

GURU GOBIND SINGH PUBLIC SCHOOL
SECTOR – 5/B, B.S. City
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR 2nd PRE BOARD

CLASS-X

1. Read the following passage carefully:

Walter Elias "Walt" Disney was born on December 5, 1901, in Hermosa, Illinois. He lived most of his childhood in Marceline, Missouri, where he began drawing, painting and selling pictures to neighbours and family friends. Disney attended McKinley High School in Chicago, where he took drawing and photography classes and was a contributing cartoonist for the school paper. At night, he took courses at the Chicago Art Institute.

When Disney was 16, he dropped out of school to join the army but was rejected for being underage. Instead, he joined the Red Cross and was sent to France for a year to drive an ambulance. When Disney returned from France in 1919, he moved back to Kansas City to pursue a career as a newspaper artist. His brother Roy got him a job at the Pesmen-Rubin Art Studio, where he met cartoonist Ubbe Eert Iwwerks, better known as Ub Iwerks. From there, Disney worked at the Kansas City Film Ad Company, where he made commercials based on cutout animation. Around this time, Disney began experimenting with a camera, doing hand-drawn cel animation, and decided to open his own animation business. From the ad company, he recruited Fred Harman as his first employee.

Walt and Harman made a deal with a local Kansas City theater to screen their cartoons, which they called *Laugh-O-Grams*. The cartoons were hugely popular, and Disney was able to acquire his own studio, upon which he bestowed the same name. Laugh-O-Gram hired a number of employees, including Harman's brother Hugh and Iwerks. They did a series of seven-minute fairy tales that combined both live action and animation, which they called *Alice in Cartoonland*. By 1923, however, the studio had become burdened with debt, and Disney was forced to declare bankruptcy.

Disney and his brother, Roy, soon pooled their money and moved to Hollywood. Iwerks also relocated to California, and there the three began the Disney Brothers' Studio. Their first deal was with New York distributor Margaret Winkler, to distribute their *Alice* cartoons. They also invented a character called Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, and contracted the shorts at \$1,500 each.

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) What did Walt Disney learn in his childhood?
- (b) Why was Walt not selected in the army?
- (c) How did Walt's brother help him in Kansas?
- (d) What did Walt learn at Kansas City Film Ad Company?
- (e) Name the first employee of Ad Company.
- (f) What deal was made with the Kansas City theatre?
- (g) Write briefly about Alice in the Cartoonland.
- (h) What was the deal made with Margaret Winkler?

2. Read the following passage carefully:

1. Maybe you're bored of bananas, apples and grapes and need a fresh produce pick? A nutrient-rich serving of kiwifruit may be just what you need. A serving of kiwifruit (2 kiwis) has twice the vitamin C of an orange, as much potassium as a banana and the fiber of a bowl of whole grain cereal—all for less than 100 calories!

2. The fuzzy fruit is sky-high in both soluble and insoluble fiber, both of which are essential for promoting heart health, regulating digestion, and lowering cholesterol levels—that's a winning trifecta. Kiwi fruit has also been considered a “nutritional all-star,” as Rutgers University researchers found that kiwifruit has the best nutrient density of 21 commonly consumed fruits.
3. Along with vitamin C, kiwi fruit are rich in many bioactive compounds that have antioxidant capacity to help to protect against free radicals, harmful by-products produced in the body. If you want clean energy, think of kiwifruit because they're rich in magnesium, a nutrient essential to convert food into energy.
4. A kiwi fruit also doubles as a peeper-keeper by supplying your eyes with protective lutein, a carotenoid that's concentrated in eye tissues and helps protect against harmful free radicals. Kiwifruit is also packed with blood pressure-lowering potassium. In fact, a 100-gram serving of kiwifruit—that's about one large kiwi—provides 15% of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of potassium.
5. Kiwi fruit has been growing in New Zealand for over 100 years. Once the fruit gained in popularity, other countries started to grow them including Italy, France, Chile, Japan, South Korea and Spain. At first, kiwis were referred to as 'Yang Tao' or 'Chinese Gooseberry,' but the name was ultimately changed to kiwifruit so that everyone would know where the fruit came from.
6. A ripe kiwi fruit will be plump and smooth-skinned, and free of wrinkles, bruise, and punctures. If you find that your kiwi is a little too firm after buying it, simply let it ripen at room temperature for three to five days. The firmer the fruit, the more tart it will taste. To speed up the ripening process, you can also place kiwis in a paper bag with an apple or banana. If you want to store the fruit longer, you should keep in a plastic bag in the refrigerator.

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) What does a serving of kiwi offer?
- (b) Why has kiwi been considered a “nutritional all-star”?
- (c) How is kiwi fruit helpful for the eyes?
- (d) How can you make a kiwi fruit ripen

2.2 Do as directed:

(a) The word 'compound' means:

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| (i) calcium | (ii) mixture | (iii) texture | (iv) vitamin |
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(b) The word 'concentrated' means':

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| (i) strong | (ii) liquid | (iii) large | (iv) replace |
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(c) The word 'bruises' means:

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| (i) roughness | (ii) desolation | (iii) popularity | (iv) discoloured |
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(d) The word 'tart' means:

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| (i) sweet | (ii) salty | (iii) bitter | (iv) nutty |
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Q3. you are Mohan Kumar, incharge of tour and excursion club of ABC public school. During the summer break, you are planning to organize a tour to a place of historical importance. Write a letter to the Bharat Tour Agency, Agra, enquiring about the charges, facilities and all the other necessary details.

