

# Class-10<sup>th</sup> English

## UP Board NCERT

### Important Passages for Comprehension

#### PASSAGE - 1

*The house - the only one in the entire valley - sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho - who knew his fields intimately - had done nothing else but see the sky toward the north - east. " Now we're really going to get some water, woman. " The woman, who was preparing supper, replied, " Yes, God willing ". The older boys were working in the field, while the smaller ones were playing near the house until the woman called them to all, " Come for dinner. "*

Answer the following Questions:

1. Where was the house situated?

Ans.- The house was situated on the top of a hill.

2. What could one see from this height?

Ans. One could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest.

3. What was needed by the earth only?

Ans. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower.

4. Who knew his fields intimately?

Ans. Lencho - knew his fields intimately.

#### PASSAGE - 2

*It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north - east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned, he exclaimed, " These aren't raindrops falling*

*from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives. " With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. Answer the following Questions:*

1. When did the rain drops begin to fall?

Ans. It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drop of rain began to fall.

2. What could be seen approaching in the north - east?

Ans. In the north, east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching.

3. Why did the man go out?

Ans. The man went out to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body .

4. From what have the rain drops been compared to ?

Ans. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives .

### **PASSAGE - 3**

*With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers , draped in a curtain of rain . But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall . These truly did resemble new silver coins . The boys , exposing themselves to the rain , ran out to collect the frozen pearls . " It's really getting bad now , " exclaimed the man . " I hope it passes quickly . " It did not pass quickly . For an hour the hail rained on the house , the garden .*

• Answer the following Questions :

1. With what type of expression Lencho regarded the field ?

Ans. With a satisfied expression Lencho regarded the field .

2. What happened when strong wind began to blow ?

Ans. A strong wind began to blow , very large hailstones began to fall .

3. Why did the boys go out ?

Ans. Boys ran out to collect the frozen pearls.

4. Did the storm pass quickly ?

Ans. No, it did not pass quickly .

### **PASSAGE - 4**

*Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money ; such was his confidence - but a became angry when he counted the money . God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what*

*he had requested. Immediately, Lencho went to the window to ask for paper and ink . On the public - writing table , he started to write , with much wrinkling of his brow , used by the effort he had to make to express his ideas .*

• Answer the Following Questions:

1. Did Lencho show any surprise ?

Ans. Lencho showed not the slightest on seeing the money.

2. Why did Lencho become angry?

Ans. Lencho became angry when he counted the money .

3. Why did Lencho go to the window?

Ans. Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink.

4. What was the expression of Lencho while writing the letter?

Ans. He started to write letter with much wrinkling of brow.

### **PASSAGE - 5**

*Immediately: Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink . On the public - writing, table, he started to write with much wrinkling of his brow , caused by the effort he had to make to press his ideas . When he finished he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it . It said " God : Of the money that I asked for , only seventy pesos reached Send me the rest , since I need it very much . But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks . Lencho . "*

Answer the Following Questions:

1. How did Lencho fix the stamp?

Ans. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp.

2. Who went to open the mail box?

Ans. The postmaster went to open the mail box .

3. How much money did Lencho get?

Ans. The money that Lencho asked for, only seventy pesos reached him .

4. What did Lencho call to the employees of post office ?

5. Lencho called the post office employees a bunch of crooks .



## Short Answer Type Questions.

- 1) What are raindrops compared to and why ?

**Ans.** Raindrops are compared to new coins five cent and ten - cent pieces . It is because they promised a good harvest and good money .

- 2) What promised a good harvest ?

**Ans.** According to Lencho , the field of ripe corn dotted with flowers always promised a good harvest . That is why he was expecting a good harvest

- 3) How did Lencho's prediction about rain come true ?

**Ans.** Lencho looked towards the north - east and remarked that they would get some water . His prediction came true when it started raining in the evening .

- 4) Why was Lencho's soul filled with sorrow ?

**Ans.** The hail and hailstones rained on the valley for an hour and had left field totally covered with snow . The crop was completely destroyed which made Lencho's soul filled with sorrow .

- 5) Why was the family not really upset ?

**Ans.** Even after facing ruin , Lencho's family was not really upset . It was because of having immense faith in God , and they were confident that God would help them .

- 6) Why did the postmaster send a reply to Lencho's first letter addressed to God ?

**Ans.** The postmaster was a kind - hearted and amiable man . He was impressed by Lencho's firm faith in God and to sustain that faith , he sent a reply to Lencho .

- 7) How was Lencho helped ?

**Ans.** The postmaster , a generous and kind - hearted man read Lencho's letter to God , and to maintain Lencho faith , he raised money from friends and colleagues and sent it to Lencho in the name of God .

- 8) Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter ?

**Ans.** Lencho was angry on counting the money since it was less than the amount he had asked for . He had firm faith that God could neither make a mistake nor could deny what was requested .

- 9) Do you think the post - office employees were a bunch of crooks ?

**Ans.** The employees of the post - office were not crooks but they had infact collected the money to give Lencho and helped him out . Lencho called them a ' bunch of crooks ' as he thought they stole a part of the money , where as it was them who sent the money in the name of God .

- 10) What Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it ?

**Ans.** Lencho was not at all surprised to find a letter with money in it .