

Class XII | Session 2026-27
Subject - English Core
Sample Question Paper - Set 1

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.
2. This question paper contains **three** sections - Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1. **Read the passage given below:**

[12]

1. Overweight and obesity are affecting many countries in the world; more than 300 million people are overweight or obese. In India, some people tend to be overweight because of their high-calorie diet and lack of physical activities. In the United States, obesity is more prevalent in lower economic groups. Obesity is now well recognized as a disease in its own right. Though obesity commonly means very overweight, it is defined as an excess amount of body weight that includes muscles, bone, fat, and water. 'Obesity' specifically refers to an excess amount of body fat. Some people, such as bodybuilders or other athletic with a lot of muscle can be overweight without being obese.
2. Women have more body fat than men. Usually, men with more than 25% body fat, and women with more than 30% of body fat are regarded as obese. Obesity occurs when a person consumes more calories than he or she burns.
3. Obesity tends to run in families, suggesting a genetic cause. Environmental factors mean lifestyle behaviours such as what a person eats and his or her level of physical activity. Although you cannot change your genetic makeup, you can change your eating habits and levels of activity. You can learn how to choose more nutritional meals which are low in fat and become more active.
4. Then there are the psychological factors. Negative emotions such as boredom, sadness, or anger, respond to people who overeat. There is also 'binge eating' when people eat a large amount of food thinking that they cannot control how much they are eating. Those with the most severe binge eating problems are also likely to have symptoms of depression and low self-esteem.
5. Obesity is a health hazard. Several serious medical conditions have been linked to obesity, including type-2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke. Obesity is also linked to higher rates of certain

types of cancer. Other diseases and health problems linked to obesity include gall bladder disease and gallstones, liver disease, and deterioration of joints.

6. The benefits of exercise are much more than any other way of losing weight. Not only does exercise help you to lose weight but it also improves your fitness and flexibility and improves skin texture. Exercises also free one from the harmful side effects of crash dieting, slimming capsules, and the heat treatment used by slimming centres.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. (MCQ) (1)

Obesity is _____.

- i. High-Calorie Diet and Lack of Physical Activities
- ii. Low-income results in Poverty
- iii. Combine muscle, bone, fat, and water
- iv. Excess amount of body fat

- ii. Comment on the writer's description of women being obese as explained in paragraph two. (1)

- iii. List the two environmental factors which cause obesity. (2)

(Clue: Think about the human habits and schedule)

- iv. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'inactive', from words used in paragraph three. (1)

- i. genetic
- ii. behaviour
- iii. activity
- iv. lifestyle

- v. Tick out of the following diseases linked to obesity. (1)

- A. Cancer
- B. Low Blood Pressure
- C. Gallstone
- D. Type 1 Diabetes

- i. Only A and B
- ii. Only C and D
- iii. Only A and C
- iv. All of these

- vi. There are some psychological factors that can cause obesity. Based on your understanding of paragraph four, explain about the problem of binge eating. (2)

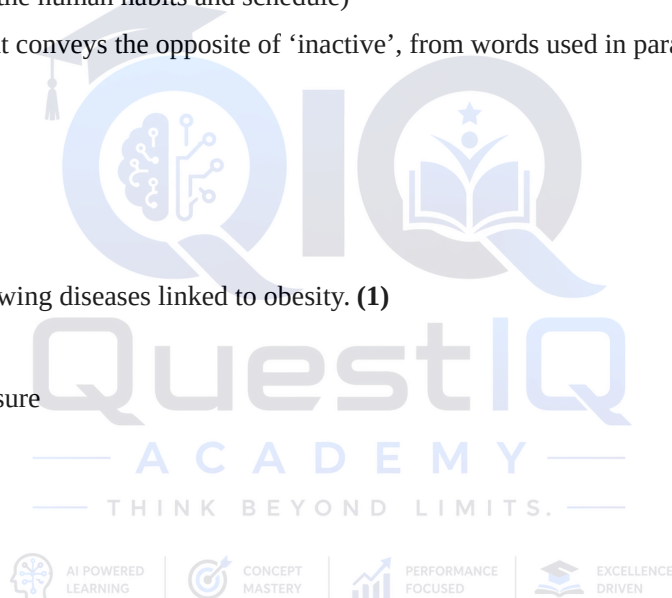
- vii. Obesity is a genetic problem still there are ways to control its damage. How can one become active in life? (1)

- viii. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following: (1)

The benefits of exercise are much more than any other way of losing weight. Such as (paragraph six)
_____.

