

The Sound of Music

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Thinking about the text

I. Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each.

1. How old was Evelyn when she went to the Royal Academy of Music?
2. When was her deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?

Answer

1. Evelyn was seventeen years old when she went to the Royal Academy of Music in London.
2. Her deafness was first noticed when she was eight years old and it was confirmed when she was eleven.

II. Answer each of these questions in a short paragraph (30-40 words).

1. Who helped her to continue with music? What did he do and say?
2. Name the various places and causes for which Evelyn performs.

Answer

1. Percussionist Ron Forbes helped Evelyn to continue with music. He began by tuning two large drums to different notes. He asked her not to listen to them through her ears but to try and sense the sound in some other manner.
2. Evelyn, with a hectic international schedule, gives solo performances at regular concerts. Apart from these, she gives free concerts in prisons and hospitals. She also accords high priority to classes for young musicians.

III. Answer the question in two or three paragraphs (100–150 words).

1. How does Evelyn hear music?

Answer

Evelyn heard music by sensing the notes in different parts of her body. When Ron Forbes tuned two drums to different notes and asked her to sense the sound without using her ears, she realized that she could feel the higher drum from the waist up and the lower drum from the waist down. She learnt how to open her mind and body to sounds and vibrations. It was sheer determination and hard work. When she played the xylophone, she could sense the sound passing up the stick into her fingertips. By leaning against the drums, she could feel the resonances flowing into her body. On a wooden platform, she removed her shoes so that the vibrations could pass through her bare feet and up her legs. She herself said that music poured in through every part of her body. It tingled in the skin, her cheekbones and even in her hair.

Part II - The Shehnai of Bismillah Khan

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Thinking about the text

I. Tick the right answer.

1. The (shehnai, pungi) was a 'reeded noisemaker.'
2. (Bismillah Khan, A barber, Ali Bux) transformed the pungi into a shehnai.
3. Bismillah Khan's paternal ancestors were (barbers, professional musicians).
4. Bismillah Khan learnt to play the shehnai from (Ali Bux, Paigambar Bux, Ustad Faiyaz Khan).
5. Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to (Afghanistan, U.S.A., Canada).

Answer

1. The pungi was a 'reeded noisemaker.'
2. A barber transformed the pungi into a shehnai.
3. Bismillah Khan's paternal ancestors were professional musicians.
4. Bismillah Khan learnt to play the shehnai from Ali Bux.
5. Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to Afghanistan.

II. Find the words in the text which show Ustad Bismillah Khan's feelings about the items listed below. Then mark a tick (✓ ✓) in the correct column. Discuss your answers in class.

<i>Bismillah Khan's feelings about</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neutral</i>
1. teaching children music			
2. the film world			
3. migrating to the U.S.A.			
4. playing at temples			
5. getting the Bharat Ratna			
6. the banks of the Ganga			
7. leaving Benaras and Dumraon			

Answer

<i>Bismillah Khan's feelings about</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neutral</i>
1. teaching children music	✓		
2. the film world		✓	
3. migrating to the U.S.A.		✓	
4. playing at temples	✓		
5. getting the Bharat Ratna	✓		
6. the banks of the Ganga	✓		
7. leaving Benaras and Dumraon		✓	

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III. Answer these questions in 30-40 words.

1. Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of the pungi?

Answer

Aurangzeb banned the playing of musical instrument pungi because it had a shrill, unpleasant sound.

2. How is a shehnai different from a pungi?

Answer

Shehnai has a better tonal quality than pungi. It is a natural hollow stem pipe with holes on its body and is longer and broader than the pungi. Shehnai is, in a way, an improvement upon the pungi.

3. Where was the shehnai played traditionally? How did Bismillah Khan change this?

Answer

The shehnai was traditionally played in royal courts, temples and weddings. Ustaaad Bismillah khan, an undisputed monarch of shehnai brought this instrument onto the classical stage.

4. When and how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?

Answer

Bismillah khan got his big break in 1938. The All India Radio opened in Lucknow and Bismillah khan played shehnai on radio. He soon became an often heard player on radio. He became the first Indian to greet the nation with his shehnai from the Red Fort on 15 August, 1947.

5. Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai on 15 August 1947? Why was the event historic?

Answer

On 15 August 1947, Bismillah Khan played the Raag Kaafi

on his shehnai from the Red Fort. The event was historical because it was on the occasion of India's Independence from British Rule.

6. Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shehnai school in the U.S.A.?

Answer

Bismillah Khan refused one of his student's request to start a shehnai school in the U.S.A. because he would not live away from Hindustan, specifically, from Benaras, the River Ganga and Dumraon.

7. Find at least two instances in the text which tell you that Bismillah Khan loves India and Benaras.

Answer

The first instance is when he turned down his student's offer to start a shehnai school in U.S.A. The second instance is when Khansaab was asked by Shekhar Gupta about moving to Pakistan during the partition, he said that he would never leave Benaras.

Thinking about language

I. Complete the following sentences. Beginning with a to-verb, try to answer the questions in brackets.

1. The school sports team hopes (What does it hope to do?)
2. We all want (What do we all want to do?)
3. They advised the hearing-impaired child's mother (What did they advise her to do?)
4. The authorities permitted us to (What did the authorities permit us to do?)
5. A musician decided to (What did the musician decide to do?)

Answer

1. The school sports team hopes to win the match.
2. We all want to go to succeed in our life.
3. They advised the hearing-impaired child's mother to consult a doctor.
4. The authorities permitted us to construct the building.
5. A musician decided to open a school for children.

II. From the text on Bismillah Khan, find the words and phrases that match these definitions and write them down. The number of the paragraph where you will find the words/phrases has been given for you in brackets.

1. the home of royal people (1) _____ .
2. the state of being alone (5) _____ .
3. a part which is absolutely necessary (2) _____ .
4. to do something not done before (5) _____ .
5. without much effort (13) _____ .
6. quickly and in large quantities (9) _____ and _____ .

Answer

1. the royal residence
2. solitude

3. indispensable
4. invent
5. effortlessly
6. thick and fast

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III. Tick the right answer.

1. When something is revived, it (remains dead/lives again).
2. When a government bans something, it wants it (stopped/started).
3. When something is considered auspicious, (welcome it/avoid it).
4. When we take to something, we find it (boring/interesting).
5. When you appreciate something, you (find it good and useful/find it of no use).
6. When you replicate something, you do it (for the first time/for the second time).
7. When we come to terms with something, it is (still upsetting/no longer upsetting).

Answer

1. When something is revived, it lives again.
2. When a government bans something, it wants it stopped.
3. When something is considered auspicious, welcome it.
4. When we take to something, we find it interesting.
5. When you appreciate something, you find it good and useful.
6. When you replicate something, you do it for the second time.
7. When we come to terms with something, it is no longer upsetting.

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Consult your dictionary and complete the following table. The first one has been done for you.

<i>adjective</i>	<i>only before noun</i>	<i>not before noun</i>	<i>both before and after the verb be</i>
indispensable			✓
impressed			
afraid			
outdoor			
paternal			
countless			
priceless			

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countless	✓		
priceless	✓		✓

Use these words in phrases or sentences of your own.

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Extract Based Questions (3 marks, each) .

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Q.1. To the little girl he was a figure to be feared and avoided. Every morning before going to work he came into her room and gave her a casual kiss, to which she responded with 'Good Bye Father'. And oh, there Was a glad sense of relief when she heard the noise of the carriage growing fainter and fainter down the long road! ,

(i)What was the daily routine of the father ?

(ii)When did the daughter feel relief ?

(iii)Trace a word from the passage which means "answered". (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-015)

Ans. (i) The daily routine of Kezia's father was to visit her daughter's room, meet her and give her a kiss before leaving for work.

(ii)The daughter felt relief when the carriage went away from the house.

(iii)Responded.

Q. 2. But the same old nightmare came the butcher with a knife and a rope who came nearer and nearer, with that dreadful smile, while she could not move, only stand still, crying out "Grandma!". She woke shivering to see father beside her bed, a candle in his hand. "What is the matter ?" he said.

(i)Why did she get the nightmare ?

(ii)Where was the butcher ?

(iii)Find a word from the passage that means "shake in fear and cold".

(Board Tenn 1,2012, ELI-018)

Ans. (i) She got the nightmare as she was alone with her father at home and her mother and granny were in the hospital.

(ii)The butcher was in her dream.

(iii)Shivering.

Q. 3."But it was for your b-b- birth day." Down came the ruler on her little, pink palms. Hours later, when grandmother had wrapped her in a shawl and rocked her in the rocking-chair, the child clung to her soft body. "What did God make fathers for ?" she sobbed.

(i)Who is responding in the first line and before whom ?

(ii)How did the father react ?

(iii)Find a word from the passage that means "wept". (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-019)

Ans. (i) Kezia is responding before her father.

(ii)The father became angry and beat her pink palms with a ruler.

(iii)Sobbed.

Q.4. On Sunday afternoon, Grandmother sent her down to file drawing room to have a “Nice talk with Father and Mother”. But the little girl always found mother reading and father stretched out on the sofa, his handkerchief on his knee, his feet on one of the best cushions, sleeping soundly and snoring.

(i) Who was ‘she’ and why did the grandmother send her down ?

(ii) What did she notice about her parents ?

(iii) Trace a word that means “undisturbed”. (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-020)

Ans. (i) “She” is Kezia. Grandmother sent her down to have a nice talk with her parents.

(ii) She noticed that her father was sleeping and snoring and mother was reading.

(iii) Soundly.

Q. 5. She sat on a stool, gravely watched him until he woke and stretched, and asked the time – then looked at her. “Don’t stare so, Kezia. You look like a little brown owl”.

(i) Who is Kezia watching gravely ?

