

# Answers to RSPL/2 (DS 2)

## SECTION A — (Reading)

1. (a) (iii)                      (b) (iv)                      (c) (ii)                      (d) (iii)  
(e) (i)                      (f) (iii)                      (g) True                      (h) 'squeezed'
- 2.1 (a) When Vishnu in his incarnation of the dwarf Brahmin took two steps to cross the universe by mistake made a hole in the wall of the universe through which some water of Mandakini spilled.  
(b) The original purpose of Ganga's descend to earth was to purify 60,000 of king Sagara's ancestors' ashes and permit them to ascend the heaven.  
(c) If Ganga fell on earth directly from the heaven a lot of damage would be caused, hence Shiva agreed to lower it gently into his hair which took him nearly 1000 years.  
(d) Goddess Ganga is often depicted in Hindu art wearing a white saree and riding on a crocodile. Ganga frequently appears in sculpture near temple doors.
- 2.2 (a) (iii)                      (b) (iv)                      (c) 'gigantic'                      (d) 'symbolizes'

## SECTION B — (Writing and Grammar)

3. St. Paul Senior Secondary School

Ranikhet

Uttarakhand

18 August 20XX

M/S Radhakrishna Furniture House

28 Kirti Nagar

Delhi

Sir

**Subject:** Order for supply of school furniture

With reference to the above subject we are pleased with the terms and the conditions of your firm and would like to place a bulk order with your concern. The items must be as per specifications mentioned in your previous letter. The wood should be of durable and termite proof. The list of the items is given below:

S. No.	Name of items	Quantity
1.	Dual desks	250
2.	Teacher's chairs	20
3.	Almirahs	10
4.	Wooden chairs	50
5.	Centre table	30

Please ensure that the material should be well-polished having fine quality of 'sagwan wood'. In case any item is found below standard, the same will be returned at your cost. These items should be delivered within 20 days from the date of order. As promised 25 per cent discount must be given. Cheque will be given after delivery of the items looking forward for a long lasting business association.

Yours faithfully  
Rajesh Sharma (Manager)

**Or**

### **Essence of Outdoor Games**

by Anita

Games develop not only our personality but keep us healthy and wise. Participation in outdoor games as well as indoor games contributes a lot towards our health, hygiene and physique. Unfortunately the kids living in cities do not realize this. They frown and shirk from playing as they do not want to get soiled. They prefer playing games, watching movies on net. This not only leads to obesity but also makes them dull and lethargic. The bottled up energy outflows in the form of aggression. Such people do not know how to socialize and are very introvert. Seeing all sort of action and crime movies instil that spirit in them and make their attitude negative.

On the other hand the outdoor games help in developing their physical and mental growth. They learn empathy, cooperation and brotherhood. Not only physically they grow but mentally also they are much better than those bottled up people who are cocooned in their houses. Their thirst to learn more and etiquettes leave them open for praise from one and all. In the best interest of our children, we as guides, must encourage our children to come out of their cocooned world and let their sweat furnish their drooping personality.

#### **4. Help the Needy**

The incident made her concentration zero in the class. Not only was she depressed but also felt helpless. Raghav was the source of her lack of concentration. Poor Raghav, the son of a businessman who had failed miserably in his business dealing, and was facing a huge amount of debt, making it impossible for him to pay fees. The family was literally on the road. Their house had been taken over by the bank along with its belongings. That morning it was announced by the principal that his name was no more on the rolls of the school since he had failed to deposit the fees for the last eight months.

She decided to narrate the entire incident to her father. After listening to the entire story he asked, 'How was Raghav in his studies?' Riya replied that he was one of the toppers. Riya's father without thinking said that he would pay Raghav's entire due and would also support him till his family's financial condition improved. Tears rolled down my eyes, I had no words to express my joy. I just hugged him tightly. I ran to Raghav's rented house and told his family the news. They all were speechless and elated. His parents come along with me to my house and personally thanked my father and assured to repay every penny.

**Moral:** No worship is better than helping a needy.

Or

**The Blacksmith Princess**

Once upon a time, there lived a king and a queen. They had a beautiful daughter named Madhumita. The princess was simple and kind-hearted who loved playing with the common people. Her parents resented this and tried to refrain her from mixing with commoners but Madhumita was adamant. So, they prevented her from going outside.

Gradually, Madumita was twenty. One day when she was in her palace she felt restless and secretly moved out of the palace and went to the river side. She felt free. Daily she started going to the river side secretly. One day she met a blacksmith and it was love at first sight for both of them. They eloped from the kingdom and were never seen.

The king and the queen searched intensively but all in vain. Two years passed but still not a sign of their beloved daughter. One day the king and the queen went for hunting in nearby dense forest. After a hopeless waiting for a prey, they were heading back to the kingdom when they sighted a cottage. To drink water they knocked the door and the door was opened by their daughter. They were elated but Madhumita was frightened for she feared punishment for her blacksmith husband.

But to her surprise her parents forgave them and made her husband their successor who ruled the kingdom for many years.

**Moral:** Sometimes it takes a bitter dose to knock sense.

5. (a) (ii) about                      (b) (iii) is                      (c) (iv) the                      (d) (i) for
6.        **Incorrect**                      **Correct**
- (a) are                                      is
- (b) burn                                      burnt
- (c) a    the
- (d) have                                        has
7. (a) Gurupurab is celebrated to remember the Sikh Gurus.
- (b) People pray in gurudwaras.
- (c) They listen to the Guru Granth Sahib.
- (d) Food is served free at gurudwaras.

