

# Answers to RSPL/1 (DS 2)

## SECTION A — (Reading)

1. (a) (iii)                      (b) (iv)                      (c) (iii)                      (d) (ii)  
(e) (i)                          (f) (ii)                      (g) False                      (h) 'linger'
- 2.1 (a) Mountains have attracted men because of the dangerous challenges it poses. Men get thrilled with conquering dangerous things as it makes heaviest demands on their courage, perseverance and powers of endurance.  
(b) At high altitude the air becomes rarefied and the level of oxygen is very less, hence breathing becomes difficult. They may lose their cool and may stumble or slip and go crashing downwards.  
(c) Special knowledge, skill, equipment, good physical condition and ability of good judgement can ease climbing for a mountaineer.  
(d) Steep rock faces and plod over snow fields and glaciers filled with crevasses are some dangers at the summit.
- 2.2 (a) (ii)                      (b) avalanches                      (c) (ii)                      (d) 'prefer'

## SECTION B — (Writing and Grammar)

3. B 6/347

Govind Puri

Bhopal

8 August 20XX

The Commissioner

Municipal Corporation

Bhopal

Sir

**Subject:** Insanitary Condition in Govind Puri area

With reference to the above subject with great hope I would like to draw your kind attention to the insanitary conditions and mosquito as well as stray animal menace in Govind Puri area.

Heaps of rubbish can be seen in the streets, stray animals like cows and dogs can be seen having a festive time in our locality sewers are blocked hence dirty water flows on the road making it next to impossible to walk. As this dirty water collects mosquitoes are having a free reign over us leaving the residents prone to malaria and dengue. Many a time the officials have been requested for the up keeping of drains and maintenance of cleanliness on roads but in vain.

We the residents of Govind Puri humbly request you to please take immediate and stringent steps to provide respite from this menace.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Rakesh

**Or**

C-177 Chaman Ganj

Sipri Bazar

Delhi

15 August 20XX

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

K G Marg

New Delhi

Sir

**Subject:** Non-availability of commodities at fair price shop

Through the columns of your highly esteemed newspaper I would like to draw the attention of the authorities concern to the above mentioned subject. The shop under the name of M/S Fair Price shop, Shop no. 18 DDA Market, Sector 7 Sipri Bazar has always a shortage of commodities. The shopkeeper all the times keeps returning back the customers who want to buy daily need supplies like sugar, rice flour, oil, etc. his excuse is that the government supply is not there hence he cannot provide us with these things.

This colony is full of people who are below poverty line and depend for the fulfillment of their needs through these shops. Prices are soaring high and it is difficult for these people to make both the ends meet. They cannot go and purchase these things from the open market. My humble and most sincere request is for the authorities concerned to personally look into the matter and make available the daily need supplies to provide respite to the residents.

Yours faithfully

Pushkar

4.

#### **Birthday Bash**

...that everything was scattered, decoration was strewn apart, furniture lay toppled, blood stains marked the floor and surprisingly the music was blaring at its peak. Clearly, something drastic had happened. With my heart in my mouth I went inside and found the entire house had been ransacked. I rushed outside to seek the neighbours' help and in the meantime called the police.

Within minutes the police came and I narrated the happenings. Surprisingly no sign of any of the ten guests who had been invited could be seen. This mystery was solved when they all started turning up. It was then I realized I was the first one to enter the house. The police took all the details and got into action by launching a massive hunt for my friend and her parents. We all waited anxiously at the house, keeping our fingers crossed.

In the early hours of the morning we were informed by the police that my friend's family had been taken hostage by a gangster but were released as they had mistaken the family to be of someone else. They had been dumped at the outskirts of Narela Village and the police were escorting them back. When the headlights of the police brightened the porch we all rushed out and found everyone was safe and sound barring a few minor injuries. We all thanked God Almighty for their safe return and a wonderful gift of life on his birthday.

**Or**

**The Tailor and the Conjuror**

Once a conjuror and a tailor happened to be together. 'Alas!' cried the tailor, 'What a sad future is mine; if people should ever decide to go without clothes, I would be undone, for I know no other trade.' 'Indeed, my dear friend! I take pity in you sincerely', replied the conjuror, 'but thank heavens, things are not quite so bad with me. I know many tricks and if any of them should fail, I should have many more yet. However, you need not worry much about your future. If at any time you are in distress, don't hesitate to come to me, and I will help you.'

Soon a terrible famine hit the land. The tailor somehow managed to survive, because people could not do without clothes. But, the conjuror with all his tricks could find not a single soul to throw away his hard-earned money on any of the tricks. All his promise to swallow a sword or to vomit fire went in vain. At length, he had no other way but to beg from the tailor whom he had pitied.

