

6. a) were was 3
 b) is was
 c) was were
 d) am was
 e) entered enter
 f) am was
7. i) cowardly 4
 ii) timid
 iii) fear
 iv) afraid
8. i) He was so tired that he fell asleep immediately. 1
 ii) After a long discussion, they finally reached a decision. 1
 iii) The excellent performance was praised by everyone 1
 iv) She was able to solve the problem very quickly. 1
9. 1. Farheen was late to work because he was feeling under the weather. 8x1/2=4
 2. The dog started barking when it sensed an unfamiliar person in the house.
 3. She completed the marathon although her foot was injured.
 4. It started raining while they were hiking in the mountains.
 5. Abhishek received a promotion after he successfully handled many difficult clients this month.
 6. I submitted all my tasks before the deadline approached.
 7. We waited in the car until the dust storm went away.
 8. I could feel the ocean around my feet as the waves rushed to the shore.
10. i) Paper boats by Rabindranath Tagore 1
 ii) This symbolizes sending out delicate hopes and dreams. 1
 iii) This stanza reveals the child's deep desire for connection and recognition beyond his immediate world. 1
 iv) The strange land represents the vast, unknown future or distant places 1
11. i) Ananda 1
 ii) collecting stamps 1
 iii) collecting stamps 1
 iv) wish to visit the national war memorial, Delhi 1

12. i) Anand's father was often annoyed and angry at his inventions, especially when they caused a mess, while his mother was more cautious and concerned, keeping an eye on household items. His sister, Anita, was sceptical and cautious, warning Anand not to involve her, but still showed a degree of concern for him 2
- ii) Sunder Singh is part of the jungle because he has adapted to and feels safe in the environment, displaying a deep understanding of its sounds and animals. He considers the jungle his home, even treating the leopard and his surroundings as his own, and prefers the wild over the chaos of the town. 2
- iii) Sundar Singh conveys a deep sense of personal ownership, pride, and responsibility for his job. It is a humorous way of showing his strong connection to the tunnel, suggesting he views himself as its primary caretaker and guardian rather than just an employee. This phrase highlights his dedication and shows he feels an intimate bond with the area. 2
- iv) Gunjan feels the Armed Forces teach courage and teamwork, as these are essential qualities for any soldier. The experience also builds leadership skills and a strong sense of responsibility and pride in serving the country. 2
- v) National War Memorial is a homage to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the sovereignty and integrity of the country in post-independence conflicts like the 1999 Kargil war, Indo-Pak wars and Indo-China conflicts. Tributes like these serve to remind the future generations that their freedom has come at the cost of the lives of countless bravehearts. 2
13. i) No, the poet does not literally see or hear the train because she is imagining it due to a deep desire to travel. The train is a symbol of her longing for adventure, and her imagination is so strong that the imagined sounds and sights, like the whistle or "cinders red on the sky," feel real to her. 2
- ii) The poet writes personal details on the paper boats to share his identity with a future, unknown person, expressing a longing for connection and a desire to be found. This shows his curiosity about the world beyond his own and his wish to be remembered. 2
- iii) In "Paper Boats," the poet Rabindranath Tagore masterfully blends imagination with reality by rooting fantastical ideas in tangible, everyday actions, making the poem engaging and full of wonder. The poem starts with simple, real-life activities that serve as a launchpad for a world of a child's imagination. 2

14. i) The poem is indeed a beautiful portrayal of a child's imagination. A simple paper boat becomes a vessel for grand adventures. The child imagines "little clouds setting the white bulging sails," turning natural phenomena into active participants in a race with his boats, sent by a "playmate of mine in the sky." He loads his boats with "shiuli flowers" hoping they travel safely, but in his dream, this cargo transforms into "baskets full of dreams," showcasing how his mind elevates physical objects to symbolic carriers of aspirations. The dream sequence where the boats "float on and on under the midnight stars" with "fairies of sleep" sailing in them, demonstrates how his imagination extends even into his subconscious, making his play a continuous, magical journey. 5

OR

- ii) respect their sacrifice, support their families, participate in national days, send thanks messages, donate to soldiers welfare funds, show our courtesy in daily life, spread awareness etc. 5