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## TOPIC = UNSEEN PASSAGES

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: [7M]

By instinct, most parents love and care for their children. Yet, very often, their expectations and ambitions put too much pressure on the children. When children cannot reach the level of their parent's ambition, they can suffer from tremendous frustration and stress. This may lead to drug experimentation and other related behaviours as a way of avoiding the realities of the situation. From the beginning, children should be allowed to develop in their own natural, happy way within the control of parental love, guidance and

care and without too much pressure. A change of some conventional parental attitudes may help to prevent many cases of drug dependence and other adolescent problems. We should also understand our parental responsibilities to the world environment. Remember that the living space of this world is limited and we must have enough space for our future generations to live happily.

- (i) What is the basic nature of parents towards their children ?
- (ii) Why are the children under pressure due to parents ?
- (iii) What are the various problems children suffer from ?
- (iv) How should the children be developed from the beginning ?
- (v) What should we remember as a parent ?
- (vi) Find out from the passage the word which means 'starting'.
- (vii) Give the word from the passage which is opposite of 'solutions'.

**(RBSE 2013)**

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: [7M]

Of all the trees of Southern Asia, the banyan tree is unique, not only for the manner of its growth but for the area of shade it provides from the burning sun. Its close relationship with man has evolved over the years to make the banyans a most popular meeting place, a focal point of worship and a source of practical materials for commerce.

Known as the 'strangler fig', because of its unusual manner of growth, the banyan is an epiphyte or air plant that has its birth in the branches of a host tree and lives on airborne moisture and nutrients. Banyan seeds are deposited by birds, bats or monkeys in the rich soil collected in the crevices of the host tree branches. As the banyan grows, it sends aerial roots down the trunk of the supported tree. In time, the roots that reach

the ground choke the host tree by preventing its trunk from enlarging. The two best known species of banyans are : the Indian, one of the world's largest tropical trees; and the Chinese, a smaller species with fewer aerial roots.

- (i) In what part of the world is the banyan tree found ?
- (ii) Write two unique features of the banyan tree.
- (iii) What agencies deposit banyan seeds ?
- (iv) What is the role of the roots that reach the ground ?
- (v) Name the two species of the banyan tree.
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage which means 'in the air'.
- (vii) Find out the word from the passage opposite in meaning to 'ordinary'.

(RBSE 2014)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

[8M]

I have talked of the necessity for prayer, and I have dealt with the essence of prayer. We are born to serve our fellow men, and we cannot properly do so unless we are wide awake. There is an external struggle raging in man's breast between the powers of darkness and of light, and he, who has not the sheet anchor of prayer to rely upon, will be a victim to the powers of darkness. The man of prayer will be at peace with himself and with the whole world : the man who goes about the affairs of the world, without a prayerful heart, will be miserable and will make the world also miserable. Apart, therefore, from its bearing, on man's condition after death prayer has incalculable value for man in this world of living. We, inmates of the ashrama, who came here in search of Truth and for insistence on Truth, professed to believe in the efficacy of prayer, but had never up to now made it a matter of vital concern. We did not bestow on it the care that we did on other matters. I awoke from my slumber one day and realized that I had been woefully negligent on my duty in the matter. I have, therefore suggested a measure of stern discipline, and far from being any the worse, I hope, we are the better for it, it is so obvious.

- (i) Why, according to the author, are we born ?
- (ii) What kind of struggle is raging in man's heart ?
- (iii) Who will become the victim to the powers of darkness ?
- (iv) Why do the inmates come to the Ashrama ?
- (v) What did the author realize one day when he awoke from his slumber ?
- (vi) Who will get peace with himself and the world ?
- (vii) Write the word from the passage opposite in meaning to 'happy'.
- (viii) Write the word from the passage which means 'sleep'.

(RBSE 2015)

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: [7M]

It was almost a quarter past six in the morning when we, I and my father, left home to take the train. The right time of the train was 7am. and the distance of the railway station from my home was nearly 5kms. My father rode his bike at the best speed he could. It was almost seven when we reached the station. My father instructed me to rush through the fly-over-and board the train on platform number 2. I followed his advice and rushed up stairs with my back-pack (satchel). I heard the train blowing its whistle. I began to run. As soon as I reached the platform the train began to move. I jumped into the compartment nearest to me. I thanked God that I could board the train. After occupying a seat I thought of informing my father of my boarding. As I thrust my hand into my

jeans I was shocked for my mobile was not there. Being puzzled I did not know what to do. I requested one of the co-passengers to allow me to make a call from his mobile. He readily lent it to me. I informed my father first of my losing the mobile and then of the safe boarding the train for Delhi. Hearing this, the co-passenger told me that I had boarded the wrong train and the train for Delhi was running late and I was travelling in the opposite direction. He advised me to get off at the next station which was ten kilometers away. I was too puzzled to think. I waited for the next station in a big anxiety. The train reached the next station and I was lucky to get a local train back to the station I had come from.

