

Section II – Reading Skills

The year 2020 is very challenging not just for me but for many people across the world. The spread of the COVID virus had left many people in a lurch. Many people have lost jobs and lack sufficient resources to keep body and soul together.

These times have also helped mother earth heal from the drastic pollution we had caused. The family ties have also improved as we got to spend time with each other.

6. Replace the word challenging in the first sentence in the paragraph by choosing the correct option.

- a. difficult b. unsafe c. benevolent d. troubling

7. Identify the conjunction in the second sentence of the passage.

- a. spread b. the c. of d. lurch

Section III – Writing

When I was a little child

Even the harsh things appeared mild

As I saw the wider world, I knew

Every day learnt I something ____

8. Complete the verse with a suitable rhyming word by choosing the correct option.

- a. blew b. new c. grew d. dew

Section IV – Listening

Listen to the excerpt from *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

The first place that I can well remember was a large pleasant meadow with a pond of clear water in it. Some shady trees leaned over it, and rushes and water-lilies grew at the deep end. Over the hedge on one side we looked into a plowed field, and on the other we looked over a gate at our master's house, which stood by the roadside; at the top of the meadow was a grove of fir trees and at the bottom a running brook overhung by a steep bank.

9. Complete the sentences. The first place that I can well remember was a large _____ meadow...

- a. present b. presence c. pleasant d. peasant

10. On one side of the hedge there was the field and on the other side there was _____
- a. master's home b. pond of clear water c. roadside d. grove of trees

Answer Key

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| 1. d | 2. b | 3. b | 4. d | 5. c | 6. a | 7. c | 8. b | 9. c | 10. a |
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