(ii) Why was she sitting there waiting for him to wake up ? ;

(iii) Trace the word in the extract which means “seriously”. (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-026)

Ans. (i) Kezia was watching her father gravely.

(ii) On a Sunday afternoon, her grandmother sent her to have a nice talk with father and mother.

But Kezia always found her father sleeping on the sofa.

(iii) Gravely.

Short Answer Type Questions (2 marks each) (About 30-40 words each)

Q.1. What orders were passed to Kezia in the evening when father returned home from office ? (SA-1, DDE-2014) (Board Term 1, Sept, 2012, E21-017)

Ans. When Kezia’s father returned home from office she was supposed to come down, take off father’s shoes and put them outside. She was also to put her father’s teacup on the table.

Q.2. Why did Kezia avoid her father ? (Board Term, Sept, 1,2013, K2G41GH)

Ans. Kezia avoided her father because according to her, her father was an emotionless person. He never spoke to Kezia lovingly and calmly. He scolded Kezia and reprimanded her for making mistakes. Kezia stammered in front of her father since he was a very huge and giant like figure far away from the warmth of a father.

Q. 3. Why did Kezia stammer in front of her father ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-013)

OR ;

Why did Kezia stutter only with her father ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-043)

Ans. Kezia’s father always scolded her never spoke to her in a loving manner. So, Kezia stammered in front of her father because she was afraid of him and found it difficult to speak in front of him.

Q.4. Why was Kezia afraid of her father ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-022)

Ans. Kezia was a little sensitive girl. Her father was aggressive and always spoke loudly. He always scolded her. He used to beat her. Even when she accepted her mistakes. He never played with her. This made her afraid of her father.

Q.5. What made Kezia’s father punish her ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-025)

Ans. She tore important papers of her father to stuff in the pin cushion because she was making a gift to present to her father. Since the papers had her father’s speech written on it, she was punished for tearing it.

Q.6. "Father's great speech for the Port Authority had been lost." What had happened to father's speech ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-031)

Ans. Father's speech had been torn to pieces by Kezia, the little girl. She was making a pin cushion as a gift to her father, for his birthday. As she was not able to find anything to stuff it with, she tore the speech and stuffed it in her cushion.

Q.7. Why did Kezia's grandmother send her to the drawing room every Sunday afternoon? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-034)

Ans. Kezia's grandmother knew that she was afraid of her father and she felt that if she spoke to him more often, she would get rid of that fear. So, every Sunday afternoon she used to send her to the drawing room to have a nice talk with her father.

Q.8. What kind of a person was Kezia's father? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-039)

Ans. Kezia's father was a hard working man but short tempered. He was a strict disciplinarian too. When Kezia's mother was hospitalized, Kezia realized that her father loved her but didn't have the art of expressing his love.

Q.9. What did Kezia find whenever on Sunday afternoons her grandmother sent her down to have a talk with her parents ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-044)

Ans. Whenever Kezia was sent by her grandmother to talk to her parents on Sunday afternoons, she always found her mother reading and her father stretched out on the sofa, sleeping soundly and snoring.

Q.10. How was Kezia's father different from Mr. McDonalds ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-050)

Ans. Mr. McDonalds played with his children. The girls would hang on to his coat, they would laugh together. Kezia's father had no time for such things. He really worked very hard for the family.

Q.11. How did the father comfort the little girl, Kezia, when she got scared in her sleep ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-051)

Ans. The father came to Kezia's room with a candle, lifted her up in his strong arms, lay beside her and made her stay close to him. She held his shirt and snuggled herself close to her father. This comforted Kezia when she got scared in her sleep.

Long Answer Type Questions (4 marks each) (About 80-100 words each)

Q. 1. How did Kezia's negative attitude towards her father change ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-015)

Or

What were the circumstances that forced Kezia to change her opinion about her father? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-021)

Ans. When her mother was hospitalized, her grandmother went to stay with her. Kezia used to sleep alone at night. She was so scared that she started shouting at night. She had nightmares and trembled a lot with fear. Then her father came to her room and took her into his arms to comfort her. She felt secured with her father near her. Then she realized that her father was busy with work and had no time to play. She even realized that her father loved her but didn't have the art of expressing it. Thus, her attitude towards her father changed towards positive.

Q.2. How did Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much ? Elaborate.(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-027)

Ans. Kezia was very scared of her father and stuttered while talking to him. This annoyed him a lot. When she waited and stared at him to have a nice long chat, he did not like it. She unknowingly destroyed some of his important papers while stuffing a cushion which he wanted to present to him on his birthday. This made him very angry and he beat her up badly. Therefore, Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much.

Q.3. Kezia decides that there are "different kinds of fathers". What kind of father was Mr. McDonald, and how was he different from Kezia's father ? (Board Term 1,2012fcELI-028)

Or

How is Kezia's father different from Mr. McDonald ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-037)

Ans. Mr. McDonald was their next door neighbour. Once Kezia saw her neighbours playing "tag" together in the evening. Mr. McDonald with the baby Mao, on his shoulders and the two little girls ' hanging on to his coat pockets. They ran round and round shaking with laughter. On the other hand, her own father was very disciplined and strict. He never played with her and neither interact much. He even beat her up for her little mistakes.

