

**QUICK DRILL · CBSE CLASS 10**

# A Letter to God (First Flight)

English · Chapter 1 · 15 MCQs · 20 minutes · PYQ-tagged with time budgets

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	<b>15</b>	<b>20 min</b>	<b>+1 / 0</b>	<b>≥ 12/15</b>

**OBJECTIVES**

Reinforce the four core topics of A Letter to God (First Flight) via 15 PYQ-derived MCQs. Identify weak sub-topics via concept-node IDs (see answer key). Build per-question time budget habit.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Attempt all 15. Time budget shown per Q (use it as pacing guide). Mark answers (A/B/C/D) in the margin. Answer key + explanations on the last page. **Don't peek — score yourself honestly.**

**SECTION · QUICK DRILL**

Q 1-15 · 20 MIN

**Q1.** Who is the author of 'A Letter to God'?

- (A) Robert Frost  
(C) Ruskin Bond

- (B) G. L. Fuentes  
(D) Anton Chekhov

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**Q2.** How much money did Lencho ask God for in his first letter?

- (A) Seventy pesos  
(C) Thirty pesos

- (B) One hundred pesos  
(D) Two hundred pesos

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**Q3.** Lencho compared the falling raindrops to:

- (A) New silver coins  
(C) Tears

- (B) New coins / ten-cent and five-cent pieces  
(D) Pearls

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**Q4.** What destroyed Lencho's corn crop?

- (A) A flood  
(C) A hailstorm

- (B) Locusts  
(D) A drought

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**Q5.** How much money did the postmaster manage to collect for Lencho?

- (A) One hundred pesos  
(C) Seventy pesos

- (B) Ninety pesos  
(D) Fifty pesos

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**Q6.** Why was the postmaster moved to help Lencho?

- (A) He feared Lencho  
(C) He owed Lencho money

- (B) He was impressed by Lencho's deep faith in God  
(D) He wanted publicity

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**Q7.** On receiving only 70 pesos, Lencho concluded that:

- (A) God had refused him  
(C) He had asked for too much

- (B) The post-office employees had stolen 30 pesos  
(D) There was no God

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**Q8.** In his second letter, what did Lencho call the post-office employees?

- (A) Kind helpers  
(C) Good people

- (B) A bunch of crooks  
(D) Honest men

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**Q9.** The central irony of the story is that Lencho:

- (A) Trusted God but distrusted the very people who helped him  
(C) Became rich at the end

- (B) Lost his faith in God  
(D) Forgot to post his letter

**Q10.** Which value is best illustrated by the postmaster's act?

- (A) Greed (B) Selfless charity and compassion  
(C) Revenge (D) Laziness

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**Q11.** In 'Dust of Snow', what changed the poet's mood?

- (A) A song (B) A crow shaking snow-dust from a hemlock tree  
(C) A warm fire (D) A friend's visit

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**Q12.** In 'Dust of Snow', the crow and the hemlock tree are usually symbols of:

- (A) Joy and beauty (B) Sorrow / negativity, but here they bring a positive change  
(C) Wealth (D) Childhood

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**Q13.** In 'Fire and Ice', 'fire' symbolises:

- (A) Hatred (B) Desire / greed / passion  
(C) Winter (D) Peace

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**Q14.** In 'Fire and Ice', 'ice' symbolises:

- (A) Desire (B) Hatred / coldness / indifference  
(C) A snowfall (D) Friendship

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**Q15.** What does Lencho mean by 'Nobody dies of hunger if he has the help of God'?

- (A) He plans to beg in town (B) His unshakeable faith that God will provide  
(C) He will steal food (D) He has saved money

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## ANSWER KEY & EXPLANATIONS

Q 1-15 · MARK YOUR SCORE

**Q1. Answer: B**

The story is by the Mexican writer G. L. Fuentes (Gregorio López y Fuentes). Robert Frost wrote the paired poems.

**Q2. Answer: B**

Lencho asked for exactly 100 pesos — to re-sow his field and feed his family until the next harvest.

**Q3. Answer: B**

He told his sons the big drops were ten-cent pieces and the little ones five-cent pieces ('new coins'). The HAILSTONES were later called 'new silver coins'.

**Q4. Answer: C**

A sudden hailstorm — 'new silver coins' of hail — fell for an hour and left the field white, as if covered in salt.

**Q5. Answer: C**

Despite contributions from staff, friends and part of the postmaster's own salary, only 70 of the requested 100 pesos could be collected.

**Q6. Answer: B**

The postmaster was so touched by Lencho's faith — to write directly to God — that he decided not to shake that faith and arranged a reply.

**Q7. Answer: B**

His faith was so total that he was sure God had sent the full 100; the missing 30 must therefore have been stolen by the post office.

**Q8. Answer: B**

He wrote that the rest of the money should NOT be sent by mail, 'because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks'.

**Q9. Answer: A**

Situational irony: he keeps absolute faith in the unseen God yet accuses his real human benefactors of theft.

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**Q10. Answer: B**

He gave part of his own salary and gathered donations 'for an act of charity' — the goodness of an ordinary person.

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**Q11. Answer: B**

A crow shook a fine spray of snow onto the poet from a hemlock tree, lifting his gloomy mood and saving part of a day he had rued.

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**Q12. Answer: B**

Both are traditionally negative symbols, yet Frost uses them to deliver an unexpectedly hopeful, mood-lifting moment.

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**Q13. Answer: B**

Fire stands for burning human desire and greed; ice stands for hatred and coldness.

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**Q14. Answer: B**

Ice represents cold hatred and indifference, which Frost says could destroy the world just as surely as fiery desire.

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**Q15. Answer: B**

The line captures Lencho's deep, hopeful faith — even after losing his crop, he trusts that God's help will see his family through.