



4. How does Jody's mother react when she hears that he is going to bring the fawn home? Why does she react in this way?

1. Imagine you have a new pet that keeps you busy. Write a paragraph describing your pet, the things it does, and the way it makes you feel. Here are some words and phrases that you could use.

frisky, smart, disobedient, loyal, happy, enthusiastic,
companion, sharing, friend, rolls in mud, dirties the bed, naughty,
lively, playful, eats up food, hides the newspaper, drinks up milk,
runs away when called, floats on the water as if dead

3. Stephen Hawking said, “I’ve had no choice.” Does the writer think there was a choice? What was it?

1. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using the appropriate forms of the words given in the following box.

 guide succeed chair travel pale draw true 

- (i) I met a _____ from an antique land.
- (ii) I need special _____ in mathematics. I can't count the number of times I have failed in the subject.
- (iii) The guide called Stephen Hawking a worthy _____ to Issac Newton.
- (iv) His other problems _____ into insignificance beside this unforeseen mishap.
- (v) The meeting was _____ by the youngest member of the board.
- (vi) Some people say 'yours _____' when they informally refer to themselves.
- (vii) I wish it had been a _____ match. We would have been spared the noise of celebrations, at least.

4. Complete each sentence using the right form of the adjective given in brackets.

- (i) My friend has one of the _____ cars on the road. (fast)
- (ii) This is the _____ story I have ever read. (interesting)
- (iii) What you are doing now is _____ than what you did yesterday. (easy)
- (iv) Ramesh and his wife are both _____. (short)
- (v) He arrived _____ as usual. Even the chief guest came _____ than he did. (late, early)

SECTION A – READING

I. Read the following passage carefully:

(10 marks)

CATS AND DOGS

1. I intend to speak my mind on cats and dogs. Both these species have sponged on humans for ages as pets.
2. I don't know how people tolerate cats. They are so supercilious that they make you feel inferior and their only intention is to have a nice time at your expense without ever doing you a good turn. And if you think all those mice it makes mincemeat of were part of its desire to repay the favour to you, forget it. A cat never does anything at your bidding. It catches mice because it wants to, not because you wanted it to do that!
3. A cat is also an expert thief and takes delight in spoiling everything in your home. No matter how much you feed it, the kitchen regularly gets invaded and no matter how much you fondle it, precious china and glass would continue to be upset. And if you catch it during its stealthy invasion, thus necessitating its retreat, you won't find it repentant.
4. Not for its cowering; in fact, it removes itself to a safe distance and with a hard glint of disapproval in its eyes it looks at you as if you were the worst nuisance it has come across. It might also scratch you on the sly, tear your beautiful curtains or worse still, might dirty your kitchen and dining hall. And you thought it should be grateful for all the delicacies you had plied it with? Well my friend, gratitude is one thing that a cat is not known for.
5. I dislike the dog for exactly the opposite reason. It makes you feel superior. Cats do not go in for servility, but every dog is a servant; it makes even a half-wit feel like a King Solomon with its vigorous tail-wag. It is faithful. It is said that a dog is man's most uncritical friend. But then shouldn't a true friend be critical in private, making you aware of your foibles? A dog lives its life on the principle that it exists to please its master. So to impress the master it sometimes indulges in the most embarrassing slavish spectacles. Thus it barks unnecessarily at absolutely innocuous visitors, licks your feet, tries to stand on its hind-legs and gambols around for no apparent reason.
6. Cats and dogs are not similar except in the way they rob you sleep at night. Cats indulge in nocturnal brawls. Similarly dogs break out barking in the middle of the night or suddenly turn musical and play long notes. Both ways your beauty sleep is murdered and you cannot do a thing about it.
7. In pets I look for normal friends who afford you hours of pleasure in their company. I do not want to lord over nor do I relish bossing over anyone.

1) On the basis of your reading, answer the following questions: **(5x1=5 marks)**

- a) According to the writer, cats make you feel _____ whereas dogs can make you feel _____.
- b) Although your cat is well fed, it regularly _____ the kitchen and your china and glass _____.
- c) The quality the writer dislikes most in the dog is its _____ (use a single word).
- d) Mention two ways in which a dog tries to impress his master.
- e) Which is the one similarity between cats and dogs?

2) Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following:

(5x1=5 marks)

- a) scornful (para 2)
- b) feeling sorry (para 3)
- c) harmless (para 5)
- d) human weaknesses (para 5)
- e) noisy fight (para 6)

2) Diary Entry

(5 marks)

Imagine that the Maths teacher, Narahari Babu writes of his strange experience on the horse Pegasus in a diary entry after he is discharged from the hospital. Write the diary entry for him in about 150 words.

3) Formal Letter

(10 marks)

You are Amit Sharma residing at 12 Netaji Nagar, Bangalore. Special repairs are required in your rented house. You have to write a letter to your landlord Mr Gupta, 26 M.G Colony, Bangalore asking him to make arrangements for the work to be done. Take the help of these notes:

Notes

Roof leaking – Wall plaster peeling off – window panes broken – pot holes on the floor – white washing required – can share the cost – to be deducted from rent – urgent attention requested.