

Epistemo Vikas Leadership School
Summative Assessment II
Revision Worksheet

Subject :English(0500) Class:10A
Topic : Journal Entry and Summary
Paper I - Reading

Read Passage A carefully, and then answer Questions 1 and 2 on the Question Paper

Passage A:

Stranger in the Snow

In this passage the narrator describes an unexpected meeting while on a journey through remote countryside.

The wind was blowing east; the month, December; the place, a bleak wide moor in the far north of the country, and I had lost my way. It was not a pleasant place in which to lose one's way, with the first feathery flakes of a snow storm just fluttering down upon the heather, and the heavy grey evening closing in all around me. I shaded my eyes with my hands, and stared anxiously into the gathering darkness, where the landscape melted into a range of low hills in the distance. Not 5 the faintest wisp of smoke, not the tiniest cultivated patch, neither fence nor sheep track met my eyes in any direction. There was nothing for it but to walk on, and take my chance of finding what shelter I could on the way. So I picked up my gun, and pushed wearily forward, for I had been on foot since an hour after day break, and had eaten nothing since breakfast.

Meanwhile, the snow began to come down with ominous steadiness, and the wind increased. 10 After this, the cold became more intense, and the night descended quickly. As for me, my prospects darkened with the darkening sky, and my heart grew heavy. I thought how my young wife was already watching for me through the window, and thought of all the suffering in store for her throughout this lengthy night. We had been married four months and were very happy. We were then living in a remote little village situated just on the verge of the moor. This morning, when we parted, she had begged me to return before dark, and I had promised her that I would. How I wished I could have kept my promise! Even now, weary as I was, I felt that with a supper, an hour's rest, and a guide, I might still get back to her before midnight, if only guide and shelter could be found.

All this time, the snow fell and the night became darker. I stopped and shouted every now 20 and then, but my shouts seemed only to make the silence deeper. Then I started to feel a vague sense of uneasiness, and I began to remember stories of travellers who had walked on and on in the falling snow until, exhausted, they could not go on any longer and would lie down and sleep their lives away. Would it be possible, I asked myself, to keep going through all the long dark night? Would there not come a time when my limbs must fail, and my resolution give way? I shuddered. How hard not to be able to return home when my future seemed so bright before me! How hard for my loving wife – I tried not to think about it. I shouted again, louder and longer, and then listened eagerly. Was my shout answered, or did I only imagine that I heard a far-away cry? I called again, and again the echo followed. Then a wavering speck of light came suddenly out of the dark, shifting, disappearing, growing momentarily nearer and brighter. Running towards it at 30 full speed, I found myself, to my great joy, face to face with an old man carrying a lantern.

Thank goodness!' I exclaimed.

Blinking and frowning, he lifted his lantern and peered into my face.

‘What for?’ he growled.

‘Well, thank goodness for meeting you. I began to fear I should be lost in the snow.’ 35

Read carefully Passage A, Stranger in the Snow, and then answer Questions 1 and 2 on this Question Paper.

Answer all questions using your own words as far as possible.

Question 1

(a) Give two reasons why the narrator is worried about his situation (paragraph one, ‘The wind was...’) [2]

(b) Why does the narrator decide he has to keep walking (paragraph one, ‘The wind was...’)? [1]

(c) Which two details suggest the weather conditions are getting worse (paragraph two, ‘Meanwhile, the snow...’)? [2]

(d) Why does the narrator think his wife will be concerned if he does not return that night (paragraph two, ‘Meanwhile, the snow...’)? [2]

(e) Using your own words, explain what the narrator means by: ‘...my prospects darkened with the darkening sky’ (lines 11–12) [2]

(f) What is unexpected about the old man’s response to the narrator’s greeting (lines 32–34)? [2]

(g) Re-read paragraph three (‘All this time...carrying a lantern’). [4]

Explain using your own words, what the writer means by the word underlined in the following phrases:

‘seemed only to make the silence deeper’ (line 21)

‘a vague sense of uneasiness’ (lines 21–22)

(c) ‘my resolution give way’ (line 25)

(d) ‘I shuddered.’ (lines 25–26)

Question 2

Imagine you are the narrator of Passage A.

Eventually, you are offered accommodation for the night by the old man and the following morning you write an entry in your journal.

Write your journal entry. In the journal entry you should comment on:

- the situation you found yourself in before you met the old man
- your reaction to the old man and how he treated you when you first met him
- what happened at the old man’s house.

Base your ideas on what you have read in Passage A, **but do not copy from it.**

Be careful to **use your own words.**

Address each of the three bullet points.

Begin your journal: ‘Last night I had a very strange experience...’

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.

Read Passage B carefully, and then answer Question 3 on the Question Paper.

Passage B:

A Catastrophic Winter Storm

Americans across the country found their plans made more complicated as wind, snow, and icy rain whipped through the southern states and then moved north in a blizzard that meteorologists predicted could affect some 100 million people. 28 centimetres of snow were measured in Central Park in New York, with 32 centimetres covering much of New Jersey and a record-breaking 37 centimetres in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Snow covered the ground in 49 out of 50 US states, with Florida the only exception. Maryland and Virginia declared emergency warnings before much of the snow had fallen. As the east coast recovered from the snow and freezing rain, meteorologists forecast record low temperatures for the end of the week.

The National Weather Service issued the following warning: 'High levels of ice will make travel impossible. This has the potential to be a catastrophic event; widespread power cuts are possible as ice accumulates on power lines and brings them down. Limit any unnecessary travel during the storm. Take proper precautions, stay indoors and have emergency supplies available. Be ready in the event that power in your area is cut off. Check that you have a supply of candles, that emergency heating systems are functioning and look out for any elderly neighbours who may be at risk of hypothermia.'

Across the nation, flights were cancelled in anticipation of the ice. Mark Wiebke, an assistant aviation director at Charlotte airport, said the weather had become so unpredictable in recent years that crews now rely on a 'snow desk', a wall of screens keeping them informed on air patterns and on aeroplane de-icing procedures.

'In this part of the country, it changes all the time,' he said of the forecast. 'You think it's going to happen and it doesn't. Then, next morning, you get up and you have three metres of snow.'

Read carefully Passage B, A Catastrophic Winter Storm, and then answer Question 3(a) Question Paper.

Question 3

According to text B what are the problems caused by extreme winter weather and how should people stay safe, according to Passage B?

You must use continuous writing (not note form) and use your own words as far as possible.

Your summary should not be more than 120 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing