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SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TENTATIVE ANSWER KEY

MARKS : 90

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

SYNONYMS		3X1=3
1.	Devotion – (a)dedication	
2.	Stray – (c) loose	
3.	Perforated - (d) punctured	
ANTONYMS		3X1=3
4.	Amputated X (b)joined	
5.	Controversial X (c)agreeable	
6.	Hopefully X (b)desperately	
VOCABULARY		14X1=14
7.	(b)empower	
8.	(a)Inadequate oxygen in blood	
9.	(d) R andom A ccess M emory	
10.	(b) 'Safe' guard	
11.	(d)intro	
12.	(d)Private conversation	
13.	(d)Isn't it?	
14.	(b)run down	
15.	(C)e-du-ca-tion/ed-u-ca-tion	
16.	(b)after	
17.	(c)hearing impaired	
18.	(c)which	
19.	(b)paws	
20.	(a)foci	

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

7x2=14

SECTION -1 APPRECIATION

4x2=8

21.	(a) The castle's gates . (b) The firm belief of the soldiers was no man could win
22.	(a) Because they were betrayed by the warder/they could not do anything because they won an unspecified battle. (b) They felt helpless because it was a shameful act of the old guard and they could not tell this tale to anyone.
23.	(a) The creeper looks like a python. (b) Zoomorphism/simile (Text book pg.no.56)
24.	(a) Here the Casuarina tree is described as brave; clusters of crimson flowers are hung among all the boughs of the tree and it looks like the giant tree wears a scarf. All the day, birds and insects gather there. (b) bird and bee
25.	(a) A small bag for carrying money (b) Sixth stage
26.	(a) 'Exits' refers to 'death' and 'Entrances' refers to 'birth' (b) Imagery

SECTION -2 GRAMMAR

3x2=6

27.	The doctor asked the patient what the problem was . The patient replied that he had a severe head -ache and added that he had to attend a meeting in an hour. The doctor advised the patient to take that tablet right then and he added that he would be alright.
28.	The boy is very hungry but/yet/still he does not eat.
29.	Good news is expected shortly ./ Good news is expected shortly by us
30.	If I do not win a lottery, I cannot help you

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

31. 'Only a bird could have got in'

Reference:

This line is taken from the poem "**The castle**" written by **Edwin Muir**.

Explanation:

The Castle had strong gates. Its walls were thick, smooth and high. Hence, it was their conviction that no man could win an advantageous position there and no enemy even with his clever trick could capture them dead or alive.

The tower was amazing high that no one but birds could get it.

**32. 'And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school'**

Reference:

This line is taken from the poem "**All the World's a Stage**" written by **William Shakespeare**.

Explanation:

The poet says that an infant emerges as a school boy during the second stage. He is seen moving to the school, slinging a bag over his shoulders.

Though he has a shining face in the morning, he is reluctant to attend school. He moves very slowly like a snail.

33. 'I saw thee, in my loved native clime'

Reference:

This line is taken from the poem "**Our Casuarina Tree**" written by **Toru Dutt**.

Explanation:

Whenever, the poet hears the music of nature, a noble form rises before her inner vision. It is the form of the majestic casuarinas tree. **It is so dear to her and revives her spirit because it is this tree that she has seen during her happy period of childhood in her beloved native land.**

ii) Answer any two of the following briefly :		2x3=6
34.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trolleys driver had a malignant tumour of the bone. • A few days before the race, his shoulder and arm were amputated. • There was no hope of recovery. 	
35.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we sweeten tea, we are no longer tasting the tea. • But we would be tasting the sugar. • You could make a very similar drink by dissolving sugar in the plain water. 	
36.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nurse asked the author if he would not like to go inside to meet Lucia as it would make her happy. • He shook his head and turned away as he could not bear to intrude upon that happy family union. 	
iii) Answer any three of the following briefly :		3x3=9
37.	<p>Build a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between a fruit vendor and a customer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete meaningful step by step descript 3 mark • Description with a few mistakes 2 mark • Description with many mistakes 1 mark 	
38.	<p>Preparation of apple juice</p> <p>Four or five apples are taken and washed well. They are wiped dried and cut into pieces of medium size. The seeds are remove d . Then the apples are put into the mixer. Some milk is added . The apples are crushed and a fine liquid is obtained . This liquid is filtered and the juice is stored in the refrigerator, It is taken our whenever needed, and after adding sugar, it served cups.</p>	

39.

