

PM SHRI KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA NO. 1, ROORKEE

AUTUMN BREAK ASSIGNMENT

CLASS X | ENGLISH | SESSION 2026–27

1. DETERMINERS

Choose the correct determiner to fill in each blank:

1. He has _____ ideas about the matter.
(A) a few (B) many (C) any (D) few
2. _____ applicant must fill in the form.
(A) each (B) some (C) both (D) all
3. I didn't find _____ mistake in the letter.
(A) any (B) many (C) few (D) some
4. Only _____ students attended the class.
(A) a few (B) few (C) little (D) a little

2. CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Write a notice in about 50 words on any ONE topic.

Task A: Write a paragraph (120–150 words) on “The Role of Youth in Nation Building”.

Task B: Develop a short story based on the prompt: “As the sun set, I heard a strange noise from the old banyan tree...”

3. LETTER WRITING

Write any ONE letter in 120–150 words:

- (a) To a friend, celebrating your recent academic achievement.
- (b) To a newspaper editor, raising concern about street light issues.
- (c) To the Principal, requesting leave for a sports tournament.

Follow the correct format and use suitable language.

4. NCERT TEXTBOOKS — FIRST FLIGHT & FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET

Footprints Without Feet: Read *The Book That Saved the Earth* and *The Making of a Scientist*. Focus on the key themes and characters.

First Flight: Complete the question-answers for *The Proposal*.

First Flight — Poem: Answer the key questions on *Amanda!* Explain what Amanda wishes for.

The Making of a Scientist: Answer in detail: How did Richard Ebright's curiosity and hard work help him become a successful scientist?

5. SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

Choose the correct verb form:

1. Either my brothers or my father _____ (is/are) going to be here.
2. The number of students who applied _____ (is/are) large.
3. Rice and curry _____ my favourite dish.
4. A pack of wolves _____ (was/were) seen near the village.

NCERT TEXTBOOK QUESTION-ANSWERS

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6. NELSON MANDELA: LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

Answer the following questions in your own words:

1. Why was 10 May 1994 an important day in South African history?
2. What did Nelson Mandela mean by the “extraordinary human disaster” of the past?
3. How did the behaviour of the military generals at the inauguration reflect a change in South Africa?
4. What does Mandela say about courage? How is courage different from the absence of fear?
5. Explain the “twin obligations” that Mandela describes.
6. How did Mandela’s understanding of freedom change as he grew older?
7. Why does Mandela believe that both the oppressed and the oppressor need to be liberated?

7. THE SERMON AT BENARES

Answer the following questions in your own words:

1. What incident in Gautama Buddha’s life led him to seek enlightenment?
2. Why did Kisa Gotami go from house to house, and what did she ask people to give her?
3. Why was Kisa Gotami unable to find a house untouched by death?
4. What lesson did Kisa Gotami learn from her search for mustard seeds?
5. According to the Buddha, what is the cause of human suffering?
6. What does the chapter teach us about accepting death and overcoming grief?
7. Explain the significance of the Buddha’s message that the wise do not grieve over what cannot be changed.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Do your work neatly in a separate notebook/file.
- Use your own handwriting. Do not copy from others.
- Ensure correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Keep the work original and creative.

SUBMISSION

Submit the assignment on the first working day after the autumn break.

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