

Answers to RSPL/3 (DS 1)

SECTION A — (Reading)

1. (a) (ii) (b) (iii) (c) (iii) (d) (ii)
(e) (ii) (f) (iii) (g) False (h) 'veering'
- 2.1 (a) 'Sehnsucht' is a German word. It means 'a longing for something inexpressible'. It also implies the vague, indefinite longing lies at the heart of human beings. So, every common soul has this common thread of hidden longing in him.
- (b) Only saints and sages are exception to this rule, because they are the only blessed souls unlike ordinary humans. They know something and have something that others do not have. They have no desire nor longing for self-contentment.
- (c) I think that ideal guru is the one who can guide a seeker to find the state of tranquillity of the inner life through spiritual knowledge. This inner truth is an essential part of the holistic, integrated reality of a human life.
- (d) A guru directs his disciples' gaze inward to get him free from the outer life or despair and anxiety. He reveals to his disciple the truth of self-realization. The disciple learns from him how his guru simply sheds light on this truth. It is the guru who can awaken him to that divine knowledge.
- 2.2 (a) (iii) (b) (i) (c) 'vague' (d) 'bliss'

SECTION B — (Writing and Grammar)

3. **Importance of English in India**

by Ritwik

Today, English is the most widespread language of the world. We are very much attached to English as we find it the only link language in our country. So, there is no reason why the students in India should not learn English from the very primary stage. However, one's mother tongue should be given the priority in the language learning, But English can be studied as a second language.

Secondly, English has created an intellectual revolution in India. We have read R. K. Narayan, Vikram Seth, Arundhati Roy and some other novelists of the country. The main characteristic of the English language is that it adapts itself to the demand of every country.

Thirdly, one important trend in English language today is that there is a change of emphasis from grammar to usage.

Hence, English is called the Lingua Franca of the modern world, as it is the shared language of communication among the people of the world. It strengthens the national feelings and helps to forge international relationships in culture and trade. So, to disown its importance and neglect its use in India would be at our peril.

Or

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Sir

Subject: Problems caused by stray animals

I would like to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to the above mentioned problem through the columns of your esteemed newspaper.

Not a single day passed when I don't witness traffic jams on the roads. The reason of these jams is not a heavy traffic movement, but stray animals like buffalo, ox and bulls roaming on the roads. These animals not only cause traffic jams but also severe accidents. Yesterday a bull gored a person so badly that he had to be admitted in the hospital.

Despite many complaints to the concerned authorities, no action has been taken so far. These stray animals are becoming a nuisance. They are a danger not only to us but to themselves also. It is suggested that the Municipal Commissioner should take necessary steps to solve this problem.

Hope that my letter gets published in your newspaper.

Yours faithfully

Piyush

4.

Jackal—The Cheater

Once upon a time, a jackal was wandering around in search of food. He could not get a single bite to eat. So, tired and hungry, he walked until he reached a town. He knew it was not safe for him to stray in the town. But, he was desperate to get something to eat, otherwise he would starve to death. Suddenly, some dogs saw him and began barking. The jackal ran away but the dogs chased him to the house of a washer man. The washer man was busy in dying a set of clothes blue. He had a big tub of blue dye ready. The jackal tumbled into it and found that he was blue all over.

At night, the jackal came out and ran to the forest. He told all the animals that he had been sent by the god to protect all the animals. All the animals were pleased to obey him and brought him food and water every day. So, he did not have to worry about anything.

However, one evening the jackal was telling stories to other animals. Suddenly, he heard a pair of jackals howling. He could not control himself and began howling with a great joy. The animals understood that he was an ordinary jackal. So, they came to attack him but he fled.

Or

Intelligent Partridge

Once, a partridge lived in a nest in a wheat field with her young ones. The Young ones just learnt how to fly. The mother bird was always worried about her nest in the field. However, one day the owner of the field came with his son to examine the crop. After examining the crop he said to his son, 'The crop is ripening, so, go to our neighbours and request them to help us gather the harvest.' Hearing the words of the owner, the younger partridges were very much frightened. But, their mother encouraged them not to be worried. Fortunately, nobody came to reap the harvest for quite some time. However, a few days later, the owner came again with his son. He found the crop over-ripe and told his son that they must come themselves the next day with their own labourers. The mother partridge felt that the man meant business this time, and so she left the field with her younger ones that very day.

