

MODEL KEY ANSWERS

I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet : $4 \times 1 = 4$

1. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following statement:

Sentence: Boys are playing cricket,

A: (D) aren't they?

Short Note: A **question tag** is a short question added to a statement to confirm information. The rule is:

- If the statement is **positive**, the tag should be **negative**.
- If the statement is **negative**, the tag should be **positive**.
- "Boys are playing cricket" is a **positive** sentence, so the correct tag is "**aren't they?**"

2. Choose the language function for the underlined sentence:

Q: Susheela: Could you please open the window for the bright light?

(A) Disagree (B) Request (C) Order (D) Suggestion

A: (B) **Request**

Short Note:

A **language function** defines the purpose of communication in a sentence. Here, Susheela **politely asks** someone to open the window, which is a **request**.

3. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

Q: Jayanthi: Oh! If you had called me, I ____ with you.

(A) will have (B) shall have (C) would have (D) wouldn't have

A: (C) **would have**

Short Note:

This is a **third conditional** sentence used to express an imaginary past situation. The structure is:

If + past perfect, would have + past participle

Since "If you had called me" is in the **past perfect tense**, the correct answer is "**would have**".

4. Choose the infinitive in the sentence:

Q: Life is a great challenge for lethargic minds. So, all must work hard to get success in life.

(A) to get (B) get (C) work (D) is

A: (A) **to get**

Short Note:

An **infinitive** is the **base form of a verb** preceded by "to" (e.g., **to run, to eat, to get**).

In this sentence, "**to get**" is the infinitive because it shows **purpose**.

II. Do as directed:

$12 \times 1 = 12$

5. Which one of the following words has one syllable?

Options: deposit, credited, debited, book.

A: **book**

Short Explanation:

A syllable is a unit of pronunciation with one vowel sound.

Deposit (de-po-sit) → 3 syllables, Credited (cred-it-ed) → 3 syllables

Debited (deb-it-ed) → 3 syllables, Book → 1 syllable

6. Combine the word in Column-A with its collocative word in Column-B:

A: Time - clock

Short Explanation:

Collocations are words that naturally go together. "Time" is commonly associated with "clock" because a clock measures time.

7. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:

Sentence: *Jenisha is a good doctor. She helps everyone.*

A: Adjective (for "good")

Short Explanation:

"Good" describes the noun "doctor," so it is an adjective.

8. Write the correct form of the word given in brackets:

Sentence: *In my son's school, annual prize (distribute) programme took place yesterday.*

A: distribution

Short Explanation:

The correct noun form of "distribute" is "distribution."

Since it's referring to an event, "annual prize distribution" is correct.

9. Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in brackets:

Sentence: *The doctor (be + treat) a patient in his nursing home when I went to his hospital.*

A: was treating

Short Explanation:

The past continuous tense (was/were + verb+ing) is used for ongoing past actions.

10. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition:

Sentence: *Anagh is very good ___ spoken English.*

A: at

Short Explanation:

The correct preposition after "good" in this context is "at" (e.g., good at sports, good at math).

11. Fill in the blank using a suitable linker:

Sentence: *Raveesh went to the market ___ he didn't purchase anything.*

A: but

Short Explanation:

"But" is used to show contrast between two actions.

12. Fill in the blank using the correct article:

Sentence: *One of ___ most popular foods of all time is chocolate.*

A: the

Short Explanation:

"The" is used with superlative adjectives (e.g., the best, the most popular).

13. Use the word 'book' as a verb in a sentence.

A: I will book a ticket for the movie tomorrow.

Short Explanation:

"Book" as a verb means to reserve something.

14. Change into passive voice:

Sentence: *Armaan played football.*

A: Football was played by Armaan.

Short Explanation:

In passive voice, the object ("football") becomes the subject, and the verb is changed accordingly.

15. Change into the comparative degree:

Sentence: *Ashlesh is the most kind-hearted gentleman in the village.*

A: Ashlesh is kinder than any other gentleman in the village.

Short Explanation:

"Most kind-hearted" (superlative) changes to "kinder than" (comparative).

16. Change the underlined sentence into reported speech:

Sentence: Sachin: *"I am going to bring my children from their school."*

A: Sachin replied to Mahesh that he was going to bring his children from their school.

Short Explanation:

In reported speech, "I am" changes to "he was," and the verb tense shifts accordingly.

III. The following sentence has two errors. Edit the sentence and rewrite it in the answer book :**1 x 2 = 2****17. Given Sentence:**

Once there was a man who was blind. He eager wished to see the hole world with his own eyes.

Corrected Sentence:

Once there was a man who was blind. He eagerly wished to see the whole world with his own eyes.

Errors Corrected:

- "eager" → "eagerly" (Adverbial mistake)
- "hole" → "whole" (Spelling mistake)

IV. Answer the following questions in 2 - 3 sentences each :**7 x 2 = 14****18. How do you say that Don Anselmo was passionate about his land and the children of Rio en Medio?**

Ans: Don Anselmo refused to take extra money for his land because he believed it belonged to the children of the village. He showed deep love and respect for his land by planting trees for the next generation. His honesty and commitment to the people of Rio en Medio prove his passion.

19. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was the 'Modern Manu.' How?

