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Twin Melodies

I. Extract Based Questions

Leela: Shruti! Why did you have to get yourself in to this without your father's knowledge - place!

Shruti: Sorry mummy, won't hide from you again, I promise"

1) Consider the following statements and choose the correct option.

Assertion (A): Leela's reaction reflects disappointment rather than outright anger.

Reasoning (R): She uses sarcasm by referring to the practice as "practice classes" to express her disapproval.

(a) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)

(b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)

(c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.

(d) (A) is false, but (R) is true

Ans) Option A

2) What does Leela's remark "practice classes" suggest about her reaction?

(a) She fully supports Shruti

(b) She is unaware of the situation

(c) She express sarcasm and disappointment

(d) She is confused about the practice.

Ans) Option C

(3.) State whether the following statement is TRUE or False.
Shruti believes that hiding the truth will help her to avoid problems in future.

Ans False

(4.) How does this extract highlight importance of honesty in relationships?

Ans Shruti's apology shows that hiding the practice created tension and she realizes honesty builds trust and prevents misunderstandings with the family.

(5.) How does the word "practice" gain a deeper meaning in this extract?

Ans The word "practice" gains a deeper meaning as it represents not just musical reversal but also Shruti's hidden action, showing secrecy and lack of her fathers knowledge, which leads to conflict.

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II. Short Answer

Suggest a suitable title for 'Twin Melodies' that reflects its central theme, and justify your choice with reference to the events and messages.

Ans. A suitable alternative title could be 'Harmony Beyond Tradition'. It reflects the play's message that different musical styles can coexist respectfully. The title highlights the journey from conflict to understanding where classical values remain intact while new ideas are accepted through trust and emotional growth.

III Long Answer

What role does Shruti's honesty at the end of play, play in strengthening the relationship with her parents?

Ans. Shruti's honesty at the end of the play, plays an important role in strengthening her relationship with her parents. She openly tells them that she takes her art seriously and respects their opinions. By speaking truthfully she removes misunderstandings and fear. Her honesty helps Nalin trust her judgement and intentions.

It also allows Leela to support her openly. When Shruti expresses her feeling clearly her parents understand her passion instea

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of assuming rebellion. This honest communication creates emotional closeness and mutual respect. As a resul conflict is resolved, trust is rebuilt, and the family relationship becomes stronger and more supportive

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Nine Gold Medals

I. Extract Based Questions

The athletes had come from all over the country
. . . . . .
. . . . . .
All coming down to these games.

1. What emotions are most appropriately conveyed by the phrases 'many weeks and months of training' and 'run for the gold'?

(i) determination (ii) excitement (iii) jealously (iv) ambition (v) fear

(A) i, ii, iv (B) ii, iii, v (C) i, iii, iv (D) ii, iv, v

Ans (A)

2. What does the phrase 'many weeks and months of training' suggest about the 'athletes' preparation?

Ans The phrase suggests dedication, preseverance and hard work. It shows that success does not come easily but requires continuous effort, discipline and commitment over a long period of time.

3. Which phrase from the extract conveys the idea of national unity and diversity.

Ans The phrase 'from all over the country' conveys the idea of national unity and diversity.

4. Fell in the blanks with suitable phrase
The athletes' hard work and preparation symbolese
Ans: The importance of preseverance and commitment.

II. Short Answer
How does the poet creates sympathy for the smallest athlete without directly describing his feelings in detail?
Ans: The poet creates sympathy by describing the athlete stumbling, staggering and falling to the asphalt. The phrases "cry of frustation and anguish" and "dreams dashed in dirt" show his pain and disappointment. These vivid images help readers understand his suffering without lengthy emotional explanation

III Long Answer
Asses how the actions of nine athletes demonstrate emotional intelligence. How can such qualities be applied in real life situations beyond sports?
Ans. The nine athletes show strong emotional intelligence because they notice the fallen runners pain and respond with care. They control their urge to win showing self regulation, and choose empathy understanding his situation. Their decision to help reflects compassion, team work and responsible decision making.

In real life, these qualities matter in classrooms, families and work places. For example, if a classmate fails or feels left out, we can support them instead of mocking them. In group projects, we can practice cooperation by helping weaker members so everyone succeeds.

Even in daily life, emotional intelligence helps us to handle conflicts calmly, listen to others and build stronger relationships. Like the poem, it teaches that kindness creates the greatest success.

