

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, DURGAPUR**  
**QUESTION BANK & REVISION SHEET FOR PA-2 (2017-18)**

**CLASS-X**

**ENGLISH**

**Literature**

**Two gentlemen of Verona**

**RTC**

1. ' Next morning ,coming out of our hotel we saw our friends bent over shoe shine boxes.....'
2. As we made the rounds, my interest was again provoked by their demeanour
3. There was a pause. Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation. "We could not think of troubling you, sir."
4. ' The two boys were seated beside a girl of twenty.... soft and tender'.
5. ' He smiled uncomfortably.... low voice'.
6. ' Yet their devotion had touched me deeply'.
7. ' We would greatly like to go to the States but....'
8. Of course everything is so difficult now...

**Short answer**

- a) Why were the narrator and his friend strongly attracted towards the two boys?
- b) What were the two brothers doing sitting on the pavement of the deserted square?
- c) Why did Nicola and Jacopo hate the Germans?
- d) What were the narrator's feelings as they returned from Poleta?
- e) How did the boys Nichola and Jacopo help the author?
- f) In the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona" what type of a person is the narrator?
- g) What had happened to the house and parents of Nichola and Jacopo?
- h) How does the story Two Gentlemen.... give hope to the society?

**Long answer**

- a) 'No body wins in a war' - Discuss this statement with reference to the story.
- b) "Two Gentlemen of Verona" talks about two boys who grow prematurely due to adverse circumstances. Which values inspire you to be successful in whatever you do?
- c) Lucia has recovered and had picked up the threads of her life again. She pays tribute to her brothers in form of a dairy entry.
- d) What is the moral of the story as depicted by the author?

**Mrs. Packletide's tiger**

**RTC**

- a) "MrsPackletide had already designed in her mind the tiger claw brooch....".
- b) "I have seen a weekend cottage near Darking that I should rather like to buy..."
- c) "The incidental expenses are so heavy...".
- d) Circumstances proved... risk or exertion.
- e) " In a moment a crowd of excited natives ....
- f) "Now now urged Miss Mebbin with some excitement."
- g) "If it is an old tiger I think you ought to get it cheaper"

**Short answer**

- a) What did MrsPackletide intend to do with the tiger skin and claw?
- b) What kind of a goat was chosen for the hunt? Why?
- c) How did "circumstances proved propitious" for MrsPackletide?

- d) What was the one great anxiety of the villagers?
- e) Though Mrs Packletide shot a real tiger, the hunt went off without a hitch of adventure. Why?
- f) What were Mrs Packletide's feelings about Loona Bimberton?

**Long Answer**

- a) Materialistic morals of high sophisticated society lead to hollowness and shallowness'. Explain.
- b) The prospect of earning the thousand rupees had stimulated the villagers' sporting and commercial instinct. Killing animals recklessly has resulted in the gradual disappearance of certain species. Write a short speech highlighting the importance of animals and what we can do to save them.
- c) Vanity blossoms but bears no fruit-Throw light on characters of Mrs Packletide and Loona Bimberton with respect to the above statement.

**The letter**

**RTC**

- a) 'Ali came out very slowly...post office'
- b) It's a mad man sir who worries us...never come'
- c) ' Tortured by doubt and remorse...charcoal sigri'
- d) 'In his whole life he never received a letter...first to arrive'
- e) "The whole universe is built through love and that the grief of separation is inescapable".

**Short Answer**

- a) Ali in the story is a lonely man .How does the author bring out his loneliness?
- b) How did the post office people behave with Ali?
- c) What is the importance of the letter in the story?
- d) How did the post master become a changed man?

**Long Answer**

- a) Do you think Ali's misery is the result of his past deeds. Justify your answer.
- b) Imagine yourself as the postmaster of the story. Now write a diary to regret what you have done. Mention what you have decided to mend the loss?
- c) Imagine yourself as Miriam. Draft a letter for your father Ali, who had been waiting for it for five long years.