Q. 4. Why was Kezia scared of her father and how did she get over her fear ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-031)

Ans. Kezia's father was big like a giant and was very strict. He punished Kezia when she tore his important speech. One day, when Kezia's mother fell ill, her mother and grandmother were in the hospital. Kezia was left alone with her father at home. She had a nightmare and screamed with fright. Her father then carried Kezia in his lap to comfort and soothen her. That closeness with her father during those days made her forget all fears.

Q. 5. How did Kezia feel in present* of her father ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-035)

Ans. Kezia was scared of her father as he looked like a giant. Every morning he used to give her a good bye kiss. She used to feel uncomfortable till her father was at home. She even stammered while answering him. He scolded her one day and even beat her for tearing some of his important papers.

But when Kezia used to cry during the night, he would carry her to his room. She then realized that her father was actually tender and affectionate and this changed her perception towards him.

Value Based Questions (4 marks each) (About 80-100 words each)

Q.1. Kezia in the story "The Little Girl" was afraid of her father because he never communicated with her. Imagine you are parenting councillor, based on your reading of the story write a paragraph advising the parents to make communication with their children priority. (SA-1,2014-15)

Ans. In the story, Kezia is always scared of her father. Her father was a strict disciplinarian who was always strict towards her. He never spoke to her softly and in a loving manner. He always scolded her and even beat her up for small mistakes. Parents should not let their stress and workload interfere in their family life. Parents should always spend quality time with their children. Bonding and understanding should always be there so that the children can open up their feelings and problems with their parents. There should be no communication gap between the parents and their children.

Q.2. ' The relation between a parent and child should be distant and formal or should it be close and warm.

Ans. In today's modern context parents and children should be more like friends. The relationship between them should be warm and close. This would be very helpful in developing

the overall personality of the child. It also helps in boosting the confidence of the child anr making him more strong in his relation. Therefore, it is necessary that children share a close relation with their parents and there should be no fear but only respect and love.

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A Truly Beautiful Mind

Extract Based Questions(3 marks each)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Q.1.A headmaster once told his father that what Einstein chose as a profession would not matter, because

“he will never make a success at anything”. Einstein began learning to play the violin at the age of six, because his mother wanted him to. He later became a gifted amateur violinist, maintaining this skill throughout his life.

(i)What was the headmaster’s opinion about Einstein ?

(ii)Why did Einstein learn to play violin ?

(iii)Find a word from the passage that means “having great natural ability”.(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-013)

Ans. (i) The headmaster’s opinion about Einstein was that he would never be successful in his life.

(ii)Einstein learnt to play the violin to fulfil the desire of his mother.

(iii)Gifted.

Q.2.Einstein was deeply shaken by the extent of the destruction. This time he wrote a public missive to the United Nations. In it he proposed the formation of a world government. Unlike the letter to Roosevelt, this one made no impact.

(i)What did Einstein write and to whom ?

(ii)Why did he write a letter to Roosevelt earlier ?

(iii)Find the word from the extract that means – “a long and official letter”.

(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-027)

Ans.(i)Einstein wrote a public missive to the United Nations proposing the formation of a world government.

(ii)He wrote a letter to Roosevelt earlier in which he warned him by saying, “a single bomb of this type might very well destroy the whole part with some of the surrounding territory”, i.e., a letter warning him for a bomb blast. ,

(iii)Missive.

Q.3.“The pair finally got married in January 1903, and had two sons. But a few years later, the marriage faltered”.

(i)Name the “pair” referred to in the above lines.

(ii)What happened to their marriage ?

(iii)Which word from the extract means “became weak” ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-029)

Ans.(i)The pair referred to in the above lines is of Albert Einstein and Mileva.

- (ii) Their marriage was not successful.
- (iii) Faltered.

Q.4. He also felt a special interest in a fellow student, Mileva Marie, whom he found to be a "clever creature". This young serb had come to Switzerland because the University in Zurich was one of the few in Europe where women could get degrees. Einstein saw in her an ally against the "philistines"- those people in his family and at the university with whom he was constantly at odds.

- (i) Who is "clever creature" and "young serb" in the passage ?**
- (ii) Why did the young serh come to Switzerland ?**
- (iii) What was the attitude of Einstein towards the young serb ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-025)**

OR

- (i) Who felt special interest in Mileva Marie and why ?**
- (ii) Why did Mileva Marie come to Switzerland ?**
- (iii) Which word in the passage means "softness" ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-036)**

Ans. (i) Mileva Marie, a fellow student with Einstein is referred to as a "clever creature" and "young serb".

(ii) The young serb had come to Switzerland because the university in Zurich was one of the few in Europe where women could get degrees.

