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**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**TENTATIVE ANSWER KEY**

**MARKS : 90**

**PART -I (Q.NO.1-20)**

<b>SYNONYMS</b>			<b>3X1=3</b>
<b>1.</b>	fables	- (a) tales	1mark
<b>2.</b>	audacious	- (b) bold	1mark
<b>3.</b>	reiterate	- (c) repeat	1mark
<b>ANTONYMS</b>			<b>3X1=3</b>
<b>4.</b>	discrepancy	X (b) similarity	1mark
<b>5.</b>	cosy	X (a) uncomfortable	1mark
<b>6.</b>	guile	X (c) honesty	1mark
<b>VOCABULARY</b>			<b>14X1=14</b>
<b>7.</b>	He has a <b>good sense</b> of humour (common sense) Try to remember all the <b>good times</b> you had (enjoyable activity) He has been in <b>good form</b> in this session . (Behaviour that is both morally and socially correct) She has <b>good will</b> towards all her coworkers (friendly)		1mark
<b>8.</b>	(b) <b>de</b> animate /(c) <b>in</b> animate/(d) <b>re</b> animate		1mark
<b>9.</b>	(a) Champion		1mark
<b>10.</b>	(d) situation + comedy		1mark
<b>11.</b>	(b) ambidexter		1mark
<b>12.</b>	(a) dis-tin-guished		1mark
<b>13.</b>	(d)Board of Control For Cricket in India		1mark
<b>14.</b>	(d) ran over *(to go over, examine, repeat, or rehearse quickly)		1mark
<b>15.</b>	(c) exploded		1mark

<b>16.</b>	(b) full freedom and power to do something	1mark
<b>17.</b>	(d) deceived	1mark
<b>18.</b>	(c) in addition to	1mark
<b>19.</b>	(a) restaurant	1mark
<b>20.</b>	(c) pallor	1mark

**PART -II(Q.NO.21-30)**

**7x2=14**

**SECTION -1 APPRECIATION**

**4x2=8**

<b>21.</b>	(a) He says that people in the past when shaking hands they conveyed the sense of togetherness but now a days the handshake have become mere falsity. (b) Now a days people greet each other without any warmth in their handshake in a routine formality.
<b>22.</b>	(a) A jockey is a horse rider. (b) Jockey , Hockey
<b>23.</b>	(a) Birds (b) The birds around the poet, sang, hopped and played
<b>24.</b>	(a) Macavity. Because they need his foot prints to prove his crime and criminal master mind. (b) foot prints , found
<b>25.</b>	(a) We adore a person who does not descend from dignity is a king. (b) The people who compete efficiently to achieve their aim. We respect the people who are worthy in their deeds. (competence & merit )
<b>26.</b>	(a) deposed bodies. (b) Interrogation.

**SECTION -2 GRAMMAR**

**3x2=6**

<b>27.</b>	(Wrong question)  Anu said to her brother, “ Please drop me at the airport this night”
<b>28.</b>	Sneha has a box full of toys which/that she wants to donate them to an orphanage.

29.	Sitting in a corner, the old lady started praying to God.
30.	The mango fruits are usually harvested by the farmers only in the month of may.

**PART -III(Q.NO.31-40)**

**7x3=21**

**i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context      2x3=6**  
**SECTION -1**

31.	<p><u>Reference:</u>          These lines are taken from the poem "<b>Once upon a time</b>" written by <b>Gabriel Okara</b>.</p> <p><u>Context:</u> The poet tells his son that he wants to say '<b>good riddance</b>' but he says '<b>good boy</b>'</p> <p><u>Explanation:</u>          It means expression of relief at being free of an unwanted person. The poet is really not being glad of the meeting but his voice is sweet.</p>
32.	<p><u>Reference:</u> These are the lines taken from the poem "<b>Everest is not the only peak</b>" by <b>Kulothungan</b>.</p> <p><u>Context:</u> The poet says that we should praise the people who win in their action.</p> <p><u>Explanation:</u> The poet says that it is our duty and mission to praise the winners as they work for the development and growth of the world.</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> The poet praises the deserving ones.</p>
33.	<p><u>Reference :</u> This line is taken from the poem "<b>Macavity - The mystery cat</b>" by <b>T.S.Eliot</b>.</p> <p><u>Context:</u> The poet describes the structure and character of a totally strange cat he speaks highly of the movements of the cat.</p> <p><u>Explanation :</u>          The unique macavity can break very human law and the law of gravity. His power of rising and floating in the air made him a fakir .</p>

ii) Answer any two of the following briefly :

2x3=6

**SECTION -2**

34.