- a) Onion price **has gone** up/ Onion price **was increased** due to heavy rain
- b) Rock fort point to point Bus derailed near Namakkal, 20 passengers **were injured** in the accident.
- c) A Locked house **was burgled** in salem. Rs. 6 lakh worth jewels **were stolen**.

(Or) any suitable answer.

40.

- a) A **__candle__** light others and consumes itself.
- b) Doubt is the key to **Knowledge**
- c) Out of sight, out of **Mind**

PART -III(Q.NO.41-47)

7x5=35

41. (A)

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA

A.J.Cronin

Archibald Joseph Cronin (1896-1981) was a Scottish novelist, dramatist and physician. A doctor by training, Cronin was one of the most renowned storytellers of the twentieth century. Cronin has very well carved the idea of 'selfless help' and explained the importance of dedication towards relationships in the story Two Gentlemen of Verona. The story revolves around the two boys named Nicola and Jacopo who do numerous things to earn money only to pay for their sister's treatment who suffers from tuberculosis of the spine. The story begins with the narrator driving down the foothills of the Alps. Here is when he first encounters the two brothers selling wild strawberries. They had dressed in rags and shabby appearance with tangled hair, dark earnest eyes, and brown skin even after the driver forbade the narrator to buy the wild fruits, he bought the biggest basket and drove towards the town. This scene emphasizes on the first step of growing intimacy between the narrator and the two boys. Next day, the boys were

found shining shoes in the public square. This amazed the narrator. Here is when they revealed the fact that they did numerous kinds of things to earn money. Here, the narrator is shown to develop a soft corner for them in his heart. He finds them to be innocent, serious, pleasant and earnest.

“Their love and emotional strength is exemplary but most exemplary is their maturity and sense of responsibility”.

The boys are very useful for the narrator. They are very willing to satisfy all that the narrator required. They were also found selling newspapers by the narrator one stormy night. One day, when the narrator asked if he could help them in any way they said they would be very grateful if they got a lift to the nearby village Poleta. Although it didn't come in the narrator's way he took them there. The boys got down in a building and asked the author to wait in a nearby café while they would be back within an hour. Eagerness led the narrator to follow the boys up to a place which was actually a hospital. On peeping through a room led by a nurse, he realized that the boys were talking to a girl who resembled them. He did not feel like intruding and thus asked the nurse the details about the boys. This is when the nurse told him the heart rendering story about their father being killed in a war and home being destroyed in a war and their sister suffering from tuberculosis. The brothers lived in a shelter and literally starved only so that they could pay for their sister's treatment. Them keeping a secret and helping their sister showed that war had not shaken their spirit. They were noble and gentle and great human beings in their own special yet subtle way. This story distinctly talks about how true the amplification says. “All that glitters is not gold”. In turn explaining the fact that appearances are deceptive.

“WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY”

(B)

IN CELEBRATION OF BEING ALIVE

- Dr. Christian Barnard

“Celebrate Our living as We Celebrate a festival”

Christian Barnard (1922 - 2001) was a famous heart surgeon from South Africa. He Performed the World's first human heart transplant operation. In this Prose, he points out that as we are alive now it is a matter of great importance to us. “We should

not keep lamenting over our loss which come across. What we have now with us is more valuable than what we have lost". The author had self pity and was cursing the accident that had caused him and his wife with great pain and inconveniences in the daily routine. He could not take his father's View that suffering ennobles human beings.