(iii) Einstein was attracted to her and he wanted to join her.

OR

- (i) Albert Einstein felt a special interest in Mileva Marie as he thought her to be a clever creature.
- (ii) Mileva Marie came to Switzerland as the University of Zurich was one of the few places of Europe where women could get degrees.
- (iii) Tenderness.

Short Answer Type Questions (2 marks each) (About 30-40 words each)

Q.1. Why did the people call Einstein a world citizen ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-014)

Ans. People called Einstein a world citizen because he campaigned for peace and democracy and was agitated against arms and bombs especially after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Q.2. Why did Albert Einstein leave his school ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-015)

Ans. Albert Einstein left his school because he was not happy with the education system. He was not at ease with the strict regimentation of the school. He felt suffocated because of which he had to leave school.

Q.3. Why did Einstein hate school ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-018)

Ans. He hated school regimentation because of its extreme sense of discipline. He felt tired and suffocated with this atmosphere. He often clashed with his teacher.

Q. 4. Why does the world remember Einstein as a world citizen ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-019)

Ans. The world remembers Einstein as a world citizen as he was deeply hurt by the mass destruction in Japan and campaigned for peace and democracy – worked for humanity.

Q. 5. Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt ?(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-020)

OR

Why did Einstein write a letter to the American President Roosevelt ?(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-042)

Ans. Einstein wrote a letter to Franklin Roosevelt when the Nazis were in Germany and he had to migrate from there. The discovery of Nuclear fission in Germany made the American physicists upset that the Nazis could use an atom bomb.

Q.6.What is Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-021)

Ans. According to Einstein's special theory of relativity, time and distance are not absolute. From this followed the world's most famous formula which describes the relationship between mass and energy i.e., $E = mc^2$.

Q. 7. Why did Einstein's play mates call him "Brother Boring" ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-023)

Ans. Einstein could not mix up with other children. He did not find their games interesting. He often uttered every word twice. He was often teased for his abnormally huge head. And so his friends nicknamed him "Brother Boring."

Q. 8. How was Einstein's private life unraveling after he finished his studies ?(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-026)

Ans. He had wanted to marry Mileva but his mother was against it. She thought Mileva was three years older than her son and too intelligent for him.

Q.9. What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office and why ?(Board Term 1,2012, ELI- 028)

Ans. Einstein called his desk drawer at the patent office the "bureau of theoretical physics" because he was working as a technical expert in the patent office in Bern where he was supposed to be assessing other peoples' inventions.

Q.10. How did Einstein react to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki ?(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-034)

Ans. Einstein was shocked at the extent of destruction caused by the bombing. He wrote a long letter to the United Nations and suggested that there should be a World Government.

Long Answer Type Questions (4 marks each) (About 80-100 words each)

Q.1. Write down the achievements of Albert Einstein. (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-022)

Ans. Albert Einstein was really a scientific genius. He felt at home in Mathematics but he showed keen interest in physics. After graduating from the university in Zurich he started working vigorously. With his university education he was working on relativity. After his graduation, he remained jobless. So, he gave private lessons. In 1902, he secured a job as a technical expert in the patent office in Bera. But he went on developing his own ideas. The world showered on him honors invitations. He was honored with Noble prize in 1921.

Q.2. Einstein was an unusual child with no indication of his potential greatness.

Comment.(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-039)

Ans. Einstein's head was larger than the usual head. He was called "Brother Boring" because he never mixed up with his classmates. He left school because he was not happy with the strict regimentation. He loved mechanical toys and thought his sister to be a toy. The head master thought him to be stupid and good for nothing and that he would never succeed in life.

He also told Einstein's father that whatever profession he chose would not matter, because "he will never make a success at anything". This proves that Einstein was an unusual child with no indication of his potential greatness.

Q. 3. What was the outcome of Einstein's letter which he wrote to the American President, Roosevelt ? Did his warning have any impact on America ? (Board Term 1, 2012, ELI-051)

Ans. On his colleague's insistence, Einstein wrote a letter to the American President, Roosevelt when the Nazis were in Germany and he had to migrate from there. The discovery of Nuclear fission in Germany made the American physicists upset that the Nazis could use the bomb. He warned him of the consequences of the atomic bomb. His words had a great impact. The Americans developed the atomic bomb secretly. They dropped it on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. Einstein was greatly moved by the destruction. He wrote a long letter to the United Nations and suggested that there should be a world government. This definitely helped ending the world war.

Value Based Question (4 marks)

Q.1. Do you think that in today's context national boundaries are overcome by global issues ?

Ans. The world is undoubtedly a global village. Any issue cannot be resolved at the national level alone. This has been reflected in the case of Albert Einstein. He wrote to the President of the U.S.A. about the evils of a nuclear war, requesting him to take some measures. It is definitely the responsibility of each one of us to shoulder the responsibility of protecting the world.

