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This Question Paper contains 12 questions and is divided into three sections.

Section A – Reading	(20 Marks)
Section B - Grammar & Writing	(20 Marks)
Section C – Literature	(40 Marks)

SECTION A

Q1. Read the given passage carefully:

(10 Marks)

1. No longer is asthma considered a condition with isolated, acute episodes of bronchospasm. Rather, asthma is now understood to be a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways- that is, inflammation makes the airways chronically sensitive. When these hyperresponsive airways are irritated, airflow is limited, and attacks of coughing, wheezing, chest tightness, and breathing difficulty occur.
2. Asthma involves complex interactions among inflammatory cells, mediators, and the cells and tissues in the airways. The interactions result in airflow limitation from acute bronchoconstriction, swelling of the airway wall, increased mucus secretion, and airway remodeling. The inflammation also causes an increase in airway responsiveness. During an asthma attack, the patient attempts to compensate by breathing at a higher lung volume in order to keep the air flowing through the constricted airways, and the greater the airway limitation, the higher the lung volume must be to keep airways open. The morphologic changes that occur in asthma include bronchial infiltration by inflammatory cells. Key effector cells in the inflammatory response are the mast cells, Tlymphocytes, and eosinophils. Mast cells and eosinophils are also significant participants in allergic responses, hence the similarities between allergic reactions and asthma attacks. Other changes include mucus plugging of the airways, interstitial edema, and microvascular leakage. Destruction of bronchial epithelium and thickening of the sub basement membrane is also characteristic. In addition, there may be hypertrophy and hyperplasia of airway smooth muscle, increase in goblet cell number, and enlargement of submucosal glands.
3. Although causes of the initial tendency toward inflammation in the airways of patients with asthma are not yet certain, to date the strongest identified risk factor is atopy. This inherited familial tendency to have allergic reactions includes increased sensitivity to allergens that are risk factors for developing asthma. Some of these allergens include domestic dust mites, animals with fur, cockroaches, pollens, and molds. Additionally, asthma may be triggered by viral respiratory infections, especially in children. By avoiding these allergens and triggers, a person with asthma lowers his or her risk of irritating sensitive airways. A few avoidance techniques include: keeping the home clean and well ventilated, using an air conditioner in the summer months when pollen and mold counts are high, and getting an annual influenza vaccination. Of course, asthma sufferers should avoid tobacco smoke altogether. Cigar, cigarette or pipe smoke is a trigger

whether the patient smokes or inhales the smoke from others. Smoke increases the risk of allergen sensitization in children, increases the severity of symptoms, and may be fatal in children who already have asthma. Many of the risk factors for developing asthma may also provoke asthma attacks, and people with asthma may have one or more triggers, which vary from individual to individual. The risk can be further reduced by taking medications that decrease airway inflammation. Most exacerbations can be prevented by the combination of avoiding triggers and taking anti-inflammatory medications. An exception is physical activity, which is a common trigger of exacerbations in asthma patients. However, asthma patients should not necessarily avoid all physical exertion, because some types of activity have been proven to reduce symptoms. Rather, they should work in conjunction with a doctor to design a proper training regimen, which includes the use of medication.

4. In order to diagnose asthma, a healthcare professional must appreciate the underlying disorder that leads to asthma symptoms and understand how to recognise the condition through information gathered from the patient's history, physical examination, measurements of lung function, and allergic status. Because asthma symptoms vary throughout the day, the respiratory system may appear normal during physical examination. Clinical signs are more likely to be present when a patient is experiencing symptoms; however, the absence of symptoms upon examination does not exclude the diagnosis of asthma.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow:

