

Story Writing



Story Writing _____ (10 marks each)

Q. 1. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also.

A cricket match boys playing in the street Ram hit the ball a second floor window pane broken [CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2020]

Ans.

THE LAST MATCH

Every year, as the summer vacation began, bats, balls and stumps were cleaned and installed on the street in front of our society. Scorching heat of the sun and our sweating bodies was an yearly scenario for the kids of the society. The best part about these afternoon cricket matches was the breaks that involved any one of the mothers getting exotic soft drinks for us to drink and rejuvenate our energies. On one such afternoon, when an intense match was going on between our society and the one on the opposite side of the street; Ram, our best batsman, was in his complete enthusiasm. It was crucial for us to win this match as the challenge was tough and it was a matter of pride and honour to win against the opposite society. As Rakesh bowled, Ram swung his bat with full force and the ball went at lightning speed. Little did we know that this speed will make us run helter-skelter because the ball went through the glass window of the second floor of a building. The sound of the shattering glass silenced the cheers of us all and we ran before getting caught. Ram was standing at his position waiting for the house owners to come out in their balcony. A short old lady approached the balcony with the ball in her hand. She looked at us with furious red eyes. We were trembling looking at her face from behind the building wall. She then looked at Ram and summoned him upstairs. We don't know what happened next but thereafter, our cricket matches never took place in the street.

Q. 2. Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry go-round. His father [CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2020]

Ans.

THE FAIR

Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry-go-round. His father bought him a ticket and asked him to enjoy the ride. He was so excited to ride the merry-go-round that he ran towards the long queue leaving his parents behind. Lost in his thoughts and excitement, Ahmad soon realised that he has reached the end of the queue all alone. His parents were no where to be seen.

A worried little Ahmad was on the verge of breaking down when he saw a policeman patrolling through the streets of the fair. He ran towards the cop and told him that he is lost. The policeman took Ahmad to the 'Help' counter and asked him to sit there while he tried to locate his parents.

Ahmad was so tensed when he was offered an ice-cream by another policeman sitting at the counter that he refused it because all he wanted then was to meet his parents. He heard his name being called out on the loudspeaker which made him shiver. "A 6-year-old boy, Ahmad has got lost in the fair. He is with us at the Help counter. Ahmad's parents are requested to collect him from here", said the announcement.

Before Ahmad could process the information, he saw his parents running towards him. His mother was crying profusely holding him tightly. His father thanked the cops for their help and apologised for the inconvenience caused. Ahmad too thanked the policemen for helping him and promised to be more careful next time.

Q. 3. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following clues.

Last year in the month of December, I went to my native village where my grand parents live in a cottage on the foothills of the Himalayas. One day, I was standing on the edge of a dense forest. Suddenly

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Ans. Last year in the month of December, I went to my native village where my grandparents live in a cottage on the foothills of the Himalayas. One day, I was standing on the edge of a dense forest. Suddenly, I heard a loud thud. All the birds flew away with a not-so-pleasant chirping sound and I ran towards the source of the sound. What I saw made my heart skip a beat.

A large ferocious bear was shot and there was a large gathering of people around the body of the animal. He was still breathing but was too injured to get up. The forest officials who had shot him were making calls to get the animal transported.

On listening to the villagers, I figured out that the animal was causing a great threat to the villagers. He had attacked and killed five people in the past few days. On several complaints made to the forest department, the bear was finally caught after a struggling operation.

I felt bad for the bear who was lying in a pool of blood and I questioned his activity as in, would the bear have attacked humans if this beautiful green forest was left untouched for animals to thrive? Won't humans attack in defense if animals entered our sky-soaring complexes and apartment? Then why can't animals do the same in their defense? And these questions made me feel sorry for the tortured animals.

Q. 4. It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started [CBSE OD, Set 1, 2020]

Ans. It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started running here and there as it approached

the ground. There was dust all around and the object made a loud ringing sound as it descended. I tried to look through the dust what was happening but all I could see was that the lower section of the object opened and a strong beam of light came out from it.

Suddenly, some strange figures came out of the object. I shivered and held my mother's arm as tightly as I could. The figure came right in front of us and before I could faint or understand what was happening, it started talking. The figure was almost 10 feet tall with a large round head. It had a thick green skin and webbed feet and hands. There was a screen-like object on its chest which displayed the text and produced sound. It was an alien!

The alien did not have a mouth but a large eye in the centre of his face. With two big ears over its large head, it could only talk through the screen which said, "Please don't be scared! We have come from space. We are not here to harm you but to inform you that the Earth is in danger. The pollution that humans are creating on Earth is damaging the planet greatly. Please stop it before it's too late."

I could hardly listen to the complete information when suddenly I opened my eyes. I looked around and it was dark. I was dreaming! Hush! I lifted myself up in the bed. As I was trying to sleep again, I wondered whether aliens exist? And if they do, is our earth really in danger? Thinking about these questions, I went back to sleep again.

Q. 5. Write a short story in 200 – 250 words with the help of the cues given below. Give a suitable title to your story.

I saw a cute puppy — looked sick and scared — gripped with pity — started petting the puppy — decided to take it home — my mother not happy — narrated the whole story — gave milk — named it Tabby — now the most loved member of my family.

[CBSE, 2019]



4.

A home for the kind hearted.

It had been a very long time since I visited the park. After an entire week of being cooped up in my room in preparation for my upcoming exams, my tired body, sick of the books and the suffocating walls, on the last day of the preparation holidays, flung itself outside the room with a sudden burst of energy. I didn't need to have much conversation to get out of the house. My father was never home and my mother who had overworked herself at the office once again, was in no mood for disagreements. And so, with a nervous was in no mood for disagreements. And so, with a nervous churning in my stomach begging me to return to algebra, I silently walked my way to the park.

I am known to be quite the cynic. I barely find anything amusing and heart-warming. I despise the fact that my cynicism is something people want "fixed." I know for a fact that my love for history and literature will take me nowhere. Added to this is the sudden information that came glaring at me in the face as soon as the "career talk" at my school was over. I, the daydreaming, dog-loving idiotic child had not one "outside school" talents to boast.

I spent all my childhood indoors, reading books, listening to music while the rest of the Indian population spent time in competitions, and summer camps, certificates and all. Now why would any reputed institution want to take me in? Because I'm a good person? Because I'm kind hearted? Certainly not. So my question to my grandmother who wants me to expel my pessimism, "Why shouldn't I be sad when there is literally nothing to be happy about?" With all these thoughts running through my head I almost tripped over a little something on the foot path. At first sight I couldn't make out what it was. It looked like a small, dirty clump of fur. Then I realised it was a little puppy, weak and shivering. It was thin and pale but there was something in its eyes that outshone the sun above my head, a glittering hope. I slowly picked it up and held it in my arms, it shivered violently and slowly lifted its head, too scared to raise it any higher. I wondered what this poor puppy had done to deserve such a predicament. Abandoned, scared and sick. As I slowly ran my fingers through its fur I felt its warmth. I couldn't leave it to die. Even if the world wouldn't allow it to live, even if it had nothing to give, there was perhaps some meaning for it to stay alive and healthy. And I realised the same stood true for me. When I got home with little Tabby (I'm good in

naming things quick) in my arms, I was welcomed with a weary glare from my mother. "I don't hate the puppy," my mother said defensively. "Kind creatures like that have no place in the world. Only the stealthy and strong will survive," she said with a pale face. My mother who always made sure to help poor clients at the bank she worked in never managed to move up because she never had any time to attend important gatherings or meetings where good employees would get the attention of the higher-ups. But never for a second did I feel it was a foolish thing to do. I narrated to her the story of how I found this puppy without a home, supposedly "useless" to the other passerbys. But it managed to change my mind and give me hope. "Even if the whole world gives us no place to live and flourish in," I said confidently. "This house can and always will be a home to the kind hearted," I said. My mother was pleased. I gave her the confidence, the surprising optimism to continue and with us, Tabby who was now happily lapping up the milk from a dish, found a home in everybody's hearts.