The Adventures of Toto

Short Answer Questions (2 marks each) (About 30-40 words each)

Q.1. Why did the author's grandfather decide to buy Toto ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-016)

Ans. Grandfather was an animal lover and took pity on Toto as it was kept tied to a feeding trough. Toto looked out of place and grandfather decided to bring it to his private zoo. He was much impressed by Toto.

Q.2. Why could not Toto and Nana become friends? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-019)

Ans. Toto was very naughty and wicked and could not stay still for a long time. Nana was a well behaved and docile animal. When they were together Toto bit on the long ears of Nana and Nana got annoyed with Toto. Thus, Nana and Toto could not become friends.

**Q.3. How does Toto become a problem to grandfather while going to Saharanpur?
(Board Term 1,2012; ELI-020)**

Ans. While going to Saharanpur, Toto behaved well. When grandfather was producing his ticket, Toto suddenly poked his head out of the bag. He gave the ticket collector a wide grin. The ticket collector insisted that grandfather must buy the ticket for the pet. And proved to be a big problem for grandfather.

**Q.4. Where was Toto kept immediately after grandfather got him ? Why ?
(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-020)**

Ans. Toto was kept in a closet. He was tied securely to a peg because his presence was to be kept a secret from the writer's grandmother as she abhorred animals.

Q. 5. Who was Nana ? How did Toto tease Nana ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-023)

Ans. Nana was the family donkey. Toto was kept in the stable with Nana, where Toto used to tease Nana by fastbiting on to her long ears with his sharp little teeth. Even Nana got fed up with Toto.

Q. 6. In what sense was Toto “a pretty monkey”. (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-027)

Ans. Tito’s bright eyes sparkled with mischief beneath deep-set eye brows. His pearly white teeth often displayed a smile that had the innocence of a child yet there was an underlined tinge of naughtiness and mischievousness.

Q. 7. How did Toto’s love for taking baths almost lead to his being half – boiled ?

(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-030)

Ans. Toto used to love taking baths in hot water. Once when a kettle was kept on fire with water to boil for tea, Toto sat in it. When the water began to boil, Toto tried getting up but found outside cold. So he again sat down. He kept on hopping outside and then again inside and after sometime he started enjoying this game.

Q. 8. Why did the grandfather give away Toto, the monkey ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-031)

Ans. Toto was very naughty and he troubled everyone. The other pets were not happy with him and he broke a lot of dishes, tore clothes, curtains and wall papers. He had become very difficult to handle and so grandfather gave Toto away.

Q. 9. Why did the grandfather hide Toto for some time when he brought him home?

(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-035)

Ans. Grandmother was not very fond of animals. When he used to bring a new animal or bird, she used to make a lot of fuss. To avoid this, grandfather hid Toto for some time and announced his arrival to her when she was in a good mood.

Q. 10. Why did grandfather decide to take Toto along with him to Dehra Dun ?

(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-042)

Ans. Grandfather decided to take Toto along with him to Dehra Dun as there were many other pets also / that lived there. But Toto would not allow any of his companions to sleep at night. So, he made this decision.

Q. 11. Give the names of Grandfather’s pets. Where did they live ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-045)

Ans. The names of the Grandfather’s pets were Nana the donkey and Toto the monkey a tortoise, a pair of rabbits, a tame squirrel and a goat. They lived in a big cage in the servant’s quarters.

Long Answer Type Questions (4 marks each) (About 80-100 words)

Q.1. Write your views in the form of short paragraph on the topic “Should animals be kept as a pet”. (SA-1,2014-15)

OR

While keeping pets at home, what all things should be kept in mind ?

(Board Term, Sept 1,2013 K2G41GH)

Ans. Before bringing a pet in the house, we should remember that these animals can neither speak nor express as humans. As a pet owner we should know that there are a number of dangers that lurk in our households for these little creatures. We should always keep pesticides and medicines at a bay from the animals and children as they are a potential threat to them. The areas where pets might start fire inadvertently such as kitchen or fire places or plugs should be covered, we should never have pets unattended around the open flames. Small electrical couds are also harmful for them hence they would be wounded and kept at

distance. All the pots and oil bottles should be properly closed.

Q.2. How can you say that Toto was a mischievous pet ? (Board Term 1,2012, EL1-Q13)

Ans. Toto was indeed a very mischievous pet. He tore the wall papers of the rooms, and also tore the school blazer. He troubled other fellow animals. He even managed to get himself into trouble by nearly half boiling himself in a kettle. He made holes in dresses and curtains. Once he even scared the ticket checker. He even broke dishes in the houses. He proved to be a big troublemaker for everyone. Thus, we can say that Toto was a mischievous pet.

Q. 3. Describe the incident at Dehradun railway station after reading the story, 'The Adventures of Toto'. (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-014)

Ans. Grandfather had to go to Saharanpur. So, he decided to put Toto in a big black canvas bag for the train journey. When they reached the station Toto started jumping on the platform and everyone was surprised to see a bag jumping and moving about. When the ticket collector came then Toto poked his head out of the bag. The ticket collector wanted grandfather to buy a ticket for him and grandfather did not want to. Finally the ticket collector had his way.

