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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'.

Grammar:

1.Tense

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : [4M]
- (i) I _____ (watch) a very interesting film now.
 - (ii) My husband _____ (like) tea for breakfast.
 - (iii) Many foreign birds _____ (come) to India these days.
 - (iv) She _____ (write) twenty plays so far.
 - (v) I _____ (get) a letter from him ten days ago.
 - (vi) Look ! It _____ (rain) now.
 - (vii) Every winter our school _____ (go) on a trip.
 - (viii) Rohit _____ (learn) Urdu for five years.
- (RBSE 2013)**
2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : [4M]
- (i) The postman _____ (deliver) the post by 11 a.m. everyday.
 - (ii) While the doctor _____ (examine) the patient, there was an uproar in the hall.
 - (iii) Priyanka _____ (begin) to live in this locality recently.
 - (iv) Tomorrow is a holiday. The offices _____ (remain) closed.
 - (v) In her youth, she _____ (spend) hours standing before the mirror.
 - (vi) Bhima _____ (throw) the ball so hard that all his companions failed to stop it.
 - (vii) The pilot came down after the plane _____ (land).
 - (viii) Vivek with his friend Imtiyaz _____ (go) to Indore by the night bus today.
- (RBSE 2014)**
3. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : [4M]
- (i) The Prime Minister _____ (address) the people on the television yesterday.
 - (ii) We _____ (see) a big snake on the ground while we were cleaning it.
 - (iii) The date of examination has been declared so the students _____ (prepare) for it these days.
 - (iv) The farmer _____ (divide) his property among his sons before he died.
 - (v) The Principal _____ (distribute) the annual prizes tomorrow.
 - (vi) Look! an old man _____ (run) after the bus to catch it.
 - (vii) Most of the people _____ (worship) God daily before taking tea.
 - (viii) When the rain started we _____ (stand) in the field..
- (RBSE 2015)**
4. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. [4M]
- (i) The movement of the earth on its axis _____ day and night. (cause)

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.

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)

2. Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

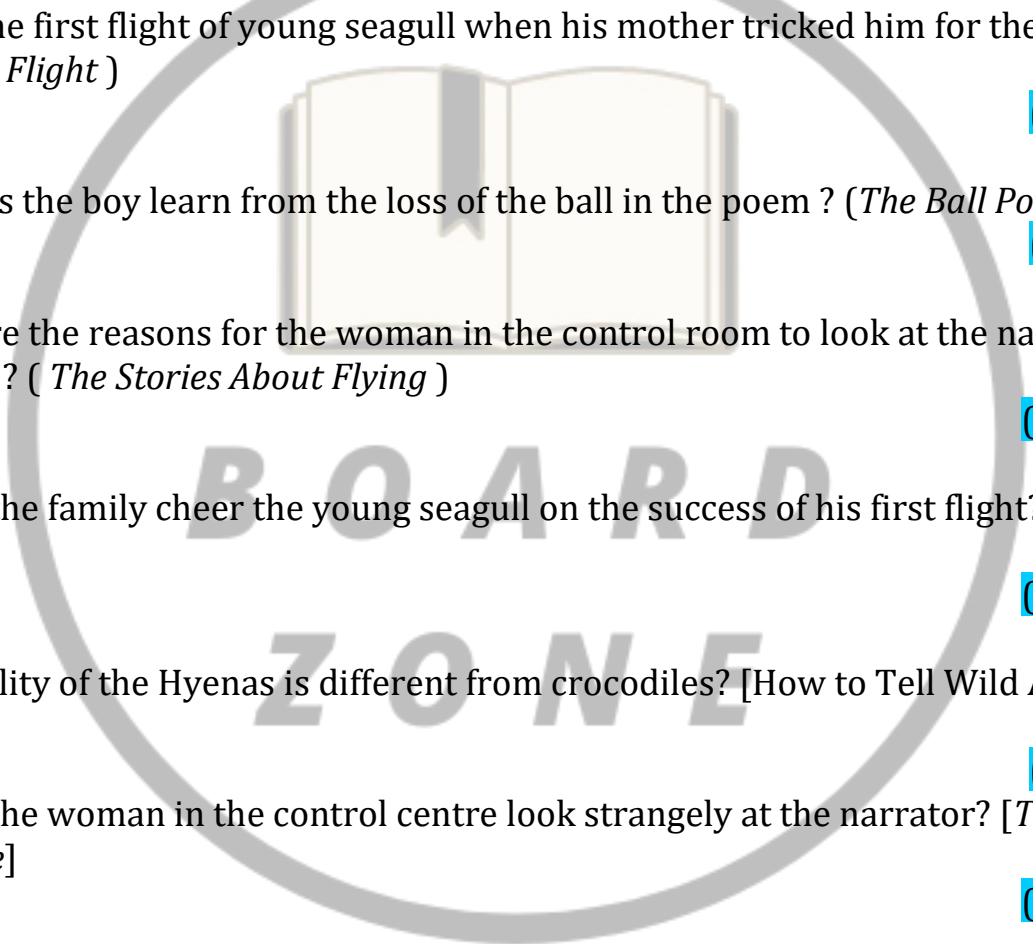
(i) A Tiger in the Zoo

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)

