

CLASS-IX
MID TERM EXAMINATION (2023-24)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
SET B1& B2
MARKING SCHEME & SOLUTIONS

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
- The Question Paper contains **THREE** sections-**READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A: READING SKILLS**20 Marks****I. Read the passage given below.****10**

1. The modern classroom has taken several steps forward in its evolution of the learning environment in the past 25 years. Many of the benefits that we have seen in this setting are due to the introduction of new technology options for students. Instead of having a single computer for a class to use or a laboratory environment for the entire school placed in one room, we can now help students learn at their table or desk with items issued to them directly. Thus, there are quite a lot of advantages to having technology in classrooms.
2. Technology helps children to stay motivated during the learning process. Most students don't like to go to school if they feel like they are wasting their time. When there is technology allowed in the classroom, then teachers have an opportunity to let children work at a pace which suits them the best without disturbing others. They can look up additional information about a subject they are learning about that day, play educational games that reinforce the lesson, or work on advanced material using a program.
3. As many of today's technology options allow students to see how well they are doing compared to the average of all users, it gives them a chance to push harder for themselves and their education. Many of the programs that encourage learning also issue rewards or award certificates, which helps to make the lessons fun as well.
4. Technology encourages more communication between teachers and parents. When there is technology in the classroom, then there are more opportunities for parents and teachers to connect with each other. Using a blog for the classroom can help parents get to see what their children are learning each day. Apps and software options allow teachers to instantly report on a child's behaviour to let parents know in real-time what is happening throughout the day. There are options for chat boxes, instant messaging, and other forms of communication as well.
5. Technology also creates new ways to learn for today's student. There are three critical forms of intelligence that we see in children today: emotional, creative, and instructional. The traditional classroom environment, which typically encourages lecture-based lessons, focuses more on the latter option. Standardized tests and similar ranking tools do the same. When children have access to technology today, then those who excel outside of the standard learning setup can still achieve their full potential.
6. Technology allows children to embrace their curiosity in multiple ways. They can try new things without embarrassment because their tech access gives them a level of anonymity. This process allows children to work, through trial-and error if they wish, to see if a different strategy helps them to learn more effectively.

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

- i. According to the passage, most children don't like to go to school if _____: **1**
- A. They don't feel valued.
 - B. They feel like they are wasting their time.
 - C. They are unable to wake up on time.
 - D. They can get away with it.

Ans : B. They feel like they are wasting their time

- ii. Mention two advantages of having a technology that allows students to see how well they are doing compared to the average of all users. **2**

Ans: It gives them a chance to push harder for themselves and their education. Many of the programs that encourage learning also issue rewards or award certificates, which helps to make the lessons fun as well.

- iii. Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank: **1**
Technology allows children to embrace their _____ in multiple ways.

- A. intelligence
- B. hard work
- C. curiosity
- D. passion

Ans : C. curiosity

- iv. State whether the following statement is **TRUE or FALSE**. **1**
Technology creates new ways to learn for today's students.

Ans : True

- v. Based on your reading of the text, examine in about 40 words how technology helps children to stay motivated during the learning process. **2**

Ans: Technology enables children to look up additional information about a subject they are learning about that day, play educational games that reinforce the lesson, or work on advanced material using a program.

- vi. The three critical forms of intelligence that we see in children today are (Choose the correct option) **1**

- I. motivational
- II. Creative
- III. Instructional
- IV. Competitive
- V. emotional

