

# **ANSWERS**

- 1.1 (a) remote, inhospitable and abandoned  
(b) She nurtured her six children and put in long hours doing physical labour on their small farm.  
(c) to do two 160 kilometers back-to-back riding per day  
(d) light-years away from his mother's quiet existence, who still cared for her children and grandchildren.  
(e) interested his mother and lighten up her blue eyes.  
(f) revitalize his mother and spice up her humdrum life  
(g) she started training furiously and could ride 80-100 kilometers per day
- 1.2 (a) perceived  
(b) revitalize  
(c) self-deprecating
2. (a) - (iv) All of the above  
(b)-(i) injuries  
(c) - (iii) back  
(d) - (ii) the thought of the Olympic medal  
(e)-(iv) he had an intense desire to win a medal
3. (a) (iv) managing an interior design business  
(b) (ii) all the animals were attracted to it  
(c) (iii) set up the first Community Conservation Reserve  
(d) (ii) the Dhanwateys  
(e) (i) killing of tigers in that area
- 4.

ABC Sen. Sec. School. Delhi

## **NOTICE**

Celebration of Grandparent's Day

8 March 2013

To show our love and respect to our grandparents, Grandparents' Day is going to be celebrated in our school next week. All students are requested to attend the function with their grandparents. Chief Minister, Smt. Sheila Dixit will be the guest of honour for the day.

Date: 15 March 2013  
Venue: School auditorium

For further details, contact the undersigned.

Sd/-

Suman  
(Head Girl)

5.

#### MESSAGE

8 March 2013

5 PM

Mom,

I have just received a call from the passport office. I need to rush to meet the passport officer in order to clarify certain important details regarding the renewal of my passport. As I am unsure whether you have taken the spare keys along. I am leaving the house keys with Mr. Sharma. I will be late in returning home.

Mahesh

6.

The eminent environmentalist Aruna Saxena was born in 1978. She won worldwide recognition for her active involvement in the Green Revolution Movement. She was honoured with the national award for her contributions towards creating environmental awareness. A postgraduate in Environmental Science, Aruna has a keen interest in writing poetry. This is evident from her collection of poems entitled Singing Birds. Painting is another one of her interests. She has held several important positions over the years. She was the President of the Rotary Club of Marwar in 2007 and the President of the Poetry Club in 2009.

7.

15, Bank Street,  
Hyderabad

8 March 2013

Dear parents,

I am fine here and hope the same for you. This letter will surely dispel all your worries about my staying in a new city. I am enjoying my new life and new job.

Though sometimes I feel homesick, your words of advice always help me overcome this feeling.

I believe this job is one of the best opportunities life has offered me. Besides, Hyderabad is a wonderful city to live in. I have made a few friends here. They are very helpful and welcoming.

However, I must tell you frankly that I miss all of you. Pay my regards to grandma and give my love to both of my sisters.

Your loving son,  
Pradeep

8. The boys lifted the trophy amidst cheers and jubilation from the spectators. Not many had expected this team from New Model High (NMH) to last that long in the 2006 Buchi Babu Memorial Tournament, much less win it. The farthest that a team from NMH had progressed in the tournament was till round sixteen and that was way back in 1996. This team, too, seemed doomed to repeat the mediocre performances of their predecessors. To add to this, there was the fact that the team lacked any match-winning batsman or bowler. What the team did have was a charismatic leader in Amit Shastri and zeal to succeed. And these two factors proved to be the catalysts that pushed them farther and farther on the road to glory.

9.

Health and personal hygiene

A warm good morning to all of you

Today, I have received an opportunity to deliver a speech on health and hygiene. As we all know, health is the ultimate wealth. Hygiene is commonly understood as preventing infection through cleanliness. It also refers to certain practices that are adopted by community or an individual to stay healthy. Maintaining good personal health is the prime concern. Personal health refers to keeping oneself clean and healthy. However, it must be noted that personal health and community health are inter-related. The health of the community depends on the health and personal hygiene of its individuals. If the individuals of the community stay clean and create a lively, healthy and hygienic environment, then the community on the whole would be healthy. Good public hygiene is an aid to health, beauty, comfort, and social interactions.

I thank you all for your kind attention.