Q4. Write a letter to the chairman of municipal corporation complaining about insanitary condition of your locality.

Q5. You are Mr Kumar, the coordinator of Gyandeeep public school .Write a letter to place a bulk order for school unifom to M/S Sinha Garments.

Q6 You are upset at the usual traffic jams in your city and the chaos they create. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local daily mentioning the reasons for it and the possible solutions. You are Seema/Sohan, 12 Mall Road, Delhi.

Q7. Write a story in 200-250 words based on the following clues A house full of rats – happy – a cat comes – rats in danger – how to warn – a small rat– tie a bell – bell ringing – warning – an elder rat – who will bell the cat ?

Q8 Write a story in 200-250 words based on the following clues: It was a dark night. We had lost our way among the fields. Then I saw a light in the distance. We started walking in that direction.

Q9. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options that follow :

Rakesh ___(a)___ not quarrel with anyone in ___(b_)___ jail. Then one day I saw him ___(c)___ his cool. In his ward ___(d)___ was a youngman ___(e)___ did not look like a criminal.
(a) (i) do (ii) does (iii) did (iv) doing
(b) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) some
(c) (i) lose (ii) loses (iii) lost (iv) losing
(d) (i) there (ii) their (iii) here (iv) nowhere
(e) (i) which (ii) who (iii) that (iv) whose

Q10. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error, write it and its correction as shown in the example :

	Error	Correction
People always take pity on Reddy.	e.g. take	took
He was a victim on an acid attack.	(a) _____	_____
He was very young hard eleven	(b) _____	_____
years old. People will say, "What'll	(c) _____	_____
he do in life ? What is go to	(d) _____	_____
happen to him when we had gone ?"(e)	_____	_____

Q11. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- (a) were / on the / Ram / standing / and / beach / Sham
- (b) at the / waves / were / rising and falling / they / looking
- (c) a boat / a wave / they / top of / saw / on the
- (d) the wave / up and down / was / with / it / going
- (e) in the / two men / there / sitting / were / boat

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

12. Naresh Dutt cast an appraising look at Patol Babu and gave a nod. 'Oh yes', he said. 'There is no doubt about that. By the way, the shooting takes place tomorrow morning'.

- (a) Who is Naresh Dutt?
- (b) Why has he come to meet Patol Babu?
- (c) What do his words 'Oh yes' mean ?
- (d) What is meant by 'shooting' ?

Q 13 "But I am constant as the northern star,
Of whose true-fix'd and resting quality
There is no fellow in the firmament".

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) What is the northern star ?
- (c) What is special about it ?
- (d) What is firmament ?

Q14. "A real message from the real Sebastian Shultz. We both knew that by reliving the accident, something wonderful had happened."

- (a) Who is the narrator?
- (b) What accident is he referring to?
- (c) What wonderful has happened?
- (d) Who are 'we'?

Q15 "And immediately I regretted it.
I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act!
I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human education".

- (a) What does the poet regret?
- (b) Why does the poet curse his human education?
- (c) What is the speaker's human education?
- (d) Who is the poet of the above line?

***Answer any four of the following:**

Q16 Why didn't Luigi, the driver, approve of Nicola and Jacopo?

Q17. Who was Ali ? Why did he go daily to the post office?

Q18. "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings." What does Ozymandias mean by 'king of kings'?

Q19. Why did the narrator feel sorry after throwing a stick at the snake?

Q20. How does Mrs. Slatter plan to outshine the Jordons ? Why?

Q21. What were the blessings the albatross brought with it?

Q22. How does Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream?

Q23. Why does Patol Babu's wife tell him that he is counting his *'chickens before they're hatched'* ?

Q24 What made the writer believe that he was good at writing ghost stories?

Q25. Why did the narrator allow the snake to quench his thirst first?

***Answer the following in 100-120 words:**

Q26 Animal life is as sacred as human life. Describe how ancient mariner and other sailors suffered because the ancient mariner had killed the albatross.

Q27. To lead a happy married life there must be trust between husband and wife. Why did Lavinia decide to leave her husband and why did she later on change her decision ?

Q28 How does Helen's appearance in the party make Lavinia get rid of her superstitious belief in Ouija Boards?

Q29. Bring out the irony in the words, "*My name is Ozymandias, king of kings, Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!*" as inscribed on the pedestal of the statue. What lesson does this irony teach us?

*** Answer the following in 150-200 words :**

Q30 Helen's contact with Dr. Bell raised her perception and understanding of the world. Comment.

Q31. Helen's teacher took her across the tough road of her life. What role did she play in her success?