- A. I, II and III
- B. II, III and IV
- C. II, III and V
- D. I, IV and V

Ans : C. II, III and V

- vii. Find a word from paragraph 5 which means same as 'capability'. **1**

Ans : Potential

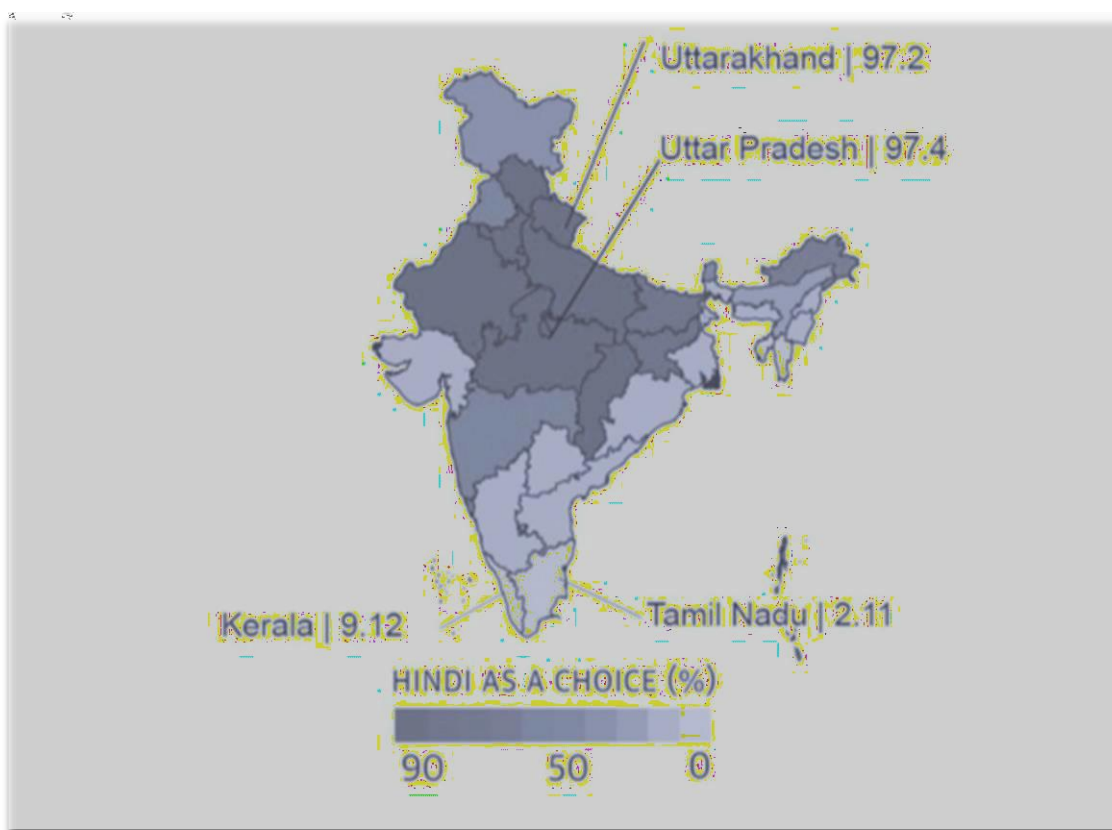
- viii. State one method through which technology encourages more communication between teachers and parents.

Ans : Apps and software options allow teachers to instantly report on a child's behaviour. 1

II. Read the passage given below.

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1. People in only 12 out of 35 States (Figures are for undivided Andhra Pradesh) and Union Territories had overwhelmingly chosen Hindi as the first choice for communication. Among the rest, while a few chose Hindi as their second or third language of communication, a majority of them chose English, according to the results of the 2011 Language Census released in 2018. About 43.63% of the total population said their mother tongue was Hindi.
2. The 2011 Census data shows that most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India, do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted the language as a secondary language. Most southern and north-eastern States are not Hindi-speaking and have adopted English as their secondary language. The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India. The given map shows the State-wise percentage of people who stated that Hindi was their first, second, or third choice of language. Most of the 12 States and Union Territories that chose Hindi as their first choice were located in northern and central India – over 96% of the population in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh speak Hindi.
3. The share of Hindi-speaking people in Gujarat is significantly lower than most States. The southern and north-eastern states, apart from Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, have the lowest proportion of Hindi-speaking population among all states.



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

- i. Which states have adopted English as their secondary language of communication?

1

- I. Southern states of India
- II. Northern states of India
- III. North-Eastern states of India
- IV. Central states of India

- A. I and II
- B. I and III
- C. III and IV
- D. I, II and III

Ans: B. I and III

- ii. Based on your reading of the text, examine in about 40 words the study recommendations for tourism planners in the North-Eastern states of India. 2

Ans : The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.

