

CBSE CLASS X

English Language & Literature (184)

QUESTION PAPER

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Subject	English Language & Literature
Lessons	The Making of a Scientist
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Q1.

[3]

Why did Richard Ebright raise a flock of butterflies ? (Making of a scientist)

Previously asked in: 2023 2/4/1 Q9 (c)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q2.

[2]

[Books/science kits serve as] a companion to a child. Explain with reference to Richard's mother. (The Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2022 2/3/1 Q6 (v)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q3.

[6]

Answer any one of the following two questions in 100–120 words:

Trace the transformation of Richard Ebright from a young man with potential to a respected and accomplished scientist. (The Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/2/1 Q11 (b)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q4.

[3]

What vision did Ebright have in raising a flock of butterflies ? (The Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2026 2/4/1 Q9 (iii)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q5.

[3]

What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win anything at a science fair ?

Previously asked in: 2023 2/6/1 Q9 (c)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q6.**[3]**

Justify how Ebright's mother played an important part in his becoming a scientist. (The Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2024 2/2/1 Q9 (ii)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q7.**[6]**

Answer in about 100-120 words.

Ebright's journey of becoming a leading scientist conveys a strong message to us. His inquisitiveness and competency drove him to become a great scientist. In what manner does Richard Ebright's perseverance, dedication and inquisitiveness inspire you to pursue your dreams? (The Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/6/1 Q11(a)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q8.**[2]**

What did Ebright learn from his failure at the Science fair? (The making of a scientist)

Previously asked in: 2022 2/4/1 Q6 (vi)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q9.**[2]**

What role did Ebright's mother play in his success ? (The Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2022 2/2/1 Q6 (vi)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q10.**[3]**

What opinion did Mr. Weiherer, Ebright's Social Science teacher have about him?

Previously asked in: 2023 2/1/1 Q9 (b)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q11.**[3]**

How can one say that Ebright's curiosity / inquisitiveness drove him to become a scientist?
(The Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2024 2/5/1 Q9 (iii)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q12.**[3]**

Working through his project of collecting and tagging butterflies, Ebright developed a scientific temperament. Elaborate.
(Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q9 I

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q13.**[2]**

What are the essential qualities for becoming a scientist, according to Ebright? (The Making of a Scientist)

Previously asked in: 2022 2/1/1 Q6 (v)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

Q14.

[5]

"Richard was competitive," Mr. Weiherer continued, "but not in a bad sense." He explained, "Richard wasn't interested in winning for winning's sake or winning to get a prize. Rather, he was winning because he wanted to do the best job he could. For the right reasons, he wants to be the best." And that is one of the ingredients in the making of a scientist. Start with a first-rate mind, add curiosity, and mix in the will to win for the right reasons. Ebright has these qualities.

Read the following extract and answer the questions.

- (i) In light of the excerpt, what can we infer about Richard from Mr. Weiherer's statement, "Richard was competitive, but not in a bad sense" ? [1]
- (ii) Mention the 'ingredients' which are necessarily required in the making of a scientist. [2]
- (iii) Fill in the blank with the correct word from the brackets: Mr. Weiherer suggests that Richard was _____. (lethargic/persistent) [1]
- (iv) As per the above excerpt, what is not true about Ebright? Select the correct option. [1]
- (A) strongly curious
(B) bright minded
(C) competitive spirit
(D) irrational

Previously asked in: 2026 2/2/1 Q6(b)

♦ The Making of a Scientist

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