

10th ENGLISH - SEPTEMBER 2020 Public Exam - Answer Key

Part - I

1. b) agreement
2. a) chewed
3. b) strange
4. b) bane
5. c) slowly
6. a) rejection
7. d) loaves
8. d) -ance
9. d) Indian Institute of Technology
10. c) ran out of
11. d) well
12. d) under
13. c) had informed
14. a) when

Part-II : Section - 1

15. The slamming of the doors had aroused mother.
16. Having lost everything and everybody, Sanyal stays with a friend of his father's. He comes to the tea shop, has tea and biscuits and always remembers to pay for it. This was his daily routine.
17. Inspector Morton arrested Smith on charges of murder of Victor Savage.
18. David moves from one place to another in his electric wheelchair with head switches.

Section - 2

19. a) The poet seeks for the courage of the heart.
b) He hopes that every turn in his life's journey will be the best.
20. a) 'He' refers to the cricket.
b) His cupboard was empty because he had not stored any food during summer.
21. a) 'We' refers to the Machines.
b) They were melted in the furnace and the pit.
22. a) 'It' refers to the tree.
b) The tree neither grows nor becomes small.

Section - 3

23. You must not be careless.
24. Maya asked when Zigzag was coming there.
25. "The general is a woman?" yelled the soldiers.
26. Having changed his dress, Ramesh went out to play.
27. a) They followed my suggestion.
b) Mathew was a hard-working businessman.

Section - 4

28. Go straight from the bus stop.
Turn right and go straight.
Turn left next to the temple.
Go straight till you reach the museum on your right.

Part - III Section - 1

29. The young seagull - afraid of flying - parents tried to teach - but in vain - The young bird starved - chewed the dried pieces of eggshells - saw his mother tearing a piece of fish - begged for food - mother came near with food - but stopped motionless in the air - The young seagull - had to jump for the fish - was much frightened - but began to flap his wings - and started flying.
30. Sasanka Sanyal - wise and intelligent student - wonderful memory power - could recall every single incident of his past - was remorse of he lost everything and everybody - yet never gave up his self-respect.
31. Technology - must keep oneself updated - we should accept it - learn how to use it - in all areas of life - to programme our needs & wants - for entertainment & for spirituality.
32. Last day of M. Harnel in school - M. Harnel was in his Sunday clothes - kinder than usual - didn't scold - blamed himself and the parents for exploiting children - talked of the French language - saying it's the most beautiful language in the world - knowing and sticking on to the mother tongue is the key to the prison of slavery - bell struck twelve - with a choked throat - wrote on the board - Vive la France! - dismissed the class.

Part III - Section - 2

- 33. James Kirkup - positive message of hope to mankind - inspite of divisions - all are united - every single body breathes and functions in the same way - equal needs - the sun, air and water - hands work - for livelihood - eyes perform similarly - love wins us all.
- 34. Today's women - multifaceted nature - born beautiful - beauty is an inborn trait - symbol of supremacy and strength - takes risks in life - real - genuine - empowered - brave, strong and resolute - ready to take up new ventures - persistent - strong in her faith and beliefs - a lioness - will not tolerate pranks - smart & brave.
- 35. (i) her - prankster (ii) aabc (iii) Metaphor (She's a lioness) (iv) She - saw - so, you - you
- 36. During the night, the house comes to life. The lights flick every now and then. The poet is tempted to go inside the house very often. She wants to know what is actually happening there. But she is filled with fear. (Workbook format)
Actual paraphrase -> During the night, the house comes to life. The lights flick every now and then. I am tempted to go inside the house often. I want to know what is actually happening there. But I am filled with fear.

Section - 3

- 37. (i) Our food lasted till we landed on this desert island.
(ii) I will make you rich amends, by giving you my daughter.
(iii) The king of Naples and Antonio repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.
(iv) He showed him his son Ferdinand playing chess with Miranda.
(v) Before Prospero left the island, he dismissed Ariel from his service.
- 38. (i) No (ii) ... in the bedroom (iii) trying to stuff her ears (iv) their maid (v) as if electrocuted.

Section - 4

- 39. Relevant answer with the details given in the question.
- 40. A formal letter ordering subscription for the school library.
- 41. Relevant notice with the details given in the question specifying the date, venue, time and the event.
- 42. Any relevant, grammatically correct answer - five sentences.
- 43. Title - Dragons / Any relevant title
Notes - in points or like hints
Summary - Rough Draft & Fair Draft (1/3 of the given passage in complete sentences.)
- 44. a) I bought a book this morning.
b) Sita went to the market yesterday. / Sita goes to the market everyday.
c) We have not eaten anything for a long time.
d) Sundar is neither a cricket player nor a football player.
e) We watched the sheep grazing in the field.

Section - 5 The Secret of the Machines

45. Some water, coal, and oil is all we ask,
And a thousandth of an inch to give us play:
And now, if you will set us to our task,
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!
We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,

- Rudyard Kipling

Part - IV $2 \times 8 = 16$

46. Paragraph of about 150 words :

a) The Little Hero of Holland (or) (b) The Story of Mulan

47. 1) a) Elephants are considered as keystone and umbrella species.

b) An elephant requires around 70 to 100 litres of water everyday.

c) They dig holes in riverbeds.

d) The elephants' habit of clearing the path they roam acts as natural buffer zones during forest fires.

(OR)

2) a) Different characters and events jump out of a book to take your mind to a new world.

b) Dinosaurs walk on earth like thunder.

c) Books are better than toys because they never break, or get old or don't want to play.

d) Any relevant answer.

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