- iii. Hindi speaking population in Arunachal Pradesh is : 1

- A. lowest among the north-eastern and southern states.
- B. higher than other north-eastern states.
- C. lowest among the north-eastern states.
- D. higher than other north-eastern and southern states.

Ans : D. higher than other north-eastern and southern states.

- iv. Which state has a lower share of Hindi speaking people than any other state? 1

- A. Gujarat
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Kerala
- D. West Bengal

Ans: A. Gujarat

- v. Find a word from *Paragraph 2* which means same as **acquired**: 1

Ans : Adopted

- vi. State whether the following statement is **TRUE or FALSE**: 1

Over 96% of population in Southern India speaks Hindi as their first language of communication.

Ans: False

- vii. According to 2011 census data, which parts of India have not adopted Hindi as a secondary language? 2

Ans : Most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted it as a secondary language.

- viii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 1:
psychology: human mind :: linguistics:_____ 1

Ans : Language

SECTION B –GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS

20 MARKS

GRAMMAR

III. Attempt ANY TEN out of the **TWELVE questions given below.**

1x10=10

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

The director had come out of the office before I_____.

- A. arrived
- B. arrive
- C. was arrived
- D. had arriving

Ans : A. arrived

- ii. Read the conversation between a father and his son. Complete the sentence by reporting the son's reply correctly.

Father: Did you complete your project?

Son: No, it will take another three days.

The father asked his son if he had completed his project. The son replied in the negative and said that_____

Ans: it would take another three days.

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank

I doubt if it_____be of any use calling them so late.

- A. would
- B. could
- C. should
- D. ought

Ans : A.would

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

A pleasure in being outdoors is fundamental for human happiness.

Option No.	Error	Correction
a)	being	be
b)	A	The
c)	is	are
d)	In	at

Ans :

Option No.	Error	Correction
b)	A	The

- v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:
When he died, Ramanujan_____behind three notebooks.

- A. was leaving
- B. had left
- C. left
- D. leaves

Ans : B. had left

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

The furniture in his house_____(arrange) by his grandparents last week.

Ans : was arranged

- vii. Report the dialogue between Anita and Seema, by completing the narration.

Anita : Do you know how to swim?

Seema : Yes I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation.

Anita asked Seema_____. Then Seema replied in the affirmative and also added that she had learnt it during the summer vacation.

Ans : if she knew how to swim.

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

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

Use the given format for your response:

error	correction

Ans:

error	Correction
<i>take</i>	<i>Took</i>

- ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:

He said to us, “Why are you all sitting about there doing nothing?”

Ans : *He asked us why we were all sitting there doing nothing.*

- x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.

You _____ be hungry after all that walking.

- A. may
- B. must
- C. need
- D. can

Ans : *B. must*

- xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a doctor and Mohan.

Doctor: Do you feel stressed lately?

Mohan: Yes, I do not feel happy.

The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient’s ailment, asked if he felt stressed out lately to which the patient replied _____

Ans : *that he did not feel happy .*

- xii. Identify the error and supply the correction for the following sentence :

The countries near the Equator are some warmer than the countries farther to the North and South of the globe.

Use the given format for your response:

error	correction

Ans:

error	correction
<i>some</i>	<i>much</i>

All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

IV.A. Your school had the unique privilege of having been invited to witness a programme titled 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi. Write a descriptive paragraph of the event in about 100-120 words. You may use the following hints.

Hints: The selected students....teacher accompanying....venue of the programme...questions asked by the students....interaction with the Prime Minister.....online interaction with students from other countries and states...suggestions for overcoming exam stress...

OR

IV.B. Read the given cues and describe the person in about 100-120 words:

Hints: A.P.J. Abdul Kalam - Missile man of India-scientist-humble personality - 11th President of India - love for students and education - last breath lecturing students at IIM Shillong - PhD holder - appointed Project Director ISRO - lead successful missile and launching projects - recipient - Bharat Ratna, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan-2 inspiring qualities hardwork and dedication -- exemplary for adult and students.

