



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL DWARKA**  
**MODEL TEST PAPER – II [2023 – 2024]**  
**SUB : ENGLISH**  
**CLASS : X**

Time : 3 Hrs.

M.M : 80

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)**

1. **Read the passage given below:**

From the newspaper that you are holding in your hands, huge posters that you see on walls, textbooks and notebooks that are a part of your daily school routine to tiny scraps that you use to send a secret message to your friend while in a class, one thing that is common in all these is paper. So ubiquitous, so common place, that most of us don't even stop to think about how it came to be in the first place. Yet, there were times when people didn't have a piece of paper to jot down their most fascinating ideas.

**The need for it:** Writing predated paper, as you might well know from the ancient stone carvings that you read about in history. Stone definitely wasn't conducive to writing and even though papyrus, parchment and silk were better alternatives, the search was on for a surface to write on. It was Cai Lun who provided a tangible solution to this problem.

Having entered the service of the Imperial Palace in the year 75, Cai Lun worked as a Chinese court official. Thirty years later, he came up with his idea of making sheets of paper. It is believed that Cai Lun presented his paper to Han Ho Ti, the Emperor of the ruling Han Dynasty. The Emperor was mightily impressed and commended Cai Lun for a job well done.

**Paper-making process:** Early form of paper, like the ones Cai Lun showed his Emperor, was primarily produced from hemp waste. This fibrous plant waste was soaked in water before it was thoroughly beaten down into pulp. The pulp was then collected using a large sieve, probably made of some cloth and then allowed to dry. Forbs of bamboos, mulberries, old rags, fishnets and an assortment of other materials were then mixed with the dried pulp, which was then flattened out and made to dry again, giving us paper. Paper wasn't used as a writing material right away. It was first employed as a wrapping material for bronze mirrors and even as protective padding for medicines. But before long, people realised that the paper was much easier to work with than the parchments or papyrus, and far less expensive to produce than writing materials made of silk. The Chinese widely started using paper as a material to write and document by the third century, employing it both as a tool for administration and a medium to transfer knowledge.

**Guarded as a secret:** Even though the methodology of producing paper was closely guarded by the Chinese, it slowly started spreading to other Asian countries such as India, Japan and Korea with the passage of time. And when the Arabs defeated the Chinese in the Battle of Talas in 751, they also took the secret of making paper with them. Central Asia and Western Asia soon started seeing paper mills, but it was nearly a millennium after Cai Lun produced paper that paper mills sprouted in Europe.

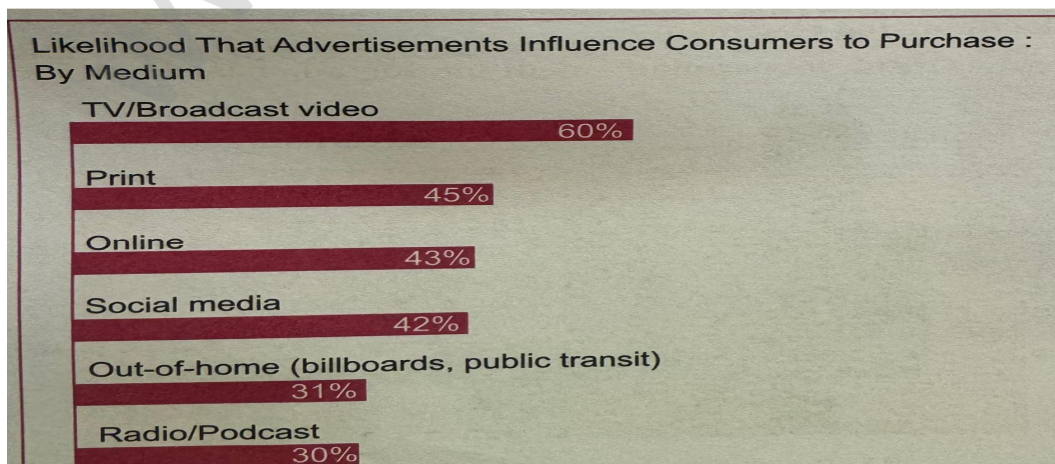
**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow:**