- i) According to the passage, what is the name for the familial inclination to have hypersensitivity to certain allergens? (1)
- interstitial edema
 - hyperplasia
 - hypertrophy
 - atopy
- ii) Why does a person suffering from an asthma attack attempt to inhale more air? (1)
- to prevent the loss of consciousness
 - to keep air flowing through shrunken air passageways
 - to prevent hyperplasia
 - to compensate for weakened mast cells, T lymphocytes, and eosinophils
- iii) The passage suggests that in the past, asthma was regarded as which of the following? (1)
- a result of the overuse of tobacco products
 - a hysterical condition
 - mysterious, unrelated attacks affecting the lungs
 - a chronic condition
- iv) Which of the following would be the best replacement for the underlined word *exacerbations* in this passage? (1)
- allergies
 - attacks
 - triggers

d. allergens

v) The passages mentions all of the following bodily changes during an asthma attack except (1)

- a. severing cramping in the chest
- b. heavy breathing
- c. airways blocked by fluids
- d. constricted airways

vi) Although it is surprising, which of the following triggers is mentioned in the passage as possibly reducing the symptoms of asthma in some patients? (1)

- a. using a fan instead of an air conditioner in the summer months
- b. exposure to second- hand cigarette smoke
- c. the love of a family pet
- d. performing physical exercise

vii) Why might a patient with asthma have an apparently normal respiratory system during an examination by a doctor? (1)

- a. Asthma symptoms come and go throughout the day.
- b. Severe asthma occurs only after strenuous physical exertion.
- c. Doctors' offices are smoke free and very clean.
- d. The pollen and mold count may be low that day.

viii) Who might be the most logical audience for the passage? (1)

- a. researchers studying the respiratory system
- b. healthcare professionals
- c. a mother whose child has been diagnosed with asthma
- d. an anti- smoking activist

ix) What's the reason why passive smoke should be avoided by children? (1)

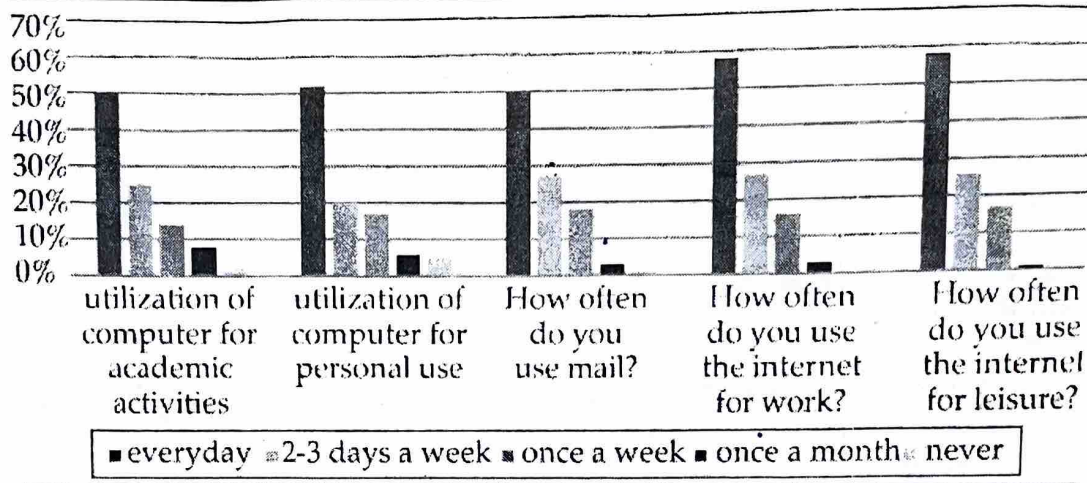
- a. a smoke- filled room is a breeding ground for viral respiratory infections
- b. smoke can stunt an asthmatic child's growth
- c. smoke can heighten the intensity of asthma symptoms
- d. breathing smoke can lead to a fatal asthma attack

x) Write a suitable title for the above passage: _____ (1)

Q2. Read the given passage carefully:

(10 Marks)

1. The present generation is well updated with the use of the internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet.



2. At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet- based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The Internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.