"My son, it's God's will
That's the way God tests you
Sufferings ennobles you – make you better persons"

The author describes the event as "the Grand prix of cape Town's Red Cross Children's Hospital". A nurse had left a breakfast trolley unattended. Very soon this trolley was commandeered by a daring crew of two, a driver and a mechanic. The mechanic provided motor power by galloping along behind the trolley head down. While the drivers, seated on the lower deck held on with one hand and steered it by scrapping his foot on the floor. The choice of roles was easy because the mechanic was totally blind and the driver had only one arm. It was better than Indianapolis 500 car race. The seven years old mechanic suffered third degree burns on the upper part of his body. He had lost both his eyes. He was literally a walking horror. A long flap of skin was hanging from the side of his neck to his body. As the wound healed around his neck, his lower Jaw became gripped in a mass of fibrous tissue. The Trolley driver had a malignant tumor of the bone. A few days before the race, his shoulder and arm were amputated. Dr. Barnard learnt the lesson from the children that the business of living is joy in the real sense of the world. It was not just something for pleasure, amusement or recreation. The business of living is the celebration of being alive.

"YOU DON'T BECOME A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE YOU ARE SUFFERING; BUT YOU BECOME A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED SUFFERING"

42.(A)

THE CASTLE

- EDWIN MUIR

EDWIN MUIR lived from 15th May 1887 to 3rd January 1959. He was a novelist and translator as well as one of Scotland's most important poets of 1900s. "The Castle" by Edwin Muir details a post event of castle's over taking through account of a soldier, who witnessed the castle's fall first hand. It tells the story of an unspecified battle. The soldiers of the Castle were totally stress free and related. They were confident of their castle's physical strength. Through the turrets, They were able to watch mowers and no enemy was found up to the distance of half-a-mile and so it seemed no threat to the castle. Secondly the fear of enemies diminished that is they had plenty of weapons to protect and a large Quantity of ration in stock to take care of the well-being of the soldiers, who were inside the castle. There was a foothold, from which an advance military operation is made. They believed that the castle was absolutely safe because their captain was brave and soldiers were loyal. Even by a trick no one could enter into the castle. Only a bird could fly over the wall and reach the castle. No soldiers would be attracted with a bribe for the entry inside the castle. But there was evil old guard, who was fascinated by the bribery of the enemies and let them in through a little private gate. He became a victim of bribery given by the enemies. Hence the enemies conquered the castle. The citadel was known for it's secret galleries and intricated path. The strong castle became grew and thin because of the greedy disloyal warder. The narrator lamented over the disloyalty of the guard and he was feeling ashamed to tell anyone about this shameful act of the guard. The citadel was captured by the enemies for gold. He regretted for not finding any weapon to fight with enemy called gold. Thus "Human greedy led to the mighty fall of the citadel".

"BETRAYAL IS SECRET AND SUBTLE AND THAT AN ARMY IS ONLY STRONG, IF ITS MEN CAN'T BE BRIBED"

(B)

OUR CASUARINA TREE

-Toru Dutt

“Our Casuarina Tree” is a most celebrated poem of Toru Dutt. Toru Dutt (1856-1877) was a Bengali poetess. **She wrote poem and literary works in English and French. Her family was a family of distinguished intellectuals and poets.** The theme of the poem is about **“last Friendship”** and **“lost childhood”**. The poet Toru Dutt remembers how her days started with the ecstatic sight of the Casuarina tree from her casement. The tree is tall and mighty. A creeper winds around its huge and wide trunk like a python. She remembers how well the tree accommodated birds to sing songs during days and nights. The tree had allowed the creeper to embrace it like a lady love. Though it is sapped(weak) its vitality, like a gallant lover, it allowed the creeper to stay around its neck like a scarf. **She remembers how a baboon seated at the crest of the tree had watched beautiful sunrise while her young ones were leaping and playing in the lower branches of the giant tree.** The cows are grazing in the lush green meadows around the tree. Water lilies add to the charm of the pond. **She recalls that the tree is dear not because of its majestic looks but because of the nostalgic memories attached to it.**

Dear is the Casuarina to my soul
Beneath it we have played though years may roll
O sweet companions, loved with love intense.

