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## Section C - Literature

8.

- a) The above lines are taken from the poem, 'Snake' written by D. H. Lawrence. ✓
- b) The act of hurling the wooden log at the snake by the poet is being referred to. ✓
- c) The snake was harmless and served as a guest at the poet's water trough. It is described as a mean act because the poet tried to hurt the snake and forced it to retreat into the black hole by heeding to the voice of his accursed human education. ✓
- d) An allusion is made to the albatross because it was a Christian soul symbolising innocence but was killed by the Ancient mariner. Similarly, the poet tried to harm the snake and then went through a phase of guilt and regret as the mariner, had faced redemption.



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9.

a) Lavinia, the wife of John Hallock had organised a Ouija board party. A woman named Helen was trying to communicate with John through all the boards. This created a suspicion in Lavinia that her husband had an affair and the thought was accentuated by the manipulators and Laura Hinkle who added that John looked sly. Assuming that John was a cheat, she decided to leave her husband and go to her grandmother.

b) Michael Dawson peered over the shoulder of a lady and read the headline of the miraculous recovery of a 14 year old boy named Sebastian Shultz, which seemed familiar to him. Further when he caught a glimpse of the picture he recognised him as the boy whom he had come to know very well in the past few weeks. He went home and bround to get an explanation about how he had come to know a boy who was in a deep coma after an accident, by playing the psycho-drive games.

c) The sculpture of Ozymandias terribly failed in fulfilling its purpose. The arrogant king had ordered it to be built in his remembrance, casting forth his achievements. The words - 'My name is Ozymandias, King of kings, Look upon my works ye mighty and despair' show that the emperor was egomaniac. But ironically the trunkless statue & sinks in the lone level sands extending to the horizon and none of his works remain. This proves that pride always has a fall and time is the most powerful ruler.

e) The coming of the albatross proved to be a boon to the mariners who were surrounded by ice all around. The Christian soul was considered angelic because the ice seeming to be an emerald broke with a deafening noise like the voice in a swoon. The sailors rejoiced as the helmsman steered them through. The Albatross took the sailors to the shore of safety and always perched at vesper's nine to eat the food it had never eaten and play with the ancient mariner.

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10. The poem, 'Not Marble, nor the gilded monuments' written by William Shakespeare revolves around the idea that the sonnet is eternal.

The tantalising time, tarnished the soft shimmer on the tombstone. The poet emphasizes that, wasteful wars will overturn the statues and broils will root out the work of masonry but neither Mars, the god of war nor his malicious sword will be able to burn the living record of the poet's friend.

None of the magnificent monuments shall outlive the powerful rhyme. According to the poet, against death and all oblivious enmity, the sonnet will remain until the day of judgement. He says, that the verses will always be remembered in the admirers' eyes and thus immortalises literature.

The fact that the sonnet is still being read proves to be the evidence that it shall never be destroyed. The beauty of literature will always be savoured even though men will come and go from this world. It promises a hope to posterity that cannot outweigh the power of words that are best weapons available to mankind.



Q. 11 = 

11.

Margot Frank:

Margot is the sixteen year old daughter of Otto Frank and Edith Frank as well as the elder sister of Anne Frank. The family moves into the Secret Annex because she receives a call-up notice. She is a precocious girl who is level-headed, and happens to be the prettiest, wisest, kindest and the best in the eyes of Anne.

It is evident that she is mature enough as she is allowed to read a variety of books some of which Anne is denied. Mrs. Frank gives the same reason to Mrs. Van Daan when she is apprehensive of children reading adult books.

Margot is intelligent and mostly acquired 'A' grade in school. Nevertheless, she happens to be the one to take up the maximum number of correspondence courses and read a myriad of topics with a medley of languages in the Annex. Unlike Anne, she gets along with her mother very well which alienates Anne from her mother.

The discipline inculcated in her, catches one's mind where Anne says that she wouldn't even think of getting close to a

boy unless, there is a talk about their engagement. She comes across as a funny, enthusiastic and humorous teenager when the sisters exchange funny notes among themselves about stultifying matters such as Dussel snoring.

The sensibility in Margot comes to light when she writes letters to Anne about Peter. She is happy that Anne has found a friend to confide in, doesn't feel delicious that she's left out and adds on that she has developed a brotherly affection for Peter.

She has a smidgen appetite as is described as a poor eater. Mr. Van Daan rebukes that she is on a diet but Margot pays no ear to that. This shows that she's firm in her decisions and doesn't care much about the opinions of others.

The flank of sisterly love pups in when they grow to be more mature than other girls of their age and allow each other to read snippets of their diaries. She is sometimes mean to Anne when she calls her a figure in an 'indecent nighty'.

But, on a whole, she is presented as an ideal role model with a melange of values and ethics in 'The Diary of a Young Girl'.

Q.1 =

Section A - Reading

1.1

- a) The passage is about the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' and the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in India. ✓
- c) To pay a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, whose 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary is to be celebrated in 2019, it has been ~~keep~~ kept as the target year of completion.
- d) Gandhiji said that 'Sanitation is more important than Independence'. ✓
- c) The problem of lack of sanitation can be solved by improving the waste management techniques. ✓
- f) Clean India movement is directly linked to our economy as with the economic strength of the country and is said to enhance the GDP growth and reduce health costs. ✓



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- g) Spitting paan, gutka and other tobacco products in the government offices has been banned. ✓
- h) Wh. It has been requested that every Indian devote at least 100 hours per year to cleanliness in India which is sufficient to make this country a clean country by 2019. ✓
- i) 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' aims at providing the country with enough sanitation facilities as well as eliminating all unhealthy practices of people in their daily routine. ✓
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2.1.