Content – 2, Organisation of Ideas – 2, Accuracy - 1

V. A . Using the given prompt, write a story in about 100-120 words, on what happens next. Add a suitable title to your story. 5

***At a Chinese restaurant, you open your fortune cookie and read the following message:
“Your life is in danger. Say nothing to anyone. You must leave the city immediately and never return. Repeat: Say nothing.”***

OR

V.B. Using the given prompt, write a short story in about 100-120 words. Add a suitable title to your story.

Ram Lal, a farmer in a small village of Kutch district, Gujarat was standing in the middle of his fields and was looking at the parched land with tears in his eyes. It was already mid monsoon but there was no sign of rain. He thought

Content – 2, Organisation of Ideas – 2, Accuracy - 1

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IV.A Last summer vacation you went to your friend's hometown. His grandmother looked after you as if you were her grandchild. Your heart is full of affection for her. Describe her in 100-120 words. You may take the information given below in the input.

Most amazing person –she always puts a smile on our faces-had the funniest laugh-would help anyone no matter what the situation was- always had a welcoming home-made the best idlis and payasam-very understanding and compassionate-kind and caring

OR

IV.B Read the cues and describe the person in 100-120 words. Your teacher of English, Ms. Devyani is a strict teacher but is a favourite of one and all. Write a detailed description of her.

Hints: Disciplined-organised-closely connected to students-friendly teacher-explains concepts easily-employs innovative methods of teaching-up to date in latest information, technologically advanced.

Content – 2, Organisation of Ideas – 2, Accuracy - 1

V.A. Using the given prompt, write a short story in about 100-120 words. Add a suitable title to your story. **5**

In the background, I could hear awful commotion, men's voices raised and women screaming. I was at a loss to understand what the matter was. I tried to ignore it and sleep, but the voice was too severe. I could hardly sleep. I was so irritated that I threw my sheet and rushed towards the window. I was aghast to find.....

OR

V.B. Using the given prompt, write a short story in about 100-120 words. Add a suitable title to your story. **5**

Annual Athletic Meet -Ravi participates-prepares for months-wins 100 mts. and 200 mts. - loses 400 mts. by 58 secs.-Champions Trophy-someone else's possession- resolves to work harder- wins by large margin.

Content – 2, Organisation of Ideas – 2, Accuracy - 1

SECTION C – LITERATURE and SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT 40

VI. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE: **5**

A. *The two men were hungry. Now that the shops were open, they went to buy some groceries. To their astonishment, they found that everything cost the same, a single duddu — whether they bought a measure of rice or a bunch of bananas, it cost a duddu. The guru and his disciple were delighted. They had never heard of anything like this. They could buy all the food they wanted for a rupee.*

i. Who are the two men mentioned in the extract? **1**

Ans : *The Guru and his disciple are mentioned in the given extract.*

ii. 'They had never heard of anything like this' implies _____ **1**

- a) It was new to them
- b) It was in a different language
- c) ***It was unfamiliar and rare.***
- d) It was difficult to understand

- iii. 'To their astonishment, they found that everything cost the same, a single duddu.' 1

Which aspect of the Kingdom would be affected with the equal price of all the items?

- a) **Economy**
- b) Education
- c) Human resources
- d) Electricity

- iv. What were the two strange laws in that kingdom? 2

Ans: The shops were opened at night in the Kingdom of Fools. Everything cost the same, a single duddu whether it was a measure of rice or a bunch of bananas, it cost a duddu.

OR

B. He especially loved mechanical toys. Looking at his newborn sister, Maja, he is said to have said: Fine, but where are her wheels"?

A headmaster once told his father that what Einstein chose profession wouldn't as a use he'll never make a success at anything.

Einstein began learning to play the violin at the age of six, because his mother wanted him to; he later became a gifted amateur violinist, maintaining this skill throughout his life.