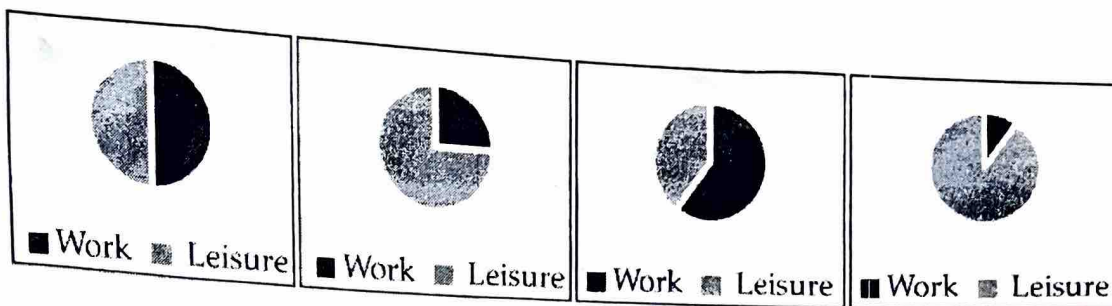
3. However, research on the internet is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The internet is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.

4. According to a 2018 Academic Student e- book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ's research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45% of respondents choose e- books rather than the printed versions, for research and assignments.

5. When asked what e- book feature makes them their favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device's screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e- book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow:

- i. The word 'tremendous', as used in paragraph 3, means the same as (1)
- a) expensive
 - b) renowned
 - c) innovative
 - d) incredible
- ii. Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the depiction of internet usage for work and for leisure, for once a month. (1)



- a) Option 1
- b) Option 2
- c) Option 3
- d) Option 4

iii. Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE with respect to the usage of email. (1)

1. The everyday usage of email is more than the everyday usage of computers for personal use.
2. About 18% people use email once a week.
3. There are a smaller number of email users using it 2-3 times a week than the ones using it once a month.
4. Less than 5% of people never use email.

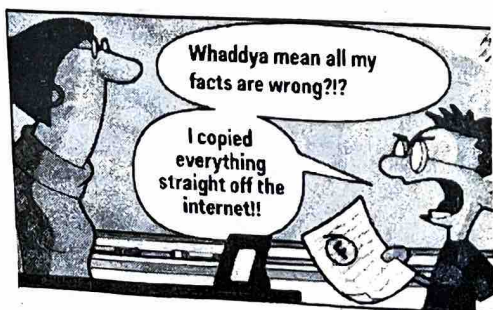
- a) 1 and 3
- b) 2 and 4
- c) 1 and 2
- d) 3 and 4

iv. Based on the given graphical chart, pick the option that lists the area of zero response from respondents. (1)

- a) Never using the internet for work and leisure.
- b) Daily use of the computer for academic activities
- c) Writing and receiving emails once a week.
- d) Using the internet for personal tasks once a month.

v. In the cartoon, the student's reaction reveals that he is _____.

(1)



- a) indignant
- b) apologetic
- c) obedient
- d) inquisitive

✓ vi. Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 4? (1)

- a) About three quarters of the respondents preferred print books for recreational reading.
- b) A little less than 50% of the respondents voted for e- books for research or assignments.
- c) More than 50% of respondents stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.
- d) The survey was intended for understanding the e- book experience among students.

✓ vii. "... but it must be used carefully and critically." The idea of being careful and critical while using the internet, is mainly a reference to (1)

- a) hardware malfunction
- b) plagiarism
- c) troubleshooting
- d) virus threats

✓ viii. Arrange the given e- book features preferred for research from the least favourite to the most favourite- (1)

1. downloading the entire e- book
2. choosing page numbers in citations
3. highlighting the text
4. resizing text to fit screen

- a) 1, 3, 4, 2
- b) 3, 2, 1, 4
- c) 2, 4, 3, 1
- d) 4, 1, 2, 3

✓ ix. Based on the chart, which of the following activities is most frequently conducted by respondents on a daily basis? (1)

- a) Utilisation of the computer for personal use.
- b) Utilisation of the computer for academic activities.
- c) Using the internet for work.
- d) Using the internet for leisure.