- (i) What was the time of departure for the speaker's train?
- (ii) At what time did the speaker reach the station?
- (iii) What was the first shock for the narrator?
- (iv) How did the narrator manage to make her father a call?
- (v) How was the narrator able to return to the boarding station?
- (vi) Write the word from the passage which means 'getting on to the train'.
- (vii) Write the word from the passage which means 'fear'.

**(RBSE 2016)**

5. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : [7M]

Nature has a holy plan, said William Wordsworth. Night follows the day; and winter follows autumn. When spring comes it will be pleasant everywhere, nature putting on new garb: trees blooming swarms of bees and butterflies hopping from flower to flower and collecting nectar. When once the spring goes, and winter comes, there cannot be this riot of colours and the joy of beauty, certainly not for months to come. If the bee misses this spring and fails to collect the nectar, its larder should remain empty. So, we must make hay while the sun shines. When the sky is overcast

## Writing = 1. Letter Writing

Syllabus : Formal Letter

Removed : Informal letter, E-mail

### Formal Letter

1. Suppose you are Sumant/Sujata, a student of Govt. Senior Secondary School, Jarkana. Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to allow you to play a friendly cricket match (interclass) on the school playground. You are the captain to your team. [5M]

You may use the following points :

- (i) Day and date along with time
- (ii) Requirement of staff
- (iii) Accessories you need.

(RBSE 2014)

2. You are Sonu/Sonia, staying at 20-Gulab Nagar, Shrinagar. Write a letter to the editor of local daily about reckless driving and increasing accidents. [4M]

(RBSE 2022)

### Informal Letter

[Not in Syllabus]

**सूचना:** Informal Letter topic को इस वर्ष RBSE syllabus से हटा दिया गया है। हालांकि, RBSE Board इस topic से प्रश्न पूछ सकता है या नहीं, इसकी अंतिम पुष्टि RBSE Blueprint 2027 जारी होने के बाद ही होगी, जो संभवतः November-December में release होगा। तब तक students को सलाह दी जाती है कि इस topic को एक बार अवश्य देख लें।

3. You are Zaara, living in Pune. Your friend Radha has won a gold medal in the State English Debate Competition. Write a letter to congratulate her. [5M]

You may take help of the following points :

- (i) How did you come to know about it
- (ii) Congratulate her on her success
- (iii) How does she feel about her achievement
- (iv) Good wishes for a bright future
- (v) Invite her for a visit to your place

9. You are Shubham living in Ajmer. Your friend Kunal has won a gold medal in athletics. Write a letter congratulating him on his success. [5M]  
(RBSE 2020)
10. You are Sachin / Sangeeta, living in Bharatpur. Your sister's marriage is going to be held on 15th of May 2021. Write a letter to your friend Vivek / Vinita inviting him / her on this occasion. [6M]  
(RBSE 2021)
11. Imagine that you are Sachin/Sakshi. Your sister's marriage will be held next month. Write a letter to your friend Vivek/Vaishnawi to invite him/her on this occasion. [5M]  
(RBSE 2023)
12. Imagine you are Sushma/Param, living in Amritsar. Your sister has secured 95% in Board Examination. Write a letter of congratulations to her on this occasion. [5M]  
(RBSE 2024)
13. Imagine you are Anjali/Punit, living in Mumbai. Write a letter to your friend about your school and studies there. [5M]  
(RBSE 2025)
14. Suppose you are Kunal/Kamala studying in Udaipur. Your sister studying in Jaipur hasn't scored good marks in 2nd semester and is feeling a little depressed. Write a letter encouraging her to do better in the next semester. [4M]  
(RBSE 2026)

### E-mail

[Not in Syllabus]

**सूचना:** E-mail Writing topic को इस वर्ष RBSE syllabus से हटा दिया गया है। हालांकि, RBSE Board इस topic से प्रश्न पूछ सकता है या नहीं, इसकी अंतिम पुष्टि RBSE Blueprint 2027 जारी होने के बाद ही होगी, जो संभवतः November-December में release होगा। तब तक students को सलाह दी जाती है कि इस topic को एक बार अवश्य देख लें।

1. You are Vikram, school captain of the football team of G.S.S.S., Alwar, Rajasthan. Due to some injury you are not able to play for the State Coaching Camp. Send an e-mail to your Principal requesting him to give you relaxation from the camp. The e-mail address is [principalgsss.alwar@yahoo.com](mailto:principalgsss.alwar@yahoo.com). [5M]

## First Flight : Prose Seen Passage

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : [7M]

When the feast was over and the guests had gone away, the man went towards the place where the gifts were, and began to put them carefully. As he did so, he suddenly caught sight of the shadow of a man's head on the floor of the hall. He knew that there must be someone hiding in the roof, and realized that there was a thief up there. He called the servant and said, "All the guests have not yet been fed. Bring back the dishes."

1. When did the man go towards the place where the gifts were ?
2. What did the man realize ?
3. Why did the man call his servant?
4. Who was hiding in the roof?
5. Find the word in passage which means : Abruptly
6. Change the sentence into passive voice :  
Vivek will pass the next examination.
7. Change the sentence into indirect speech :  
Ram said to Gauri, "I am going to Jaipur."