**The frog and the nightingale**

**RTC**

1. "Other creatures loathed his voice  
But, alas, they had no other choice".
2. "Bravo!" "Too divine!" "Encore!"
3. "You'll remain a mere beginner  
But with me you'll be winner".  
"Dearest frog," the nightingale breathed:  
"This is a fairy tale and  
you're Mozart in disguise Come to earth before my eyes"  
"Well, I charge a modest fee"  
"Oh!" "But it won't hurt, you'll see."
4. "And my dear, lay on more trills  
Audiences enjoy such frills  
You must make your public happier

Give them something sharper, snappier  
We must aim for better billings”

5. At a voice so uninspired  
And the ticket office gross  
Crashed and she grew more morose  
For her ears were now addicted  
to applause quite restricted

6. Well, poor bird - she should have known.  
That your song must be your own  
That's why I sing with panache

#### Short questions

1. How did the frog exploit the nightingale?
2. How did the nightingale die?
3. Why is the frog's joy both sweet and bitter?
4. What advice did the frog give to the nightingale?
5. Do you think the end is justified?
6. Explain the lines: "And the frog with great precision counted heads and charged admission".
7. The frog said 'I tried to teach her but she was a stupid creature', What does this tell us about the frog and the nightingale?
8. How did the nightingale meet her death?
9. 'Not too bad... But far too long the technique was fine, of course, but it lacked a certain force'. What does this reveal about the Frog's nature?

#### Ozymandias

##### RTC

1. I met a traveller from an antique land  
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone  
Stand in the desert.
2. And on the pedestal these words appear:  
"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:  
Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"  
Nothing beside remains.
3. "The hand that mocked.."
4. "Look upon my works... despair"

b) Suppose you are Ozymandias. You have understood that power is not every thing to stand against the ravages of time. Write the diary for him.

c) After reading the poem, what is the lesson ingrained in it for the rest of mankind? Discuss.

- d) The poem Ozymandias illustrates that of human vanity is a hollow boast. Comment.  
 e) Describe the face of the statue.  
 f) What does the face say about the sculptor of the statue?

**Dear Departed**

**RTC**

- a) "What are they coming for? They haven't been here for ages."  
 b) No, my child, ----- before he died."  
 c) He is too honourable to ----- his premium.  
 d) I felt I----- pleasure to look after me.

**Short Answers**

- a) Why does Mrs Slater instruct Victoria to change her dress?  
 b) Why were Mr and Mrs Jordan visiting the Slaters after so many years?  
 c) "Mother and me is going to bring grandfather's bureau down here." Who makes this remark and in what context? What does this reflect about the speaker?  
 d) Mrs Jordan, "we want a verse that says how much we loved him and refers to all his good qualities and says what a heavy loss we're had." Point out the irony in this remark
- 1) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. "What are they coming for? They haven't been here for ages." (a) Who is the speaker here? (b) Who are 'they' in the above extract? (c) Why are 'they' coming?  
 2) "She's never been here since grandfather bought it. If it was only down here instead of in his room, she'd never guess it wasn't our own."

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3) "You wouldn't say it if you were speaking properly, but it's different in poetry."

**Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments**

**RTC**

1. Not marble, nor the gilded monuments of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme; But you shall shine more bright in these contents Than un swept stone, besmeared with sluttish time.
2. When wasteful war shall statues overturn, (b) And broils root out the work of masonry, (c) Nor mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn The living record of your memory. (a) What is meant by 'wasteful war'?
3. 'Gainst death and all oblivious enmity Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still find room, Even in the eyes of all posterity That wear this world out to the ending doom
4. So, till the judgement that yourself arise, You live in this and dwell in lover's eyes...

**Short Questions**

1. What is the theme of the poem "Not Marble Nor the Gilded Monuments"?
2. In what way is the poet stronger than powerful rulers?
3. Why is war called wasteful?
4. How will the poet's friend dwell in lover's eyes?
5. Describe how the monuments and statues bear the ravages of time.

### Long Answer Type Questions

1. The materialistic thing do not last forever. What lasts is our good behaviour and the values we posses. Elaborate.
2. What quality of the work of the author is reflected in this poem?
3. Why does the poet refer to 'time' as being sluttish?
4. What is the theme of the sonnet 'Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments' ?

### PATOL BABU

1. What attention Patol Babu did pay to the minor role?
2. Elucidate the value and attitude that you learn from this story?
3. why did Patol Babu give up his job of railways?
4. What made Patol Babu famous , at one time?
5. Do you think that the decision of Patol Babu , of going away without being paid was correct? Why/why not?
6. What realization dawned on Patol babu at the end of the shot?
7. No work is small or petty. How has Satyajit Ray exemplified this in his story 'Patol Babu'?
8. Who was Mr. Pakrashi and how did he instill the value of being true to one's work in Patol Babu?

### **Letter writing**

- a) complaint against the low quality transmission provided by the cable operator
- b) Complaint against an event management agency whose workers have not served well
- c) Enquiring about the rates of conducting a birthday party
- d) Asking details for tour package you opt to avail
- e) Placing order for some electrical appliances you opt to buy
- f) Enquiring about yoga classes offered by a leading yoga training centre
- g) footpaths encroached by beggars
- h) child trafficking
- i) create awareness amongst the youth against obesity and other related ailments caused by changing life style.
- j) letter to the editor to inspire the present day generation to serve their country.