5. (a) (ii) was (b) (i) the (c) (iii) of (d) (iv) that
6. **Incorrect** **Correct**
- (a) to for
- (b) or and
- (c) a the
- (d) undertake undertook
7. (a) Delhi witnesses an increase in garbage generation during the festive season.
- (b) The daily garbage generation was about 10,000 tonnes.
- (c) A large component of this festive waste comprises plastic waste.
- (d) Workers have been working extra hours to clean the additional waste.

SECTION C — (Literature)

8. (a) (ii) (b) (i) (c) hard (d) 'testimony'

Or

- (a) (ii) (b) (iii) (c) sadness (d) 'trust'
9. (a) Valli refused the offer of a cold drink by the conductor because she did not have enough money to buy it. Secondly, she was a very prestigious and wise girl to control her feelings. So, the above lines tell us about her character and her wisdom at that very tender age.
- (b) 'Selfishness' in the truest sense implies 'thinking of oneself only'. When we do not bother about others' woes and only think about ourselves, we call it 'selfishness'.
- Yes, I agree with Kisa Gotami that she was being 'selfish in her grief'. She was not ready to accept her son's death.

- (c) Lomov thinks that Natalya is an excellent housekeeper, not bad looking, well educated. It is not possible for him to marry her. In the first place, he is already thirty-five. Secondly, he ought to lead a quiet and regular life. He suffers from palpitations. He is excitable and always getting upset.
- (d) One morning the clergyman and his wife were awakened by hearing the sound of chink of money. They came down and opened the door. But, they were very surprised to see the room empty. The desk was opened and the money was missing.
- (e) Lutkins was a very clever and tricky person. As soon as he came to know the reason of the lawyer's coming to New Mullion, he made a plan. He told the lawyer that his name was 'Bill' and he wanted to help him in searching Lutkins. When he went to Fritz, the lawyer was on his back.
- (f) No, Anne was not right when she said that the world would not be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year-old girl. In fact, her diary became very popular and was widely read. It was published after her death and was translated into several languages.
- 10.** Lencho was a poor, hard-working farmer. The hailstones destroyed his crop completely. Lencho was very upset and sad. He felt that his family would starve. Now, he had only a single hope—the help of God. He had a great faith in God. He thought that God did not let them starve. So he wrote a letter to God. He requested God to send him one hundred pesos. This amount was quite enough to sow his field again and feed his family. The postman received the letter. He gave it to the postmaster. The postmaster was impressed by his faith in God. After reading the letter, he came to know everything about Lencho. He collected the money from his friends and employees and gave part of his salary, and sent the money to Lencho.

Or

It is true that ability and courage to take risk in life are essential to fulfil one's dreams. In the story, an eight-year-old girl, Valli's first journey into the world outside her village is her induction into the mystery of life and death. As she never rode a bus, so her parents never allowed her to go outside the house. But, she mustered up the courage and rode a bus to fulfil her dream. She enjoyed the journey and realized the reality and mystery about the world outside.

Though Valli was a little girl but she made the journey without any difficulty because she had courage to take risk. In other words, we can say that the thing or task that seems to be very tough, is actually not so tough. We can do it if we have ability and courage to take risk in life. If we do not dare to take risk, we will lose opportunities in life.

- 11.** There is no doubt that Griffin was a brilliant scientist, but he was a lawless person. He set fire to his landlord's house and became invisible to get away from that place. To become invisible, Griffin swallowed certain rare drugs and removed his clothes. He became a homeless wanderer. Again, when the store employees from London chased him,

he escaped easily by throwing off his newly found clothes. After this, he entered the shop of a theatrical company and robbed money and clothes from there easily.

At the end of the story, we once again see that Griffin could save himself from the village constable by being invisible.

Thus, his invisibility always came to his help whenever he found himself in trouble.

Or

Yes, there is no doubt that the lawyer was gullible when he reached New Mullion without knowing anything about Bill. He informed him about his purpose of coming there. Immediately Oliver Lutkins understood that he could easily befool him and created a plan. He told him that his name was Bill.

He easily misguided the lawyer the whole day. He took him to many places and wasted his time and money too.

The lawyer could have avoided being taken for a ride if he behaved cleverly. First, he should have enquired about Lutkins without informing him his purpose. Secondly, he should not be so friendly with an unknown person. The most important thing is that the lawyer should not have such deep faith in Bill without knowing his background.