

Answer Key

PART-I

20x1=20

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences

1. They were content to work in secluded spheres. (Book Page No: 142)
(b) isolated
2. We regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric. (Book Page No: 70)
(a) strange
3. A career of rectitude sometimes has rewards : (Book Page No: 108)
(b) honesty

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. They consoled me and lauded me on the silver win. (Book Page No: 38)
(c) criticised
5. I explained to her the close and venerable relationship between the names. (Book Page No: 171)
(d) unworthy
6. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song. (Book Page No: 6)
(a) interesting
7. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'spinning' to form a compound word.
(c) wheel **spinning wheel** (Book Page No: 6)
8. Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "arrange".(Book Page No: 7)
(d) –ment **arrangement**
9. Identify the pattern of the following sentence. "Our team won the overall title."
(d) SVO
10. Choose the tetra-syllabic word.
(b) eradicate
11. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition
The English language is vitalthe medical field. (Book Page No: 45)
(a) in
12. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence. (Book Page No: 112)
The sponsors got cold feet and cancelled the order
(c) frightened

23. Most of all, I want to relearn How to laugh,

(a) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?

Now the poet has realised that he has only a fake laughter. But he wants to give real laughter. So he wants to relearn how to laugh.

(b) Whom does the poet want to relearn from?

He wants to relearn from his son.

24. We are proud of the position we hold, humble as we are

(a) What is the speaker proud of?

The speaker is proud of the position he holds in the society.

(b) Pick out the words of alliteration in these lines.

Proud, Position; hold, humble.

25. Macavity's a Mystery Cat: he's called the Hidden Paw...

(a) Does the poet talk about a real cat?-

In the poem it seems that he talks about a real cat. But he may mean a skilled and mysterious thief.

(b) Why is he called the Hidden Paw?

He is called a Hidden Paw because he is always hidden from the Scotland Yard and Flying Squad.

26. Well, ego it might be pleased enough. But zealous athletes play so rough...

(a) What pleases the ego?

The success in a game pleases the ego.

(b) Why are athletes often rough during play?

The athletes have only success in their mind. They are often rough because they do not think about the feelings of the opponents.

SECTION-2 (3x2=6)

27. Pranav said that he had been walking along the street.(Change into direct speech)

Pranav said, "I have been walking along the street." (Book Page No:149)

28. May God bless you with happiness.(Change the voice) (Book Page No: 78)

You may be blessed with happiness / You may be blessed by God with happiness / May you be blessed with happiness by God.

29. We stayed up all night but we were not tired at all. (Rewrite as a complex sentence)

Though/Although/ Even though we stayed all night, we were not tired at all.

30. If I were a millionaire, I would buy a car. (Begin with "were")

Were I a millionaire, I would buy a car.

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

31. Poem Lines:

I live with bread like you, feel want,
Taste grief, need friends - subjected thus,

Reference:

These lines are taken from the poem 'The Hollow Crown' which is an excerpt from William Shakespeare's Richard II.

Context:

The king utters these words when he was defeated and lost everything.

Explanation:

His cousin Bolingbroke attacked him and he knew that he would be defeated. He was with his loyal followers. At the time of utter dejection he uttered these words. Kings are no way better than the subjects. The king lives with bread, feels lack of something, tastes in grief and needs friends as all other subjects. So he is equal to his subjects. He is asking his followers at the end of the passage how they could call him a king.

Comment:

We must learn to accept death as a part of life.

32. Poem Lines:

I am just glad as glad can be That I am not them, that they are not me

Reference :

These lines are taken from the poem 'Confessions of a Born Spectator' written by Ogden Nash.

Context :

The poet wants to emphasise that he will never take up the position of an athlete

Explanation :

While admiring the talents of the athletes and sportsmen, the poet confesses that he is neither a sportsman nor an athlete. The poet is very glad to say that he is not an athlete and he will never become one.

Comment :

Sports do not build character, they reveal it.

33 Poem Lines:

I heard a thousand blended notes.