Q. 6. Complete the story in 200–250 words, which begins as the following, provide an appropriate title also.

Mukesh, the grocer, was very greedy. He would mix stones in pulses and coloured sand in spices and sell them to the poor villagers. The villagers complained to him but he turned a deaf ear to them, as his was the only grocery store in the village. The villagers, then decided.....

[CBSE OD, Set 1, 2019]

Ans.

Tit For Tat

Mukesh, the grocer, was very greedy. He would mix stones in pulses and coloured sand in spices and sell them to the poor villagers. The villagers complained to him but he turned a deaf ear to them, as his was the only grocery store in the village. The villagers, then decided to teach him a lesson. They all gathered and went to the king to make a complaint against him. On hearing this the king became very angry and ordered his courtiers to summon him to the court. When Mukesh was brought to the court, the king rebuked him saying, "You have been cheating the innocent vil-

lagers for the past so many months and for this, you will be punished". The grocer was frightened and asked for forgiveness. The king gave him the relaxation of choosing his punishment. The king asked him either to get ready to go beaten a thousand times or eat one hundred onions at a time. The grocer became happy thinking it to be an easy punishment and chose to eat onions. But having eaten only 20 onions, tears rolled down his eyes and he asked to be beaten. When guards started lashing him and the count reached to 50, Mukesh cried with pain and knelt down before the king feeling extremely sorry for his deeds. He promised not to cheat anyone in future. The king released him on a warning and Mukesh lived the life of an honest person thereafter.

Moral – 'Greed leads to grief'

Q. 7. Complete the story in 200–250 words, which begins as the following, provide an appropriate title also.

It was 10 p.m. I was alone at home. Suddenly I heard a knock on the door.....

[CBSE OD, Set 1, 2019]

Ans.

The Scary Night

It was 10 p.m. I was alone at home. Suddenly, I heard a knock on the door. I expected no one at that hour of time as all my family members had gone to attend a close family wedding whereas I was supposed to stay at home due to my board exams. Repeated knocking at the door scared me to death. A chill went down my spine. Suddenly, the lights went off and this only worsened my fear. Then I saw some shadows outside the window. My heartbeat increased as it was dense dark outside, and I couldn't imagine in my wildest thoughts who could be there. I geared up, gathered courage and reached the window. Slowly I pulled the curtains and looked outside but the shadow was not clear at all and it was not a single shadow but four or five shadows. This was enough for me to believe that some scoundrels were there at the door. I looked for my cricket bat, held it tightly and reached for the main door of the living room. Although it was cold winter, I was still down with sweat. With a sudden jerk, I opened the door and lifted my bat to hit but I was surprised to see that it was my family members who had come early because of me. I felt relieved and embraced my mother tightly. That night I slept with my parents, holding my mother's hand. It was really a scary night!

Moral – 'Do not lose courage even in the worst situation.'

- Q. 8. Complete the story in 200–250 words, which begins as the following, provide an appropriate title also.**

A woodcutter earned his living by cutting wood from the jungle and selling it in the market. One day when he was cutting down a tree on the bank of a river, his axe fell into the river. He was

[CBSE OD, Set 2, 2019]

Ans.

The Woodcutter and the Axe

A woodcutter earned his living by cutting wood from the jungle and selling it in the

market. One day when he was cutting down a tree on the bank of a river, his axe fell into the river. He was shocked to see that because the axe was his only source of earning. The river was deep enough and the poor woodcutter didn't know how to swim. He sat there weeping. For hours he kept waiting for someone to help him but no one turned up. Then an unusual thing happened. A beautiful elf from the river appeared before the woodcutter. She asked him "Why are you not chopping the wood?" The woodcutter sadly replied, "My axe has fallen into the river and I don't know how to swim. Now I can't cut wood". The elf then showed him a golden axe and asked him "Is this your axe which had fallen into the river?" The woodcutter saw the axe carefully and replied, "No, it's not my axe". The elf disappeared and after some time reappeared with a silver axe. She again asked the woodcutter, "Is this the axe you are looking for?" The woodcutter checked the axe again and said, "No, it's not my axe. My axe is made up of iron and has a wooden handle". This time the elf showed him his original axe and seeing that the woodcutter exclaimed with joy, "Yes, that's my axe!" The honesty of the woodcutter made the elf very happy and she gave him both the gold and silver axes as his reward. The woodcutter accepted the gifts and returned home thrilled and overjoyed. He told the whole incident to his wife who also appreciated his honesty and thereafter they both lived happily.

Moral – 'Honesty is always rewarded.'

- Q. 9. Complete the story in 200–250 words, which begins as the following, provide an appropriate title also.**

The next day was the annual day of my school. I was very excited as I had participated in many activities. Moreover, I was going to receive the 'Best Student Trophy' for 2017–18. Late at night I heard a strange sound. My mother woke me up and told me that

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Ans. The Best Trophy of My Life

The next day was the annual day of my school. I was very excited as I had participated in many activities. Moreover, I was going to receive the 'Best Student Trophy' for 2017-18. Late at night, I heard a strange sound. My mother woke me up and told me that my grandmother had been seriously ill. She was gasping and sweating profusely. My mother was horrified and perplexed to see this. She couldn't understand what had happened to the grandmother. She didn't know what to do so she cried for help. My father was not at home that time. He had gone out of the town for a week for some official work. I was all alone with my mother, younger sister and grandmother. Nobody had ever imagined that anything like that would happen. Fortunately, our next door neighbour had returned home early as he had to attend some party that day. When he heard my mother shouting for help, he came running to our house. He saw my grandmother and immediately understood her condition. Without a moment's delay, he took out his car, put my grandmother in it and rushed to the nearby hospital. Meanwhile his wife took me and my sister to her house, calmed us down and fed us properly. Doctors examined her and told that she had a mild heart attack and the slightest delay would have turned out to be dangerous for her. Next morning my grandmother was discharged after getting medical prescriptions and we took her back home. It was the happiest moment for all of us and we were grateful to our neighbours for because of whom we could see our grandmother alive. Then, I was all ready to receive the trophy but more than that, I was happy to have my grandmother back. It was the best trophy that I ever received in my life.

Moral – The gift of life is the biggest of all.

Q. 10. Complete the story in 200–250 words, which begins as the following, provide an appropriate title also.

It was raining heavily, the street light had gone off and I was alone, coming back from my tuition class. It was 8 p.m. and very cold. Suddenly I

[CBSE OD, Set 3, 2019]

Ans. A Fearful Incident

It was raining heavily, the street lights had gone off and I was alone, coming back from my tuition class. It was 8 p.m. and very cold. Suddenly, I heard some footsteps behind me. I stopped and looked behind but saw no one. I started walking again and then, I heard the footsteps again. This time it scared me. The road was lonely and in that rainy night, I could hardly see a person or two on the sideways. I neither had an umbrella nor a raincoat as I couldn't think of the possibility of rain that day. I imagined who it could be? a watchman returning home after his duty or a criminal following me for some purpose? Mere thought of the latter aroused my goosebumps. I dared not to see back and instead increased my walking speed. But what! The footsteps behind me were also heard walking rapidly. I prayed silently to God to help me. In my fear, I followed the wrong path. I thought of screaming for help but then no one was there. The whole road was deserted because the road which I had taken went towards the isolated industrial area and the workers might have gone to their houses by then. I started running fast and the footsteps behind me also started running fast. I was almost on the verge of fainting when the voice from behind held my breath. I mustered up the courage and turned back. I saw a tall man, wearing a long raincoat and a hat, moving towards me. In a stern voice he asked me stop and I stopped! When he came closer to me, I saw his face. He was a policeman who was doing his night duty. He asked me the reason for running as he suspected me to be a criminal. I explained him that I was returning back home from tuition and showed him my tuition register and books as proof. When he was satisfied with the answer, he escorted me to the house and went away.