5. (a) (ii) came                      (b) (ii) the                      (c) (iv) and                      (d) (iii) but
6.        **Before**                      **Word**                      **After**
- (a) has                                      a                                      mental
- (b) X    In                                      appearance
- (c) looks                                      like                                      a
- (d) top    of    the
7. (a) her what kind of a
- (b) she was interested in
- (c) she was interested in Marketing or Administrative side. She had six-years' experience in an American concern
- (d) would she mind going to Italy

**SECTION C — (Literature)**

8. (a) (iii)      (b) (i)                      (c) hopscotch                      (d) 'wore'

**Or**

- (a) (iv)      (b) (iii)                      (c) agriculture and mining                      (d) 'levity'

9. (a) In the apartheid regime, Nelson Mandela was considered a rebel and so was imprisoned for many years. After the end of apartheid regime, he became the head of the non-racial democratically elected government of South Africa. Now the tables were turned as the same generals who would have readily put him behind the bars not so long ago, were now obliged to salute Nelson Mandela as he had become the president of the new Republic of South Africa.
- (b) Anne was the youngest daughter of Otto Frank and Edith Frank. Margot was her elder sister. When her parents shifted to Holland, both the children were sent to live with their grandmother in Aachen. Anne had a great attachment with her grandmother. She was close to her father and considered her mother to favour Margot more than her.
- (c) Buddha wanted Kisa Gotami to understand that all human beings are mortals and hence are destined to die. No amount of lamentation and crying could bring a dead person to life. Therefore, she should know the truth that her son has died and stop lamenting and grieving. Overcoming sorrows makes a person free.
- (d) Dr James Herriot was a competent veterinarian surgeon. He was a practical and pragmatic man and understood Tricky's problem. He didn't give any medical treatment to the dog. The dog was not given food but a lot of H<sub>2</sub>O. Tricky recovered remarkably well. He was soon transformed into a flexible and hard muscled dog.
- (e) Richard Ebright besides having keen interest in science had other interests and hobbies too. He was a champion debater and a good public speaker. He was a good canoeist and an expert photographer. He made a mark in photography of nature and scientific exhibits. Thus he was a versatile man with fingers in many pie.
- (f) Oxen Meadows become a bone of contention between the two families of Lomovs and Chubukovs. Lomov thinks that the Meadows that touch the birch forest of Chubukov, belonged to him. His aunt's grandmother gave the free use of Meadows to the peasants of Natalya's father's grandfather. In return they were to make bricks for them. Natalya opposes it by saying that their land extends to Burnt Marsh which meant that Meadows belonged to Chubukovs.
10. Lencho was a simple-hearted, hard working farmer. He was strong and sturdy like a horse and worked day and night in his fields. He was rustic in habits and thoughts. Being a farmer he had great knowledge about the weather, the rain and crops. Above all these things he had an unshakeable faith in God and trusted him blindly. When Lencho's crops were destroyed by the heavy hailstorm he had no one to turn to except for God. Since he was a little bit educated he wrote a letter with full faith to God asking him to send him money so that he could make the both ends meet.

In comparison to Lencho the postmaster was also a good human being. He was sympathetic and kind to people in distress. His sensitive nature did not allow him to break the strong faith of Lencho in God. His benevolence could be seen when he himself part a major share to gather money to give it to Lencho all in the name of God.

**Or**

The Coorgi people are clearly distinct from the Hindus in relation to the religious practices, marriages and traditions. There are two theories regarding the descent of the Coorgi people. Firstly, it is believed that they are probably descendent of Greek or Arabic. It is said that a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and as their return became impractical

they settled there and married some locals. Second theory states its Arabic origin as they wear dresses which are similar to Arabic dresses. The long black coat with an embroidered waist-belt worn by Kodavus, known as Kuppia strongly resembles the Kuffia worn by the Arabs and Kurds.

11. The lady in red with her confidence poses as the mistress of the house. Her gestures, convincing power and confidence makes Horace Danby a very suppressed character who though a skilled person in his profession is clearly duped by the lady's performance.

The lady in red acts as the owner and convinces Horace that she has forgotten the combination of the safe and tells him to open it otherwise be ready to go to jail. Poor Horace not only wants to escape unharmed but also wants to help the lady in distress hence without the protection of gloves opens the safe. Only when Horace is being arrested we become aware that the lady in red had not only decamped with the jewels but had been successful making the readers believe that she was the mistress of the house. Thus with her skills she lands poor Horace in the jail.

**Or**

Matilda's desire to outshine in the party proved a fatal mistake for which not only she but her husband had to repent for life.

Borrowing a necklace from her friend Madam Forestier for a party and then losing it ruined Matilda's life. Her first mistake was borrowing the necklace but the grave mistake was the second one when she did not confide of the loss to Madam Forestier.

She unnecessarily brought ordeal in her life; they had to pay 36000 francs to buy a replacement of Madam Forestier's necklace. For ten long years Matilda had to work like an ordinary maid and do all household chores. Mr Loisel had to work extra in the evenings to save money.

Matilda and her husband could have averted the situation and confided the loss of the necklace to Madam Forestier. She was a benevolent person this is evident when she gives necklace to Matilda. If she would have known the truth surely she would have forgiven Matilda and saved her from leading life full of pain and sufferings. We must learn from this incident not to hide facts because sometimes covering truth not only proves fatal for oneself but harms others also.