Reference :

These lines are taken from the poem 'Lines Written in The Early Spring' written by William Wordsworth

Context:

The poet, William Wordsworth, laments that man has destroyed the plan and work of God.

Explanation :

In an early spring, Wordsworth sat in a small woodland grove and listened to the birdsong around him. The birds' songs promoted happy thoughts in his mind. But the same happy thoughts brought some sadness to him. Man did not treat Nature well though it created a strong connection with Him. So he feels sad.

Comment:

Destruction of nature is now becoming human nature.

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.(2x3=6)

34. Who are the citizens of 'dreamland'? Why?

The players are the citizens of 'dreamland'. After the game they think about what happened in the playground.

35. What did Bryson wish to avoid in his life?

Bryson wished to avoid getting frequent flyer miles.

36. Describe the author's grandmother.

The author's grandmother was an old woman with wrinkled skin. She had been like that for twenty years. Once she had been young and pretty.

SECTION-3 (3x3=9)

Answer any three of the following.

37. Write an email to your friend congratulating him/her on his/her success in the Chess Tournament.

From : natpu@gmail.com
To : friendsforever@mail.com
CC : poweroffriendship@gmail.com
Subject: Congratulating for Chess Tournament
Dear xxx, Hope you are doing well. I am happy to contact you through this mail and I am very happy to know that you have won the Title in State Level Chess Championship. My heartfelt congratulations for your future achievements. Regards. Natpu

38. You are the secretary of your School Heritage Club. Draft a notice informing about a field visit to the nearby Museum.

NOTICE

<p style="text-align: center;">Christ The King Boys Matriculation Higher Secondary School Kumbakonam HERITAGE CLUB- FIELD VISIT 07.03.2024</p> <p>This is to inform all the students of classes 11 and 12 that our school Heritage Club has planned to arrange a field visit to National Museum on 21.03.2024.</p> <p>Interested students are informed to register names to Mr.Online Kiruba / English Teacher on or before 09.03.2024.</p> <p>Secretary</p>

39 Describe the process of making a cup of tea

The Process of Making Tea

- Boil two glasses of water in a vessel.
- Add two tea-spoons of tea leaves and $\frac{1}{2}$ a cup of milk.
- Cover the vessel with a lid.
- Filter the tea and pour in cups.
- Add 2 teaspoons of sugar and stir it.
- Serve hot.

40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.

- (a) Cut your coat according to your cloth.
- (b) A bad workman always blames his tools.
- (c) Despair gives courage to a coward.

PART-IV

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7x5=35

(a) Describe Mary Kom's personal experiences during her first International Championship match from the time of selection to winning the medal.

'The Queen of Boxing' is an excerpt from Mary Kom's autobiography 'Unbreakable'. Here she describes her experiences when she got selected for World Women's Boxing Championship. After her performance in Bangkok Championship she was selected for the International Boxing Association World Women's Boxing Championship in Pennsylvania, USA in November – December 2001. She had financial difficulties to take up her trip to the USA. Her father could collect only Rs.2000 and she got donations from two MPs – Rs.5000 and Rs.3000. Thus she went to the USA with Rs.10000. She stayed in the sports arena because it was cold and snowing outside. Since she did not have match on the first day she could take rest. She reached the finals and thought she could win the gold. But she lost the finals to Hula Sahin of Turkey. She was not used to the food of that place so she could not eat well and lost weight. That must have been the reason for her loss.

OR

(b) Trace the thoughts that went on in the mind of the narrator when picture after picture was put up and sold at the auction.

E.V. Lucas in his essay 'Tight Corners' tries to explain how the mental tight corner is worse than the physical tight corner. The narrator entered Christie's, the famous auction house persuaded by his friend. He saw Barbizon pictures were being sold and they were auctioned for very high prizes like four thousand guineas. The narrator did not want to buy any pictures but he simply stood there to see what was going on. He wanted to enjoy fun of taking part in the auction cautiously. His friend warned him that he might be caught and he asked him to stop his game. But he was sure that he was very cautious and he would never be in trouble. But unfortunately he was caught. He had to find four thousand and fifty guineas to buy a picture which he did not want. He was in real trouble. Pictures after pictures were being sold. He did not mind about them. He was trying to get some names of his relatives who would be kind enough to lend him money. He did not get anybody in his mind. He thought it would be good to confess his poverty to the Christie's staff. But he knew that after participating in many other auctions he could not do that. Moreover a genuine mistake of this kind could have been rectified at once.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(a) Explain the things the poet Gabriel Okara has learnt when he grew into an adult.