(RBSE 2021)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : [8M]

Many animals die by swallowing plastic bags or pieces of glass. Many small or big animals such as squirrels, rats, dogs, stray cows, goats and even birds die because of eating plastic garbage. Sometimes they put their heads in the plastic bags and get stuck and the poor, dumb creatures die due to suffocation. For example, plastic bags thrown into the water are dangerous for fish, sea animals and water birds. A transparent plastic bag filled with water looks like a jelly fish which is a favourite food of sea turtle that had swallowed fifty plastic bags ! Fortunately, it was also saved.

Plastic or any other such waste causes great harm to environment. For example, plastic waste does not allow even the soil to breathe. It causes pollution of soil, water and air.

We pollute our environment by throwing different kinds of waste carelessly.

1. Why do many animals die ?
2. How do the poor, dumb creature die due to suffocation ?
3. Which thing is dangerous when thrown into the water ?
4. Find words in the passage which mean :

(a) Luckily (b) Harmful.

(RBSE 2021)

3. Read the following passages and answer any one of the passages' questions that follow: [4M]

mind it is important to learn to relax properly and to develop ways to deal with day to The mind is most. important in the maintenance of positive health. To develop a healthy day stress. Many diseases such as high blood pressure and some heart problems are thought to be related to stress, so by using relaxation techniques you may avoid many health problems.

- (i) Which thing is most important in the maintenance of positive health ?  
 (ii) What is important to develop a healthy mind ?  
 (iii) Name the diseases according to the passage which are thought to be related to stress.  
 (iv) Find the word from the passage which means : Tension

(RBSE 2021)

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [4M]

Coorg or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is a home to evergreen rain forests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen forests of rain cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

- (i) Which season attracts the tourists to Coorg?  
 (ii) Where is Coorg situated?

(RBSE 2022)

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [4M]

Good afternoon. Welcome to our Museum of Ancient History and to my department - curiosities of the good old, far off twentieth century. The twentieth century was often called the Era of the Book. In those days, there were books about everything, from anteaters to Zulus. Books taught people how to and when to and where to and why to. They illustrated, educated, punctuated and even decorated. But the strangest thing a book ever did was to save the Earth.

- (i) Which century was called the Era of the Book?

## First Flight : Poetry Stanza

1. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : [4M]

The trees inside are moving  
 Out into the forest,  
 The forest that was empty all these days  
 Where no bird can sit  
 No insect hide  
 No sun bury it's feet in shadow  
 The forest that was empty all these nights  
 Will be full of trees by morning.

- (i) Where are the trees in the poem?  
 (ii) How can you say that forest was empty according to the poem?

**(RBSE 2022)**

2. Read any one of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: [4M]

But if it had to perish twice,  
 I think I know enough of hate  
 To say that for destruction ice  
 is also great

- (i) Write rhyme scheme and rhyming words.  
 (ii) Which thing is also great for destruction?

OR

(I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.  
 The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.)

- (i) Write the rhyme scheme and words.  
 (ii) What is golden and what is sweet?

**(RBSE 2023)**

3. Read any one of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow : [4M]

"I heard an old religious man  
 But yesternight declare  
 That he had found a text to prove  
 That only God, my dear,  
 Could love you for yourself alone  
 And not your yellow hair."

- (i) Who found a text in the extract?  
 (ii) Who can love you for yourself?

OR

## First Flight : Questions

### 1. A Letter to God

#### (i) Dust of Snow (ii) Fire and Ice

1. Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like new coins? [*A Letter to God*] [2M]  
(RBSE 2022)
  2. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'? [*A Letter to God*] [5M]
- OR
- Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho ? (*A Letter to God*) [2M]  
(RBSE 2023, 2024)
  3. What does 'Fire' and 'Ice' stand for? [*Fire and Ice*] [3M]  
(RBSE 2016)
  4. What does the poet want to say in the poem, 'Dust of Snow'? [*Dust of Snow*] [2M]  
(RBSE 2022)
  5. How does the poet's mood change ? (*Dust of snow*) [2M]  
(RBSE 2024)
  6. What does 'fire' stand for? [*Fire and Ice*] [2M]  
(RBSE 2025)
  7. What did Lencho hope for? [*A Letter to God*] [2M]  
(RBSE 2026)
  8. What does the dust of snow that the crow shakes off a hemlock tree stand for? [2M]  
[*Dust of snow*] (RBSE 2026)

### 2. Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

#### (i) A Tiger in the Zoo

1. What vision does Nelson Mandela have for the future of South Africa ? ( *Nelson Mandela : Long Walk To Freedom* ) [4M]  
(RBSE 2014)
2. How does a tiger in the zoo live ? ( *A Tiger in the Zoo* ) [3M]  
(RBSE 2015)
3. What was the reason for singing two national anthems?  
[*Nelson Mandela: Long walk to freedom*] [3M]  
(RBSE 2016)

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