

SECTION - A: READING COMPREHENSION

From 'Mijbil the Otter'

1. The creature mostly **resembled a very small, mediievally-conceived dragon.**
2. The creature's body was coated with **symmetrical pointed scales of mud armour.**
3. The time Maxwell kept the creature: **b) One month**
4. The creature's identity: **c) An otter**
5. Description of its fur: **a) Velvet fur like a chocolate-brown mole**

From 'The Trees'

1. Action the roots were doing: **B) Disengage from the cracks in the veranda floor**
2. Condition of the leaves: **C) Stiff with exertion**
3. The boughs are compared to: **B) Newly discharged patients**

From 'The Making of a Scientist'

1. What Richard Ebright showed his kindergarten class: **b) Slides of frog tissues**
2. Lesson learned from the 'real experiment' failure: **b) Real experiments are important**

SECTION - B: GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

1. **Noun-modifiers:** i) Anne wrote a **small, precious diary.** ii) Mijbil chased the **small, slippery fish.**
2. **Passive Voice:** **Delicious cakes were prepared by the baker for the festival.**
3. **Repeated action in the past:** A) Maxwell **would/used to feed** Mijbil every morning. B) Anne **would/used to write** in her diary during the hiding period.
4. **Prepositions:** i) **at** ii) **by**
5. **Editing the passage (Corrections):** (a) **wrote** (Correcting 'written') (b) **was** (Correcting 'were')
6. **Antonyms:** (a) crowded - **empty** (b) joyful - **sad**
7. **Correct form of verbs:** baked, waited
8. **Meaningful sentences:** * **Plunge in:** Without any hesitation, she decided to **plunge in** and start her new business. * **Caught my eye:** A beautiful painting in the corner of the gallery **caught my eye.**

SECTION - C: CREATIVE EXPRESSION

19. A) Conversation with a Coorg Resident

Speaker	Dialogue
Tourist	Good morning! It's so beautiful here. The air is so fresh and cool. Is it always like this?
Resident	Good morning! Yes, for most of the year. We have a pleasant climate, though it gets quite heavy rainfall during the monsoons.
Tourist	I see. The people here also seem to have a

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	distinct culture. Can you tell me a bit about yourselves?
Resident	Certainly. We are known as Kodavas . We are a proud martial race , known for our traditions and hospitality. Our families are often large, with ancestral homes.
Tourist	That's fascinating. And what about the food? I'd love to try some local dishes.
Resident	You must try our specialities! We use a lot of rice, pork, and river fish. Our most famous dish is Kadumbuttu (steamed rice balls) and Pandi Curry (pork curry). It's a real treat!
Tourist	That sounds delicious! I will definitely try it. Thank you so much for sharing. It sounds like a wonderful lifestyle, close to nature and rich in culture.
Resident	You are most welcome. Enjoy your stay in Coorg!

19. B) Diary Entry as Anne Frank

Dear Diary,

I must tell you about the latest drama with **Mr. Keesing**, my maths teacher. He has labelled me a "**chatterbox**" and, as punishment, assigned me an essay with that very title! At first, I was annoyed. Is it a crime to be lively and enjoy conversation? I felt misunderstood and unfairly targeted.

But then, I decided to use this as an opportunity. I thought, if he wants an essay on talking, I shall give him one he won't forget. I poured all my wit into that essay, arguing that **talking is a trait of a student**, and while I will try to control it, I **inherited it from my mother**, so it's not entirely my fault! I even threw in a joke about it being easier to try and be quiet than to stop being a chatterbox, as it is an inherited trait.

I handed it in, expecting another scolding. But, oh Kitty, you should have seen it! When he read it, he actually **laughed**! He was so impressed with my arguments that he took the joke in good spirit. He didn't punish me again and even let me talk a bit more in class. I feel so triumphant! It feels wonderful to have used my words to not just defend myself, but to also win over a strict teacher. It proves that writing is my true strength.

Yours, Anne