- i. What kind of toys Einstein would prefer as a child? 1

- a) **mechanical toys**
- b) Bat and ball
- c) Board games
- d) Musical instruments

- ii. "Fine, but where are her wheels"? Here **her** refers to Einstein's baby sister. 1

- iii. What did the headmaster opine about Einstein? 2

Ans : His headmaster opined about Einstein that whatever profession he would choose , he would never be successful at it.

- iv. Einstein used to play violin in_____ 1

- a) **his leisure time**
- b) frequently
- c) occasionally
- d) rarely

VII. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE: 5

- A. Wind, come softly
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers
Don't throw down the books on the shelf
There, look what you did – you threw them all down.
You tore the pages of the books.
You brought rain again.
You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings. (Wind)

- i. The poet makes a request to the wind in the above lines. 1
- ii. What does the poet ask the wind to do? 1
- The poet asks the wind to blow gently.***
 - To blow over the hills
 - To speed up its movement
 - To be more ravaging.
- iii. Write about any two destructive activities of the wind? 2
- Answer: Two destructive activities of the winds are –breaks the shutters of windows, scatters the papers, throws down the books and tears the pages of books.***
- iv. Identify the poetic device in the second and third line of the extract? 1
- Simile
 - Metaphor
 - Transferred Epithet
 - Anaphora***

OR

B. *I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee;
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.*

- i. In the given extract, I refers to_____ 1
- Robert Frost
 - John Keats
 - Coates Kinney
 - WB Yeats***
- ii. Wattles' are used for making: 1
- cabins and rooms***
 - wall paper
 - covering for roofs and windows
 - fences and walls
- iii. The poetic device used in 'hive for the honey-bee' is **alliteration.** 1
- iv. Why does he want to go to Innisfree? 2
- Ans : The poet wants to go to Innisfree to find peace and enjoy its natural beauty. Its morning, noon and evening are different from the cities where high-rise buildings touch the sky. He could hear the pleasing sound of birds and get peace of mind.***

VIII. Answer ANY FOUR out of the FIVE questions from Beehive given below in 40-50 words:
3x4=12

- a. How does Tommy describe the old kind of school?
- Ans. Tommy described the old kind of school as a special building where all kids played and studied together. All the kids from the neighbourhood came, laughing and shouting in the school yard. All of them learnt the same things so they could help each other with the homework.***

- b. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

Ans. Kezia was afraid of her father because he was strict. He stared at her and even gave her physical punishment. Instead of the love and affection that Kezia sought from her father, he gave her scolding. Her father's giant structure also terrified little Kezia.

- c. Where did Bismillah Khan play the Shehnai in 1947? Why was the event historic?

Ans. Bismillah Khan played the Shehnai on 15 August 1947 at the Red Fort in the presence of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The event was historic as it was the occasion when India gained independence from British rule.

- d. What were the two earth-shaking decisions taken by the doctor when he was looking at himself in the mirror?

Ans. The two earth-shaking decisions taken by the doctor when he was looking at himself in the mirror were that first he would shave daily and keep a thin moustache and secondly, he would always keep an attractive smile on his face.

- e. What is the single major memory that comes to the poet? Who are the "darling dreamers" he refers to?

Ans: The single major memory that comes to the poet is that of his mother and her fond look. The "darling dreamers" are the poet and his siblings(brothers and sisters) , when they were lovingly put to sleep till dawn by their mother in their childhood.

IX. Answer ANY TWO out of the THREE questions given below from MOMENTS in 40-50 words : 3x2=6

- a. How did Toto take a bath? How did he learn to do this?

Ans: Toto cunningly tested the temperature with his hand then gradually stepped into the bath. He stepped first one foot, then the other, until he was into the water up to his neck. He rubbed himself all over with the soap. He learned it all from the author.

- b. Who is the real culprit according to the king? Why does he escape punishment?

Ans: The king concluded that as the merchant inherited everything from his father so he should take the share of his father's sin as well. As the merchant was too thin to fit on the new execution the king ordered that a man fat enough to fit the stake will serve the purpose.