Moral – Don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see.

- Q. 11. Complete the story in 200–250 words, which begins as the following, provide an appropriate title also.**

One day I was sleeping in my room. Suddenly I had difficulty in breathing. On waking up I found smoke coming into my room. I got up and opened my window. Peeping out I saw

[CBSE OD, Set 3, 2019]

Ans. A Fiery Experience

One day I was sleeping in my room. Suddenly, I had difficulty breathing. On waking up I found smoke coming into my room. I got up and opened my window. Peeping out, I saw a big fire which broke out in the busy commercial complex in front of my house. Without wasting a second, I rang up the fire brigade and informed the police too. The security guard was shouting at the top of his voice. Everyone came out of their houses. The fire started spreading fast and the worst thing that happened was the wind which started blowing at the same moment. It made the fire more tyrannous. Many people got trapped in the fire. I joined the others in the rescue work. Soon the police and firemen arrived and began doing their job. The police quickly evacuated the area and the firemen got engaged in fighting the fire. It nearly took one and a half hour to extinguish the fire. It was actually very difficult to evacuate the people trapped in the leaping flames. Fortunately, there was no harm to any life although goods worth lakhs were destroyed and turned into ashes. Later on, it was discovered that the fire broke out due to short circuit that had sparked off the fire in one of the shops in the complex. If there was no quick action taken by the firemen, policemen and security guards, anything hazardous could have happened.

That day, I understood the true value of our helpers and how they carry out their duties. Everyone's job is equally important and we should never underestimate any work as no work is small. I salute these brave people who render their services to

help others by putting their own lives at risk.

Moral – 'Always value the services rendered to us by the helpers'

- Q. 12. Write a story in 150–200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also.**

Bunya was a foolish boy, who was an attention seeker. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, tiger, there's a tiger"

[CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. Nobody Believes a Liar

Bunya was a foolish boy who was an attention seeker. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day, he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, tiger, there's a tiger" The farmers in the neighbouring area heard the voice and his cries for help. They left all of their work and came running to help the boy. When they came to the spot, they did not see any sign of a tiger.

The farmers asked the boy, "Was it you who cried for help? Where is the tiger?" The boy laughed and said, "I was just having fun. There is no tiger here. Go away." The farmers got very angry. They scolded the boy and went away.

The next day, the boy played the same trick and thus, annoyed the farmers once again. A few days later, a tiger came there for real. The boy was petrified. He climbed up a tree. He looked here and there helplessly and shouted for help but the farmers in the nearby areas felt that he was trying to befool them again. So there came no help. Everybody was irritated by his foolish tricks. Finally, the tiger killed the boy. Hence, we should never lie as nobody believes a liar.

- Q. 13. Write a story in 150–200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also.**

On Sunday I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside...

[CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. The Ugly Face of Electric Current

On Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly, I heard people shouting outside. I got up to peep out of the window to see what had happened. To my horror and surprise, I saw a boy clinging to an electric pole. People were shouting and asking him to leave it. But he could not get off from the pole and was continuously electrified. If anybody tried to touch him, he too got the current. His mother was utterly shocked and was crying. People were trying various things to help him but all went in vain. Then came a wise man. He understood the situation. He immediately called the electricity board and told them to switch off the lights from the mainboard. As soon as the action was taken, the young boy fell off. He was unconscious. Immediately, he was rushed to the hospital. Then the crowd scattered. I could not believe that touching a pole could be so dangerous. Hence, I learnt a lesson to be careful of the electric current.

Q. 14. Develop a short story in 150–200 words which begins as of the following:

Last Sunday I along with my friends decided to go to the riverside for a picnic. We planned to spend the whole day there, but Give it a suitable title also.

[CBSE Delhi, Set 2, 2019]

Ans. True Friends

Last Sunday, I along with my friends, decided to go to the riverside for a picnic. We planned to spend the whole day there, but as luck would have it, the day turned out to be catastrophic. My friend and I set out on a boating trip. We sailed the boat smoothly and talked merrily. Soon, we noticed we were very far from the bank of the river. We were in the middle where water seemed to be very deep and flow of the river was powerful. All of a sudden the sky grew dark. A strong wind started blowing hard. The water became rough. The boat tossed up and down in the rampant water.

Luckily, we saw a plank floating in the water. We both jumped and caught hold of the plank. But the plank was too small to bear the weight of two. We both know that one of us should leave it otherwise both of us will drown. Then my friend said to me, “You are a married man. You must live for your wife and children. I am single. So I must go.” I was shaken to hear that. I told him that he too had a mother and a sister to take care of. But he insisted on leaving the plank and told me to take care of his mother and sister. Saying this, he let go off the plank. He was drowned.

After the storm was over, I reached the bank of the river. Our other friends were very worried. They were waiting for use to come back. They all turned very sad to know about his drowning. After that we all went to his home and broke the sad news to his mother and sister. They were shocked. I brought both of them to my house. My family accepted them with great love and warmth.

Moral – True friends share joys as well as sorrows.

Q. 15. With the help of the following cues, develop a short story along with a title in 150–200 words:

A cap seller carrying a bundle of caps sleeps under a tree puts the bundle beside him some monkeys take away the caps..... wakes up finds monkeys wearing caps ... angry ... throws his own cap monkeys throw their caps collects happy.

[CBSE Delhi, Set 2, 2019]

Ans. The Capseller and the Monkeys

There was a jungle between two villages. Many monkeys lived in the jungle. One day, a cap seller was passing through the jungle to go to another village. He was carrying a bundle of caps. On the way, he got tired. He put the bundle aside, lay down under a tree and fell asleep.

He woke up after some time. He got upset when he saw that his box was open and the monkeys had taken away all the caps. Just then he looked up, there were so many monkeys on the tree. Each one

of them had a cap on his head. The cap seller was angry. He picked up a stone and threw it at the monkeys. The monkeys plucked fruits from the tree and threw them at the cap seller. Then, the cap seller understood the trick. He knew how to get back his caps from the monkeys. They had the habit of copying others. The cap seller took off the cap from his head and threw it on the ground. The monkeys also copied him. They too threw their caps down. The cap seller was happy to see this. He collected the caps from the ground, put them in the box and happily went to the other village to sell them.

Moral – Presence of mind can find a way out of many difficulties.

