

## Section A: Multiple Choice Questions

Q. No.	Answer
1.	C) dethroned
2.	D) release
3.	B) to check if he could recollect his past experiences there
4.	D) Macaulay
5.	C) comic stories
6.	B) because it served as a secret message, to inspire people to rise and unite against the British.
7.	A) conscientious
8.	D) by sending a letter through the servant
9.	B) Chunilal Babu
10.	A) confidence
11.	D) birds
12.	C) Kitty Hawk, North Carolina
13.	A) determination
14.	D) because people believed flying was impossible
15.	A) It marked the beginning of modern air travel

## Section B: Short Answers

### 16. From the poem "Geography Lesson":

1. The jet made it clear at the height of **ten thousand feet**.
2. The two natural features that attracted man are **land** and **water**.

### 17. From the story "Children at Work":

1. The word 'You' refers to **Velu**, the runaway boy.
2. The girl advised him to **wait for the people to finish their lunch** if he wanted to get food.

## Section C: Grammar and Composition

### 18. Reported Speech:

1. Bhaskar said **that he had sent his friend a letter the previous week**.
2. The teacher asked **if I had shown my friends the homework**.

### 19. Diary Entry (Comic Style):

Dear Diary,

What an absolutely bizarre day! My two friends, **Bepin Babu** and **Chunilal**, have given me a story fit for a comedy film.

It all started when Chunilal, who has been having a rough time, came to me looking very pleased with himself. He said he had played a "**little prank**" on our ever-so-serious and forgetful friend, Bepin. Apparently, he convinced Bepin that he had **lost his memory** about a whole trip

to **Ranchi**! He described the holiday so vividly—from a **twisted ankle** to a **missing mark on his knee**—that poor Bepin completely fell for it.

The best part? Bepin, the logical man, was so shaken he actually started feeling ill and **went to a doctor** to check his brain! He even called people in Ranchi to confirm a trip he never took. The poor man was in a total panic.

I shouldn't laugh, but the image of Bepin Babu desperately searching his knee for a non-existent scar is just too funny. Chunilal got his revenge for Bepin not helping him find a job, and Bepin got a much-needed lesson in friendship and humility. I suppose it all worked out, but oh, what a circus!

## Section D: Long Composition

### 20. a) Letter to a Friend

[Your Name] [Your Address] [Date]

Dear [Friend's Name],

I hope this letter finds you in the best of spirits. We recently studied about the **British rule in India** in our history class, and I felt compelled to share my thoughts with you. Learning about the hardships our people faced was both heartbreaking and inspiring.

The British rule was a period of immense struggle for the common Indian. **Farmers were burdened with heavy taxes**, leading to widespread poverty and famines. Our local industries, especially textiles, were destroyed to benefit British factories. Indians were treated as second-class citizens in their own land, denied good jobs and basic rights. The **Rowlatt Act** and the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre** are stark reminders of the brutal repression used to silence the voice of freedom.

Yet, in the face of such adversity, the bravery of our **freedom fighters** shines like a beacon. From the first war of independence in **1857** to the non-violent movement led by **Mahatma Gandhi**, countless heroes emerged. We remember the fierce courage of **Rani Lakshmibai**, the intellectual strength of **Bhagat Singh**, and the unwavering determination of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**. They faced imprisonment, torture, and even death, but never gave up their dream of a free India.

Their sacrifices paved the way for the independence we enjoy today. It is our duty to remember their struggle and uphold the values of our nation.

Please write back and tell me what you think.

Your loving friend, [Your Name]

### --- OR --- 20. b) Conversation between Velu and the Girl

**Girl:** So, you finally decided to get up? You looked like you were going to sleep on the platform forever.

**Velu:** (Rubbing his eyes) Where... where am I?

**Girl:** This is **Chennai Central**. If you stand here looking lost, the police will take you. What's your name?

**Velu:** Velu.

**Girl:** I'm **Jaya**. Are you hungry?

**Velu:** (Nods weakly) I haven't eaten properly in days.

**Jaya:** Come with me, then. But you'll have to **work**. No free food here.

**Velu:** Work? What work?

**Jaya:** You'll see. It's not a office job, but it will fill your stomach. Do you want to come or not?

**Velu:** (Hesitantly) I... I have no other option. I'll come. **Jaya:** Good. Just remember, don't ask too many questions and do as I say. And whatever you do, stay away from the police. Understood?

**Velu:** Understood.