- ix. What are the psychological factors leading to over-eating? (1)

- i. Stress
- ii. Happiness
- iii. Excitement



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iv. Peacefulness

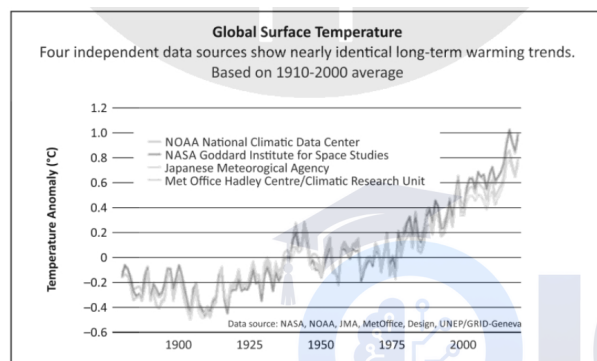
x. What are the benefits of exercise compared to other methods of losing weight? (1)

2. Read the following passage carefully :

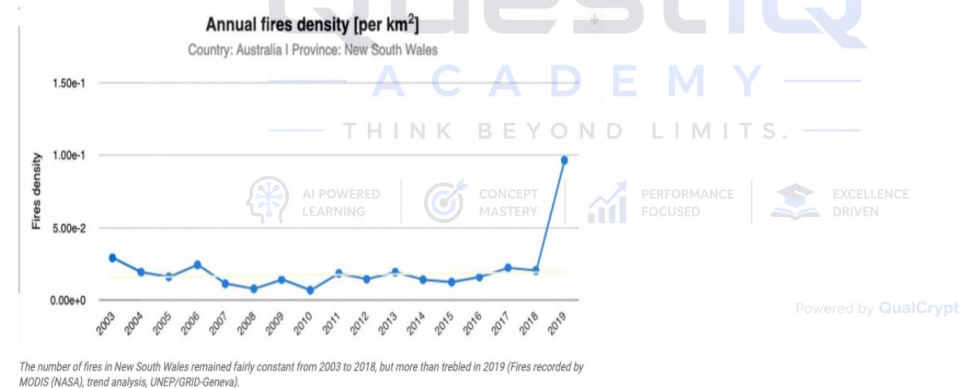
[10]

Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal

1. Data from satellite sources assembled by the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) World Environment Situation Room confirms that the wildfires in Australia in the last two months of 2019 and the first six weeks of 2020 were far from normal. 2019 was the second hottest year on record since 1880, and Australia recorded its warmest temperatures ever in December 2019.
2. "Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second. One million species are in near-term danger of extinction. Our planet is burning," says United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.



3. "The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years," says Pascal Peduzzi, Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database in Geneva. "For those who think Australia is always burning, graphs clearly show that these fires were exceptional."



4. "This service, accessible via the UNEP's World Environment Situation Room, is provided for all countries at national and provincial levels. It identifies trends in wildfire activity since 2003, when the data first became available and monitoring began. We have sliced and diced the satellite-based data on wildfires worldwide from 2009 to the present day. We analyse the wildfires' data by month, type of land cover, protected area, province and nation to produce information products," Peduzzi adds. (Source: UN Environment)

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in the extract? (1)

When temperatures rise and ice melts, more water flows to the seas from glaciers and ice caps, and ocean water warms and expands in volume.