Mary Kom's father managed to give her only Rs. 2,000/-. But her Coach Mr. Onler invited a few students and elders who sought the help of the two MPs who donated Rs.5,000 and Rs.3,000 respectively. So Mary managed to get 10,000/-for her trip.

35.

The narrator, when he was offered 50 guineas, with his presence of mind demanded for 100 guineas to give away his bid.

36.

In olden days eminent scholars were not asked to face the problems confronting the masses. They were to work in secluded spheres, far from the din and noise of the common man and weaves the costly fabric of philosophy and poetry which in turn was to be converted into dazzling garments for the select and the privileged

iii) Answer any three of the following briefly :

3x3=9

**SECTION -3**

37.

**ANY SUITABLE ANSWER**

**Vinegar , Salt and flour :**

- These versatile home staples can be combined to make a paste to clean tarnished brass.
- Dissolves one tea spoon of salt into one half cup of vinegar, and add flour untill the mixture becomes a paste.
- Rub into the brass, leave for about 10 minutes with warm water and buff dry.

39.

**SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY**

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**On account of cleaning the water tank, the water supply in our society will remain suspension for eight hours, 10.a.m to 6.00 p.m. on 06.03.2020. All the residents are requested to store water in advance to meet their daily needs. The inconvenient caused is deeply regretted.**

*Rajkumar*

**Secretary**



**40.**

- (a) Every cloud has a **silver** lining.
- (b) Time and **tide** wait for no man.
- (c) Don't cast pearls before the **swine**.

**PART -IV (Q.NO.41-47)**

**7x5=35**

**41. (a)**

**FORGETTING**

**ROBERT LYND**

“Forgetfulness is defined as a memory lapse or inability to retrieve(get back) stored information in the brain”. There are three major ways of processing the memory, which include encoding (training, brainwashing), storage and retrieval (recovery/rescue).

In ‘Forgetting’ Robert Lynd takes a humorous look at the nature and effect of forgetfulness. The author says that absent-mindedness is common among people. Forgetfulness is the beginning of happiness. Our memories are filled with the names of actors and actresses, cricketers, footballers and murders. We can tell what the weather was like in a long-past August. We can remember a hotel which served vile food during summer. Our memories are crowded with such things. The angler in his enjoyment is thinking about his day's sport. He forgets his fishing-rod. Most people forget to take medicines at the appointed time. He wonders at railway travelers who forget to take back their articles with them. Sportsmen have worse memory than their fellow beings and they keep thinking about their exploits and errors. As a result they forget to take their cricket bats and footballs with them. Robert Lynd himself is absent minded in certain thing. Very often he forgets to post letters. Books, walking –sticks and umbrellas go out of his memory very often. He points out an anecdote(tale) about a father who forgets his baby in the pram and returns home all alone cheerfully. Human memory works with less than its usual capacity. Everything that Lynd talks about makes an amusing reading. Robert Lynd concludes by saying that most people are born with prosaically(ordinary /common) efficient memories.

**“Forgetfulness is the beginning of happiness’**

(OR)

(b)

## THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST

**BILL BRYSON**

This is an amusing story about the frustration of a globetrotter who faces chaos (confusion) in his everyday life. He accepts that was not very good at living in the real world. In "The Accidental Tourist" the author always wondered at the number of things that other people do without any difficulty. He was an easily confused person.

He could not tell the number of times that he had gone looking for the lavatory in a cinema for instance and ended up standing in alley on the wrong side of a self-locking door. He forgets the room number of a hotel desks. Pun is an amusing use of a word or phrase that has two meanings. usually one meaning will be for fun and another will be serious.

*"Of all the things I am not very good at, living in the real world is perhaps the most outstanding."*

At the Logan Airport in Boston remembered that he had recently joined "British Airway frequently flyer program". He had put the card in the carry-on-bag that was hanging around the neck. He tried to open the zip of the bag. Abruptly, the zip gave away. The side of the bag flew open and everything in its spread on the floor. Then he realized his finger had been gashed on the zip and was shedding blood in a lavish manner. Normally he never bothered when he was flowing blood but when it's his own, he got tensed, confused and unable to help himself, that is why, he says "I think hysterics are fully justified". Our repeated actions become our habits. Even the clumsy people have become so because of their repeated clumsy actions.

