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CLASS 11

English Core

Chapterwise PYQs

14 sections | 35 questions | 2022, 2023, 2025

Previous school-examination questions

Selected and rewritten questions are grouped under the current chapters or course topics. Each question shows its examination year. A chapter appears only when a verified question is available.

Choose a chapter or topic

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CHAPTER 1

The Portrait of a Lady

Hornbill – Prose

1. 2023
   Describe the grandfather as represented in his portrait.

2. 2023
   Describe the grandmother's relationship with the sparrows and their reaction to her death.

3. 2022
   Use incidents from the story to establish the grandmother's compassion and religious devotion.

POEM 1

A Photograph

Hornbill – Poetry

4. 2023
   Explain the contrast between the sea's permanence and the girls' changing lives in A Photograph.

5. 2022
   In A Photograph, how did the mother respond when looking at the beach photograph?

CHAPTER 2

We're Not Afraid to Die... if We Can All Be Together

Hornbill – Prose

6. 2025
   What do Sue's injuries and her response to them reveal about her?

7. 2023
   Show how optimism helps the family endure the crisis at sea.

8. 2022

Assess the narrator's character from his conduct during the voyage.

CHAPTER 3

Discovering Tut: The Saga Continues

Hornbill – Prose

9. 2025

Contrast Akhenaten's religious changes with Tut's restoration of earlier traditions.

10. 2023

Why has Tut's body attracted repeated scientific examination?

11. 2022

Explain how Carter's treatment damaged Tut's mummy.

12. 2022

What made Ray Johnson regard Akhenaten as an eccentric ruler?

POEM 2

The Laburnum Top

Hornbill – Poetry

13. 2025

Explain why the laburnum becomes quiet again after the bird leaves.

14. 2023

Describe how the goldfinch transforms the September scene at the laburnum tree.

15. 2022

Identify and explain the comparison used for the goldfinch's movement in The Laburnum Top.

CHAPTER 5

The Adventure

Hornbill – Prose

16. 2025

At which station does Gangadharpant arrive in the alternative Bombay?

CHAPTER 6

Silk Road

Hornbill – Prose

17. 2025

Describe the narrator's treatment at Darchen Medical College.

POEM 5

Father to Son

Hornbill – Poetry

18. 2025

Why does the father describe himself and his son as strangers?

CHAPTER 1

The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse

Snapshots

19. 2025

Describe Uncle Khosrove's personality.

20. 2023

Why does the sight of Mourad with the horse produce both pleasure and fear in Aram?

21. 2023

Why does John Byro refrain from accusing the boys despite recognising his horse?

22. 2022

Name Aram and Mourad's community and describe its reputation.

CHAPTER 2

The Address

Snapshots

23. 2025

State Mrs Dorling's address in the story.

CHAPTER 3

Mother's Day

Snapshots

24. 2023

How does Mrs Pearson challenge Doris's enthusiasm for Charlie Spence?

25. 2023

Explain why Mother's Day is an appropriate title.

26. 2022

Contrast Mrs Pearson's personality with Mrs Fitzgerald's.

CHAPTER 4

Birth

Snapshots

27. 2025

Explain Andrew's dilemma immediately after the child's delivery.

CHAPTER 5

The Tale of Melon City

Snapshots

28. 2025

Explain the chain of decisions that causes the king's death in The Tale of Melon City.

LANGUAGE SKILL

Writing Skills

Language Skills

29. 2025

Compose a classified advertisement selling a washing machine before relocation. Use up to 50 words.

30. 2025

Write a 120–150-word assembly speech explaining how people can learn from failure, with relevant examples.

31. 2023

Draft a classified advertisement seeking a Physics tutor for a Class 12 student. Include requirements; use up to 50 words.

32. 2023

Prepare a school poster announcing an earthquake drill and essential safety precautions. Use up to 50 words.

33. 2022

Write a classified advertisement offering a newly built city flat for rent. Include essential particulars in up to 50 words.

34. 2022

Design a public-awareness poster encouraging humane treatment of animals, in up to 50 words.

35. 2022

As a principal, address an assembly on responsible mobile-phone use, especially near traffic. Write 120–150 words.

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