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Carrier of Words

I. Extract Based Questions

"Khetaram is Gramin Dak Sevak. His left shoulder ----- Indo-Pakistan border."

1) What does Khetaram's "slumped left shoulder" suggest about his life?

(a) He has a genetic physical deformity.
(b) He suffers from a recent severe injury.
(c) He bears physical toll from his service.
(d) He lacks proper training for carrying bags.

Ans) c - He bears physical toll from his service.

2) Assertion (A): Khetaram is considered a vital asset to the people of the Somarad Branch Post Office.
Reason (R): He successfully navigates the harsh Thar desert to deliver mail to remote areas.

(a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true but R is not correct explanation of A
(c) A is true, but R is false
(d) A is false, but R is true

Ans) option : a

3) How long has Khetaram been serving as a Gramin Dak Sevak and where is his post office located?

Ans) Khetaram has been serving for 15 years and his post office is located in Somarad, a Rajasthani village near the Indo Pakistan Border.

4) Find a word in the extract that means the same as 'small villages or settlements'?

Ans) hamlets

5. Fill in the blanks
Khetaram's delivery route extends to a remote area just 2.5 km short of the _____ border.

Ans: Indo-Pakistan.

II. Short Questions

1. Why do villagers eagerly wait for Khetaram at their thresholds?

Ans: The villagers eagerly welcome Khetaram at their thresholds because they are mostly illiterate and anxiously anticipate news from distant loved ones. His daily arrival signifies a crucial moment of connection as they rely completely on him to decipher mail.

III Long Question

1. The story of Khetaram highlights the theme of "human connection over geographical barriers". Elaborate on this statement based on the text.

Ans. The narrative beautifully establishes that the innate human need for connection can conquer the most hostile geographical barriers.
The Thar Desert, characterized by brutal 50-degree temperatures, swirling sandstorms, and treacherous dunes, physically isolates its inhabitants. Yet, Khetaram acts as a resilient, living bridge, ensuring these remote hamlets and border outposts are never cut off from the outside world.

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He delivers vital money orders that sustain lives and reads letters that nurture emotional bonds. His grueling daily journey on foot proves that empathy and duty can overcome nature's harshest obstacles.
By drafting replies for the illiterate and sharing their deepest joys and sorrows, Khetaram proves that the warmth of human connection remains unbreakable, even in the most desolate landscapes

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A Friend Found in Music

I. Extract Based Questions

"Music is the therapy
- - - -
- - .
- - . pull through";

1) What does the act of 'lifting spirits' signify in the context of the poem?
a) Emotional elevation
b) Physical strength
c) Musical harmony
d) Mental confusion

Ans (a) Emotional elevation

2) Which combination best describes the dual role of music in this stanza?
(i) Healer (ii) Destroyer (iii) motivator (iv) Distractor
(a) (i) and (ii) (b) (i) and (iii) (c) ii and iv (d) iii and iv

Ans (b) (i) and (iii)

3) In what emotional state does the speaker turn to music as therapy?

Ans: The speaker turns to music as therapy when feeling blue, meaning when they are sad or emotionally low

4) Which phrasal verb in the stanza means 'to survive or successfully overcome a difficult situation';

Ans: pull through

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V. Fill in the blanks
The poet explicitly compares music to _____ because it acts as a healing mechanism for their emotional pain

Ans) therapy

II. Short Question

1) According to the poem, what is the fundamental nature of life?

Ans According to the poem, the fundamental nature of life is characterized by continuous 'ups and downs'. It is an unpredictable journey filled with both joyful victories and painful struggles, making the reliable, stabilizing presence of music absolutely necessary for everyone.

III. Long question

1. "Music is not merely a source of entertainment it is a vast Ocean". Elaborate on the statement

Ans) The statement highlights the profound depth and boundlessness of music, elevating it far above simple, everyday entertainment. By metamorphically comparing music to a 'Vast Ocean' the poet emphasizes its immense scale, power and overwhelming presence. Just as an ocean's tide constantly calls to the shore, music exerts a continuous, magazine pull on the poet's inner self.

An ocean is deep and mysterious, mirroring how music shifts the poet's emotions in ways she cannot easily explain.

Furthermore, this metaphor perfectly supports the theme of healing. Just as water cleanses, this ocean of music washes away the poet's "blue" periods, soothing her aches and providing the emotional resilience necessary to pull through the rough currents of life's continuous ups and downs.

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