- (i) According to the author, why do we not think about how was paper first invented? (1)
- (ii) Writing on paper today has become so 'ubiquitous'. What does it mean? Write your response in about 30-40 words. (2)

- (iii) Han Ho Ti, the ruling emperor, was impressed by Cai Lun. Select an option which states the reason behind it. (1)
- a) Cai Lun was a well orator in the kingdom.
  - b) Cai Lun made a brilliant discovery.
  - c) Cai Lun was the King's best minister.
  - d) Cai Lun was the most literate of them all.
- (iv) Choose an option that was NOT used for writing in the ancient times. (1)
- A. Silk B. Papyrus C. Parchment D. Paper E. Envelope F. Sheet
- a) A, D and F
  - b) B and E
  - c) C and D
  - d) E and F
- (v) Complete the given statement with reference to the passage. (1)
- People realised that paper was the better alternative for writing because it was more \_\_\_\_ and less \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From sets (A)-(F) below, identify two sets of antonyms. (1)
- Set A - Ubiquitous and Common  
Set B - Problem and Solution  
Set C - Impressed and Commended  
Set D - Tool and Medium  
Set E - Write and Document  
Set F - Huge and Tiny
- (vii) Describe the process of making paper, in about 40 words. (2)
- (viii) What does the word '**sprouted**' mean as per the passage? (1)

2. **Read the passage given below:**

Effective advertising is a way to influence consumers' purchase decision about a product or service and conveying information to viewers. It is considered as the most vital and essential element for promoting businesses and creating a positive effect on economic growth. Advertising has various forms such as traditional media like television, newspaper, commercial radio, advertisement, magazine mail, and outdoor advertising or modern media such as blogs, websites and text messages.

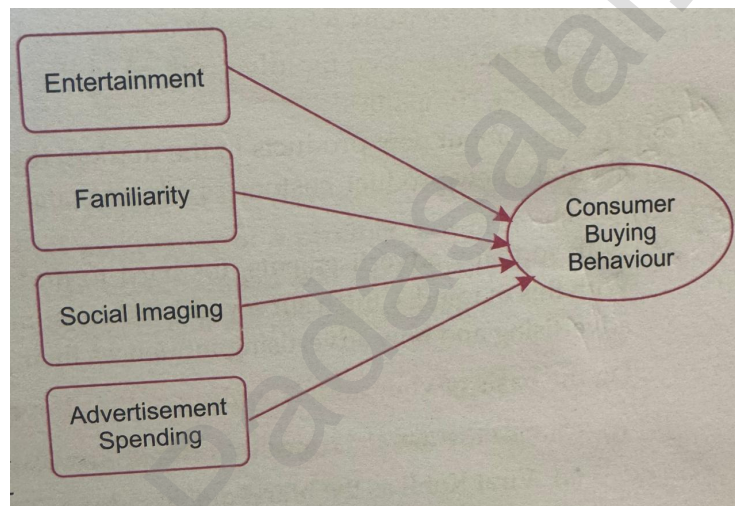


There are certain factors which are essential to make advertising effective and suitable to the minds of consumers. An advertisement must be entertaining short, clear and also as per the emotions of the consumer so that it gains attention of customers. Such an advertisement will remain fresh with the consumers' psyche and will definitely influence it. That is why many companies invest a lot of money to make advertisements relatable to ensure consumers' satisfaction.

The brand familiarity refers to consumers' knowledge about a particular brand. What kind of experience he had in the past that generates brand loyalty? The customer feels psychologically more inclined towards a particular brand and it also evokes positive emotions on the consumer's mind.

Social imaging of a product refers to the class of the society to which a specific product belongs. The high-end brands are a status symbol for the elite ones. Women would buy a Gucci bag to have a sense of belongingness to "that" strata of society. Advertisement makers would make sure that their selected brand ambassadors are also the best of the league.