Like Wordsworth, Toru Dutt is also a great lover of nature. The emotional bonding between herself and the giant Casuarina tree is beyond reason. She remembers the happy times she had spent with her siblings, who are now no more, under the tree. **Their absence makes the tree much more endearing to the poet. Mysteriously she hears the grief filled lament of the tree when she is on the shores of France and Italy.** The Surprising thing is that she was able to see the tree in its prime in her own **“loved native clime”**. Though her verse may be weak, her love will confer immortality on the Casuarina tree. **She immortalizes the tree through her poem like the poet Wordsworth who blessed the ‘YEW TREE’ of borrow dale in verse. She expresses her wish that the tree should be remembered out of love .**

“FAMILY ARE LIKE BRANCHES A TREE, WE ALL GROW IN DIFFERENT DIRECTION YET ARE ROOTS REMAIN AS ONE”

43.(A)

GOD SEES THE TRUTH, BUT WAITS

- LEO TOLSTOY (1828 - 1910)

Leo Tolstoy was a Russian writer who is regarded as one of the greatest authors of all time. In “God sees the truth, But waits” the author’s deep seated faith in God and moral values is expressed. We have the theme of guilt, forgiveness, faith, conflict, freedom and acceptance. Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov is a merchant living in Vladimir, town in Russia. Aksionov was a business man. He was respected by all the inmates due to his gentle behavior. He lived with his wife and children. He was full of life. He sang and played the guitar occasionally drank too. Once he got ready to go to the fair. His wife tried to stop him saying that she had a bad dream.

“ I dreamt you returned from the town,
and when you took off your cap I saw that your hair was quite grey”

But Ivan ignored his wife warning and went to the fair. As he liked cool weather, he left the inn early. He was intercepted by the police who searched his belongings. Finding a blood stained knife in his bag, he was arrested on charges of murder. His wife’s petition for clemency(mercy) to the czar was turned down. His wife’s unwillingness to trust him was more devastating than czar’s rejection of mercy petition. He was flogged. After the wounds healed he was sent to work in the mines of Siberia. Staying 26 years in Siberia he grew a long beard. He became grandfather to the prisoners. He read “The lives of saints” and was found praying and singing in the choir. He was respected both by the fellow prisoners and the jail authorities for his gentle behavior. They called him grandfather and ‘The Saint’. Everyone in the jail believed in his innocence and unjust condemnation. One day a new convict namely Makar Semeyonich came there. When Makar blurted out how the knife went to his bag kept under his head, Ivan recognized Makar as the real

murderer of the merchant. Ivan had a chance to expose Makar to the jail authorities. But he kept quiet. Makar became remorsefully (regretful) and asked Ivan's forgiveness. He forgave him. Makar confessed to the authorities. The order of pardon came but then Ivan Was dead. It is very easy to take revenge, but it is very difficult to forgive others. In this story, though Makar had murdered a merchant he was the cause for the twenty six years imprisonment of Aksionov yet he was forgiven by Aksionov. This act of Aksionov made Makar to suffer humiliation and he admitted his fault to the authorities. He wept bitterly and beat his head on the floor. Thus Aksionov's forgiveness is the best form of revenge on Makar.

Moral :

“FORGIVENESS IS THE SWEETEST FORM OF REVENGE

(OR)

THE HOUR OF TRUTH

- PERCIVAL WILDE

“Every hour is the hour of truth”

Percival Wilde (1887-1953) was an American author and playwright. He wrote novels, short stories and one -act plays. “The Hour of truth” is an intense psychological study. This one act play particularly shows how easily people forget their moral values and principles. We can see the battle between ‘self’ and ‘society’ in the Character of Mr. Robert Baldwin, the secretary of a bank and the bank President Mr. John Gresham. Robert Baldwin is the Protagonist of this play. He leads a simple life with his wife Martha and his son John and daughter Evie. He is a man of Principles. He is an honest, diligent and hardworking employee . He has been Working in the bank for more than 35Years. He is not ready to make any kind of compromise with his morality. He is Working under John Gresham in a Bank. Baldwin had been thick friend for over 30 years and Baldwin had even named his son after Gresham. When his friend John Gresham was

arrested for the misappropriation in bank account, Baldwin was not ready to make any Kind of compromise and decided to part with him. Just before being arrested Gresham offered him one hundred thousand dollars to just say **“I don’t remember”**.