Select from the following:

True - if the statement agrees with the information

False - if the statement contradicts the information

Not Given - if there is no information on this

- ii. Do you think that ocean temperatures are currently rising at a rate of five Hiroshima bombs every second?
Support your answer with reference to the text. (2)

- iii. Select the option that lists the CORRECT statement. (1)

- A. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Renaissance Information Database
- B. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNO's Global Resource Information Database
- C. Pascal Peduzzi is the Manager of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database
- D. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database

- iv. Complete the sentence based on the following statement. (1)

In December 2019, Australia experienced its warmest temperatures ever. We can claim that the warmest temperature is because of _____.

- v. The graph compiled with data from four different sources shows that the global surface temperatures have been _____. (1)

- A. steady
- B. falling
- C. rising
- D. not changed

- vi. The passage talks about how Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal. Concerning the given statement, describe what is highlighted in the first graph. (2)

- vii. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option. (1)

For those who believe that Australia is constantly on fire, the graph makes it abundantly clear that these _____.

- A. fires were normal
- B. fires were usual
- C. fires were exceptional
- D. fires were steady

- viii. Complete the sentence appropriately with one word. (1)

Since 1880, 37 of the last 40 years have been the _____ on record, and the last six years have been the warmest on record.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You are Rehan/Reshma, President of the Cultural Society of your school which is organizing a lecture cum demonstration on Kathak dance by the renowned dancer - Jaya Sharma. Draft a notice in 50 words informing students of the same. The event will be followed by an interaction with the artist. Mention day, date, time and venue. [4]

OR

An orange alert has been sounded in your city because of extreme temperature due to the cold wave. Schools have been shut for a week. As Principal, Derry Public School, draft a notice in 50 words informing parents of the same. Mention day, date and duration. You are Dr. Sen.

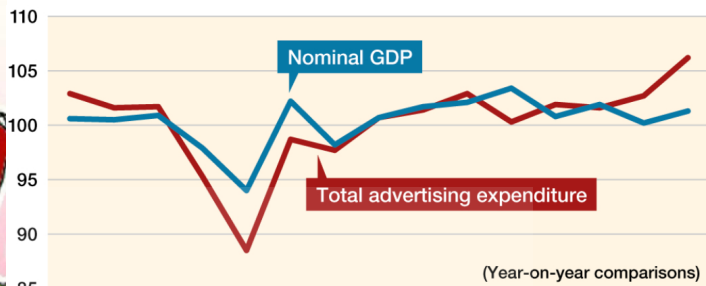
4. Sunrise Global School, Agra is going to organise a one-act play competition in the school auditorium. You have [4]

decided to invite noted stage artist, Nalini, to grace the occasion. Draft a formal invitation for her in about 50 words. You are Karuna/Karan, Cultural Secretary.

OR

You are Girish Gupta and you have been invited to the post-selection party of your friend Govind. Write a reply regretting your inability to attend the same.

5. There is a flood of advertisements on television channels these days. Useless commodities and even superstitious beliefs are promoted through glamorous and exaggerated presentations. Write a letter to the editor, 'New Indian Express' about the negative influence that such advertisements have on the minds of the people. You are Radha/Ramesh of Mayur Vihar, Lucknow. [5]



OR

You are Prem/Parul of 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal. You would like to apply for the post of Marketing Manager in a reputed firm in Nashik. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Sun Agro India, Nashik, applying for the job. Write the letter in 120-150 words giving your bio-data.

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6. According to 2011 census, literacy rate of hundred percent or around has been achieved by only a couple of states in India. Illiteracy is found mostly among the old and the deprived sections of society. What can the youth do to spread literacy in society? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Role of students in eradicating illiteracy'. You are Karuna/ Karan. [5]

OR

Cultural Society Sunshine Public School, Nellore organised an adult literacy camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 150- 200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are PV Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues: number of volunteers, hours spent in teaching, location of the class, chairs, blackboards, number of people attending the camp, benefit.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: [6]

Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning, I saw my mother, beside me,

doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain
that she was as old as she
looked but soon
put that thought away, and
looked out at Young
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes.

i. Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the extract.

- a. deafening silence
- b. swaying softly and slowly
- c. pitter-patter rain
- d. as white as snow

ii. What does the phrase **realise with pain** indicate?