The poet Okara in his poem 'Once Upon a Time' painfully condemns the duplicity displayed by adults both in their words and actions. Here, a father laments to his son about the negative changes that creep into the attitude and behaviour of humans when they grow into adults. He used to be genuine when he laughed. But now his laughter is fake. He has learnt to laugh without any feeling. Their handshakes used to be warm and happy conveying a sense of togetherness, but nowadays the handshakes have become a mere falsity. He too has learnt to give such handshakes. He has again learnt how to welcome people with words coming only from the lips. Now he can change the facial expressions according to the situations.

OR

(b) In what way is every hillock similar to Everest ?

Prof. V C. Kulandaisamy in his poem 'Everest is not the Only Peak' brings to our understanding that some people may be lucky to achieve great things but others will also achieve something according to their talents. Everest is not the only peak. There are other peaks which may not be as tall as Everest. But climbing them is also an achievement. We should feel proud and great for the virtues what we have. Whatever we do should be done with deep devotion. We should hate defeat, and courage should be our strong hold. We may be humble but we need not worship anybody else. We can bless and praise the achievers. We should be proud of the position we hold in the society. The pride for one comes from the way he leads his life in this world. Our path is dignified and honourable. We do not bend and kneel before others because we are proud of our life. Everest may be the tallest peak but there are other peaks also. Those who try to reach those peaks without stopping their attempt should also be praised. We bow before the people of competence and merit.

43. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints.

(a) Two best friends - part ways - appointment - twenty years - Bob arrived - policeman on beat - tall man came - Jimmy Wells - Stopped suddenly - man's nose - Roman to a pug - under arrest a note from Patrolman Wells.

O. Henry in his short story 'After Twenty Years' describes the friendship of two men, Jimmy Wells and Bob. They lived in New York. When Bob was eighteen and Jimmy was twenty, they decided to go their own way to find their livelihood. When they parted, they decided to meet each other after twenty years. On that day they dined in Big Joe's Brady's restaurant and said they would meet in the same place at the same time after twenty years. Bob went to the West and Wells stayed in New York. So far they did not have much difference in their characters. But West changed Bob a lot. He became a criminal and earned a lot. Wells became a respectable policeman. As they planned, Bob came to the place at the scheduled time. Wells was also in the same place as the patrolman. Wells identified Bob as the wanted criminal from Chicago but Bob could not identify Wells. In the twenty years Bob became very rich with the ill-gotten money. Wells was not that rich in terms of money but he was rich in character. He respected his friendship with Bob so he did not arrest him. He sent another plainclothes man to arrest him.

OR

(b) Miss Meadows - gloomy in class - taxes the students - lament - Basil - letter - change of mood - Head mistress Ms Wyatt - telegram - feels happy - returns to class - good cheer

Miss Meadows was a music teacher of a school. She was walking towards the music class in despair. It hurt her like a sharp knife. With such a heavy heart she entered the music class. Mary, who was playing the piano as usual gave her a chrysanthemum flower. Normally she would accept it happily. But that day she did not reveal any happiness. The girls, who were ready to start the lesson, sensed that Miss Meadows was not in her usual mood. She selected the lesson 'A Lament' and asked them to sing without expression. As they were singing she thought of the unfortunate letter she had received from her finance, Basil. It said that he was not interested in marriage and it would be disgusting if he settled down in married life. The words were getting repeated in her mind. She asked the girls to repeat the lesson again and again. By the time she got a call from the Headmistress, Miss Wyatt. When she went to the Headmistress' room she handed over a telegram to Miss Meadows. It was from her finance. It clearly asked her to forget the previous letter. She was very happy to receive the telegram and came back to the class in a happy mood. Now she selected a new lesson 'We come here today with flowers o'er laden with baskets of fruit and ribbons to boot, and 'Congratulate'.