Advertisement spending means how much money is spent to create this promotional tool known as advertisement. The money spent on an advertisement is relative to its quality. Studies have concluded that when a huge sum is spent on advertisements and other marketing campaigns, consumers expect better service and flawless quality from that particular brand. That is the reason they don't mind paying a phenomenal amount for the same.



These factors enable the consumer to decide what to buy and what to dump. Consumer behaviour is the force behind the success or failure of a product in the market. These are the reasons why people are exposed to a huge number of advertisements every day, a number that has been rapidly growing with the growth of technology and more dependency on advertising companies.

To know about new products in the market, their benefits, shortcomings, or complete information about the new product, customers rely on watching TV, reading a magazine, or browsing on social media. With so many advertisements, it's hard to understand which ones consumers trust and act on. With this in mind, a research company named Clutch surveyed 1,030 consumers from across the US to determine their trust in advertising and how advertising influences their purchasing decisions.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below –**

- (i) Choose the one that doesn't influence consumer buying behaviour. (1)
- a) Virat Kohli as the brand ambassador of Tissot.
  - b) An overwhelming advertisement on organic products.
  - c) A touching ad of sweets to celebrate the bond between brother and sister.
  - d) A common man promoting his start up.

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- (ii) List one point to support the idea that advertisements influence consumer behaviour. (1)
- (iii) People rely on \_\_\_\_\_ the most to make purchases. (1)
- a) television advertisements
  - b) promotions on FM radio
  - c) billboards along the highways
  - d) an advertisement in a monthly magazine
- (iv) As per the personal factors, which of the following will have the optimum effect on the consumers' psyche? (1)
- a) Lifestyle
  - b) Income and occupation
  - c) Beliefs and preferences
  - d) All of these
- (v) Choose the correct statement as per the present scenario. (1)
- a) People browse social media to research before reaching a buying decision.
  - b) People explore the markets physically to decide regarding a purchase.
  - c) People buy things based on their personal experience.
  - d) Advertisements are helpful to make purchases during festival time only.
- (vi) Complete the following statement: (1)  
Radio/ Podcast is 'not so popular' medium for advertisement, based on the given data, because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vii) The following image shows \_\_\_\_\_ advertising. (1)



- a) Catalogue
  - b) Print Media
  - c) Social Media
  - d) Online
- (viii) List two points to prove that TV advertising is the most influential tool. (2)
- (ix) In the given sentence, taken from paragraph 1, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely synonym. (1)  
It is considered as the most **vital** and essential element for promoting businesses.
- a) Common
  - b) Crucial
  - c) Customary
  - d) Conventional

**SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)****GRAMMAR**

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following twelve questions. (10x1 = 10)

i) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for a doorway sign.

Caution! You \_\_\_\_\_ not enter. Only employees are allowed beyond this point.'

- a) need
- b) must
- c) could
- d) might

ii) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Subject: Water Scarcity in Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad

Dear Sir

.....The water in Kavi Nagar \_\_\_\_\_ (supply) by MCD for only ten minutes in the morning and for the same time in the evening. For the rest of the day, the taps remain dry.

iii) Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction: Use the given format for your response

ERROR	CORRECTION

**The teacher said that Shimla is a Switzerland of India.**

iv) Vaibhav and Vipasha had a conversation about a birthday party that they were invited to. Report Vaibhav's question.

**Are you singing a song for Andy on his birthday?**

v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the message for Bijoy, shared by the Librarian.

**He has \_\_\_\_\_ (five/fifth/most) books which are from the school library.**

vi) Read the conversation between a mother and her son. Complete the sentence by reporting the mother's reply correctly.

**Son:** Mom, how do I become an artist?

**Mother:** You will have to learn more about the art you like and practice it every day.

**A son asked his mother how he could become an artist. She told him \_\_\_\_\_.**

vii) Select the option that identifies the error in a museum plaque and supplies the correction for the same.

**These building, inaugurated on 29 March 1954, was a former residence of a Maharaja.**

OPTION NO.	ERROR	CORRECTION
A	These	This
B	building	buildings
C	on	at
D	of	by



viii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the text message below.