- x. Based on the chart, what can be inferred about the frequency of respondents who never use computers for academic activities? (1)
- a) A small percentage of respondents never use computers for academic activities.
 - b) A large percentage of respondents never use computers for academic activities.
 - c) No respondents reported never using computers for academic activities.
 - d) The percentage of respondents who never use computers for academic activities is equal to those who use it once a month.

SECTION B

Q3. Choose the correct option:

(7x1 mark)

a) People don't want youngsters as tenants these days. You _____ end up shelling out money to pay an agent to find a suitable place for yourself. (stronger possibility)

- i. may
- ii. will
- iii. might
- iv. would

b) A pair of socks _____ been missing from my wardrobe.

- i. have
- ii. has
- iii. were
- iv. is

c) My mother, along with others, _____ worried.

- i. were
- ii. are
- iii. have
- iv. was

d) The wise leader and politician _____ assassinated.

- i. are
- ii. has been
- iii. have been
- iv. Have had been

e) One of her babies _____ ear infection.

- i) has
- ii) have
- iv) were having
- v) do have

f) Last night I lost my wallet. I _____ but nobody knew about it.

- i. asked around
- ii. asked up
- iii. ask around
- iv. asked out

g) Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in brackets.

John _____ daily for more than a year now. (exercise)

Q4. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

- a) Neither your hair clip nor your shoes matches your dress.
 b) Don't you think 150 kilometers are a little too long for us?
 c) The roads had developed potholes due to heavy rains recently.

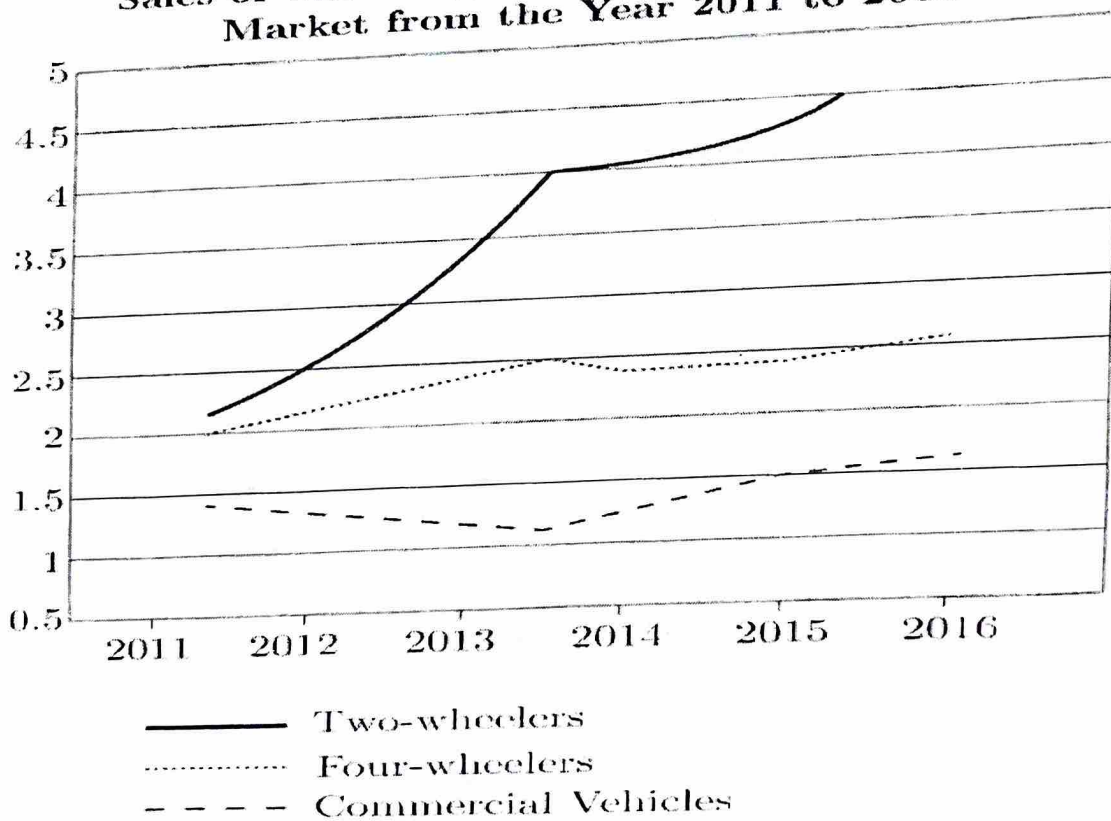
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

