

4.a) Why does the narrator describe himself as a member of the "tribe of slow thinkers"?

Answer: In the essay "The Pace for Living", the narrator describes himself as a slow thinker because he finds himself disadvantaged in the modern, fast-paced world. He mentions failing miserably in intelligence tests designed to measure how quickly the human mind can react, feeling left behind by rapid lifestyle changes.

b) What advice does Jim give to Ms. Greene regarding her disposal of paper and aluminium cans?

Answer: In "Me and the Ecology Bit", Jim advises Ms. Greene to save her old newspapers and aluminum cans for recycling. He tells her to pile them up so they can be picked up by the school kids to be made into new paper and aluminum products, rather than throwing them in the trash or burning them.

c) How did Gillu show his affection and care when the narrator was injured in a car accident?

Answer: In Mahadevi Verma's story "Gillu", when the narrator was hospitalized following a car accident, Gillu would sit near her head on the pillow. He would gently stroke her forehead and hair with his tiny claws, which provided her great comfort and acted like a caring companion.

d) What criticism does Ray make regarding the use of music and Hollywood influence on Indian cinema?

Answer: In "What is Wrong with Indian Films", Satyajit Ray criticizes the blind imitation of Hollywood styles and the jazzing up of Indian films with unnecessary musical numbers. He argues that Indian cinema should rely on its own cultural roots and realistic storytelling rather than adopting Western clichés that do not suit the Indian context.

e) What elements of nature in the countryside provide comfort to human beings?

Answer: According to the poem "God Made the Country", natural elements like shady trees, green fields, birds singing, groves, and moonbeams provide pure health, peace, and spiritual comfort to human beings away from the stressful city life.

f) What are the basic necessities provided to a happy man by his paternal acres?

Answer: In Alexander Pope's poem "Ode on Solitude", a happy man's paternal inheritance provides him with a house/land to live on, fields that supply him with food (bread), herds of cattle that give him milk, and trees that provide him with shade in summer and firewood in winter.

g) What happens to the polythene bag when it is left to itself?

Answer: In the poem "Polythene Bag", when it is left to itself, it never gets dissolved or decomposed into the earth. It pollutes the environment, breeds diseases, and remains buried inside the soil, exuding a foul smell when touched or heated.

h) Whose condition is being described as "thinner than a crescent" and why?

Answer: The condition is being described for Radha in Vidyapati's poem "Thinner Than a Crescent". She has grown excessively thin and physically weak due to the deep grief and constant crying caused by her separation from Lord Krishna.

i) Why did Halku feel a sense of relief even after his entire crop was destroyed?

Answer: In Premchand's story "January Night", Halku felt a sense of relief because the destruction of his crop meant he would no longer have to spend freezing winter nights out in the open fields guarding it from wild animals.

j) Define the allergy march.

Answer: The allergy march (or atopic march) refers to the typical chronological progression of allergic diseases that often starts in early infancy with eczema (atopic dermatitis) and food allergies, and later develops into allergic rhinitis and asthma as the child grows older.

5. The Plastic Menace

Plastic has become one of the greatest environmental threats to our planet today. Because it is non-biodegradable, a single plastic bag can take hundreds of years to break down. Millions of tons of plastic waste end up clogging our drainage systems, polluting our rivers, and filling up landfills. When swallowed by cows, street animals, or marine life, it causes painful deaths. Furthermore, burning plastic releases toxic fumes into the air that cause respiratory diseases. To save our earth, it is crucial to drastically reduce our single-use plastic consumption and replace it with eco-friendly alternatives like jute, cloth, or paper bags.

Section 6: Notice Writing

ABC SCHOOL, PATNA
NOTICE

October 24, 2026

INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

This is to inform all students from Classes IX and X that our school is organizing an Inter-School Quiz Competition on **November 5, 2026**, in the school auditorium at **10:00 AM**. The quiz will cover topics on General Knowledge, Science, and Current Affairs.

Interested students who wish to participate must register their names in pairs of two with the undersigned latest by **October 30, 2026**.

Section 8: Message Writing

MESSAGE

October 24, 2026

2:30 PM

Dear Mom,

I am writing this to let you know that I will be late coming home from school today. Our school is organizing an extra remedial class for Mathematics to prepare for the upcoming terminal examinations. The class will end at 4:30 PM, so I expect to reach home by 5:00 PM. Please do not worry about me.

Aniket

Section 10: Formal Application

To,
The Principal,
XYZ Senior Secondary School,
Patna.

Subject: Application for School Leaving Certificate (SLC).

Respected Sir/Madam,

I beg to state that I was a student of Class X-A in your school during the academic session 2025–2026. I have successfully passed my board examinations this year. My father, who works in a bank, has recently been transferred to another branch in Delhi, and our entire family is shifting there

Yours faithfully,

Consequently, I need to take admission in a new school in Delhi to pursue my higher secondary education. Therefore, I kindly request you to issue my School Leaving Certificate along with my character certificate at the earliest. I have cleared all my school dues.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,

Rohan Sharma

Class: X-A

Roll No: 14