- a. guilt
- b. anguish
- c. wounded
- d. revelation

iii. The poet describes her mother as

- I. old
- II. wise
- III. quick
- IV. weak
- V. strong

Choose the most appropriate option:

- a. I and IV
- b. II and V
- c. III and IV
- d. I and V

iv. Answer in one word.

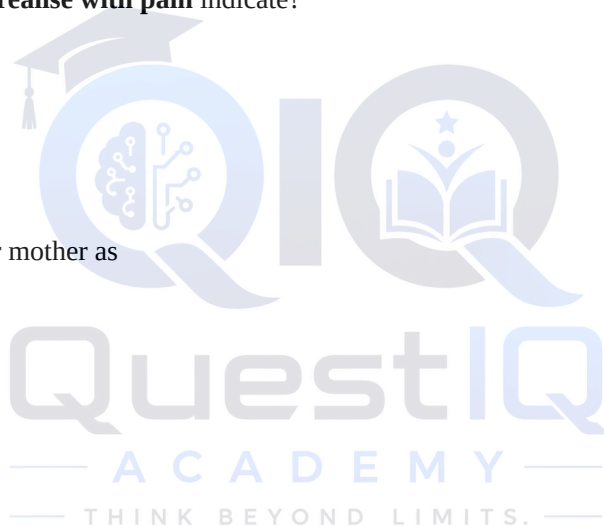
On seeing her mother dozing, open mouthed, the poet felt _____.

v. The merry children symbolise all of the following except

- a. freedom and energy
- b. playfulness and cheerfulness
- c. vigour and health
- d. maturity and innocence

vi. Which of the following is an apt title for the extract?

- a. Spring and Winter
- b. Merry Thoughts



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- c. Trip to Cochin
- d. My Beautiful Mother

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,
A roadside stand too pathetically pled,
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.
The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead,
Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts
At having the landscape marred with the artless paint
Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong

i. What is the tone of the poet in the extract?

Choose the correct option:

- a. optimistic
- b. resigned
- c. sympathetic
- d. indifferent

ii. With reference to the given extract, what harm has been caused by the **artless paint**?

iii. The city is compared to _____.

- a. a landscape
- b. signs of N and S
- c. a flower
- d. a dole of bread

iv. Choose the correct option:

The roadside stand is

- a. at the edge of the road.
- b. marred with artless paint.
- c. like the flower of cities.
- d. well maintained.

v. What type of expectations do the stand owners have from the city dwellers who come there?

vi. Complete the analogy with a word from the given extract.

donate: contribute : : dying : _____.

8. **Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

[4]

The first day in the land of apples was a bitter-cold one; for the snow still covered the ground, and the trees were bare. A large bell rang for breakfast, its loud metallic voice crashing through the belfry overhead and into our sensitive ears. The annoying clatter of shoes on bare floors gave no peace. The constant clash of harsh noises, with an undercurrent of many voices murmuring an unknown tongue, made a bedlam within which I was securely tied.

i. To Which tribe does Zitkala-Sa belong? (1)

ii. **Murmuring an unknown tongue** indicates (1)

- a. Innocence
- b. Mystery
- c. Separation
- d. Disfamiliarity

iii. Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract. (1)

Zitkala-Sa recalls her first day of school in the _____.

iv. Choose the most appropriate literal meaning of **Bedlam**. (1)

- a. Prison
- b. Mad house
- c. School
- d. Peace

OR

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:

But at this moment the door opened and she looked out, a dark-blue woollen haori over her kimono. ... He had met Hana in America, but he had waited to fall in love with her until he was sure she was Japanese. His father would never have received her unless she had been pure in her race. (The Enemy)

i. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

Hana was attired in _____.

ii. With reference to the above, how will you describe Dr. Sadao as a son? (1)

- A. indifferent
- B. obedient
- C. defiant
- D. practical

iii. What is **this moment** all about? (1)

It is a moment of:

- A. emotional turmoil.
- B. tranquility.
- C. agitation.
- D. conflict.

iv. From the extract, what can you infer about Dr. Sadao and Hana's relationship? (1)

9. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

[6]

Poor man! It was in honour of this last lesson that he had put on his fine Sunday clothes, and now I understood why the old men of the village were sitting there in the back of the room. It was because they were sorry, too, that they had not gone to school more. It was their way of thanking our master for his forty years of faithful service and of showing their respect for the country that was theirs no more.

i. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:

Honour: Respect :: _____: Regretful

ii. Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is FALSE for the villagers.