- Q. 16. Develop a short story in 150–200 words with the help of the given beginning. Suggest a suitable title also.**

It was a lovely rainy day. I was enjoying a cup of tea while sitting on the balcony of my 1st floor flat. Suddenly, I felt dizzy and the cup fell from my hand. I

[CBSE Delhi, Set 3, 2019]

- Ans. The Day I Got a New Life**

It was a lonely rainy day. I was enjoying a cup of tea while sitting in the balcony of my first floor apartment. Suddenly, I felt dizzy and the cup fell from my hand. I felt pain in my chest. I thought that this was the last moment of my life. I wanted to call my daughter, my husband and everyone to say the final good bye, but couldn't do so. I was thinking of their life without me. I was worried what would happen to them if I collapsed. I prayed to God to give me some more time. I had always thought of giving a wonderful life to my daughter. Then my thoughts shifted to my husband who can't live without me. He was used to having me around him all the time. Suddenly, a thought came to my mind, 'You have to live. Get up and do something'. I tried to call but it was as if I was dumb. I knew I should not lose my wits. I should do something to keep going till my family notices me. Suddenly,

I picked my mobile and dialled 102. I don't know what happened after that. When I came to senses, I was in a hospital room with a team of doctors bending over me. Later, I was told that I had been taken in an ambulance to the hospital in the nick of time. Any delay could have been fatal. I was happy to get a new life and to see my family around me.

Moral – Timely treatment saves the life.

- Q. 17. Develop a short story in 150–200 words with the help of the given beginning. Suggest a suitable title also.**

Reena, a 10 year old brave girl lived in a slum with her relatives. One day when she was alone at home

[CBSE Delhi, Set 3, 2019]

- Ans. The Brave Girl**

Reena, a ten-year-old girl lived in a slum with her relatives. One day when she was alone at home, a stranger knocked at the door asking for her uncle. She did not know him but let him in. It did not strike her at the moment that it could be dangerous. Her aunt came at that exact time. She too did not recognise him. She asked him to come later when her husband would be at home. He took out a knife and put it on the girl's neck. He started threatening them to bring out all the cash and valuables. Reena made a quick plan and fell on the man's feet pretending to plead with him. After a few seconds, she suddenly stood up, grabbed the knife from his hand and threw it out from the window. Her aunt raised an alarm and started shouting. Within no time, people from the neighbourhood gathered there. They caught him and got him arrested.

Moral – Presence of mind can find a way out of many difficulties.

- Q. 18. Write a story in 150–200 words with the help of the following outline:**

Tortoise and hare — good friends — tortoise — known for his slow speed — hare has fast speed — makes fun of tortoise — challenges him — referee selected — race starts — hare overconfident — takes a nap — tortoise wins.

[CBSE, 2018]



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Overconfidence provides sour results.

"Aren't you ashamed that all creatures in this jungle are faster than you?" asked the arrogant hare to his good friend ^{tortoise} ~~tortoise~~, who was the only tortoise in that jungle. As we know, tortoises are known for their big shell that they carry on their backs and for their slow speed. "What makes you think I am the slowest one here?" ~~I can race you~~ ^{you} replied the tortoise. "Are you challenging me in a race?" ~~scottish~~ ^{scottish} ~~scottish~~ ^{scottish} asked the hare. The hare and the tortoise then signed a pact. The pact stated that whoever loses in this race has to ~~build~~ ^{make} a trampoline out of nets and bamboos for the whole jungle to enjoy.

The tortoise internally knew that he was going to lose this race, thus ~~instead of preparing for the race~~ but he wouldn't lose faith in himself. He believed that if he was determined to do something, God will be there with him to ~~watch him~~ ^{help him} succeed.

The hare on the other hand was very very overconfident. "It is a fact that hares are way faster than tortoises," he said to his jungle mates. He did not ~~prepare one bit~~ ^{prepare one bit} for his race because he was sure he could ~~beat the~~ ^{beat the} tortoise even by just walking.

It was the day of the race. The jungle was lightened up with ^{lights and} ~~banners~~ all over. The king of the jungle, 'The Lion' was going to be present on this occasion. The referee chosen for this race was the cat whose shrilling scream was the loudest. The tortoise and the hare was invited to the starting line. The race was for 1 Km. The hare hadn't slept the day before due to incessant visits by his ~~commrades~~ ^{friends} who wanted to wish him luck for the race.

The cat's shrilling scream marked the beginning of the race. The excited ~~the~~ hare ran like a bullet. The tortoise tried to run as fast as possible but his pace wasn't even equal to which the hare walks. The overconfident

<p> hare who had already reached O.S.King, while the tortoise was still covering his ^{first} 200 cms, had drowsy eyes from last night. He didn't have the energy to run for more time. He planned to take a quick nap as he was sure that ^{the} tortoise will be still covering his ^{his} 200 cms when he wakes up. </p> <p> The hare was awoken by loud screams of victory by all the animals. He rubbed his eyes and saw the tortoise being medalled. He pinched himself to make sure that it wasn't wasn't a dream. The ashamed hare set out to collect bamboo for the champagne. </p> <p> The moral of this story is that confidence is appreciated appreciable but overconfidence overconfidence will just give you a big box of nothing. </p>	
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Ans. The Hare and the Tortoise

In a forest, there lived two very good friends, a hare and a tortoise. The hare was famous for his speed while the tortoise was famous for doing things slowly. One day, the hare was making fun of the tortoise for being so slow. "Do you ever reach anywhere on time?" he asked with a mocking laugh. "Yes," replied the tortoise, "and, I will get there sooner than you think I'll run a race with you".

The hare was much amused at the idea of running a race with the tortoise, so he agreed. The Fox, who had consented to act as a referee, marked the distance and started the runners off. The hare was soon far out of sight. He got over confident so he thought how ridiculous it was for him to try a race with a hare, then he lay down beside the course to take a nap until the tortoise would catch up.

The tortoise meanwhile kept going slowly and steadily, and after a time, he passed through the place where the hare was sleeping. The hare slept on very peacefully; and when at last he woke up, the tortoise was near the goal. The hare now ran his swiftest, and fastest but he could not overtake the tortoise in time.

Q. 19. Complete the story in 150–200 words which begins as the following:

There was a joint family of six members including grandparents. It was the 75th birthday of the grandmother and the family planned to celebrate

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Ans.

A Surprise Birthday Party

There was a joint family of six members, including grandparents. It was the 75th birthday of the grandmother and the family planned to celebrate it. They decided to make her feel special, and so they thought of celebrating the day by planning a surprise party for her. They invited all their relatives and all of grandma's friends at home. The children of the house were told to take grandma out so that she couldn't come to know about the surprise and also so the relatives could come home without grandma's keen notice of things.

The children happily took grandma to the garden nearby. They talked to their grandmother about her childhood memories and about her likes and dislikes. They kept their beloved grandmother engaged till it got dark. When they reached home, the grandmother found the home in complete silence and darkness. She got worried and called out to her son. The lights were suddenly turned on with all the relatives wishing her. She did not ex-

pect such a wonderful birthday surprise. She had tears in her eyes. She was overwhelmed seeing her loved ones around. It was a moment of joy for her.

Q. 20. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the following outline:

A stag, thirsty — a pool of clear water — reflection — saw his horns — proud of them — his thin legs — ashamed — hunter's dogs — ran — horns caught in a tree — dogs very near — pulled his horn free — ran for his life — legs saved him.

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Ans.

A Thirsty Stag

Once there was a stag. He was thirsty. To quench his thirst, he went to a pool of clear water. The water in the pool was so clear that he could see his reflection in the water. He got fascinated by his own beauty. Seeing his horns, he felt very proud but he had very thin legs and was ashamed of them. While he was enjoying, he saw the hunter's dogs coming towards him. He ran from there to save his life. He was running through the bushes and trees. His horns got entangled in the bushes and he could not run. The dogs came nearer, endangering his life. Somehow, he pulled his horns and ran again to save his life. He ran as fast as he could and was able to escape the dogs. When he realised that he was safe from the dogs, he heaved a sigh of relief. Then the truth dawned on him. His horns which he was so proud of, had put his life in danger whereas his thin legs which he was so ashamed of, had saved his life. So appearances are often deceptive.

