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CBSE Class 10 · English

A Letter to God

10 most probable questions for Boards 2027

Q1. 1 mark · Very short answer

What larger significance does the poem give to an apparently simple moment? (1 mark)

Answer

A brief encounter with nature can unexpectedly change one's mood and make a regretted day partly worthwhile.

Q2. 2 marks · Short answer

What does Lencho believe God can see, even when it is hidden from other people? (2 marks)

Answer

Lencho believes God's eyes see everything, including what lies deep in a person's conscience. He trusts that God knows his family's desperate need, even when other people cannot see it.

Q3. 2.5 marks · Medium answer

Name the two grammar and language topics highlighted for practice in this lesson: one concerning clauses that add information about an already identified noun, and one concerning the use of negative words. (2.5 marks)

Answer

1. Non-defining relative clauses add information about an already identified noun and are usually enclosed by commas. They begin with relative pronouns such as who, whom, whose or which.
2. Using negatives for emphasis uses words such as no, not or nothing to strengthen an idea. "Not the slightest surprise" means a complete absence of surprise.

Q4. 5 marks · Multiple choice

Choose the option that best describes the family's hope after the hailstorm. (5 marks)
A. They expect the post office to replace the crop.
B. They rely on help from God.
C. They believe the hailstorm will quickly bring another harvest.
D. They expect Lencho's neighbours to provide a new field.

Answer

(B) They rely on help from God — Lencho's only hope after the hailstorm is God's help.

Q5. 10 marks · Very long answer

Complete the following integrated writing task. (10 marks)
(a) Give one example of a metaphor from the lesson and state what quality it transfers. (2 marks)
(b) In two or three sentences, explain how a money order can be used to send money and why water harvesting is important during drought and when water is available in excess. (3 marks)
(c) Write a short note from Jaya to Arti that apologises for the long gap in writing. Include when Jaya last sent a card, the family's move, and Sarah's new school near their home. (5 marks)

Answer

The lesson links language learning with postal communication and practical water conservation.
1. Lencho calls the raindrops "new coins," a metaphor transferring coins' value to rain. The comparison presents rainfall as precious because it can save his crops.
2. The sender completes a money order form at the post office and pays the amount. The post office sends the money to the receiver and returns the acknowledgement after the receiver signs it.
3. Water harvesting stores rainwater when it is available in excess, making water available during dry periods. It helps communities face drought and reduces the wastage of abundant seasonal rain.
4. Dear Arti, I am sorry I have not written for a very long time. I last sent you a birthday card in September 2005. Our family has just moved house, and Sarah has started school at Little Feet, very close to our home. The drizzle outside reminds me of our good times in Bangalore last year. Do write back. Love, Jaya.
Conserving water helps communities prepare for shortages, while a letter can renew friendships.

Q6. 12 marks · Essay answer

Explain what Lencho says in his second letter about the money he received and what he asks God to do next. (12 marks)

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Q7. 15 marks · Essay answer

In about 220–250 words, explain the meaning of "rued" and how the word helps convey the speaker's state of mind before the moment described in the poem. Support your response with reference to the poem. (15 marks)

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Q8. 18 marks · Essay answer

Describe Lencho's character as a hardworking farmer who can write. Then explain what he asks God for in his letter and why his family needs the money. Support your response with details from the passage. (18 marks)

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Q9. 2 marks · Short answer

How did the postmaster gather money to help Lencho? (2 marks)

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Q10. 2.5 marks · Medium answer

What does the drizzle remind Jaya of, and where did she share those good times with Arti? (2.5 marks)

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