They met you at night after you \_\_\_\_\_ your work.

- a) had finished
- b) finish
- c) have finished
- d) finished

ix) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Jatin and his boss, Tarun.

**Tarun:** By when do you think you can submit the report?

**Jatin:** Sir, probably by tomorrow. I don't think it has any major changes.

**Tarun asked his subordinate Jatin by when he thought he could submit the report. Jatin replied that he could probably submit the report by \_\_\_\_\_ as it had no major changes.**

- a) that day
- b) one day
- c) tomorrow
- d) the next day

x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the advertisement.

Are you looking for more books to read? Due to popular demand, we \_\_\_\_\_ back our 'BUY ONE GET ONE FREE' offer next weekend!

- a) brings
- b) brought
- c) will bring
- d) were bringing

xi) Rishi asked Amrit the question below. Report Rishi's question.

**What time did you arrive yesterday?**

xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence. Use the given format for your response.

ERROR	CORRECTION

**The movie, including all the previews, take about two hours to watch.**

### WRITING

4. Attempt ANY ONE question from the given options A and B -

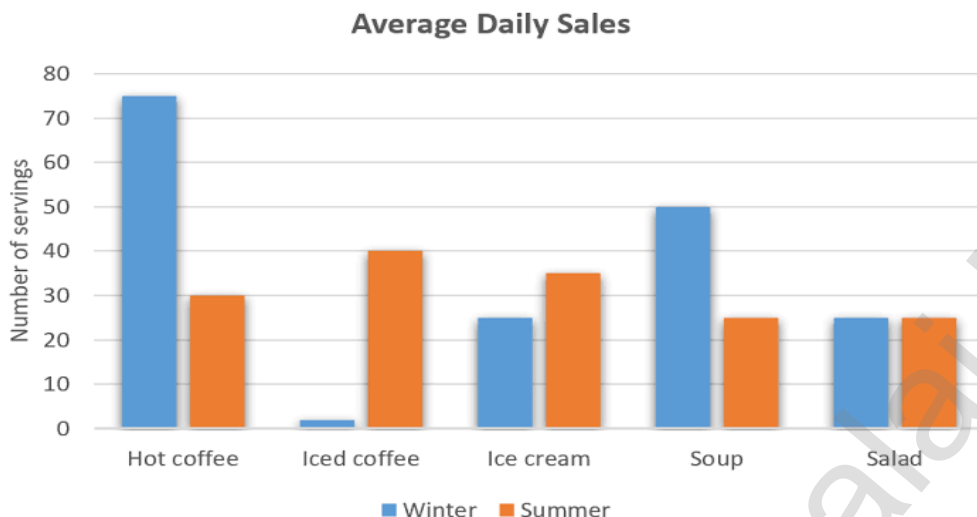
(5)

A. You are Palak/ Pankit, the HR of Orient Express Company, Chandigarh who had arranged for a trip for thirty employees to Shimla for seven days with 'Mount Travels and Tourism'. The arrangements done by the travel agency were far below standard. The accommodation and food facilities were inferior in quality. Feeling totally cheated, you couldn't face your conscience and decided to apologise to your clients. Being answerable to them, you became adamant to give your piece of mind through a letter of complaint to the director of the agency to stop duping the tourists with false promises, as it tarnishes the image of locals.