10. (a) (ii) used  
(b) (i) far  
(c) (ii) carrying  
(d) (i) for

11. (a) Get up from the couch to change the channel instead of using the remote  
(b) Walk up and down the stairs or around the room during commercial breaks.  
(c) You can use a treadmill while you watch TV.  
(d) Use a resistance band while watching television.

12.      Incorrect      Correct  
(a) in                  to  
(b) he                  I  
(c) about              for  
(d) and                  but

13.      (a) is an underwater  
(b) was created by  
(c) was aimed at  
(d) to battle for

14.      (a) When he had come back  
(b) he had arrived the day before  
(c) William's father was  
(d) his father had left the hospital but the doctor had advised him

15. (A)      (a) (iii) a large desert  
(b) (ii) boastful  
(c) (ii) the broken statue

(B)      (a) Michael had earlier thought that Sebastian was a boy who was a part of the game.

(b) Sebastian Shultz is called 'the boy of the game' because Michael met him in the game.

(c) Michael had read the headline in the newspaper which said 'Miracle Recovery'.

According to this article, Sebastian Schultz survived coma that the doctors felt might last forever.

(C)      (a) Decius Brutus has come to fetch Caesar to the senate-house.

(b) Caesar asks Decius Brutus to inform the senate members that he will not come today.

(c) 'Graybeards' is a reference to the old senior members of the senate.

16. (a) Michael's dad was crazy about computers. He had bought the latest computer which could do

anything: paint, play music, create displays. He had also bought many latest psycho-drive

games, and a virtual reality visor and glove. In fact, he was so obsessed that he couldn't resist

buying the new gadgets and gizmos that came to the market.

(b) Lavinia feels that the Ouija board would help her husband in writing. She feels that rather than  
by reading thick history books, he could write a historical novel by talking to the spirit of  
Napoleon or William the Conqueror, or Helen of Troy, using the Ouija board. It would also help  
him write his short stories.

(c) The mariners were drifted southwards by a 'tyrannous and strong' storm. The storm 'chased'  
the ship off course and made them reach the land of ice and snow where it grew freezing cold.  
They were surrounded by large masts of ice and their ship could hardly move in the frozen sea.

(d) Brutus convinces the Romans that Caesar deserved his death by stating that it was for the  
benefit of his country rather than his own personal interest. He accuses Caesar of being over  
ambitious. Moreover, his entire speech had a declamatory quality using a language higher than  
that of the common tongue.

17.

154,  
Radhapur  
Delhi

8 March, 2013

Dear Anuj,

I hope this letter finds you in the pink of good health. I am writing this letter to tell you about the importance of accepting whatever is offered and making the best of any opportunity.

Remember the story 'Patol Babu, Film Star'? In the story, the mentor of Patol Babu had given him a precious piece of advice: whenever we are offered anything, we should never consider it beneath our dignity to accept it, regardless of its magnitude or measure. Opportunities do not come knocking always; when it does, we need to make the most of it. Instead of complaining, one should receive willingly whatever life has to offer.

Just like Patol Babu always remembered the words of his mentor, I hope you will pay heed to my advice.

Your affectionate friend,  
Ravi

18. After the death of the albatross, the weather became unfavorable for the mariners to continue their journey. As the ship sailed into the 'silent sea' the breeze dropped down, making the sails drop down as well. The ship came to a standstill. The wind died, the sun intensified and there was not a drop of water to drink. Despite being surrounded by water, their tongues and throats were parched at the root with thirst. The ocean became "revolting", "rotting" and "thrashing" with "slimy" creatures and sizzling with strange fires. The condition of the mariners turned out to be very pathetic and frightening. They were extremely dismayed at being stuck in between the silent sea. They spoke to each other only to break the silence of the sea.

19. Helen demands that John Hallock to retrain his friends and acquaintances from using the Ouija board and if he is successful, she would give him a plot for writing his ghost stories. She does so because she and the other ghosts were unhappy to be at the beck and call of the Ouija board fanatics to answer their questions. This did not leave them with any time for their amusement or haunting others. Therefore, they had decided to call for a strike. This strike will mean that the ghosts would not appear or provide ideas to people for writing ghost stories. In other words, Helen threatens the John that if he does not agree to her conditions she will stop inspiring him.