### **Story writing**

- a) The class was terribly quiet.....
- b) Nisthar was doing well in business. He had even purchased a small bungalow in the heart of the city. And one day .it was a bolt from the blue.....
- c) Last Sunday I was planning to go out for a dinner ,suddenly I heard the door bell...
- d) It was a cold winter night. I had just reached home from my friend's party..... complete the story.

### **Grammar**

Q5. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows.

1. Husband : Doctor, what will the total expenses be in the end?  
 Doctor : You will have to pay only six lac and you will have a healthy and happy wife.  
 Husband : Any concession?  
 Doctor : Not a penny.  
 Husband : Then forget it. I will buy another wife in six lac.

- i) The husband of the patient asked the doctor \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ii) The doctor replied \_\_\_\_\_.  
 iii) The patient's husband asked \_\_\_\_\_.  
 iv) When the doctor refused to leave even a penny the patient's husband asked \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Master : Out of two thousand I owe you, I deduct 500 for not being on duty for a week and another 500 for not doing your duty well.  
 Servant : Give me my one thousand then.  
 Master : I deduct 800 more for breaking my crockery and after then you are left with just two hundred.  
 Servant : Accept that as a small tip from me and find out a new servant just now.

- i) The master told the servant \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ii) The servant asked the master \_\_\_\_\_.  
 iii) The master continued that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 iv) The servant asked the master \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Rashmi: I have invited four friends for dinner.

Renu: I will also call my friends.

Rashmi: What should we serve them for dinner?

Renu: We can serve them Chinese food.

- (a) Rashmi told Renu that \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Then Renu said \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) When Renu asked \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Rashmi replied that \_\_\_\_\_

4. Ganga: How did you spend your holidays?

Gautham: I went for cricket coaching. What did you do?

Ganga: I went for the NTSC coaching classes.

Gautham: At least during the holidays you could have enjoyed yourself.

Ganga: I enjoyed going for the coaching classes.

Ganga asked Gautham (a) ..... holidays. Gautham said that (b) ..... Cricket coaching and wanted to know (c) ..... during the holidays. When Ganga told him that she had gone for NTSC coaching classes, Gautham told her that she could have enjoyed herself during the holidays. Ganga replied that (d) ..... the coaching classes.

**Q6. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences**

- (a) live in / of spaces / Indians / the most / crowded
- (b) slums / at least / 35% of / lives in / urban India
- (c) free of / city is / dangers of / no Indian / pollution / the growing
- (d) at night / the stars / in the sky / difficult / to see / it is
- (e) brother / has / a / your / job / got?
- (f) buildings / are / this / there / beautiful / town / some / in.
- (g) history / mother / the / their / college / at / teaches.
- (h) music / like / the / I / evenings / listening / in / to
- (i) lights / are / the / in / those / sky / what?
- (j) you / time / do / work / finish / what?
- (k) at / yesterday / were / not / school / they.
- (l) phone / she / me / the / not / at / weekend / did.
- (m) in / sometimes / winter / go / the / I / skiing.
- (n) look / hearing / I / from / forward / soon / you / to.

**Q7. Fill in the blanks with suitable word/words**

1 The Indian monsoon .....1..... one of the most complex weather systems in the world. It .....2..... around Australia and .....3..... all the way up to Tibet. Here is how the system works. The entire monsoon activity in the world .....4..... place between 30 degrees north and south latitudes. Sometime in January, a high pressure area called Mascarenas High .....5..... up off the western coast of Australia. It then .....6..... west. Travelling roughly 2,500 km, the monsoon .....7..... Somalia where the coast is high. This .....8..... winds back across Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea. This is called the Somalia jet. With the summer setting .....9..... the Indian subcontinent in April, land starts to heat up. As hot air .....10..... the land mass rises, a low pressure area gets formed, which draws air from the high-pressure area over the sea. The Somalia jet stream brings moisture-laden winds from high pressure area to India. These winds .....11..... India from the south-west.

2. Sujata Ashtekar and Vatsala Trivedi are two women .....1..... (on / in / with / at) a mission. They spend their time and energy to popularize organ donation in Mumbai. Ashtekar and Trivedi are volunteers .....2..... (at / with / in) the Zonal Transplant Coordination Committee that .....3..... (coordinates / coordinate / coordinating / coordinated), monitors and supervises the cadaver organ transplant programme .....4..... (along / through / across) Mumbai.