Q5. You are Apoorva Anil, Hostel Warden, Wisdom Public School, Mumbai. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of G.K. Electronics and Domestic Appliances Ltd, Mumbai, placing order for a few fans, microwave ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel specifying the details. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase. (5)

Q6. Study the given line graph carefully and summarise it into a paragraph of 100-120 words. (5)

Sales of Three Types of Vehicles in the Indian Market from the Year 2011 to 2016



SECTION C

Q7. Answer any one of the two extracts. (5)

Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things.

Why does Anne feel that 'no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world' ?

(1)

- 1) People knew she had a family.
- 2) People rejected the idea of loneliness.
- 3) She had several friends.
- 4) She had a cheerful personality.
- 5) Her life was comfortable.

- A. (1) and (5)
B. (1), (3) and (4)
C. (2) and (3)
D. (2), (4) and (5)

ii. Select the most appropriate option for (1) and (2). (1)

- (1) ...on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend.
(2) Anne doesn't truly connect with anyone.

- A. (1) is true and (2) is false.
B. (2) is the opposite of (1).
C. (1) furthers the meaning of (2).
D. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.

iii. From the options given below, identify Anne's tone in the extract. (1)

- A. restless
B. dissatisfied
C. scared
D. hurt

iv. Select the option which displays an example of 'having a good time'. (1)

- A. He is out for a picnic with his friends and they are laughing and singing together.
B. He is studying hard for the periodic test the following day to improve his scores.
C. He is trying to convince his father to purchase the latest video games for him.
D. He just rescued an injured puppy and is tending to its wounds.

v. What do we get to know about Anne from her remark 'I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things' (1)

- A. She is proud of her ways.
B. She is struggling to strike conversations.
C. She is unsure of her own thoughts.
D. She is unable to have a satisfyingly meaningful conversation.

OR

(B) "Hey, a tea garden!" Rajvir cried excitedly. Pranjol, who had been born and brought up on a plantation, didn't share Rajvir's excitement. "Oh, this is tea country now," he said. "Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world. You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!" "I have been reading as much as I could about tea," Rajvir said. "No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends."

i. Why was Pranjol not as excited as Rajvir about the tea gardens? (1)

- A. He disliked looking at tea gardens.
- B. He had worked in tea gardens himself.
- C. He had grown up in and around tea gardens.
- D. He was bored with tea gardens.

ii. What does Pranjol mean by his remark "Oh, this is tea country now,"? (1)

iii. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only. (1)

Pranjol's _____ comes through clearly when he exclaims, "You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!"

iv. How according to Rajvir does the world know about the discovery of tea? (1)

- A. Historical places
- B. Traditional tales
- C. Authentic anecdotes
- D. Popular publications

v. Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'cried' as used in line 1 of the extract. (1)

- A. Jaspreet cried a lot in spite of winning second place in a competition.
- B. Jaspreet cried out loud when she saw a white tiger in the sanctuary.
- C. Jaspreet cried for hours when the police were unable to find her lost pet.
- D. Jaspreet has barely cried since she was three years of age.

Q8. Answer any one of the following extracts. (5)

A) *Some say the world will end in fire*

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

But if it had to perish twice,

I think I know enough of hate

To say that for destruction ice

Is also great

And would suffice.

i. Complete the analogy with reference to the text. (1)

wish : desire : : die : _____

ii. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

It is clear that alliteration is the poetic device used in 'world will' because _____ . (Clue explain how alliteration applies here)

iii. State whether the following statement is True or False. (1)

The poet believes that both feelings like indifference and rage can end the world.

iv. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. (1)

I _____ those who favour ice.