**SECTION C — (Literature)**

8. (a) (iv)        (b) (i)                      (c) various dresses                      (d) 'gasped'

Or

- (a) (i)        (b) (iii)                      (c) trouble than help                      (d) 'deserted'
9. (a) Anne does not seem to have much trust and faith in the people around her. She was living in a hiding under adverse conditions where trust was an expensive commodity. Sometimes people reacted in an unpleasant, vulgar and violent way. Paper is emotionless and one can vent out one's love and anger without any hesitation as paper does not react.

- (b) The baker usually collected his bills from his customers at the end of the month. They had no account book but recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking in those days was profitable as the baker and his family never starved. Even the servants could meet both ends easily. Moreover, their plump physique proved this testimony.
  - (c) Valli found the elderly woman repulsive as she had big holes in her ears and was wearing ugly earrings in them. She found the smell of the betel nut which the woman was relishing repelling. The betel juice at any moment would spill from her lips. All these things made the old woman repulsive to Valli.
  - (d) The poet presents nature in its raw and natural state. The fog seems to come from nowhere. It comes suddenly and silently like a cat. Fog is quite powerful as it engulfs everything, the city, the harbour, etc. Later following the law of change, it disappears and no one can trace it.
  - (e) Dr Herriot was a pragmatic person. He was sensible enough to understand Tricky's greed for food. He was highly practical as he understood Mrs Pumphrey's blind love for Tricky hence he suggested hospitalization for a fortnight. His practicality and long vision saved Tricky. He did not believe in medicines but in natural treatment.
  - (f) No, Bishamber was not at all a suitable match for Bholi. No doubt, he was rich and possessed all materialistic things but he was mean, greedy and a worthless person. When he came to know about the pock-marks on Bholi's face he demanded a dowry of 5000 rupees to marry her. Even the turban of Ramlal at his feet did not melt the brute's heart. Bholi rightly rejected him.
10. 'The proposal' presents a farcical situation when Lomov falls down unconscious in an armchair. Before that there has been a free for all hurling of insults and abuses. The dispute over Oxen Meadows was settled but the quarrel over dogs persisted. Lomov is called all names. He could not bear the heat and excitement and falls down unconscious but people think he is dead. Both Natalya and Chubukov feel that the situation is going out of their hands. Chubukov feels helpless and frustrated. Natalya is dying for marriage. The moment Lomov comes to senses everyone feels relieved. Chubukov cannot afford to miss the opportunity. He feels Natalya to 'hurry up and get married!' She too acts at once. She embraces and kisses Lomov and gives her consent to marry him. Only one hinge is left for Chubukov. He blesses the newly married couple and opens a bottle of champagne. Old habits die hard. The new couple starts their marriage with a fresh quarrel which is over their dog Squeezer.

Or

Nelson Mandela was one of the greatest black heroes who waged a relentless fight against the racial regime in South Africa. He suffered untold sufferings and tortures in prison but led the country to install the first democratically elected government. Nelson Mandela was not born with a hunger to be free. Later on he realized that his boyhood freedom was an illusion. He also realized that the freedom in his youth was just transitory. Only when he joined the African National Congress his own freedom became the greater hunger for freedom of his people. Only then a frightened lawyer was transformed into a bold 'criminal'. A family

loving husband was forced to lead a life of a monk. He acknowledges the sacrifices of all freedom fighters and believed that he could not lead a free and honourable life if his people were not free. He had a wider vision for humanity. For him, freedom was comprehensive and could not be divided. It shows his greatness that both oppressor and oppressed should be liberated.

11. When they couldn't trace Lutkins anywhere in New Mullion, Bill directed the lawyer to his last visit to Oliver's mother. Her farm was three miles north to the town. Bill told the lawyer that Lutkins must have heard that somebody was chasing him. May be Lutkins had gone to his mother's farm. He hides behind his mother's skirts. Bill also told that Lutkins' mother was a terrible woman.

They drove to the farm house and had to face an enormous and cheerful old woman. Bill bravely went and told her that her son was needed as a witness in a legal case. The mother replied she had not heard from her son. Now Bill wanted to search the house as it was legal but alas! Lutkins' mother came out with an iron rod to attack them. Bill advised the lawyer to get out of there if he desired his life. So, with this the lawyer's hopes were dashed.

The encounter was staged by the cunning Bill. Bill was Oliver Lutkins himself who was playing the role of Bill. He did not want to be traced. This drama was enacted to confuse and misdirect the lawyer from his real search.

Or

Richard Ebright's father had died when he was just in his third grade. 'Richard was my life after his father died.....' said his mother. He was her only companion and they spent almost every evening at the dining table. Ebright's mother encouraged his interest in learning. She knew Ebright was curious so she took him on trips, brought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting material, etc. She helped her son in numerous ways. She was a link between her son and Dr Urquhart. She works to the doctor after which Ebright sent tagged butterflies to him in Canada. She knew her son's passion for collection hence she encouraged him. The result was when he was in his second grade he had collected 25 species of butterflies. This would be an end to his collection if his mother would not have got him a book called 'The Travels of Monarch X'. This book gave him an insight of migratory butterflies. Thus instigating his curiosity and thus opened a new world of science to the eager collector.