Q. 21. Complete the story in 150–200 words which begins as the following:

It was my fifteenth birthday. My parents were very happy. Some of my class-fellows had agreed to come.....

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Ans.

It was my fifteenth birthday. My parents were very happy. Some of my class-fellows had agreed to come to my birthday party. My parents had made a lot of arrangements. They had decorated my room with balloons. In the evening,

many guests started coming. They were all dressed in their best. I never knew that they had planned it at such a big level. After a while, my friends too started pouring in with attractive gifts. I was very excited. The cake was of my favourite flavour. I cut the cake in the midst of clappings, cheers and wishes. Everyone wished me and gave me the gifts.

After having cake, we had tasty snacks and soft drinks. My friends enjoyed the snacks a lot. We played interesting games like passing the parcel and musical chair. When we all were playing, my mother came and asked us to take the dinner. It was a fun-filled day.

Q. 22. Write a story in 150–200 words with the help of the following outline:

Ram — poor parents — helped his father in the field — less time to study — teacher scolded — won't pass — took it to heart — studied at night — came first in the class — teacher congratulated.

[CBSE OD, Term 2, Set 2, 2017]

Ans.

Hard Work Leads to Success

There was a boy who was very poor. His father was a farmer who used to go to the fields in the morning. He had three children. Ram was the eldest of them all. Ram was quite a sincere boy. His father used to work hard but didn't make much to feed his family. Hence, Ram also went with him to the fields to help him. Since he worked there in day time after school, he used to get tired. He didn't get time to study. His performance in the school was affected. Even his teacher was very upset to see his deteriorating performance. He scolded Ram for not studying well. He warned him if he did not work the exams. Ram being a sincere boy, took it to his heart. He resolved to show that he was capable of doing better. He burnt the midnight oil and studied hard. He got so focussed that he stopped playing with his friends. As his exams came nearer, his determination to outshine others became stronger. He did very well in his exams. When the result was announced, everybody was surprised to know that he stood first in the class. His teacher

was also thrilled. He congratulated him on his success. Ram proved that a person can achieve anything he wants with hard work and determination.

Q. 23. Complete the story in 150–200 words which begins as the following:

Anita lives in a village. Everyday she goes to school on foot. On the way there is a river. There is a bridge across the river. One day when she

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Ans.

Peace Leads to Joy

Anita lives in a village. Everyday she goes to school on foot. On the way there is a river. There is a bridge across the river. One day when she reached the river, she saw a black goat climbing the bridge from the one side. The bridge was narrow and only one animal or person could cross it at a time. Then she saw a brown goat too climbing from the other side. She waited there to let them pass first. When the goats met in the middle of the bridge, they stood facing each other. First, they snarled at each other to get out of the way. But then realising that none could move aside as the bridge was very narrow, they both acted sensibly. They stood there for a while. Then one of them sat down. It allowed the other goat to step over its body and go ahead. Then it stood up and went on its way. Thus, both of them crossed the bridge safely. Seeing this, Anita was overwhelmed. After the goats crossed the bridge, Anita went on it. She was so thrilled to see this sensible act of the goats. She had feared that one of them might fall in the river but their intelligence had made it clear that peace always leads to joy.

Q. 24. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the following outline:

A monkey and a crocodile — friends — monkey ate fruits — crocodile only fish — crocodile's wife — wanted to eat monkey's heart — crocodile offered the monkey a ride in the river — told him — his wife's desire — monkey — left my heart on the tree — crocodile swam back — monkey climbed the tree — saved.

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Ans.

Greed is a Curse

A monkey used to live on a fruit tree near the bank of a river. Crocodile used to come near to that tree and soon, the monkey and the crocodile became friends. From that day onwards, they started meeting everyday and talked for long hours. The monkey plucked some delicious fruits from the tree and gave him to eat. The monkey also gave the crocodile some fruits for his wife.

The crocodile's wife did not like her husband's friendship with the monkey. She was annoyed because her husband had started coming home late every day.

One day she asked her husband to bring the monkey to the house. She wanted to eat the monkey's heart. The crocodile refused. She got furious and dived deep into the water leaving the little ones to pester their father.

The crocodile loved his wife very much but at the same time, he did not want to betray his friend. Finally, finding no choice, he decided to bring the monkey to his home. He went to him and invited him for a meal. The monkey rode on crocodile's back and they set out towards the crocodile's house.

In the middle of stream, the crocodile told monkey that he had brought him here because his wife wanted to eat his heart. The monkey got frightened but maintained his calm. He told the crocodile that he had left his heart on the tree. So they should rush back to the tree to bring his heart back. The foolish crocodile swam back as fast as he could. As soon as they reached the bank of the river, the monkey climbed the tree and was safe. He told the crocodile that they would never meet again. Hence, we should never be greedy for anything as greed is a curse.

Q. 25. Complete the story in 150–200 words which begins as the following:

It was the month of December. The school was over at 6:00 pm. I was standing at the bus stand waiting for the bus. Suddenly it became dark and a heavy rain started.

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Ans.

Meeting a Stranger

It was the month of December. The school was over at 6.00 pm. I was standing at the bus stand waiting for the bus. Suddenly, it became dark and a heavy rain started. There was no one at the bus stand. The whole area was deserted after a while. When there came no bus, I started walking. It was getting windy and nothing could be seen clearly. Somehow, I reached a place where there was a lonely house. I took shelter in it and waited for the rain to stop. Being tired, I soon fell asleep. I heard the sound of the foot steps. I opened my eyes and I saw a man who was tall, fair and handsome with thick moustache before me. I was startled and stared at him with fear. But he looked at me gently and said, "Don't be afraid. I mean no harm." I summoned my courage and asked him, "Are you too a traveller like me?" He said, "Not exactly". He looked at me with calm dignity and said, 'I am the owner of this house. I keep coming here.' He had a job that required a lot of travelling. So he kept going out of the house often. He offered me fruits. But I was so afraid that I did not eat anything. Then he asked me my address and dropped me home. My parents who were anxiously waiting for me, heaved a sign of relief and thanked the man a lot.

Q. 26. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the following outline:

two cats — hungry — a loaf of bread — can't divide — each greedy — wants move — a clever monkey — offered to help — bit by bit — ate the bread — his fee — bread finished — cats foolish — still hungry.

[CBSE Delhi, Term 2, Set 1, 2017]

Ans.

The Monkey's Justice

One day two cats found a loaf of bread. Both of them were very hungry. The first cat wanted to have it all for himself. He jumped at it and picked it up. Another one tried to snatch it away from him.

The first cat asked him to keep away as he was the first one to pick it up. But the other cat claimed that he had seen it first so it was his. Both of them wanted to have it and were not able to divide.

Just then a monkey was passing by. He understood the problem. He offered to help and settle their problem. He said that he will give two equal parts of the bread to each one of them.

The cats agreed and let him solve the issue. They gave him the bread. The monkey made two parts of the bread. Then he shook his head and said, "These two parts are not equal. This one is bigger than the other one." He ate a bit of the bigger part. But again the parts were not equal. So he ate a bit of the bigger part again to make the two parts equal. This went on till only small pieces of the bread were left. Then the monkey said to the cats that it was his fee and he ate those small pieces too and went away. The foolish cats were left hungry.