If any action is stopped for some times with certain effort from the individual, that habit can be stopped. So the clumsy person can train himself to overcome the shortcomings. But it truly depends on the individual.

Others can give some motivation or guidance. First of all they should realize that what they do is wrong. Unless they correct themselves they would not be accepted in society as normal people. They should try to live in the real world.

**42.(a)**

**CONFESSION OF A BORN SPECTATOR**

**- OGDEN NASH**

Frederic Ogden Nash , an American poet is well known for his light verse.

For his unconventional rhyming schemes and rhymical words he was declared the country's best known humorous poet. The poet in this poem talks about how people choose to opt for different sports in their lives or decide to become athletes. At the same time, he confesses that he is glad that he is neither a sportsman nor an athlete. But he admires the talent of all the athletes. One dislikes entering in the boxing matches but another approaches fully with heart and soul. The poet watches all these with wild excitement. The poet witnesses the athletes, their dresses, their confidence and their performances to win. He derives satisfaction by seeing them playing. He does not wish to exchange places with them. One runs long to win, another knocks out the champion down breaking his bones and spins like a horse ride whips his large horse to run fast in the lane.

"I am glad that my struggle begins  
Twix t prudence and ego, prudence wins".

Enthusiastic athletes play well to win but they cannot feel the pain of other competitors. The poet convinces that when there is a dispute between ego and prudence, prudence always wins. When there is a tough dispute the poet could hear the sudden sharp noise of the knee and cracking sound of the wrist. When the authorities call for a doctor, my unpretentious soul remains their sportiveness. Finally, the poet appreciates the sports persons for a great and grand success. He confesses that he cannot participate with any of the sports. He assures that again he will buy a ticket in the stadium and enjoy the sports as an audience and not as a sportsperson.



(OR)

(b)

## **THE HOLLOW CROWN**

**(From Richard – II)**

**-William Shakespeare**

The Poem “The Hollow Crown” is an extract of William Shakespeare’s play ‘King Richard II’. The play is based on true events that occurred towards the end of 14<sup>th</sup> Century. King Richard the second had surrendered to his rebellious cousin Henry of Bolingbroke. He experienced deep distress at the horror of his circumstances. King Richard was attacked by his cousin Bolingbroke and King Richard realized that he would not get any help from others. He knew that he would be defeated and that would lead to his death. So he was in great grief and expressed his grief to his loyal followers in this speech. The main cause for his grief is fear of failure and death. So in this desperate situation he speaks of worms, graves and epitaphs. All these are connected to death and dead bodies. He may be a great king with a great palace and lots of land under his control. But now he has to leave everything and he may own a small patch of land where his body will be buried. King Richard yielded to dejection and talked of the different ways in which defeated Kings suffer, how some had been deposed, slain in war, poisoned by their wives and murdered unknowingly . Once he thought his life was safe as a king but now he feels that death pricks him like a pin at the end.

Some haunted by the ghosts they have deposed,  
Some poisoned by their wives, some sleeping kill'd,  
All murdered – for within the hollow crown  
That rounds the mortal temples of a king

Shakespeare in this speech brings about the truth of human life. “Wise man will never be proud of vanity”. The King’s Life may seem to others glamorous and safe. The truth is totally different . “Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown” - this is the line from Shakespeare. He realizes that he is in no way better than his subjects. There are several truths that are brought



out here. The first truth is found in the fact that death is the end of all mankind. Even a king who appeared all powerful has nothing to call his own. Richard says that his crown is hollow. Death is what really rules the earth. He specifies that all kings are murdered. Power corrupts. One king murders another so that he may gain power. The final truth is that no one takes anything from this world to the grave.