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

Summary Writing

Rough Copy:

CORK

Cork is derived from the cork oak tree's thick bark. They grow in the Mediterranean region of Europe which produces 80% of the world's cork. It has impermeable, elastic and fire retardant properties, used for sealing containers, fishing equipment and domestic applications. In ancient Greece, cork was used in foot wear. In the second century AD, Greek physician Dioscorides, noted applications of cork for hair loss treatment. Cork is an excellent gasket material. In musical Instruments, particularly, woodwind instruments, it is used to fasten together segments of the instruments. Cork is moisture resistant. Many racing bicycles have their handle bars wrapped in cork.

Fair Copy:

CORK

Cork is derived from the oak tree's thick bark. They grow in the Mediterranean region. It is impermeable, elastic and fire retardant properties, used for sealing containers, fishing equipment and domestic applications, foot wear, for hair loss treatment, gasket material, cricket balls and badminton shuttle cocks. It is used to fasten together segments of the instruments, as an alternative to leather in handbags, wallets and other fashion items.

Total No. of words in the Rough Copy : 103

Total No. of words in the Fair Copy : 68

OR

Note Making

CORK

I. Production

1. Oak tree- bark

- i. material- impressive & attractive
 - impermeable
 - elastic
 - fire retardant

2. Mediterranean region

- i. 80 % world's cork

II. Uses

1. Ancient Greece

- i. foot wear
- ii. a type of sandal

2. II Century

- i. medical application- loss of hair

3. Presently

- i. sealing containers
- ii. fishing equipment
- iii. domestic application-gasket
- iv. cricket ball, badminton, shuttle cocks
- v. musical instruments.
- vi. handbags, wallets & fashion items
- vii. race bicycle.

(b) Write conversation between a father and a son on choice of a career. (Minimum of five exchanges)

Father :Why don't you take up Engineering course.

Son :Dad, I am interested in Cinematography.

Father :It is good for entertainment. Will it help you to earn more ?

Son :Dad, let me master music. I passionately love people. I may become a good actor.

Father :All can't become Vijay or Ajith

Son :Dad, let me be myself.

Father :You are my only son. Will I suggest something bad for you?

Son :Dad please suggest the dress in which I will look better. Suggest the food item which would suit me. But, career option, please leave it to me.

Father :Do you really believe you can shine in the field of Cinema?

Son :Dad, faith is life. Cinema is just not entertainment

Father :OK It is your life. Then you join DFT.

45. (a) Respond to the given advertisement and prepare a bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified. (Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for the address)

Wanted

Personal Assistant

The applicant should be a graduate with fluency in English and Computer Knowledge.

Apply to

The Manager, (HR) ABC Info Tech,

ABC street,

Chennai 600006.

Letter of Application

Date :07.03.2024

Place :Kumbakonam

From

XXX , (Name)

YYY , (Address)

YYY .

To

The Manager, (HR) ABC Info Tech,

ABC street,

Chennai 600006.

Sir/Madam,

Sub : Applying for the post of Personal Assistant - reg.

Ref : Your advertisement in 'The Hindu' dated 06.03.2024

With reference to your advertisement cited above. I would like to offer my service as a Personal Assistant in your esteemed company / institution. I have a creative and pleasing personality. Besides I am well versed in communicative skills and computer knowledge.

If I am given an opportunity, I will discharge my duty in an exemplary manner.

Kindly find the Resume enclosed for your perusal and consideration.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

XXX

Enclosures :

- Resume
- Photocopies of certificates.