Q. 27. Complete the story in 150–200 words which begins as the following:

It was a family picnic. The picnic spot was the bank of a river

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Ans.

It was a family picnic. The picnic spot was the bank of a river. We went there by car. We had taken fruits, sweets, sandwiches and biscuits with us. Our plan was to go for boating. When we reached there, we selected a shady tree to sit and spread our mats under it. First, we took some snacks and then played games. After a round of games, we started singing songs. It was when we were singing, my younger brother noticed some smoke at a distance. It was coming from a flour mill. Initially, we did not pay any attention to it. But then we could see thin flames also in the rear part of the building too. Slowly, it took a bigger shape. Now, there was panic all over. Employers of the mill were running here and there.

We were horrified. My father and uncle went towards the site to see how they can help in this situation. They sent for a fire brigade. Workers of the mill were using fire extinguishers to bring the fire in control. But their attempts to quench the fire seemed useless.

Machines began to crack. Sparks of fire were spreading and clouds of smoke could be seen in the air. Then to the relief

of everyone, there came the fire brigade. The people in fire brigade bravely fought with the flames and at last, the fire was brought under control. When we reached near the scene of destruction, we were horrified. Beams and machines were all rolled into the heap. There was a chaos everywhere. Smell of the smoke was nauseating. It was a tragic scene. Few workers had been badly burnt. They were rushed to the hospital. After helping the people over there, we came back home with a heavy heart. Devastation and cries of the people still echoes in my head.

Q. 28. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the following outline:

a fox — hungry — went into a garden — looking for food — a grapevine — ripe grapes — jumped to pluck — couldn't reach — fell down — jumped again — fell down — tried again and again — failed — said grapes are sour — don't like them.

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Ans. The Fox and the Grapes

Once there was a fox. He was very hungry. He went into a garden in search of food. After looking for a while, he found a grapevine. He saw bunches of riped grapes hanging on the vines and his mouth started watering. Somehow, he wanted to eat those grapes. He jumped and stretched out to reach the grapes but he found them rather too high. So he jumped again to pluck them but couldn't reach. He tried to pluck the grapes many times but all went in vain. All his efforts to reach the grapes failed. He continued his efforts till he got completely tired. Then there came a point of time when he became hopeless. He gave up and said, "The grapes are sour. Who wants sour grapes?" The fox hated the grapes as he couldn't have them.

Q. 29. Complete the story in 150–200 words which begins as the following:

Ram and Mohan, two brothers, studied in a village school. On day they were returning from the school on the way there was a forest

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Ans.

The Bear Encounter

Ram and Mohan, two brothers, studied in a village school. One day they were returning from the school on the way, there was a forest. One day, when they were coming back from the school, something strange happened. When they reached in the middle of the forest, they heard the rustling of grass. They assumed that some wild animal was there. Soon, a bear appeared in front of them. The bear was approaching them. Both were in panic. One of them ran and climbed up a tree. But the other one couldn't run and climb. When he could not make out what to do, he laid down and pretended to be dead. The bear came, stopped, sniffed him and thought that he was dead. He left him and went away. The second brother who was lying on the ground, heaved a sigh of big relief. Now, the brother who had climbed up the tree came down. He was happy that he had climbed up the tree. He asked his brother what the bear had said to him in his ears. He gave him a curt reply and said that the bear had told him never to trust selfish people even if they are your own blood. The boy felt very ashamed of leaving his brother alone in time of danger. He realised his mistake and asked his brother to pardon him.

Q. 30. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the following outline:

a crow — thirsty — no water — saw, a jar half-full of water — beak could not reach — small stones — one by one — put into the jar — water level rose — drank water.

[CBSE Delhi, Term 2, Set 3, 2017]

Ans.

A Thirsty Crow

It was the month of June. On a hot summer day, there was a crow who was very thirsty. His mouth was dry. His throat was burning. He flew from place to place in search of water but he could not find a single drop of water anywhere. After searching for a while he sat down disappointed. Rivers and lakes had all dried up.

At last, at a distance, he saw a jar of water. It was lying near a house. He went there and looked into it. It was half full.

He could see the water but his beak could not reach it. He was frustrated.

Then an idea came into his mind. There were stones around. He picked up small stones, one by one, from the ground and dropped them into the jug. The water started coming up. Slowly, the water level rose to such a level that he could reach it easily. He drank the water, cawed happily and flew away.

Hence, the thirsty crow proved that where there is a will, there is a way.

Q. 31. Complete the story in 150–200 words which begins as the following:

Ram and Sham are two sons of a labourer. One day they came to know that their father had fallen from a small building and

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Ans. Ram and Sham are two sons of a labourer. One day they came to know that their father had fallen from a small building and got badly injured. They immediately ran to the site of the accident. They saw that their father was in great pain. With the help of people, they took him to the hospital. But getting him admitted in the hospital was difficult as they did not have money. Then they took him to a government hospital where there were good doctors and medical fees was not very high. After admitting their father in the hospital, they took charge of their family responsibilities. Though, they were just twelve and thirteen years old, they opted to do jobs so that they could bear household and medical expenses. They sold fruit, did shoe polishing, sold newspapers, worked as a tourists guide and earned money. Every week, they went to the hospital to pay the bill. Their father was overwhelmed and grateful to them for doing so much. He blessed those noble souls all the time. Those two little gentlemen have proven that with determination, one can make the impossible thing possible. Adverse circumstances made them better not bitter. They did not give up, nor did they expect any help or obligation from anyone. They reminded the society that, "There is a solution to every problem."

Q. 32. Complete the following story given below in about 150–200 words:

Harish was getting late for the station. He picked up his bag and started running. somehow he crossed the market. Then suddenly somebody hit him and he fell down. He got up and ran to the station. He saw the train leaving the platform. He started crying. An old man came there and he

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Ans. Harish was getting late for the station. He picked up his bag and started running, somehow he crossed the market. Then suddenly somebody hit him and he fell down. He got up and ran to the station. He saw the train leaving the platform. He started crying. An old man came there and he quickly got inside the train and pulled emergency brakes. The train suddenly stopped. Harish got inside the train. He was very happy to catch the train which he almost had missed. After some time, two policemen came and started searching his bag. He was unable to know why they were suspecting him. They searched his bag more thoroughly and found a small packet of white powder. Harish was surprised to see the packet. The policemen were very strict with Harish. He started crying as he was taken to the police station at the platform. The police inspector sitting there seemed to be a familiar face to Harish. He tried to recognise him and asked him to narrate the whole story from the beginning. When Harish was telling about his story he did not forget to mention about the old man. Mr. Gupta asked him to recollect anything worth mentioning. Then Harish remembered that the old man had taken his bag to help him catch the train. Now Mr. Gupta realised that who was the real criminal. He showed Harish some photographs of the criminals and Harish at once, recognised the old man and realised that the packet was kept by the old man in his bag. Finally, Mr. Gupta sent him back to his home.

Q. 33. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the clues given below:

A boy was playing in the park. He saw a small sparrow sitting on a stone. He went near it, still it didn't fly. He

[CBSE OD, Term 2, Set 1, 2016]

Ans.

A Little Bit of Love

Vishal was an eight-year-old boy who loved exploring. One sunny afternoon while Vishal was playing in the park behind his house, he saw a small bird sitting very still on a stone. He walked slowly towards it. Getting close to the bird, he realised that it was a sparrow but it did not fly away. It sat as if it were stunned. He was scared but decided to put his fears aside and take some steps.

