

**Section C : Novel
Trial Exam Questions
2010**

Perlis's Trial Exam 2010

Based on one of the novels above, write about a lesson learnt from the main character in this story.

Pahang's Trial Exam 2010

Based on one of the novels above, write about lessons that you can learn from a character found in the novel. Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Perak's Trial Exam 2010

Based on one of the novels above, write about a lesson that you have learnt from the main character. Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Kelantan's Trial Exam 2010

Bravery is important to succeed. How is this shown by one of the characters in the novel. Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

MRSM's Trial Exam 2010

Based on one of the novels above, write about a positive lesson that you have learnt from the story. Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Johor's Trial Exam 2010

Based on one of the novels above, choose a character. Suggest some positive values you learnt from this character.

Kedah's Trial Exam 2010

Based on one of the novels above, write about how loyalty is shown in the story. Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Sample Answers:

Sample One

I would like to choose Rudolf Rassendyll from the novel "The Prisoner of Zenda". The significant quality I can learn from him is courage. Many times in this story, Rudolf Rassendyll faces dangerous situation bravely. A good example is the risk he takes to enter the castle at night to rescue the king. Even though he is outnumbered by the Duke's men, he still goes in to save the king.

Another quality is loyalty to the king and his duty, which is to help save the king's life. Although he loves Princess Flavia, he is willing to walk away, leaving her with the king as he knows that the king and the country of Ruritania need princess Flavia.

The ability of to see the humorous side of things is also a positive quality. It is this positive quality that enables Rassendyll to ride above the risky situations he faces in foiling Duke Michael's evil plans

Sample Two

The character that I think have shown bravery is Rudolf Rassendyll from the story "The Prisoner of Zenda". He is willing to risk death to save a king that he has only met once. His bravery begins when he agrees to impersonate the King during the coronation to save Ruritania from Black Michael. Then, when the King is kidnapped, he continues his impersonation even though he knows that his life will be in constant danger. He also risks his life when he rescues the King. These are the actions of a brave person.

Sample Three

I have learnt an important lesson from Rudolf Rassendyll in "The Prisoner of Zenda". He taught me that we must face challenges with courage and a sense of adventure. Rudolf Rassendyll knew the danger of impersonating King Rudolf V. Yet, he continued doing so to save the throne from the evil Duke Michael. His courageous acts paid off when he rescued the king.

While playing the part of the king, he had fallen madly in love with princess Flavia. If he had not taken the challenges of impersonating the king, he would not have experienced these adventures.

Thus, I learn that we must handle challenges with courage.

Sample Four

In "The Prisoner of Zenda", I learn that honour and sacrifice are greater than romantic love for one person. Rassendyll loves Princess Flavia, but he knows that she must marry the rightful King of Ruritania. Although it is difficult for him to do so, he gives her up. He chooses to do the right thing. He knows it would be selfish for him to run off with Flavia, although she loves him too. Rassendyll is also noble in his willingness to risk losing his life in order to save the king.

This story inspires me to be noble and selfless. Like Rassendyll, I would like to be brave in the face of danger and bold in taking up any challenge. I would like to put others before myself.

Sample Five

I would say the one of the bravest characters is Rudolf Rassendyll, from "The Prisoner of Zenda". Although indifferent to work, he is adventurous and is a good swordsman.

His visit to Ruritania on the occasion of the coronation of King Rudolf V leads him to some dangerous encounters. He has the courage to impersonate King Rudolf in order to save him from his deadly enemies. He displays great courage as shown by the 'tea-table' incident, in which he wants some justice done as revenge for Josef, who is murdered while guarding the king. He has the courage to put love for Flavia aside and leave Ruritania after defeating the traitors and rescuing King Rudolf V and setting him firmly on the throne. He is a great hero.

Sample Six

In the novel, The Prisoner of Zenda by Anthony Hope, I learnt that we must be helpful and kind to others. Rudolf Rassendyll was just visiting Ruritania when he was asked to help the King by impersonating him for the coronation. He helped the King so that he would not lose the throne to the King's brother, Duke Michael. Rudolf also helped the King to escape from Duke Michael's castle by fighting with the guards and Duke Michael's men.