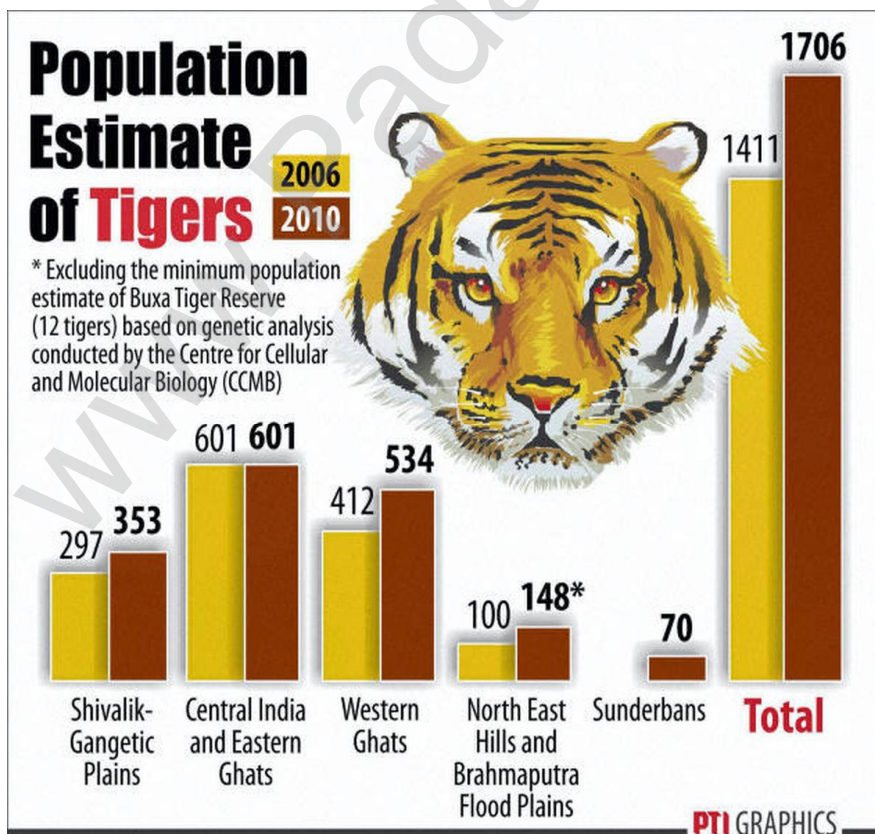
B. You are Satish/ Sonali of A-45, Pitampura, Delhi. You observed that the subways in Delhi are seldom used by pedestrians who are always trying to cut across traffic. You have decided to write a letter to the editor of 'Hindustan Times' highlighting the dire need of creating awareness about it. Write the letter in not more than 100-120 words.

5. Attempt ANY ONE question from the given options A and B -

A. The bar graph given below illustrates the average daily sales of various items in winter and summer season. Compose an analytical paragraph and summarise the data efficiently, in 100-120 words.



B. Given below is an advertisement that illustrates Tiger Population in India. Referring to the same, write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.



**SECTION C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)**

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the options A and B- 5

**A. Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes; the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work. The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio. "Paris Control? Paris Control? Can you hear me?" There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm.**

- (i) What happened as soon as the pilot was inside the cloud? (2)
- (ii) The devices in the aeroplane were : (1)
- malfunctioning
  - broken completely
  - giving wrong readings
  - stopped responding completely
- (iii) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'twisted' as used in the extract. (1)
- Ragini twisted Raghav's arms.
  - Ragini twisted the story to suit the occasion.
  - Ragini did not appreciate Raghav's twisted bent of mind.
  - Ragini matched the swimmer as he twisted twice in the air before diving into the water.
- (iv) The Paris Air Control did not reply to the pilot's call because \_\_\_\_\_. (1)

**OR**

**B. LOMOV: Never mind about my people! The Lomovs have all been honourable people, and not one has ever been tried for embezzlement, like your grandfather!**

**CHUBUKOV: You Lomovs have had lunacy in your family, all of you!**

**NATALYA: All, all all !**

**CHUBUKOV: Your grandfather was a drunkard, and your younger aunt, Nastasya Mihailovna, ran away with an architect, and so on...**

**LOMOV: And your mother was hump-backed. (Clutches at his heart) Something pulling in my side... My head... Help! Water!**

**CHUBUKOV: Your father was a guzzling gambler!**

- (i) Choose the option that correctly identifies the tone of the characters in the given extract. (1)
- Antagonism
  - Humour
  - Contempt
  - Irony
- A & B
  - B & D
  - A & C
  - C & D
- (ii) Find the word from the extract which means 'theft of funds'? (1)
- (iii) If according to Chubukov and Natalya, Lomovs are not 'honourable people', why do they still consider Lomov's proposal? (2)
- (iv) Which of the following options comes closest to the meaning of 'tried' as used in the extract? (1)
- I tried to listen to him carefully.
  - He suggested that those responsible should be tried for crimes against humanity.
  - This had been a tried and tested formula for the organisation.
  - They tried with all their might to repeat their earlier success.