Vishal carefully picked the bird up and ran home. He found an old shoebox. In this box, he put some old cloth pieces and placed the bird in the box. Using a dropper, Vishal gave the sparrow some water. He placed some rice grains in a bowl and kept it inside the box. The little boy sat by the box the entire evening. In his worry, he swiftly fell asleep.

The next morning as Vishal was getting ready, he heard a soft chirping sound. On seeing the sparrow chirping, his mother told him that the sparrow was getting better. His mother promised him that she would look after the little sparrow while he was at school. Vishal went to school happily knowing that the sparrow would be safe.

Q. 34. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the clues given below:

You were playing cricket in a park. Suddenly you saw an old man, just collapsing on the pavement. You all rushed to him

[CBSE OD, Term 2, Set 1, 2016]

Ans.

A Hand to Aid

Indeed, it was a very hot summer afternoon! Summer vacations had just begun. For me, it meant endless days of cricket and eating dozens of ice-creams. One such summer afternoon, I was playing cricket with my neighbourhood friends. It was my turn to bat while my friend bowled. I could feel the sweat trickle down my forehead, as I hit the ball and it went straight over the fence.

A direct six! But our eyes were not on the ball, instead it was on an old man who seemed to be walking in a daze.

Suddenly, he slumped to the ground. We left our cricket bats and ran towards him. A taxi driver sitting nearby came running too. He called some of the passers-by and with their help lifted the old man and put him in the taxi. They rushed him to the nearest hospital. The old man's family was easy to trace as he had written their numbers on a piece of paper and kept it in his wallet. Later, that evening, we came to know that he was fine but had suffered a heat stroke. It was indeed a terrible summer day.

Q. 35. Complete the a story in 150–200 words where beginning is given below:

Ram has lost one leg to polio. He had a brilliant mind. He wanted to attend a school. Luckily one day

[CBSE OD, Term 2, Set 2, 2016]

Ans.

Sweet is the Fruit of Hard Work

Ram had lost one leg to polio when he was a child. He possessed a brilliant mind and desperately wanted to attend a school. This brave boy refused to let the fact that he was crippled by polio leave him helpless. He decided to overcome his handicap so that he could study. He knew that despite the dire situations in the house, he had to make it to school.

His parents spent all the money they could on his treatments. In the end, both were forced to leave to work in the city, so they could send money back and continue treatment for their son. While other children used to play outside, he was confined to the house, unable to afford a wheelchair and could only see his mother and father a few times a year. His enormous determination to succeed and not to be confined by his limitations impressed many people in the village and attempts were made to find a place for him at a school.

Luckily one day, at one of the village meetings, an old gentleman stood up and stated his claim to help Ram realise his dream. This old man had gone through something similar in life and he was aware of Ram's determination and desire

to study. He had seen Ram sitting on the sidewalks and poring through his friends' book while trying to study. This old man seeing Ram's determination, helped him enrol in a boarding school where he would be taken care of and would learn more. Ram's hard work produced sweet results when he became the first engineer from his village in the countryside.

Q. 36. Complete the a story in 150–200 words where beginning is given below:

It was her friend's birthday. Vaibhavi was very happy. She was going to attend such a party for the first time in her life. The problem was

[CBSE OD, Term 2, Set 2, 2016]

Ans. All's Well That Ends Well

It was her friend's birthday. Vaibhavi was very happy. It was a theme-party. She was going to attend such a party for the first time in her life. The problem was she had just moved into the city a few months ago and was still a little hesitant to travel alone.

The entire time in class, her mind wandered to the party. She wondered if her parents would give her the permission to attend the party. She was wondering which outfit she would wear to the party. All these thoughts kept her from paying attention in class. As soon as Vaibhavi got home she ran and asked her mother for the permission to go to the party. Her mother agreed on two conditions, that her dad would pick her up by 9:30 and that her phone would be with her at all times, to which she promptly agreed. Vaibhavi enjoyed herself a lot at the party and checked in with her mother every hour. She messaged and told her mother that she was waiting for her father to pick her up. She was waiting for her father in the parking lot but she could not see him.

It was soon going to be ten, she checked her phone but alas! the battery died. She was worried, she decided to walk home as it was only a block away. Midway she heard someone call her name, she was terrified and hid behind a car, she saw a man walking towards her and that frightened her. When the person came close

and stood beneath a streetlight, she ran and hugged him. It was her father! One of the car's tyres was punctured and so her father decided to walk to her friends' house. Vaibhavi was both relaxed and happy that everything turned out well in the end.

Q. 37. Complete the story in 150–200 words based on the outline given below:

A sixty-two year old woman — travelling in daytime by a public transport bus — a man in his 20's comes and sits — offers sweets to her — woman faints — man takes away her gold bangles and chain and disappears — police searches —

[CBSE OD, Term 2, Set 3, 2016]

Ans. All That Glitters is Not Gold

It was indeed a sunny day! Sunita, a 62-year-old woman, had just visited her daughter and was returning to her village. Her hands were full with the gifts her daughter had sent with her. While she was waiting for the bus to arrive, a youth in his 20's offered to hold her bags for her to which she readily agreed. He told her that his name was Ramesh and was travelling back to his village which was a little further than hers. Sunita was delighted that she had some company. A little into the journey, Ramesh offered her some sweets, which she accepted. A few minutes later, she fell fast asleep. Ramesh swiftly took her gold bangles and the chain from her neck and got down at the very next stop.

After an hour, the conductor woke Sunita up as her stop had arrived. On waking up, she realised that all her gold ornaments were gone. She was scared and did not know what to do. The conductor immediately called the police and they registered a complaint. Sunita and the conductor also gave a description of the man who claimed to be Ramesh. The conductor also told the police that they had lately installed CCTV cameras at the bus depot, so there were chances that one of the CCTV cameras would have captured an image of Ramesh. The police thus began their search for the robber. Soon they found that Ramesh was trying to sell Sunita's gold in a village not far from

the stop. On nabbing him, they did manage to recover the gold and his identity. Sunita however learned a very important lesson that day that all that glitters isn't gold and none can be trusted, blindly.

Q. 38. Complete the story in 150–200 words based on the outline given below:

7 years old Sunil — alone at home — rich locality — three men — suspicious looking — boy, afraid — rang up 100 — 15 minutes — police came — robbers arrested — notorious — Sunil rewarded — famous at school.

[CBSE OD, Term 2, Set 3, 2016]

Ans. A Stitch in Times Saves Nine

Sunil was a seven-year-old boy, very often he was left at home alone as both his parents went to work. He lived in a posh locality. One day, while returning home from school, he found his front door open. At first he was scared and worried, but he gathered up his courage and peeped inside the house. He saw three suspicious looking men searching the house. A few days earlier, Sunil's teacher had told them that if they ever find anything suspicious they should immediately approach an adult and dial 100 which is the helpline for the police. Sunil ran to his neighbour's house and told them what he had seen.

Without wasting another minute, his neighbour called the police and within fifteen minutes, the police arrived and arrested the robbers. Sunil's father told him that the robbers who were caught were notorious and wanted for several such robberies. Sunil received a reward for his bravery and was soon famous in his school.

Q. 39. Write a story in 150–200 words from the outline given below:

Cold winter night — all sound asleep — a thudding sound — switched on lights — hurried footsteps — followed —

[CBSE Delhi, Term 2, Set 1, 2016]

Ans. A Surprise Visitor

We just moved into our new house in the beautiful hills of Dehradun. Winters were cold and dark. Being the first night, I found it difficult to take rest due to

the excitement. I seemed to be the only one awake reading my new comic book, while rest of the family members were sleeping soundly. It was extremely cold and chilly so I cuddled myself firmly in my blanket.