The play brings a positive note when the bad people get punished and the good people get rewarded

Both Martha and John were Very happy to get a huge sum from Gresham, so that their family would also grow rich to some extent. When they came to know that Baldwin had rejected the generous offer made by Gresham and justified Gresham’s act of offering money, stating that it was a compensation for his low salary. So they started convincing Baldwin to accept the bribe. John also accused Baldwin of betraying his dear friend Gresham. He also told that Baldwin will not get an employment anywhere, as he will be considered a traitor. John compelled Baldwin to accept the money offered by Gresham. Thus Martha and John reacted in an unjust way when Baldwin had rejected the generous offer made by Gresham. Baldwin, felt disgusted with himself and the attitude of his family members. To save Baldwin, Mr. Marshall, president of the Third National, Visited him and informed him that Gresham had confessed his crime, in order to free him from betraying his trusted friend and testifying painfully against him. Mr. Marshall also offered Baldwin a job in his Bank, to reward him for his **‘honesty’** and **‘Integrity’**. At the end of the play the reader realizes that money only brings **‘isolation’, ‘punishment’, ‘deception’, ‘frustration’ and ‘endless shame’.** Money has a great influence on people but not on truthful- Virtues get rewarded.

MORAL :

“TRUTH HAS NO SPECIAL TIME OF ITS OWN. ITS HOUR IS NOW ---- ALWAYS AND INDEED THEN MOST TRULY WHEN IT SEEMS UNSUITABLE TO ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.”

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From

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13.09.2019.

YYYY.

To

Post Box No. 2339 ,
C/O. The Hindu,
Chennai – 600 002.

Sir,

Sub : Application for the post of **Male Receptionist**

regarding.

Ref : Your advertisement in 'THE HINDU' dated 05.09.2019.

With reference to your advertisement in 'THE HINDU' dated 05.09.2019. I wish to apply for the post of **Male Receptionist**. I have herewith enclosed my bio-data for your perusal and favourable consideration. If I am appointed, I assure you Sir, that I will discharge my duties in an exemplary manner.

Thanking you,

Place : YYYY

Yours faithfully,

Date : 13.09.2019.

XXXX

BIO – DATA

Name : XXXX
Father's Name : ABC
Postal Address : YYYY
Age / Date of Birth : 30-03-80 (32)
E-mail id : 1. xxx@yahoo.com
[2. xxx@hotmail.com](mailto:2.xxx@hotmail.com)
Gender : Male.

Religion : Hindu.

Nationality : Indian.

Marital Status : Single.

Qualification :

S.No.	NAME OF THE DEGREE	NAME OF THE COLLEGE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY	PERSENTAGE OF MARKS	YEAR OF PASSING
1.	B.Com.,	TMG Arts College., Pollachi.	M.K.University., Madurai.	75 %	2001

Experience : 5 years in Madura Coats, Madurai

Languages known to speak : Tamil, English, Hindi

Languages known to write : Tamil, English, Hindi

Salary expected : 10,000.

Other Skills : DCA with Tally. Senior Grade in type writing and short hand.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the above given details are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Station : YYYY.

Date : 13.09.2019.

XXXX

Signature of the applicant

Address to the envelope:

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46. i) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly

- a. One should keep **one's** promises.
- b. Ram **met with** an accident
- c. In spite of his being clever , he failed.
- d. Reena is **not only** a good singer **but also** a good dancer.
- e. The **Surgical(adj)** instruments must be properly sterilized .

OR

(ii) Fill in the blanks suitably.

- a. tale / tail
- b. dare
- c. due to
- d. was sleeping

47. Any suitable answer.

OR

Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

- a) Timber
- b) Trees are used to for building houses, making furniture.
- c) At least 40 hetares of rain forests are being felled every minute.
- d) 30 percent.
- e) Cut – felled
Wood - Forest

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