- a. They had gathered to bid farewell to M.Hamel.
- b. They expressed their gratitude towards M.Hamel.

- c. They regret not learning their mother tongue seriously.
 - d. They were more willing to welcome a replacement for M.Hamel.
- iii. Why does the narrator refer to M. Hamel as **Poor man**!?
- a. He empathizes with M. Hamel as he had to leave the village
 - b. He believes that M. Hamel's "fine Sunday clothes" clearly reflected that he was not rich.
 - c. He feels sorry for M. Hamel as it was his last French lesson.
 - d. He thinks that M. Hamel's patriotism and sense of duty resulted in his poverty.
- iv. Which of the following idioms might describe the villagers' act of attending the last lesson most accurately?
- a. 'Too good to miss'
 - b. 'Too little, too late'
 - c. 'Too many cooks spoil the broth'
 - d. 'Too cool for school'
- v. Rationalise, to support the given opinion.
- Besides M. Hamel, there was one thing more that brought the old men of the village there.
- vi. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.
- M Hamel was wearing his best dress in _____.

OR

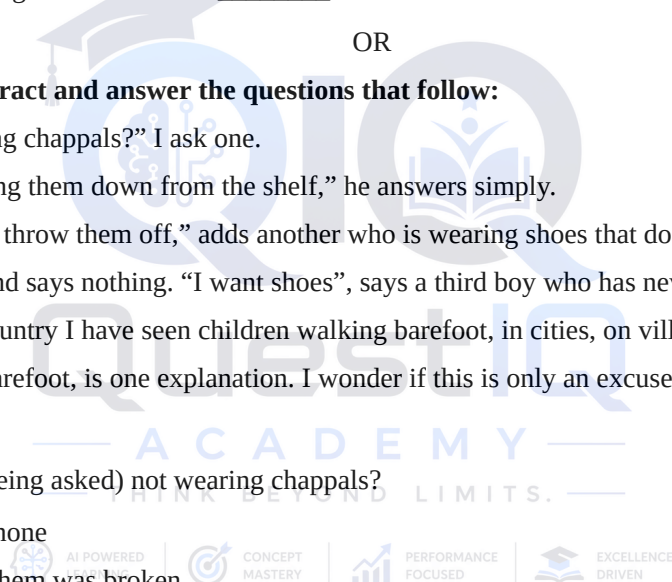
Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"Why aren't you wearing chappals?" I ask one.

"My mother did not bring them down from the shelf," he answers simply.

"Even if she did he will throw them off," adds another who is wearing shoes that do not match. When I comment on it, he shuffles his feet and says nothing. "I want shoes", says a third boy who has never owned a pair all his life. Travelling across the country I have seen children walking barefoot, in cities, on village roads. It is not lack of money but a tradition to stay barefoot, is one explanation. I wonder if this is only an excuse to explain away a perpetual state of poverty.

- i. Why was the one (being asked) not wearing chappals?
 - a. Because he had none
 - b. Because one of them was broken
 - c. Because his father had asked him not to wear
 - d. Because his mother did not bring them down from the shelf
 - ii. Infer the reason behind the given action of the boy.
- He shuffles his feet and says nothing.
- iii. What is the author's excuse to explain away their constant state of poverty?
 - a. Calling them habitual unhygienic
 - b. To term 'walking barefoot' as a tradition
 - c. To reuse the 'worn out shoes'
 - d. Not to bring chappals out of the shelf
 - iv. Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.
- It was only an excuse to explain their transitory poverty.
- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements (as per the author) given below.



