacrifices. But, the savages discovered that the king did not have one finger so released him because they considered him “incomplete” to be offered to their God.

On returning to his place, the king ordered the release of his servant and told his servant: “My friend, God was really good to me. I was almost killed but for lack of a single finger, I was let go”.

However, the king said to the servant “If God is kind, then why did He allow me to put you in prison?”

The servant wisely replied “My king, if I had gone with you, I would have been sacrificed because I have no missing finger as you do have”.

Moral: God is always good.

Or

Once, a few travellers were going on foot to a distant place. Tired by a long walk in the sun, they took rest under a peepal tree. As they talked among themselves, one of the men looked up at the branches overhead and remarked, ‘How strange this big tree is! It has such a thick foliage. Yet, it has no flower to please the eye or the smell, nor any fruit to please the taste.’ Another traveller said, ‘Why speak of flowers and fruit only? The peepal tree is of no use to man. Really, it is a pity that so big a tree is so useless.’ The tree heard the conversation and said with a smile, ‘This is thy gratitude indeed! Perhaps the cool shade in which you take rest and refresh yourself now is nothing—a mere illusion!’ When they heard the remark of the peepal tree they stooped down their heads in shame.

5. (a) (iii) who (b) (ii) was (c) (i) to (d) (iv) could

6. **Before** **Word** **After**

- (a) reminded of that
(b) saw an old
(c) depicting a scene
(d) during the second

7. (a) Delhiites embraced a novel way of immersion of Durga idols.
(b) The idols were immersed in pits dug up near puja samitis instead of Yamuna Ghats.
(c) It helped reduce pollution in the river.
(d) Overall response from the public was positive.

SECTION C — (Literature)

8. (a) (iv) (b) (iii) (c) a cutlass (d) ‘meant’

Or

(a) (ii) (b) (iv) (c) the doorway (d) ‘firmness’

9. (a) Mandela was not born with a hunger for freedom. But, when he realized that his freedom had been taken away from him, he decided to achieve it. His decision made him hungry for freedom. Now, he had changed himself into bold and a man without a home. He is now fearless. He had only one dream and it was 'freedom' to all his countrymen.
- (b) Teachers are most unpredictable in the sense that they might lose their temper over a trifle in the classroom. They can be strict or lenient about awarding marks to the students. However, Mr Keesing was unpredictable as he was very strict and punished Anne for being talkative. But after the third essay, his attitude to Anne changed and became very lenient. Anne was allowed to talk in the class.
- (c) The conductor refers to Valli as a 'Madam' because she behaves like a mature woman. She gives a quick reply to the conductor's each query. She has confidence in her talking and behaviour. So, she looks wiser than her age.
- (d) Natalya justified the ownership by telling Lomov that her grandfather and great-grandfather had considered that their land extended to Burnt Marsh. It means that the Oxen Meadows were theirs because Burnt Marsh extended beyond Oxen Meadows.
- (e) In the beginning of the story, we find Horace as a good and respectable person in the society. He was in the business of making locks and was successful in it. He was fifty years old and a good-natured gentleman. No one could imagine that he might be a thief. He had a habit of collecting rare and expensive books. But, due to lack of money, he had to steal once a year and purchased books of his choice. So, it is clear that Horace was a good and respectable man, but not completely honest.
- (f) Mrs Hall was convinced that Griffin was an 'eccentric scientist' because he had an uncommon appearance. When Mrs Hall tried to become friendly with him, he told her that he did not like to mix up with others and he had come to Iping to live in solitude.
10. In the beginning the young seagull had a great fear of flying. So, his parents scolded him and threatened that he would die of hunger. At last, he was left on the ledge and his parents, brothers and sister flew away.

After twenty-four hours, the young seagull became very hungry. He was maddened by hunger. So, he made sound again and again. His mother was looking at him. She tore a piece of fish and then scrapped each side of her beak on the rock. The sight of the food maddened him. Then, she picked up a piece of the fish and was flying across to him with it. When she was just opposite to him, she halted. The piece of fish in her beak was almost within the reach of his beak. He wondered why she did not come nearer. So, the young seagull dived at the fish without thinking about the result. He fell downwards. But, the next moment he felt that his wings spread outwards and he started flying.

Thus, the young seagull's mother taught him to learn flying.

Or

In the story 'The Black Aeroplane', we find that the pilot is going back to England from France. He dreams of having a very good breakfast with his family. All of a sudden, the pilot finds huge stormy clouds before his aeroplane and he struck into the storm. His connection with the control room broke. He tried to use his instruments but all of them stopped working. Now, the pilot became nervous and frightened. Just then, he saw a black aeroplane and its pilot guided him. The pilot followed him and his life was saved. But, he got surprised when he did not find any pilot there. He moved to the control room and asked the lady who was on duty about another pilot to thank. She told him that there was not any other aeroplane on the radar.

Hence, along with the pilot, we also got astonished to know who that pilot was and where he had gone. Obviously, 'The Black Aeroplane' raised a curiosity to the readers.

11. As her name implies, Bholi was a frightened, confused and a simple girl. She used to stammer while speaking. But, her teacher's love and affection filled her with confidence. The teacher inculcated a sense of responsibility into Bholi and taught her how to lead a respectable life. She showed the courage to change the social norms. She became fearless and refused to marry old Bishamber. She raised the voice against dowry. She assured her father, 'Pitaji! In your old age I will serve you and mother, and I will teach in the same school where I learnt so much.' This was the great change, found in Bholi's personality.

Hence, seeing Bholi, now Sulekha, in the eyes of her teacher there was the light of a deep satisfaction that an artist feels when contemplating the completion of her masterpiece.

In fact, Bholi was her teacher's masterpiece.

Or

The decision to keep the dog in the hospital was justified. The narrator, Mr Herriot, a veterinary surgeon, took this decision at the appropriate time. He knew that Tricki could not improve till he would have lived with Mrs Pumphrey because she loved Tricki so much that she did not take care of his diet. So, Mr Herriot advised her to cut Tricki's diet as it was his main problem.

If I were in the narrator's place, definitely I would have done the same thing. Now, Tricki had become worst. Neither he could breathe properly, nor could he walk. So, for the first two days, he did not give him anything except water. On the third day, there was some improvement found in Tricki.

Hence, all the steps taken by the narrator were praiseworthy. If I were in narrator's place, I would have done the same thing.