Q. 4. "Toto was not good enough to be kept at home." Do you agree to this statement.

Why/why not.(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-017)

Ans. Yes, Toto was not good enough to be kept at home. He was upto some kind of mischief all the time. He tore the wall papers of the rooms, and also tore the school blazer. He troubled other fellow animals. He even managed to get himself into trouble by nearly boiling himself in a kettle. He made holes in dresses and curtains. Once he even scared the ticket checker also. He even broke dishes in the houses. Thus, it was not easy to keep him at home. '

Q. 5. "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long." Explain giving examples from the text.(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-027)

Ans. "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long." because he was very mischievous. He scratched the plaster of the walls, tore the school blazer and qpnt's dresses. He threw plates at grandmother and glasses of water at one of the aunt's face. He used to break the dishes of pulav into pieces. And they could not afford the frequent loss of dishes, clothes, curtains and wallpaper.

Q. 6. Grandfather was a great lover of animals. Describe. (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-039)

Ans. Narrator's grandfather had a great liking for animal. He had tortoise, a pair of rabbits, a tame squirrel, a goat but no monkey. With the coming of Toto his mini ZQQ was transformed into a real zoo. He had a variety of pet animals in that zoo. He frequently bough^tnany varieties of animals to keep them in his zoo. Due to this, he even faced tra anger of his wife at times and when he brought Toto he was very happy with his cleverness.

Q. 7. How does Toto take a bathe ? Where has he learnt to do this ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-041)

Ans. Toto takes bathe in a tub' of warm water. It puts its legs in the water one by one and applies soap as well. As monkeys are good at aping others, so Toto has learnt proper steps of bathing while watching the narrator doing the same. He wanted to take a bath and in order to do it, he sat in the boiling water of kettle also.

In the Kingdom of Fools

Short Answer Questions (2 marks each) (About 30-40 words each)

Q.1. Why were the people of the kingdom confused when they saw the dead bodies of the king and his minister ? (SA-1,2014)

Ans. The people of the kingdom were confused as to how their king and the minister were dead instead of the Guru and the disciple* The people were not able to see through the plan which was executed by the Guru against their king and minister.

Q.2. When does the disciple remember the words of his Guru? (SA-1, DDE-2014)

Ans. The disciple did not pay any heed to the advice of his Guru, when the Guru asked him to leave the kingdom of fools. When the king decided that the disciple was the suitable person for execution, he remembered the words of the Guru.

Q.3. How was the kingdom of fools different from any other place ? (SA-1,2014-15)

Ans. Everything was different at the kingdom of fools. The night was considered as day and day as night. Not only the human beings even the animals stayed awake at night. Anything and everything could be bought for a Dudu.

Q.4. Why did the Guru want that he and his disciple should die first ?(Board Term Sept 1,2013, K2G41GH)

Ans. The king had ordered the execution of the rich merchant. Since the rich merchant could not be executed the disciple was chosen to fit the stake. The disciple's Guru had a vision and saw everything. In order to save his disciple, the Guru hatched a plan.

Q.5. On what conditions did the Guru and his disciple agree to rule that kingdom ? (Board Term Sept 1,2013, GKK73AP)

Ans. He laid the condition that he would be free to change all the old and foolish laws. Hence night was considered as night and day was regarded as a normal working day. Even persuaded prices were changed according to the value of the material.

Q.6. Why did the Guru not want to stay in the Kingdom of fools ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-013)

Ans. The Guru did not want to stay in the Kingdom of fools as the people over there were foolish. He was not sure about them and felt that they could harm him.

Q.7. Why does the disciple not want to leave the Kingdom of the fools ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-014)

Ans. The disciple did not want to leave the place because of the sale of cheap eatables and other commodities and since everything was easily available and life seemed to be very simple and easy.

Q.8. Why did the king decide to postpone the execution of the Guru and his disciple ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-015)

Ans. The Guru befooled the king. He told him that the people dying now would be the king and minister in their next birth. The foolish king fell for the words of the Guru and postponed their execution.

Q.9. What was so strange about the Kingdom of fools ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-017)

Ans. The strange thing about the Kingdom of fools was that not only humans but animals were also made to sleep during the day. Everything in this kingdom used to come for a dudu.

Q.10. Who is the real culprit according to the king ? Why does he escape from the punishment ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-018)

Ans. The rich merchant was the real culprit. He had inherited everything from his criminal father. He was too thin to be properly executed on the newly made stake. The worried king started searching foolishly for a fat man to fit the stake and the merchant escaped the punishment.

Q.11. What advice did the Guru give to the disciple before going out of the city ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-019)

Ans. The Guru told his disciple that it was dangerous to stay in a Kingdom of fools. He said that there was no justice only foolish, unpredictable behaviour. According to him the kingdom would not last long.