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- (1) As if they had a tradition to stay barefoot.
- (2) Walking barefoot was due to their poverty.
- a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
- b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
- c. (1) is true but (2) is false.
- d. (2) is the reason for (1).

vi. What, according to the other boy, would Saheb do with his chappals?

10. **Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** [10]

- (a) Why did Douglas fail to come to the surface of the pool as he hoped to? [2]
- (b) What does the title of the poem (Keeping Quiet) suggest to you? What do you think the poem is about? [2]
- (c) What is the significance of the image **Massive weight of uncle's wedding band** in the poem **Aunt Jennifer's Tigers**? [2]
- (d) Why did Sophie not want Jansie to know anything about her meeting with Danny Casey? [2]
- (e) What made the lawyer stand out from the others at Gemini Studios? [2]
- (f) Why did Umberto Eco's American publisher doubt a larger sale of *The Name of the Rose*? What happened actually? [2]

11. **Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** [4]

- (a) How can you say **Students on Ice Programme** was a step towards the future? (Journey to the End of the Earth) [2]
- (b) They decided that the Maharaja must not come to know that he had missed the target. Why did the hunters try to hide the truth from the king? (The Tiger King) [2]
- (c) What is the visual range in Antarctica? [2]

12. The importance of safe and sound sleep is demonstrated in the given lines: [5]

It seemed as though for many years he had not been able to sleep as quietly and safely as here at Ramsjo. (The Rattrap)

and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing. (A Thing of Beauty)

Imagine that Mayank, your friend, keeps awake late at night, leads a wayward lifestyle, and does not conform to any routine.

Write an essay to Mayank in 120-150 words discussing instances with reference to the above extracts to give him an insight into the relevance and beauty of sleep which has the power to heal your physical as well as mental health.

You may begin like this:

Mayank, all of us have one life and want to enjoy it to the fullest. In our pursuit of following the 'my life, my rules' funda, we sometimes incur an irreplaceable loss.....

OR

After reading Keat's *A Thing of Beauty* Sneha deduced that all the things that take away all the sorrow that surrounds us from time to time can be a thing of beauty.

Today while explaining Frost's **A Roadside Stand**, the teacher said: "...that even seemingly insignificant things, like a tiny fruit shop, can have profound beauty and significance."

She is confused as to how can a shabby **roadside stand** be considered a thing of beauty.

Sneha discusses this with her father, an army personnel posted in the hills, over the phone but he was unable to convince her. As her father compose a letter (in 200 words), explaining his thoughts on the concept of beauty and consequently validating what the teacher taught. Support your response with reference to both poems.

You may begin this way:

Dear Sneha

*I appreciate your inquisitiveness that how could a shabby shop referred to in the poem, **A Roadside Stand**, which you read recently could be a thing of beauty...*

You may end this way:

Although I wish to explain this in person, I have no better option than to explain you through this letter. I hope this explanation would be helpful to you. Please let me know if you still have doubts.

Warmly,

13. The actual pain or inconvenience of physical impairment is often much less than the wounds of words and the sense of isolation that the person with disabilities often undergoes. [5]

Derry has been a victim of verbal atrocities. You are Harry, a childhood friend of Derry, who has met him after a very long time and had a long chat. But what pained you was your own spontaneous reaction on seeing him which was of pity. Write a diary expressing your thoughts and views on the treatment that is meted out to people like Derry.

You may begin like this:

Today I met my childhood friend, Derry, after a very long time and I naturally felt sorry for him and started pouring my words of sympathy. I could observe his discomfort with my weird (natural for me) treatment and then realised that he must have had to go through this pain every single day...

OR

In the story **The Enemy** by Pearl S. Buck, conflicting ideas arise in Dr. Sadao's mind after he brought the wounded American soldier home.

In an attempt to resolve this conflict, he contemplates this dichotomy. As Sadao, create a diary entry mulling over this incident and finally resolving it.

You may begin this way:

From the day I found the wounded soldier outside my house my mind was vexed with a web of conflicts...



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