I also learnt that it is important to be loyal. Rudolf Rassendyll was loyal to the King and left Ruritania although he loved Princess Flavia. The Princess who also loved Rudolf did not marry him but married the King because she was loyal and it was her duty. Colonel Sapt and Fritz von Tarlenheim were also very loyal to the King and were prepared to die for him.

Sample Seven

The character of my choice is Rudolf Rassendyll in the novel, "The Prisoner of Zenda". An event that was important to Rudolf was when he had to brave the dangers to rescue the King of Ruritania, a man who was a total stranger to him.

While traveling to Paris, Rudolf was involved in a plot to kill the king. The king's own brother, Black Michael was a cruel man. He was willing to kill his own brother to get the throne. With the help of some of the king's loyal men from the army, Rudolf was able to rescue the king from the prison in Zenda castle.

Others sample

Question 1

Based on the novel "The Prisoner of Zenda" which you have read, elaborate and give examples on each of the following values

Loyalty	Kindness	Courage	Trust	Determination
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Answer 1

In the novel "The Prisoner of Zenda", I found that Rudolf Rassendyll has shown **kindness** by helping the King, King Rudolf V, who was drugged and could not attend the coronation. He did not know the King well but was prepared to help him. He was prepared to impersonate the King and prepared to sacrifice his love for Princess Flavia for the sake of Ruritania.

I admired his kindness because not all people are willing to do that.

Answer 2

In the novel "The Prisoner of Zenda", I found that Rudolf Ressenlyll showed **courage** by fighting the evil, Duke Michael and his men. He was not afraid to rescue the King from Duke Michael's castle. Many times he fought Duke Michael's men alone and was even willing to enter the castle.

I admired his courage because not all people are willing to do that.

Answer 3

In the novel "The Prisoner of Zenda", I found that Rudolf Ressenlyll showed **trust** by impersonating the King and helping to defeat Duke Michael. If the people had found out that he was not the real King, Duke Michael would have the chance to take over the throne.

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Answer 4

In the novel "The Prisoner of Zenda", I found that Rudolf Ressenlyll showed **determination** in trying to rescue the King. He did not give up although Duke Michael had many men to help him. He was prepared to die in order to save the King.

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Duke Michael does not care for his brother although the King is sick and needs a doctor. This shows that he is cruel, jealous and greedy. He tries to kill anyone who wants to help the King. Duke Michael has a lover called Antoinette de Mauban but he wants to marry Princess Flavia. This shows that he is unfaithful and disloyal to the King and to others.

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Question 4

Write about the plot of the story. Describe the sequence of events clearly. Give evidence from the novel to support your answer.

Sample Answer

From the five listed novels, I choose the novel by Anthony Hope Hopkins which is "The Prisoner of Zenda". This novel is about the struggle for the throne of Ruritania. Before his coronation, King Rudolf V is drugged and later imprisoned by his brother, Duke Michael (Black Michael). Hence, the King's men, Colonel Sapt and Fritz von Tarlenheim asks Rudolf Rassendyll, the king's look-alike to impersonate the King so as to prevent Duke Michael from being King. While assuming the role of King, Rassendyll meets the Royal Princess Flavia, the fiancée of the King and they fall in love. However, they find that honour must come first before love, so Rassendyll fights on to save the King. In the end, the King is saved and Duke Michael is killed by his own men.

I find the story interesting as there is a mixture of romance and adventure in it. It is also very admirable that two people should put honour first before their own personal feelings. This portrays what loyalty and true love

Question 5

Based on the novel that you have chosen, write about an event which changed the life of a character. Give examples from the novel.

Sample Answer

In the novel, The Prisoner of Zenda by Anthony Hope, the event that changes the life of the character, Rudolf Rassendyll, is the trip to Ruritania. He decides to go to Ruritania where he would be working and gets caught in a plot by Duke Michael to take over the throne. Rassendyll has to impersonate the King who is drugged, fight guards and rescue the King from Duke Michael's castle. This trip leads him to meet Princess Flavia with whom he falls in love but cannot marry her because she has to marry the King.