- A. disbelieve
- B. support
- C. betray
- D. belittle

OR

B) He stalks in his vivid stripes a
The few steps of his cage, b
On pads of velvet quiet, c
In his quiet rage. b
He should be lurking in shadow, a
Sliding through long grass b
Near the water hole c
Where plump deer pass. b

i. Which of these activities is mentioned in the extract as something the tiger should do in the jungle? (1)

- A. roar at visitors
- B. stare at people
- C. wait for his prey
- D. drink clean water

ii. Why does the poet describe the cage as having 'few steps'? (1)

- A. to draw attention to the stairs in the cage
- B. to show admiration for the size of the cage
- C. to convey the importance of protecting tigers
- D. to highlight the restriction on the tiger's freedom

iii. The contrast indicated in the given extract is between _____. (1)

- A. the tiger's reality and the tiger's ideal situation.
- B. the luxury of a zoo and the simplicity of a jungle x
- C. the tiger's actual feeling and how the tiger should feel
- D. the silence of the tiger in a zoo and his dominance in the jungle

iv. Select the option that describes the tiger in the lines below. (1)

Lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass

- (1) sly
 - (2) scared
 - (3) dominant
 - (4) light-footed
 - (5) eye-catching
- A. (1) and (4)
 - B. (3) and (5)
 - C. (1), (2) and (4) x
 - D. (2), (4) and (5) x

A. Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!—
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

(A Psalm of Life by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

B. Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

(Dreams by Langston Hughes)

C. "I cannot go to school today,"
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
"I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps."

(Sick by Shel Silverstein)

D. We listened and looked sideways up!
Fear at my heart, as at a cup,
My life-blood seemed to sip!
The stars were dim, and thick the night,

(The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Coleridge)

Q9. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **40-50 words**. (4 x 3 marks =12)

- i. 'Fear doesn't exist anywhere else other than one's mind.' Validate this statement with reference to baby seagull's fear.
- ii. What is the boy's loss of his ball used as a metaphor for in 'The Ball Poem'? Support your answer with evidence from the poem.
- iii. In every alternate stanza, Amanda drifts into fantasy and yearns for freedom and silence. Justify elaborating on the reason.
- iv. 'How To Tell Wild Animals' is a poem that ought not to be taken seriously. Justify by citing 2 reasons.
- v. 'The field was white, as if covered with salt.' This is how the field is described after the hailstorm. The pelting hailstones could have been easily seen as sugar cubes. Do you think comparing it with sugar would have been more appropriate? Why/ Why not?

Q10. Answer **any two** of the given questions in about **40-50 words**. (2 x 3 marks =6)

- i. Dr. Herriot knew his patients as well as their owners really well. Discuss.
- ii. *The greedy man showed fear, the rich man showed anger, the poor man showed acceptance.* With reference to the above line from 'The Thief's Story', explain why different people react differently when their money is stolen.

7. Mention any one trait that makes Ausable a good spy. Explain with close reference to the text.

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words. (1 x 6 marks = 6)

i. 'Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What would a man not pay for living?' remarked Gandhi. In his autobiography, Nelson Mandela too has reflected deeply on the nature and importance of Freedom. Elaborate on how Mandela's understanding of what 'freedom' meant changed over time and on the price he paid in his quest for 'Freedom'.

ii. Amanda is distraught by her mother's behaviour. She wants to leave everything and go to her own world. Then she happens to meet Anne and the latter tries to tell how parents always fuss over their children. Prepare a set of dialogues between Amanda and Anne based on the poem 'Amanda' and 'The Diary of Anne Frank'.

You may begin like this :

Amanda: I hate every one at home. How can they pester a child so much?

Anne: Amanda, How can you even think like that.

Q12. Answer the given question in about 100-120 words.

(1x6 = 6)

How did the lady in red manage to outsmart and out manoeuvre Horace Danby and in doing so successfully rob a safe without leaving a single fingerprint?

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