Q.12. What is the Guru's wisdom ? When does the disciple realize this ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-020)

Ans. The Guru's wisdom was that there was no justice in the Kingdom of fools and due to the unpredictable behaviour of the fools, he wanted to leave the kingdom at once. The disciple remembers these words when the king decided that the disciple was the suitable person for execution as weak.

Q.13. Why did the king want to punish the merchant ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-020)

Ans. The king wanted to punish the merchant because the wall of his house and it fell on the thief killing him. Since the merchant had inherited his father's wealth he inherited his sins too therefore, he should be punished.

Q.14. Who became the king and the prime minister of the kingdom ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-023)

Ans. As the kingdom was without a king, the people of the kingdom persuaded the Guru and the disciple to take over the throne. So, the holy man became the king and his disciple took the charge of Prime Minister.

Q.15.What two things were different in the kingdom of fools 7(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-024)

Ans.Two things that were different in the Kingdom of fools were that the people worked in the night and slept during the day. Everything was sold at the same price. A 'Dudu' could buy a mass of rice as well as a bunch of bananas.

Long Answer Type Questions (4 marks each) (About 80-100 words)

Q. 1. Disciple in the story didn't look into the depth of the matter and took a hasty decision of not leaving the kingdom of fools. What light does the story throw on the importance of good decision making one's life ? (SA-1,2014)

Ans. Disciple in the story didn't look into the depth of the matter and took a hasty decision of not leaving the kingdom of fools. Disciple was waylaid by the prices of the commodities. Anything could be bought with a 'Dudu'. Either it could be a mass of rice or a bunch of bananas. So, the disciple decided to stay back not listening to his Guru who advised his disciple that it was dangerous to stay back in the kingdom of fools as there was no justice, prevalent in such kingdom. It was when the disciple was chosen as the suitable person for execution that he realized his mistake. He regretted his decision of staying back. Just one small decision costed his life.

Q. 2. Do you believe in the fact that our prayers are often heard and answered ? There are miracles which change the course of life. Which miracle took place in the story. 'In the Kingdom of Fools? What lesson do you learn from the Guru's word of wisdom ? (SA-1,2014)

Ans. It is often believed that our prayers are often heard and answered which was proved in the story. 'In the Kingdom of Fools'. The king had ordered to execute the disciple. He prayed to Guru to save him. It was a miracle that his Guru heard his prayer and came to rescue him. He whispered something in his ears and then asked the king to execute him first and then the disciple. The king released them both on knowing that whoever died first would be the king in his next birth. It was his Guru's advice and presence of mind that saved the disciple. The disciple realized his mistake for Guru's not listening to the Guru's words of wisdom.

Q. 3. You are the disciple in the story, "Kingdom of the fools". You are in trouble as you are about to be hanged. You decide to write a letter to you Guru regretting your decision to stay in the kingdom of fools and requesting him to help you. Write the letter in 80 words.(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-016)

Ans. Respected Guru ji,

I am writing this letter out of sheer desperation. I regret not paying heed to your advice of leaving this Kingdom of fools. I fell a prey to my temptation for cheap and tasty food and now I am in serious trouble. I have been trapped and will shortly be hanged. Everyone here is foolish and there is no point in reasoning with them. You are my only hope who can save me from this situation. I request you to please come here at the earliest and save my life. I promise in future I will always pay heed to your advice and keep myself in control.

Your erring disciple.

Q. 4. How did the Guru and his disciple become the king and the minister of the kingdom? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-022)

Ans. The Guru knew that his king and his minister were fools. In order to save his disciple, Guru hatched a plan. He said that the first one to be executed at the state, would become the king in the next life and the second to be executed would be the king's minister. The foolish king and his minister got themselves executed. As the kingdom was without king, the guru and his disciple were made the king and the minister.

Q. 5. How did the Guru manage to save his disciple ? (Board Term 1,2012, ELI-024)

Ans. The king ordered to execute the disciple. He prayed to his Guru to save him. The Guru heard his prayer in his vision and appeared to rescue his disciple. First, he whispered something in his disciple's ears and then asked the king to execute him first. And the disciple followed suit, which puzzled the king. Knowing the secret, the king fell into the trap of his temptation and wanted to be the king in his rebirth. He went into the prison at night and set the guru and disciple free. In their place, he and his minister disguised themselves as the guru and the disciple and got executed. Thus, the Guru managed to save his disciple.

Q.6. "Guru was a wise man" – how does the story "The Kingdom of fools" reflect it ?(Board Term 1,2012, ELI-014)

Ans. "The Kingdom of Fools" clearly reflects that "Guru was a wise man" as he advised his disciple not to stay in that kingdom. As the disciple thought that the future is uncertain, he did not pay any heed to his Guru and stayed on. When he was imprisoned by the King's men, he realized the significance of his Guru's words and repented on his not following his Guru's advice. So, it is proved that Guru was really very wise. And it was because of his wisdom that