RESUME

XXX ,(Name)

contact No : 97xxxxxx71

YYY ,(Address)

E-mail id : abc@gmail.com

YYY ,(Place)

CAREER OBJECTIVE:

To achieve career growth which will allow me to grow professionally and help to promote the vision of the company/ Institution.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :

Degree	Name of the institution/University	% of marks
B SC.,	St Joseph's College – Trichy	80%
M.SC.,	Bharathidasan University – Trichy	85%

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION :

- Completed PGDCA in 2017
- Typewriting - Higher

TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION :

- Java , C++ , Linux,MS office

EXPERIENCE :

Designation	Name of the company/Institution	No.Of.Years
Personal Secretary	NOVATECH, Pudukkottai.	2 years
Administrator	Mount Olive Mechanics, Sivagangai.	3 years

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES :

- Basket ball player
- NSS volunteer

HOBBIES :

- Reading books
- Glass painting & Hiking

STRENGTH:

- Hard working & Punctual
- Good verbal & written skills

PERSONAL DETAILS :

- Name : XXX
- Father's Name : Mr.Raj.
- Date of birth : 03.10.2015
- Gender : Male
- Nationality : Indian
- Languages known : English,Tamil,Hindi,Telugu

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date :07.03.2024

XXX

Place : YYY.

Signature

Address on the envelope :

To
The Manager, (HR) ABC Info Tech,
ABC street,
Chennai 600006.

OR

(b) Write a letter to the headmaster of your school requesting him/her to issue a bonafide certificate.

REQUEST LETTER

Kumbakonam

07.03.2024

From

Xxx,

Yyy,

Zzz.

To

The Principal,

CTK Boys Matric Hr.Sec.School,

Kumbakonam.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Sub: Bonafide Certificate – requested – reg.

I am a student of XII A1 studying in CTK Boys Matric.Hr.Sec.School. Kumbakonam and require a Bonafide Certificate for opening a bank account Kindly issue the certificate with accurate information and necessary seal and signature. I have enclosed all the required documents along with this letter.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

xxx

Address on the envelope:

To

The Principal

CTK Boys Matric.Hr.Sec.School

Kumbakonam

46. (a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The stranger paused for a few minutes before he passed my house (Book Page No 72)
- (ii) Some girls who attended the class informed the others about the test. (Book Page No: 11)
- (iii) Teachers ought to encourage the students to read science literature (semi-modal)
- (iv) You have to hurry or/ or else/ otherwise you will miss the bus. (Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction) (Book Page No: 176)

OR

(b) Read the following sentences, **spot the errors** and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- (i) The little boy memorised the alphabets with in a week. - within
- (ii) Everyone of the students were questioned. - was
- (iii) Wordsworth is one of the greatest poet of the world. - poets
- (iv) Raju has took half a day leave. - taken
- (v) I have been working in this school since twenty years. - for

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

There are many forms of collecting that come with a specific technical name. A person who collects coins is called a numismatist. A philatelist collects postage stamps and a deltiologist collects post cards. The term philately was coined in 1864 by a French man, Georges Herpin. The first postage stamps for the prepayment of letter postage were issued in England in 1840. They were the brainchild of Rowland Hill, who was interested in problems of teaching. The ten rupees postage stamp depicting Mahatma Gandhi issued in 1948 is one of the most famous stamps of India. Collecting postage stamps will give a great opportunity to gain knowledge of different countries, plants, animals or famous people that they are in the stamps.

Questions:

- (i) Identify the term used for a person collecting post cards. Deltiologist
- (ii) Who proposed the idea of postage stamps? Rowland Hill.
- (iii) When was the first postage stamp circulated in England? 1840
- (iv) Which is the renowned stamp in India? Ten Rupees
- (v) What do we learn beyond collecting postage stamps? Knowledge of different countries, plants, animals, famous people

(b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on "Students and Social Service".

Students and Social Service

Students are the future leaders of a nation. After equipping themselves fully with education, they need to come forward to serve the nation for the betterment. To this end, it is imperative that they get a clear idea about society and the social problems. It can also be expected that they will devote themselves to serving society from the beginning. There is enough scope for the students to serve society. Bangladesh is beset with many problems. The major ones are illiteracy, population growth, unemployment, superstition, lack of health and sanitation, terrorism, natural calamities, etc. Students can play an active role in removing some of the social problems. For this, they need not hamper their studies. They can serve society in their spare time and long vacations.