“And nothing can we call our own but death:

**43.(a)**

### **AFTER TWENTY YEARS**

**-O. HENRY**

William Sydney porter whose pen name is O. Henry is known as “the master of the American short story” “After Twenty years” tells us the story of two old friends who has made an appointment twenty years ago to see each other again in New York city. It is nearly 10’O clock and all’s quiet as the policemen (Jimmy wells) walks his beat, checking locks for safety. Suddenly a though figure (Bob) standing in a door way catches his attention and he approaches. Bob tells the lawman about his friend, Jimmy wells, who’d been more like a brother when they were younger. Bob praises Jimmy’s character and assures the policemen that he’ll keep their appointment at 10 o’clock. Jimmy was always loyal. He always was the truest chap in the world, He was a kind of plodder and he was accustomed to the normal routine of his nation place. He refused to go out of New York to make his fortune. But Bob was entirely different from Jimmy. He was ambitions by nature and he went to the west to make his fortune, he was well dressed. He looked respectable with his diamond scarf pin and an expensive watch (diamond encrusted watch). It takes the west to put a razor-edge on him. He neck name a law breaker in the west and became a criminal.

*“ We Figured that in twenty years each of us ought to have our destiny worked out and out fortune made” .*

As it is already quite nearly ten, the officer asks if the man will wait any longer for Jimmy, and the friend says he'll give him half an hour as the lawman continues his Patrol. Another man arrives after twenty minutes whom Bob believes to be his friend Jimmy was the two men greet each other heartily. Bob realizes that the man in front of him doesn't have the same nose as Jimmy. Jimmy had a straight nose which was different from the tall man's. It is far too late for him to escape from the plainclothes man posing as Jimmy. Before taking him into custody, however the officer handed, Bob a note from Patrolman Wells whom he'd accidentally met earlier. Bob who read the note with his hands steady trembled at the end. In the note, Jimmy Wells explained that he was in fact the officer who was with Bob at the site of Big Joe Brady's restaurant at 10'O Clock. But when Bob struck a match to light his cigar, he recognized Bob's face as the one wanted in Chicago, Jimmy didn't have the heart to bring him in himself to arrest his old friend.

**Moral : “We never fail when we try to do our duty.  
We always fail when we neglect to do it.”**

**(OR)**

**(b)**

### **THE SINGING LESSON**

**- KATHERINE MANSFIELD**

Miss Meadows was a music teacher in a school. She was such a lovely lady of thirty happily engaged to Mr. Basil who was deeply in love with her. Usually Miss. Meadows class would be very lively and pleasant. The children would enjoy singing happy and jubilant songs. But on this day Miss. Meadows was not in a good mood because of a letter from her fiancée. Basil who got engaged to her, had confessed in the letter that though he was in love with her getting married seemed a “regret” to him and he felt he had made a mistake. This was a great shock to Miss. Meadows and she could not come out of this depressive mood. She was bleeding to death and pierced to the heart. When the Science Mistress greeted her in a sweet voice, she showed her a grim face. Mary Beazley, greeted her but she simply ignored her. When the girls were waiting in gleeful excitement, she chose the page fourteen, “A LAMENT” to sing with a note of sigh, a sob, and a groan of

mournfulness. The sad mood of Miss Meadows spread all over the music hall. The young girls almost started crying to the horror of Mary.

"Page fourteen. We will begin with page fourteen. 'A Lament.' Now, girls, you ought to know it by this time.

At the moment Miss Meadows was called by the headmistress and was served with a telegram from Basil. It was an apology from Basil . **Miss Meadows joy knew no bounds.** Though the headmistress warned her not to get disturbed by such telegrams amidst class hours, she did not get offended and ran happily to the hall. She beamed at the girls and asked them to sing warm, eager and joyful songs. The swaying(winning)moods and the mental disturbances of Miss. Meadows decided her day and she outwardly expressed it to the students in the class.

**Moral : We should never allow our mood to spoil the moods of others.**

**44. (a) Make notes of the following passage:**

Note Making

Title	- 1 Mark
Sub – titles	- 2 Marks
Key points under each sub-titles	- 2 Marks

**(b)**

**MY HOBBY/PASTIME**

**ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY**

- ❖ A hobby is very essential for relaxation and change to one's life. In reality, a hobby is a change of work which is done for the main



purpose of refreshing oneself. It is an interesting pursuit for the sake of getting pleasure in one's leisure time. Hobby is the pleasant use of the spare time at our disposal. We pursue it to our amusement and recreation. There is no motive of profit involved in it. The main aim of hobby is to lighten our boredom of life. The pursuit of hobby is also the best method of spending one's free time. It definitely keeps a person active, busy and happy.

