

# 1. How does the writer, Hutchinson, classify himself as a thinker?

The writer, R.C. Hutchinson, classifies himself as a **slow thinker**. He states that he belongs to the "tribe of slow thinkers" who are disadvantaged in keeping up with the fast-paced modern world.

## **2. What is the writer's opinion on travelling fast?**

The writer **enjoys the superficial excitement of fast travel** for fun, such as driving a car at ninety miles an hour. However, he believes it excludes the real pleasures of travel, as it cuts a person off from the authentic rhythm and countryside experience.

### **3. Why does the narrator ask Ms. Greene to save paper and aluminium cans?**

The narrator asks Ms. Greene to save them so they can be **recycled to save natural resources and protect the ecology**. He advises her that keeping them separate makes it easier for the school children to collect and reuse them.

## 9. What are the features of a happy life?

According to Alexander Pope's *Ode on Solitude*, the features of a happy life are **simplicity, self-sufficiency, and inner contentment**. It includes having a few paternal acres, good health, peace of mind, sound sleep at night, and an innocent, meditative lifestyle.

## **10. Who is a blessed man?**

A blessed man is one who can **unconcernedly watch hours, days, and years slide smoothly away** without worry or anxiety. He lives peacefully, relying on his own land, animals, and trees for his basic needs.

## **11. How do the germs of disease grow?**

According to the poem *Polythene Bag*, the germs of disease grow when a **polythene bag is left buried or discarded inside a garbage bin for a long time.**

## **12. How does a polythene bag pollute our environment?**

A polythene bag pollutes the environment because **it is non-biodegradable and never dissolves into the soil**. When left alone, it creates a breeding ground for disease germs; when burnt, it releases poisonous gases with a pungent smell.

## 15. What is allergy?

An allergy is a **hypersensitive reaction of the body's immune system** to certain foreign substances that are otherwise harmless to most people.

## 16. What are allergens?

Allergens are the **specific substances that trigger an allergic reaction**, such as dust mites, pollen, animal dander, certain foods, or drugs.

## 20. What can make our life sweet?

According to William Cowper's poem *God Made the Country*, "**health and virtue**" are the unique divine gifts that can alone make the bitter journey of human life sweet.

## **23. Paragraph on: Democracy**

Democracy is a system of government where the ultimate power rests with the citizens. Abraham Lincoln famously defined it as a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Its foundational core relies on free, regular elections where citizens vote to elect their representatives. It ensures equality, protects fundamental human rights, and grants freedom of speech to everyone. Though it has operational challenges, democracy remains the most popular form of governance globally because it values

governance globally because it values individual freedom and holds leaders accountable to public oversight.

## **24. Letter to a friend describing the school annual function**

Ranighat, Patna.

July 3, 2026.

Dear Amit,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to tell you about the annual function of our school, which took place yesterday evening.

Our school campus was beautifully decorated with colorful flags and lights. The District Magistrate was invited as the Chief Guest. The program started at 5:00 PM with the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome song. Students performed various cultural items like patriotic dances, a comical skit, and a musical chorus. I also participated in the drama section and received a lot of applause.

At the end of the evening, the Chief Guest gave away prizes to academic and sports toppers. Our Principal read the annual report and thanked everyone. It was an unforgettable day full of joy. Give my regards to your parents.

Your loving friend,  
Rahul

## **28. Message to Mother**

### **MESSAGE**

July 3, 2026

10:30 AM

Dear Mother,

I am writing this to inform you that my classmate, Rohan, has suddenly fallen ill with a severe fever. I am going to his house right now to check on his health and see if he needs any medical assistance. I will be back home by 2:00 PM. Please do not worry about me. I have taken my umbrella along as it looks cloudy.