

Passage 1 Answers:

1. (c) multiple taskers
2. (a) independence movement among the disabled
3. (b) service, hearing and seizure dogs
4. (c) The canines and ordinary dogs
5. (d) trainee

Passage 2 Answers:

1. tea
2. the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung
3. catechins
4. not fermented
5. aids.

3. Formal Letter

To

The Principal
ABC Public School
Delhi

Date: 25 January 2026

Subject: Request to organise an excursion to a nearby hill station

Respected Sir/Madam,

I hope you are in good health. I am writing this letter on behalf of the students of Class VII to kindly request you to organise an excursion to a nearby hill station during the coming vacation.

An educational excursion will give students a refreshing break from routine studies. It will also help us learn about nature, geography, and local culture in a practical way. Such trips improve bonding among students and develop discipline, cooperation, and responsibility.

We assure you that we will follow all school rules and maintain proper discipline throughout the trip. We request you to kindly consider our proposal and grant us permission for the excursion.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,

Surya

Monitor, Class VII–A

OR

Letter to the Principal requesting change of section

To

The Principal
Gandhi Public School
Karnataka

Date: 25 January 2026

Subject: Request for change of section

Respected Sir,

With due respect, I wish to state that I am facing difficulty in my present section due to adjustment issues. Most of my previous classmates are in another section, and it has become hard for me to cope academically and socially.

I sincerely request you to kindly change my section from VII–B to VII–A. I assure you that this change will help me perform better in my studies and participate actively in class activities.

I shall be highly grateful to you for your kind consideration.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,

Sunidhi

Class VII

Q4. Descriptive paragraph on your experience of a train journey

Last summer, I had a memorable experience of travelling by train with my family. As the train slowly moved out of the station, I heard the rhythmic sound of wheels on the tracks and the cheerful chatter of passengers. Vendors were calling out loudly, selling tea and snacks. Through the window, I enjoyed beautiful scenes of green fields, rivers, and small villages passing by quickly. Inside the train, people were talking, reading newspapers, and sharing food with one another. I felt excited, relaxed, and happy during the journey. The cool breeze and changing scenery made the journey pleasant and unforgettable.

OR

Diary Entry expressing feelings for brave soldiers

Date: 25 January 2026

Day: Sunday

Time: 9:00 PM

Dear Diary,

Today, I read some inspiring stories about our brave soldiers, and my heart is filled with pride and respect. They protect our country day and night, even in harsh weather and dangerous conditions. They stay away from their families so that we can live in peace and safety.

Their courage, sacrifice, and love for the nation motivate me to be a responsible and disciplined citizen. I salute our soldiers for their selfless service and pray for their safety. They are the true heroes of our country.

Q 5 Answers

i C The girl's bag is missing ii A is iii D an iv c re- v B mis- vi B an

vii D because viii B as high as

ix You need the following ingredients to make tea: milk, water, tea powder, sugar and ginger.

X She often visits the library.

Xi little

Q 6 Extract

Ans i. C heat

Ans ii. endurance and resilience

Ans iii. True

Ans iv. B unbearable heat

Ans v. D dedication

OR

Ans. i. C personification

Ans. ii. B Distance

iii. (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

Ans. iv. The speaker hears the whistle of the train shrieking, even though the track is far away.

Ans. v the train whistle could symbolize a longing for travel, escape, or the excitement of distant places

Q 7 Extract

Ans i. C quick and rash

Ans ii. (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

Ans iii. False

Ans iv. She planned to stop paying taxes (tribute) to the Portuguese and would also stop selling them spices and cloth.

Ans v. The crowd responded by saying they were with her, showing their loyalty and support, and someone even exclaimed "victory to Rani Abbakka Devi"

OR

Ans i. B flame

Ans ii. (c) remember with respect

Ans iii. (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

Ans: iv. The obelisk is surrounded by four chakras.

Ans: v. The interminable flame serves as a metaphor for the eternal stories of courage and valour.

8 Answer the following in 23-30 words (ANY FIVE) 3x5=15 marks

Ans i. The Amar Jawan Jyoti represents an immortal flame that honors the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country. It symbolizes the spirit of the fallen soldiers and the nation's eternal respect for their sacrifices.

Ans ii. The four concentric circles at the National War Memorial are:

- **Amar Chakra (Circle of Immortality):** Represents the immortal spirit of the fallen soldiers.
- **Veerta Chakra (Circle of Bravery):** Exhibits murals showcasing the bravery of Indian Armed Forces.
- **Tyag Chakra (Circle of Sacrifice):** Represents the sacrifices of soldiers, with each granite tablet dedicated to a fallen hero.
- **Raksha Chakra (Circle of Protection):** Symbolizes the protection of citizens, with trees representing soldiers protecting the nation.

Ans iii. Arunima joined a basic mountaineering course in Uttarkashi. This was followed by 18 months of rigorous training. To top it off, she met Bachendri Pal for guidance and support

Ans iv. Arunima summited the highest 7 peaks of 7 continents respectively. In January 2019, she climbed the seventh peak on Antarctica and became world's first female amputee to climb Mount Vinson. Her goal to complete the Seven Summits was achieved.

Ans v. Rani Abbakka decided to go against the Portuguese because they had taken control of her kingdom, Ullal, forcing it to become a "vassal" state that paid tribute, and she promised her dying mother she would free Ullal from their control.

Ans vi. The poem is also centered around the immense gratitude the poet and citizens harbor for the efforts of the soldiers. It is important for us to pray for the wellbeing of the soldiers because they are the youth of the nation who are sacrificing the prime of their lifetime, precious time they could be spending with their families, their personal time and effort to keep us safe and sound. The soldiers are selflessly devoting themselves in patriotic duty, so they deserve all our blessings and gratitude.

9. We should respect our elders.

10. b) Philately

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following question in 80-100 words marks

1x5=5

Ans i. Imagery plays a crucial role in the poem, bringing the speaker's emotions to life and making the abstract feeling of wanderlust tangible. Visual and auditory imagery, such as "the whistle shrieking" and "cinders red on the sky," help readers hear and see the trains that are only imagined. These images create a strong contrast between the stillness of the night and the dynamic presence of a train that never actually appears. This powerful use of imagery pulls readers into the speaker's inner world, where imagination overcomes reality, and the longing for adventure becomes more vivid than her actual surroundings.

Ansii. Rani Abbakka's victory against the Portuguese would have profoundly inspired other rulers to resist foreign powers by fundamentally altering the perception of European invincibility. Prior to her triumph, many local rulers were either subdued by the Portuguese might or were convinced that their military superiority was insurmountable, leading to fear and reluctance to challenge them. Abbakka, with her small kingdom and fierce determination, demonstrated that strategic alliances, unwavering courage, and a united populace could indeed defeat a seemingly overwhelming foreign force. Her success shattered the myth of Portuguese invincibility, offering a tangible example that resistance was not futile, but rather a viable path to regaining sovereignty. This would have emboldened other rulers, who might have been suffering under foreign dominance, to consider their own military capabilities and forge similar alliances, recognizing that a collective or even audacious individual stand could turn the tide against colonial ambitions.