- b) He spent a memorable time in Delhi which was a very new city designed by Edwin Lutyens and Connaught Place, with gleaming shops, restaurants and cinemas by watching Laurel and Hardy films and devouring milkshakes at the Milk Bar, even as the Quit India movement gathered momentum. ✓

- c) His first novel- 'The Room on the Roof' had been written out of a longing for India and the friends he had made in Dehra, featuring the life and loves of Rusty, his alter ego. This longing had emerged as he had been shipped off to UK, to better his prospects when he was seventeen.
- d) A passenger liner took about three weeks from Southampton to Bombay. After docking in Bombay, the author had taken a train to Dehra, where he stepped onto the platform and embarked on the hazardous journey of a freelance writer. He knew that as long as there were railway stations, trains and platforms, he would never run out of stories.
- e) The writer emphasises the importance of windows when he says that every writer needs a window. In his life, the stories and the poems float in through his window, float in from the magic mountains and the words appear on the page without much effort on his part. The windows thus play an indispensable part in his life.

2.2

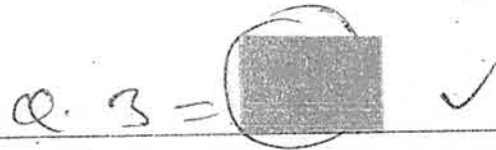
- [a] He was shipped off to UK for the betterment of his prospects as his mother put it. <sup>extra</sup>
- b) Everyone travelled by sea because air services were still in their infancy.
- c) The productivity dropped because he did not find inspiration in tombs, monuments and the ever expanding city.

2.3.

b) landmarks ✓

c) outskirts ✓

Q. 3 =



✓

### Section B - Writing and Grammar

3.

15/17 Mall Road  
Shimla

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

The Hostel Warden  
Thorough Arts College  
Patiala

Dear Sir/ Ma'am,

Subject: Enquiring details about the girls hostel

With due respect, I would like to inform that I have recently got admission to the 'Thorough Arts College' for my masters in painting.

I would like to have a room in the girls hostel since travelling back and forth can be a strenuous task. I request you to share the details about the following:

1. Hostel timings
2. Whether accommodation is available is single room or room on sharing basis
3. Charges for both types
4. Types of meal provided (vegetarian or otherwise)
5. Availability of doctors and treatment
6. Whether there is a separate study room
7. Timings for phone calls.

Kindly send the details at the earliest so that I can decide likewise. I also request you to send the pictures of the rooms in the self-attested envelope that has been enclosed.

Yours faithfully,  
Meghna Hooda

Enclosure: self addressed envelope



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5.

- a) (i) at ✓  
 c) (iii) assigned ✓  
 d) (iv) is ✓  
 e) (i) keep ✓

6.

	Word before	Missing word	Word after
b)	follow ✓	to ✓	reach ✓
c)	need ✓	of ✓	clearing ✓
d)	along ✓	the ✓	mountain ✓
e)	bottles ✓	and ✓	food ✓

Q.7 =

Q.4 =



7.

- a) Reading books is not everybody's cup of tea. ✓
- c) Reading has a long term impact on one's personality. ✓
- d) It is a good substitute for watching TV. ✓
- e) It is one of the best hobbies. ✓

4.

### "A DREAM COMES TRUE"

- By Pritzel Rode

I got admission to Class IX ~~to~~ in an English medium school. I was very nervous as I was attending my new school for the first time. I had burnt the midnight oil and worked my tail off enunciating the right accent of British English. The day was finally here. The shrill trumpet of the Chanticlear drove the mundane routine of lounging in bed.

I dressed up elegantly and set off to school. The orb of sun behind the enormous building cast forth a beautiful glow on the vestibule. The excited chatter diminished when the bell rang! The teacher entered and introduced herself as Ms. Tina and ~~the~~ it was followed by each one of <sup>us</sup> introducing ourselves. I was well prepared but my classmates figured out my origin and snobbishly frowned, when I spoke.

We were told that the student elections would be held in two days to elect the SPL - Student pupil leader. The din of exuberant voices told me that this was one of the most awaited events. I plodded back home and ~~td~~ narrated it to my inquisitive mother. Her eyes twinkled with encouragement and <sup>she</sup> called up the school to nominate me for the elections.

Imagine how I felt! I would be thrown stupefying looks after being a loser again. I reminisced the lovely days of my middle school. The hazy of playing and pranking brought a smile on my face. I suddenly remembered my dramatic teachers who had presented a look on eloquence.

At the drop of a hat, I hurried to my cupboard and

sat at my table. I picked the mesmerising quotes and wrote down a beautiful speech. I chose a snazzy symbol that came to my help - The dreamcatcher!!

The next day, students gave their monotonous speeches and before long it was my turn. I went on stage... Never had I been in limelight. A bead of perspiration trickled down my forehead. I closed my eyes, took a deep breath and made my promise! The audience gasped at this sudden surprise. The overjoyed cronies stood up and hooted for me. The polling followed and I had butterflies in my stomach!

The Principal came on stage. There was deafening silence. My heart sank to a deep abyss. She held the badge in her hand. The speakers rang with my name. I had never imagined that my wildest dream would come true. Yes, I served as one of the best leaders the school had witnessed.

