

policeman, so he decided to jump down ~~the~~ onto the balcony and wait till the policeman was gone. There was no balcony. He fell to the ground from the sixth floor and died. This was how Ausable was able to get rid of Max without using a weapon.

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FROM THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

Q1 Extract Based Questions

I wrote the three pages Mr Keesing had assigned me and was my best

- Q1. According to the extract, the incorrigible habit possessed by the speaker was.
- 1 making noise in class
 - 2 talking too much
 - 3 Procrastinating
 - 4 Coming late to school

Select the options

- a) 1 and 2 b) only 2 c) 2 and 3 d) 2 and 4
- Ans b

- ii Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract

routine : habit :: characteristic :

Ans trait

- iii Who was Mr. Keating
- a) English teacher
 - b) Science teacher
 - c) Maths teacher
 - d) Principal

Ans C.

- iv Which of the following most nearly means the opposite of the phrase 'Under Control'?

- a) to spend less
- b) unable to take on the challenge
- c) find it difficult to manage
- d) being very stubborn

Ans C

- v State the reasons why the narrator is unable to control her trait?

- a) She had deliberately practised it
- b) She wanted to be different from her brother
- c) Her teacher had encouraged her
- d) She had inherited her mother's trait

Ans d.

QII

Short Answer.

Kitty was a trusted friend of Anne.
Elaborate.

Ans. Kitty was the name given to her diary by Anne Frank. When she started writing in her diary, she planned to treat it as her most trusted friend, one she did not possess in her real life, she decided to pour out her heart into it, divulge all secrets, knowing that Kitty would keep them all safe and never betray her.

QXII Long Answer.

How did Anne make sure that "the joke was on him" while responding to Mr Keesing's extra assignment given to her? What does this tell you about Anne?

Ans. Anne was a sincere and focussed student, when it came to academics. Her only weakness was that she was talkative, despite being warned by her teachers. Her maths teacher Mr Keesing punished her for being talkative by giving her extra assignments. Her first assignment was to write an essay on the topic 'A Chatterbox'. Anne thoroughly argued in her essay the necessity of talking. Her arguments were well received by Mr Keesing but he was prompted to assign her a second essay when she did not curb her tendency to talk in class. By the time Mr Keesing gave her a third essay assignment 'quack quack quack' she was exhausted and out of wits to think of convincing arguments. With a friend's help she

could write the essay in verse form in which she included a fictitious story about how a father Swan killed his babies because they quaked too much! She had determined to outsmart Mr Keesing by turning the joke on him to prove her intellect and also take a mild revenge on him and the classmates who had laughed in unison when the punishment was pronounced.

It is notable that Anne paid such acute attention to deliver quality assignments, knowing that they were only partially important. Most others would be happy to submit it somehow!

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HOW TO TELL WILD ANIMALS

I Extract based Questions

Or if some time when roaming round,
----- The Bengal Tiger to discern,

1. In the given lines, which effect does the poet create?

Just notice if he eats you.

This simple rule may help you learn
The Bengal Tiger to discern,

a. Irony b) Terror c) Sympathy d) Criticism

Ans. Irony

ii. What is the poetic device in the first line.

Ans. Alliteration 'roaming round'

iii. State whether the following statement is True or False.

The extract helps to identify a Royal Bengal Tiger.

Ans. True.

iv. Why does the poet call the tiger a noble animal?

A. The poet calls the tiger a noble animal to emphasize its majestic and powerful nature. The word 'noble' highlights the tiger's dignity and grandeur.

QII

Short Answer.

Does the poet indicate that gathering first hand knowledge about wild animals may prove fatal?

Ans. Yes, the poet humorously presents the hard fact that going near wild animals to understand their behaviour may prove fatal. The 'tautary beast' lion and the 'noble wild beast' tiger would show their true selves only when they overpower the onlooker and are on the verge of killing him.

QIII The poet has successfully used humour to be able to 'tell' or identify 'wild animals'. How do you think we need lots of it in our daily life?

Ans. Humour is the fuel ^{of} life. Humour is infectious. Without it, it would become difficult to continue living. Today, the life of a common man is typically mixed in stress, tension, problems and sadness. It is amazing how the smallest problems may take an epic proportions for a common person, in such situation, it becomes necessary to have a little humour in life. It gives us the much needed respite from our monotonous routine and helps us face life more positively. Thus the poet's successful use of humour helps lighten our minds and brings a smile on our faces. Much of the humour in the poem arises from the way language is used.

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The Ball Poem

Q1. Extract Based Question.

And no one buys a ball back
 - - - - - how to stand up -

- i When the poet says, "no one buys a ball back", what does he refer to in the context of the poem.

Ans. He means that money can't compensate the sense of loss

- ii What does the poet mean by 'Money is external'?

- a) Money has to be earned © Money is not forced
 5) Money is to be spent (d) Money can be earned by hard work

Ans b.

- iii What does the word ball signify?

- a) sports material (b) Wishes of a child © Sense of loss
 d. boy's childhood and innocence.

Ans d.

- iv Identify the poetic device used in
 'And no one buys a ball back -

Ans Alliteration.

- v Pick out a word which is synonymous to the word desperate.