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7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the options A and B - (5)

**A. Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.**

- (i) Select the most suitable option to complete the sentence that the stanza demonstrates. (1)
- a) Ice probably refers to \_\_\_\_\_ in which everything will sink.
  - b) Melting of glaciers and rising of sea-level
  - c) Man's immense faith in nature
  - d) Culture and civilisation since ages
- (ii) The repetition of 'some say' in the two consecutive lines in the stanza shows that the poet has used \_\_\_\_\_ in the given lines. (1)
- a) Simile
  - b) Metaphor
  - c) Metaphor and Anaphora
  - d) Alliteration and Anaphora
- iii) What is the central idea of the given stanza? (2)
- iv) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE. (1)
- The poet highlights that mutual understanding and sympathy for one and all can help in establishing peace on the Earth.

**OR**

**B. If you should go by chance  
To jungles in the east:  
And if there should to you advance  
A large and tawny beast,  
If he roars at you as you're dyin'  
You'll know it is the Asian Lion.....**

- (i) Fill in the blank (1)
- The poet here \_\_\_\_\_ the readers against the wild beasts found in the jungle.
- (ii) In the context of the above lines, which of the statements given below is CORRECT? (1)
- a) The style of the poem is satirical.
  - b) The word 'tawny' in the given stanza represents the lion's colour.
  - c) The word 'tawny' in the given stanza represents the lion's strength.
  - d) Both A & B
- (iii) How is Bengal Tiger different from Asian Lions? (2)
- (iv) The given stanza from the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals' can be said to convey one of the given messages. Choose the correct option. (1)
- a) It's very risky to be in such a close proximity to the wild beasts mentioned in the poem.
  - b) We should frequently pay visit to the jungle.
  - c) We should stay away from the lions; specifically, from the Asian Lions.
  - d) Only B and C

8. Attempt any **FOUR** out of the given five questions in about **40-50** words. (4x3=12)
- How did Buddha make Kisa Gotami realise the reality of death? (**The Sermon at Benares**)
  - 'Teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth'. Elucidate the given statement with reference to '**From the Diary of Anne Frank**'.
  - The lesson '**Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom**' is a powerful example of value of freedom for human beings. Explain.
  - What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom? (**Mijbil the Otter**)
  - Explain the line, "And no one buys a ball back. Money is external." (**The Ball Poem**)
9. Attempt any **TWO** out of the three given questions in about **40 to 50** words. (2x3=6)
- Griffin became a scientist just to satisfy his own ego and carry out wrong deeds. Comment. (**Footprints without Feet**)
  - Bholi had many apprehensions about going to school. What made her feel that she was going to a better place than her home. (**Bholi**)
  - How did Think Thank misinterpret Nursery Rhymes? (**The Book that saved the Earth**)
10. Answer any **ONE** of the following questions in **100- 120** words : (6x1=6)
- A. Age is not a barrier when it comes to doing something different and great. Comment on the above statement with reference to Valli's character. (**Madam Rides the Bus**)
- OR**
- B. Richard Bach wrote -" For most gulls it was not flying that mattered, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight." Evaluate this statement with respect to the young seagull. (**Two Stories about Flying- His First Flight**)
11. Answer any **ONE** of the following questions in **100- 120** words : (6x1=6)
- A. Matilda's over-ambitiousness was the cause of her destruction. Justify. (**The Necklace**)
- OR**
- B. Success is failure turned inside out." Comment on the statement with reference to Richard Ebright's journey in becoming a scientist. (**The Making of a Scientist**)