Both Trivedi and Ashtekar come .....5..... (off / from / on) the medical sector. Trivedi, 60, retired as the urology and transplant department head of Sion hospital. ....6..... (In / During / For) her career that spanned .....7..... (over / above / more) 20 years she realized the importance of transplants. She also did Mumbai's first kidney transplant .....8..... (in / on / at) 21 March, 1997. Ashtekar is a Master .....9..... (in / of / for) Social Sciences from TISS. She learnt the basics .....10..... (for / of / in) organ transplantation after a stint at Jaslok hospital. They formed the ZTCC (Zonal Transplant Coordination Committee) with likeminded people .....11..... (in / on / at) December 2000.

3. Complete the following passage with the most appropriate words from the options given.

An ATM, or Automated Teller is (a) ..... (a, an, the, no word) simple machine which (b) ..... (acting, acted, acts, is acted) as an extension of a bank even (c) ..... (as, which, when, where) the bank is closed. The machine (d) ..... (was, is, has been, should be) usually placed (e) ..... (at, of, in, on) a small room with a security guard stationed outside. You can (f) ..... (withdraw, withdrawal, withdrawn, withdrew) money from your account, deposit cheques, order (g) ..... (a, an, the, no word) cheque book, get (h) ..... (my, our, somebody's, your) account statements etc. The ATMs work round the year 24 hours a day.

Q8. On the basis of the newspaper headlines given, complete the sentences with the options give below each.

**(a) China Develops Medical Robot**

A Polytechnic University in China ..... that can conduct surgeries.

**(b) Bomb Blast Kills 17 Soldiers**

A bomb blast in the cantonment area of Islamabad .....

**(c) PUT ALL NEW FIR'S ONLINE: DELHI HC**

In a major move towards transparency in police functioning, the High Court \_\_\_\_\_ Delhi Police to start up loading all FIRs registered in the city onto its website.

**(d) SARKOZY, PM SIGN FRINGE AGREEMENTS**

After a day of official engagements, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and PM Manmohan Singh \_\_\_\_\_ a slew of peripheral pacts like a framework agreement.

**(e) SBI SHARPLY HIKES FD INTEREST RATES**

In a move expected to provide cheer to millions of depositors, State Bank of India on Monday \_\_\_\_\_ a 50 - 150 point hike in deposit rates, as a part of a bid to garner more fixed deposits.

**(f) SC DECLARES FINAL HEARING OF CASE ON JANUARY 27**

A bench comprising Chief Justice and other Justices \_\_\_\_\_ a notice to the government as well while scheduling the final hearing of the matter on January 27.

Q9. A) The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied.

Newton had a little dog name Diamond name	(incorrect) / (correct)
One day when he is fifty years	(a)
old, he went out of his room, left the	(b)
dog asleep. On the table lie his	(c)



papers. They contained all the discovery which he had made while the last twenty years. When he was gone, down rose little Diamond. He jumped upon the table and overthrow the lighted candle. The papers caught fire. They were reduce to a heap of ashes.

- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)
- (h)

b) The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied :-

There are various entry points in India (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 but most foreigners land of Delhi (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 and a good portion in them head (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 too the main bazaar which is India's (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 craziest street. It is situated close among (e) \_\_\_\_\_  
 the Delhi Railway station. It is packed of (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
 foreigners with all over the world. (g) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Frequent power cuts and the growling in (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
 generators is a common phenomenon.

c. In the paragraph given below one word has been omitted from each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the one that comes after it after it against correct blank number in your answer sheet. Underline the word you think has been omitted. Do not copy the paragraph.

In ancient times people engraved inscriptions seals, rocks, Copper plates, temple walls and bricks. Their study called epigraphy. Earliest inscriptions are found on the Harappa seals dating back to 2500 BC. They written in pictographic script which ideas were expressed in the form of old pictures. The oldest inscription deciphered sofar were issued by Ashoka in third century B.C. These inscriptions were initially written in Prakrit. Sanskrit was adopted epigraphic medium in the second Century A.D. and its use became widespread in the fourth fifth centuries

	<b>word that comes before</b>	<b>Missing word</b>	<b>Word that comes after</b>
(a)	_____	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____	_____
(e)	_____	_____	_____
(f)	_____	_____	_____
(g)	_____	_____	_____
(h)	_____	_____	_____

**SYLLABUS FOR MID TERM  
LITERATURE**

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2. The frog and the nightingale
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5. The letter

**Writing**

Letter – Complain, Placing Order, To the Editor, Inquiry

**Integrated Grammar**

6. Not marble nor the gilded monuments

7. Julius Caesar

8. Ozymandias

9. Patol Babu , the film star

Story writing