- Ans a) Optimism b) Calm c) Certainly
 d) despair

Ans d).

QII Short Answer

1. What does the poet mean by the statement, "No use to say, O there are other balls"?

Ans By the above statement, the poet means that most of the losses in human life are irreplaceable. Here 'ball' is considered to be a metaphor for childhood. The message conveyed is that there is no use lamenting over what is lost because it would never return. The ultimate learning in life is to be able to cope with losses.

QIII Long Answer

Does the ball represent a mere toy ~~is~~ to the boy? Justify with respect to the boy's reaction.

Ans The ball represents much more than a mere toy. It holds memories of his carefree childhood days, fun, and happy times. By losing the ball, he feels as if he has lost a part of his life in the harbour. Although he can buy more balls in future, nothing would be able to compensate for the one he had lost for the value it held for him. The grief of losing the ball is immense and he is seen standing transfixed, trembling with grief. The loss has taught the boy two important lessons of life. One, that one needs to be more careful of things one holds dear; and second, in spite

of being careful, sometimes one loses things and they become irreplaceable. He realises that no matter how painful it is to him, he has to get over the grief, on his own and move on.

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AMANDA

Q1. Extract Based Questions.

Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!

--- I will certainly never let down my bright hair

Q1. The speaker's tone is

- a) loving b) hopeful c) instructive d) indifferent

Ans. c

ii. Complete the analogy with a word from the extract

Ans. Rare: uncommon :: peace: tranquil.

iii. State whether the following statement is true or false.

Amanda did not want anyone to invade her privacy and silence

Ans. True

IV. Pick a word from the given options which is antonym to the word Certainly

Q I
a) doubt- b) Positively c) Assuredly d) Definitely
Ans a.

Q II
v Amanda's mother is continuously — Amanda
a) encouraging b) reprimanding c) motivating d) disappointing
Ans b.

Q II Short Answers

1. Why does Amanda wish to be a mermaid?
Ans Amanda dislikes being corrected or pointed out things. Whenever her mother does any of that, Amanda's reaction to that is escapism. She escapes into an imaginary world a world of fantasy. So, when mother instructs her to avoid biting her nails or slouching she takes solace in her imagination where she is a mermaid, floating happily in the calm green sea.

Q III Discuss the importance of proper upbringing with reference to the poem Amanda.

Ans Upbringing plays an important role in personality development of an adult. Whenever we wish to admire or criticise someone we question the upbringing of that person. The poem Amanda highlights the tension in the proper upbringing of a child. To instil good values and moral principles in a growing child comes as a foremost duty for the parents.

However the poem shows how a child feels trapped within the cluster of instructions. Amanda is no less than a victim in this situation. No proper space is given to her creativity. She is instructed for everything. As a result, she feels trapped and seeks an escape. Her imagination proves to be her escape and also her defence against her nagging parents. Situation of Amanda is so worse that she wishes to be an orphan, in order to get rid of her parents. She imagines enacting various roles varying from mermaid to Rapunzel. Amanda wishes to live alone and carefree. It is very important to understand the situation of Amanda where her freedom is cut short by constant instructions and guidelines. Proper balance should be maintained when dealing with such delicate issues. Love and care should always be part of this two-way transaction.

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A Question Of Trust

Q1. Extract Based Questions

A small dog was lying in the kitchen. It stirred, made a noise and moved its tail in a friendly way.

i. What is the name of the dog mentioned in the above extract.

a) Sunny b) Berry c) Bunny d) Sherry.
Ans d.

ii. In which house is the kitchen referred to locate

a) Shotover Grange b) Shot Grange c) Shotover Grang
d) Bolsover Grange.

Ans a

iii. _____ in the passage means the same as 'Cordial'.

a) Unfriendly b) Stirred c) Warm d) Friendly

Ans d

iv. What is the meaning of stirred?

a) To move or cause something to move slightly.
b) To stay calm c) To stay fixed
d) To move rapidly

Ans a.

v. Whom did the dog see and wag its tail.

Ans. Horace Danby.

II - Short Answers

Horace Danby's final arrest was a blessing in disguise. He broke opened a safe every year to steal to be able to buy expensive and rare books. But he was duped by a lady thief who managed to trick Horace and got him arrested. Horace spent 15 years in the prison library where he was the assistant librarian. Hence his wish to read more books was fulfilled during the imprisonment.

QIII - Long Answer

"Horace Danby was a thief who was cheated by another thief".

Ans. Horace Danby did his job very carefully. His two jobs were lock making and safe breaking. One he went to Shotover Grange to rob a safe. He needed money to buy rare and expensive books. He managed to keep the dog quiet and cut the telephone wire. But the flowers in the hall made him sneeze as he was allergic to flowers.

The sound brought a pretty woman in red come downstairs to his door. She dealt with him tactfully. She showed softness as well as firmness. She told that she was the mistress of the house. She first threatened to call in the police unless he opened her safe, because her husband had gone to London and she had to put on the jewellery for the party that she had to attend that night, but she had forgotten the numbers to open the

safe. Horace was ready to help her so that he would let her free. He removed his glove offered her a cigarette lighter and opened the safe. He left finger prints on the safe which landed him in jail. He could have saved himself by not leaving finger prints and not trusting the pretty young woman.