- c. In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra?

Ans: Iswaran was a good domestic assistant for Mahendra. Apart from cooking and doing household chores he was a great entertainer for his master. He was good at managing resources as he could find vegetables out of nowhere. And to top it all he never had a complain while accompanying his master.

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b. Why did the guru want to leave this Kingdom quickly? Why did the disciple stay on?

Ans: *The guru realized that it was the Kingdom of Fools. He decided to leave the kingdom at once. He told his disciple that where fools ruled, their lives could be in danger. But the disciple was happy there. Everything was cheap in the kingdom. He did not want to go. So the guru left the kingdom. The disciple stayed on the sake of cheap food*

c. Why does the author say that Iswaran seemed to more than make up for the absence of a TV in Mahendra's living quarters?

Ans: *The author says so because Iswaran provided great company to Mahendra. He would chat with Mahendra at night when he returned from his work. Iswaran would also entertain Mahendra by telling him fascinating stories. Thus, with Iswaran around Mahendra never felt bored and never felt the necessity of having a TV for entertainment.*

X. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions from BEEHIVE in 100-120 words: 6x1=6

a. *Evelyn Glennie's deafness was more than compensated by other parts of her body so far as the music was concerned. Discuss with reference to Sound of Music.*

Ans: *Evelyn Glennie lost her hearing completely at the age of eleven years. She wanted to lead a normal life and play the xylophone, but her teachers discouraged her considering her deafness to be an obstruction. However, Ron Forbes, a great percussionist, trained her to listen to the musical sounds and vibrations not through ears, but through other parts of her body. He created two drums with different sounds to make her hear the higher beats from the upper part of her body and the lower beats from the parts lower than her waist. The experiment was so effective that Evelyn opened her mind and body to the fine sounds of music. Evelyn now believes that music penetrates into her through every part – through her skin, cheekbones and even her hair.*

OR

b. 'Albert Einstein was a scientific genius as well as a 'World Citizen' who worked to promote peace and democracy in the world.' Comment on the above statement with reference to the lesson 'A Truly Beautiful Mind.'

Ans. *The world regards Einstein as a 'World Citizen' as much as a scientific genius because of his efforts towards world peace and democracy and his crusade against the use of arms. Einstein was deeply shaken by mishaps in the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He wrote letters to the United Nations urging it to make a world government to stop nuclear race. He travelled all over the world appealing to leaders of nations for ensuring world peace.*

Einstein's discovery left an impact on the whole world by initiating new discoveries about the universe. His theory of relativity changed the perspective through which scientists saw the universe earlier and proved that he was a scientific genius. He also worked for world peace and nuclear disarmament.

XI. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions from *MOMENTS* in 100-120 words: 6x1=6

a. Describe the character of the child as depicted in the short story *The Lost Child*.

Ans: The child is very young, innocent and full of joy and energy. He finds everything around him exciting and fascinating, whether a dragonfly or toy displayed in a toy shop. Like any child he is easily distracted and his desires and interests keep on changing from sweetmeats to balloons to rides. He is not used to large crowds and is 'repelled and fascinated' by them. His whole world revolves around his parents and he is deeply affected at his separation from them. He is obedient and disciplined and does not throw any tantrum. He fears his father and approaches his mother whenever he is tempted by any of the objects he sees during his journey to the fair and at the fair itself.

OR

b. How did the Grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur? Why does the Ticket-Collector insist on calling Toto a dog?

Ans: Grandfather was forced to take Toto to Saharanpur because he was so mischievous that he troubled every soul in the house whether humans or animals and also caused damage to property. He took him tied in a canvas cloth bag from which he could not escape when closed. He tried desperately to come out of the bag attracting a lot of attention, but all his efforts were in vain. But naughty Toto peeped out of the bag and smile at the Ticket-Collector at the railway turnstile. The collector insisted on collecting a fee for the monkey, probably classifying it as a quadruped that falls in the category of dogs. Grandfather was not convinced but handed over a fee of rupees three for Toto.