At first, I thought I was imagining things when I heard a thudding sound. I felt that it was just my imagination running wild, but when the sound came again for the second and then the third time, I was sure it could not be ignored. I got up from my bed and as I switched on the light, the sound stopped. I could hear the footsteps in the kitchen. I picked up the torch lying on my bedside table and walked nervously towards the kitchen. With hurried footsteps, I followed the noise albeit nervously.

As soon as I opened the kitchen door, I heard a crash. I switched on the lights, immediately. My parents were also awakened by the noise. On the floor was a glass bowl of milk smashed into pieces. We looked behind the counter and saw two shiny innocent eyes looking back at us. The culprit was the cutest Labrador puppy one could ever find. He walked up to me and licked my face in apology. We realised that he must have got into the house lost and frightened. Since, there was no collar round his neck, I begged my parents to keep him. Seeing the cold and snow outside, they relented. Now, this doggy of mine is my best friend who never leaves my side.

Q. 40. Write a story in 150–200 words from the outline given below:

The date of examination was declared — I was horrified — My parents helped me — reached the examination centre — examination commenced — took a sigh of relief — stood first in the class.

The hints of the story are given above. You can start the story by using hints with your own ideas but you cannot change the end.

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Ans. Just a little luck

The date of the final examinations was declared. I was very upset as I already knew I would have to leave home

much before the scheduled time as my examination center was quite far. Being in a prime location, I realised that there would be a lot of traffic on the way to the examination center.

On the day of exam, I was horrified when my friend called and informed me that the entire main road had been blocked due to an accident and there was a long traffic jam. I was extremely perplexed and tensed. My parents told me to relax and assured me that they would drop me to the examination center. Fortunately, my father knew another route that we could take, though it was much longer. We took the route but reached the examination center late. The exam had already begun. I was tensed. The examiner told me rush to my seat and begin writing my paper.

I rushed to my seat and I breathed a sigh of relief after reading the question paper as I knew most of the answers. I was able to complete the paper on time. I came out of the examination hall, happy and content. I saw my parents waiting for me. When the result were declared, I stood first in the class. I was happy as my hard work paid off.

Q. 41. Complete the following story in 150–200 words. The beginning of the story is given below:

On my way to school I usually see a beggar on the roadside. Yesterday on my way back, I did not see him there. Walking further I saw him limping slowly. Out of idle curiosity I followed him. Soon I found

[CBSE Delhi, Term 2, Set 2, 2016]

Ans. Do Not Judge A Book by Its Cover

On my way to school, I usually see a beggar on the roadside. Yesterday on my way back, I did not see him there. Walking further, I saw him limping slowly. Out of idle curiosity I followed him. Soon I found him walking straight as soon as he entered an alley, he was talking to three other men who were shabbily dressed. They were talking in hushed tones and I sensed something wrong. I remembered seeing a police van parked on the main

road, I walked quickly and told the policeman whatever I had seen. The Senior Inspector told me to wait with one of the lady constables while they went to the spot where I saw the beggar. It took them a while to return, but when they returned, the beggar and the other three men were in handcuffs. The Senior Inspector then told me that the beggar was actually a thief with a gang responsible for the recent spate of robberies in the area. The injury was caused while he was trying to enter a house through a broken window. The gang managed to escape before an alarm was rung by the watchman of the society. That was the day I learnt not to judge a book by its cover.

Q. 42. Complete the following story in 150–200 words. The beginning of the story is given below:

It was a Sunday afternoon. We had gone for a picnic to a park. Suddenly I found that my seven year old sister was missing from the group. We went in search of her in the woods and

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Ans. An Unforgettable Picnic

It was a Sunday afternoon. We had gone for a picnic to a park. Suddenly, I noticed that my seven-year-old sister was missing from the group. We went in search of her in the woods and shouted out her name but there was no reply from her. Everyone started to panic especially my mother. We soon informed the park ranger and then divided ourselves into smaller groups and continued our search. My mother and my aunt went back to the picnic spot just in case she returned. We searched for nearly two hours as the sun was going to be set. The park ranger got a message on his radio transceiver from his colleague that they had found a seven-year-old girl sleeping under a tree with a golden retriever standing as a guard by her side. We all rushed to the spot. I ran and woke my sister up, the park ranger told us that it was good that our pet dog had accompanied her else she could have become a prey to the wild animals. We then told the ranger that it was not our pet, and soon discovered that the dog

was abandoned by his owners. My father carried my sister in his arms and said that we would take care of the dog from now on. My sister did not understand much of what had happened and was confused about all the fuss. One good thing that came out of this adventure was that my sister found herself a new best friend.

Q. 43. Complete the story based on the outline given below in 150–200 words.

a pond a crocodile a monkey on a tree.... were friends. Crocodile's wife wanted monkey's heart monkey bewildered planned heart, home went back to get it. saved himself.

[CBSE Delhi, Term 2, Set 3, 2016]

**Ans. Be Careful of The Friends
You Make**

Once upon a time, a monkey lived on a mango tree beside a lake. He used to throw ripe mangoes into the lake which a crocodile ate. The crocodile became a great friend of the monkey. They often chatted as they ate mangoes. The crocodile was nice but he was continuously nagged by his wife. He always took some mangoes home under the water for his wife.

One day, the crocodile told the monkey that his wife was very pleased with the mangoes and she had asked the crocodile to bring his friend to her. "Please, friend, accept my request. Come to our house with me. My wife wants to meet you. She is very grateful to you". The monkey said, "But how can I go into water? I cannot swim!" The crocodile told him that he should simply sit on his back and hold on to him. "Trust me. You will not drown ", said the crocodile.

So, one day the monkey sat on the back of the crocodile. He asked his friend to swim on the surface for some time. During this ride, the crocodile, who was very simple, told the monkey that his wife wanted to eat the heart of a monkey. The monkey was scared to hear this, but he did not express his fear. He cleverly told the crocodile, "I am sorry, friend, I

have left my heart on the tree. Take me back; I will take it for your wife." The foolish crocodile swam back. As soon as he reached the bank, the monkey jumped off his back, and climbed up the tree. "Good bye, friend!" he said from above, "your wife will never taste a monkey's heart!" And this proved that we should always be careful while making friends.

Q. 44. Complete the story based on the outline given below in 150–200 words.

A thirsty crow looked for water found a pitcher very less water in it picked up pebbles and put them in the pitcher water level raised.

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**Ans. Perseverance Will Always Lead
You to Your Goals**

It was a hot summer's day. A thirsty crow flew into a village in search of water. The crow flew over the houses, fields, and trees. But he didn't find any water. After a long time, he came across a farm. Under one of the trees on the farm was a pitcher of water. Happy that he found some water finally, he swooped down to the tree and then down to the ground.

He quickly moved towards the pitcher and looked inside. There was very little water in the pot. The crow put his beak inside the pitcher but could not reach the water. The water level was too low and the narrow opening prevented his neck from going all the way down. He tried to push the vessel down to let the water out, but it was too heavy. The crow was disappointed.

He was really thirsty and needed to drink the water badly. He could have given up and flown to another farm, looking for water. But he didn't. Instead, he looked around and thought, "What else can I do?" He saw that there were a lot of pebbles on the farm. And, he had an idea! He collected a pebble and put it into the pitcher. As he added more and more pebbles the water level came up to the brim. The crow drank the water and flew back home happily!