4. Why have the activities of a tiger been restricted ? (A Tiger in the Zoo) [2.5M]
(RBSE 2017)
5. How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life? [*Nelson Mandela.....*] [3M]
(RBSE 2022, 2024, 2025)

3. Two Stories About Flying

**(i) His First Flight (ii) Black Aeroplane (iii) How to Tell Wild Animals
(iv) The Ball Poem**

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1. Explain the first flight of young seagull when his mother tricked him for the fish food.
(*His First Flight*) [4M]
(RBSE 2013)
2. What does the boy learn from the loss of the ball in the poem ? (*The Ball Poem*) [3M]
(RBSE 2013)
3. What were the reasons for the woman in the control room to look at the narrator strangely ? (*The Stories About Flying*) [4M]
(RBSE 2014)
4. How did the family cheer the young seagull on the success of his first flight? [His First flight] [3M]
(RBSE 2016)
5. What quality of the Hyenas is different from crocodiles? [How to Tell Wild Animals] [2.5M]
(RBSE 2016)
6. Why did the woman in the control centre look strangely at the narrator? [*The Black Aeroplane*] [3M]
(RBSE 2022)
7. Why is the boy very upset? [*The Ball Poem*] [2M]
(RBSE 2023)
8. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly? (His First Flight) [2M]
(RBSE 2024)
9. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm. (The Black Aeroplane) [5M]

8. The Sermon at Benares

(i) For Anne Gregory

1. What sights of sufferings did prince Siddhartha see and why did he leave his palace and family ? (*The Sermon at Benares*) [4M]
(RBSE 2015)
2. What text did the old religious man find about God's love ? (*For Anne Gregory*) [3M]
(RBSE 2015)
3. What was taught by Buddha to Kisa Gotami? [*The Sermon at Benares*] [3M]
(RBSE 2022)
4. What colour is the young woman's hair? What does she say she can change it to? [*For Anne Gregory*] [2M]
(RBSE 2023)

9. The Proposal

1. Answer the following question in about 30 - 40 words : [3M]
(i) Draw a character sketch of Natalya. (*The Proposal*) (2013, 2023, 2025)
OR
(ii) The cause of the dispute was the 'Oxen Meadows'. Comment. (*The Proposal*)
(RBSE 2013)
2. Answer the following question in about 30 - 40 words : [3M]
(i) How did the second issue of dispute between Natalya and Lomov develop ?
(*The Proposal*)
OR
(ii) How can we say that Natalya was in love with Lomov ? (*The Proposal*)
(RBSE 2014)
3. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words : [3M]
(i) Why did Lomov want to marry Natalya immediately ? (*The Proposal*)
OR
(ii) Write the theme of the play "The Proposal". (*The Proposal*)
(RBSE 2015)
4. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words: [3M]
(i) Write three sentences about Squeezer - the dog? (*The Proposal*)
(ii) Write three qualities of Lomov. (*The Proposal*)

(RBSE 2016)

5. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words : [3M]
 (i) Why does Chubukov suspect the arrival of Lomov ? (The Proposal)
 (ii) What impression do you draw from the character of Natalya ? (The Proposal)

6. Answer any one of the following questions in about 20 words: [2M]
Draw a character sketch of Natalya. [*The Proposal*] (2013, 2023, 2025)

Can you now imagine what these characters will quarrel about next? [*The Proposal*]

(RBSE 2023)

7. Answer any one of the following questions in about 40 words : [3M]
(i) Write the character sketch of Lomov. (The Proposal)
(ii) What is the ending of the play 'The Proposal'?

8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 40 words
(i) Describe the story of the play 'The Proposal'. [The Proposal]
(ii) Write the character sketch of Natalya. [The Proposal] (2013, 2023, 2025)



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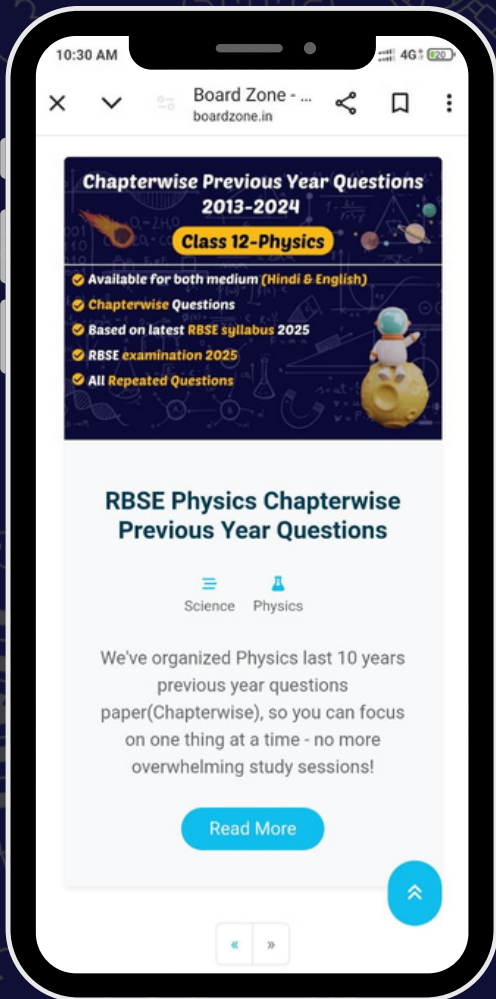


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