- ❖ There are different hobbies which different persons can pursue. According to Lord Brougham, "Blessed is the man who has hobbies". Some like to spend their spare time in reading their favourite books. Some persons have hobby of collecting stamps or coins. Bird watching is also a hobby for some people.
- ❖ My favourite hobby is gardening. We have a spacious ground attached to our home. In accordance to Chinese proverb, "He who plants garden plants happiness". I have developed this open space into a beautiful garden. I am always devoting my free time for the up keeping of my beautiful garden which is very near to me. I get a sense of joy and pride when I visit my garden in my free time. In my garden, I have planted trees. I have also started growing vegetables. Our needs for fruit and vegetables are wholly met from my small garden. I am really proud of my garden which is admired by all who visit our house. It gives me a sense of achievement.
- ❖ I purchase the best seeds from the Super Market for sowing in my garden. I have also collected all the required tools for gardening. In my library, I possess certain books on the subject of gardening. These books I have greatly helped me in the maintenance of my garden and pursuing my hobby. I have made many new experiments in my garden regarding growing of vegetables and flowers. I grow different types of vegetables, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbages, carrots, brinjals, onions etc. I often present these vegetables to my neighbours and friends

- ❖ My garden is also full of sweet smelling and beautiful flowers. The blooming flowers of different colours greatly enhance the beauty of my garden. I have planted various kinds of roses and marigolds. Our late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was very fond of the rose. After working for a few hours in my lovely kitchen garden. I feel highly relaxed so that I can do my regular work with greater interest and efficiency.
- ❖ Thus, my hobby gives me immense pleasure. Whenever I am much tired of my routine work. I just go to my garden and lie there on the green grass in the midst of blooming flowers. The sweet fragrance of the flowers. The sweet fragrance of the flowers fills my senses and I feel very active and smart again. My hobby provides me not only pleasure but also a good amount of physical exercise. If had no hobby I would miss all this joy and fun.

**Gardening hobby offers a number of benefits like patience, a sense of accomplishment, The ability to plan, respect for the environment and a nurturing spirit.**

**45. (a) .**

Hi Bro,

How are you .Hope you are fit as fiddle .Let me tell you about the musical concert of Michael Jackson that I attended last week in Bangalore. I was in Bangalore on an official tour and one of my colleagues offered me a ticket to accompany him hence I attended the concert . Michael Jackson with other artist and the orchestra team performed and the performance was just fabulous and I enjoyed a lot. besides the hall was just a great hall, beautifully a/c with marvelous lighting arrangement and very comfortable seating arrangement. I recommended that you must attend this concert without fail because are a harmonica player and very fond of fast western and pop music. you shall enjoy this concert . They said concert available till Saturday. Hope you will attend and enjoy this. Say my hello to uncle and aunt. Bye

With Love and Affection.

XXXX.

(b) .

From

YYY,  
ZZZ.

yyy,

06.03.2020

To

Personal Secretary,  
112 Gandhi Nagar,  
Chennai.

Respected Sir

Invitation as chief guest the literary club of our school is putting up the play "Waiting for Go dot" on 17<sup>th</sup> of march 2020 in our school auditorium from 9.00am to 10.00am. On behalf of our club, I would like to extend a cordial invitation to you to be the guest of honour at the function it would be our privilege . If you consent to grace this occasion with your esteemed presence.

Yours faithfully

46. i) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them. 5x1=5

- a. We saw a few girls playing in the park **this** morning.
- b. The interior decoration in all the rooms **is** awesome.
- c. My mother rarely goes out without an umbrella, **does she?**
- d. Though I **had** done my interview well, I was not selected.
- e. Some parents keep their children **under** control.

(OR)



(ii) Fill in the blanks suitably.

5x1=5

- a. The **naughty** little girl did not realize how her hair got so **knotty**
- b. As the shops **were closed** we could not buy anything for the children.
- c. The team performed **every** task in an excellent manner.
- d. My inquisitive niece **used to** ask a number of questions, when she was a child.

**47. (a)**

- i. Distinctive Appearance.
- ii. An astronomer is a scientist in the field of astronomy who focuses their studies on a specific question or field outside the scope of earth.
- iii. The Sky on a dark night may appear some what sinister to someone, but shelly , the poet , it is the star spangled black dress of a women.
- iv. When the sky is covered with clouds without any stars, it wears a grim appearance.
- v. To a child, the sky at night, is a mystery and to the mature, it is an endless object of study.

**(OR)**

**(b)** Any suitable answer