Ans: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is called the 'Modern Manu' because he framed the Indian Constitution, ensuring equality and justice for all. He fought against discrimination and worked for the upliftment of the oppressed. His contributions to law and social justice made him a great reformer.

20. How did Satish Gujral become popular all over the world?

Ans: Satish Gujral overcame his disability and became a famous artist, architect, and sculptor. His paintings and architectural works gained international recognition. His dedication and creativity made him a globally respected figure.

21. What were the lessons that the writer learned at the Geneva Summit?

Ans: The writer learned that global issues should be resolved through dialogue and cooperation. The summit emphasized the importance of peace and understanding among nations. He realized that unity and negotiations are key to solving conflicts.

22. Why are the 'calendar and clock' useless in space?

Ans: In space, there is no day or night as on Earth, making the use of a calendar and clock meaningless. Astronauts experience continuous daylight or darkness depending on their position. Time in space is measured differently based on mission schedules.

23. What suspicion did the police have about the 'Mysterious Parcel'?

Ans: The police suspected that the parcel might contain something illegal or dangerous. They were cautious and investigated thoroughly before opening it. Their suspicion arose due to the unusual manner in which it was found.

OR**What were the experiences of Dicky Dolma as she scaled Mount Everest?**

Ans: Dicky Dolma faced many hardships, including extreme weather and physical exhaustion. However, her determination and courage helped her overcome these challenges. Reaching the summit of Mount Everest was a moment of great pride and achievement for her.

24. Haneef was a young man with varied talents and interests. How?

Ans: Haneef was skilled in multiple areas, including mechanics and electronics. His curiosity and ability to learn new things helped him excel in different fields. His talents and hard work made him a successful and respected individual.

OR

What changes came over Wangjia as the Bird of Happiness caressed him?

Ans: As the Bird of Happiness caressed Wangjia, he regained his strength and courage. His pain and exhaustion disappeared, and he felt hopeful again. This magical experience transformed his life and filled him with happiness.

V. Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each

2 x 3 = 6

25. Describe how Swami became a hero overnight.

Answer:

Swami became a hero when he accidentally caught a burglar while sleeping alone in his father's office room. His firm grip on the thief's leg created panic, leading to the police arresting the intruder. The next day, newspapers praised his bravery, making him a local hero.

- Swami's father challenged him to sleep alone in the office room.
- Swami was initially scared but had no choice.
- In the middle of the night, he heard strange noises.
- He saw a shadow moving near him.
- Out of fear, he tightly clung to the burglar's leg.
- The thief struggled but couldn't escape.
- The loud noise woke Swami's family.
- The police arrived and arrested the burglar.
- The next morning, newspapers praised Swami's bravery.
- Everyone, including his schoolmates and teachers, admired him.

26. The poet's grandma was a grown-up woman with childish habits and desires. Describe.

Answer:

The poet's grandmother had a childlike personality filled with joy and curiosity. She loved playing with children and enjoyed simple pleasures, making her different from other elders. Her innocence and enthusiasm made her special in the poet's eyes.

- The poet's grandmother had a playful nature.
- She enjoyed spending time with children.
- She participated in their games happily.
- She had a deep sense of innocence.
- Unlike other elders, she remained joyful and energetic.
- She loved storytelling and entertaining kids.
- Her curiosity was like that of a child.
- She found happiness in small things.
- Her carefree spirit made her lovable.
- The poet admired her unique personality.

VI. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

4 x 3 = 12

27. "Take the girl to Airolì."

Question: Who is the speaker?

Answer : The policeman.

Question: Who does 'the girl' refer to?

Answer : The rescued child.

Question: Why does the speaker say so?

Answer : The girl needed to be taken to a safe place, likely for medical care or further investigation.

28. "A walk in the park might make you feel better."

Question: Who made this statement?

Answer : The doctor.

Question: Who was it said to?

Answer : The patient.

Question: Why did the speaker say so?

Answer : The doctor suggested walking as a way to improve the patient's health and mood.

29. "Captain, be careful. Sometimes they are desperate."

Question: Who is the speaker?

Answer : A soldier or crew member.

Question: Who is the 'captain' here?

Answer : The leader of the mission or ship.

Question: Why were they desperate?

Answer : The speaker was warning the captain about the unpredictable and desperate actions of the enemy.

30. "We were crowded in a cabin."

Question: Who does 'we' refer to?

Answer : The passengers on the ship.

Question: Why were they crowded in a cabin?

Answer : The ship had limited space, causing passengers to be packed into small cabins.

Question: What do you mean by 'a cabin'?

Answer : A small enclosed room, typically on a ship.

VII. Given below is a profile of Mr. Srinivas. Write a paragraph using the clues given below :

1 x 3 = 3

31. Given below is a profile of Mr. Srinivas. Write a paragraph using the clues.

Clues:

- **Name:** Mr. Srinivas
- **Place of Birth:** Udupi
- **Qualification:** B.Sc. in Agriculture
- **Profession:** Agriculturist
- **Reasons for popularity:** Scientific farming, introduced new technology, helps the poor
- **Awards:** 'Annadatha' State Award, Best Farmer Award

Answer:

Mr. Srinivas was born in **Udupi** and pursued a **B.Sc. in Agriculture**. He is a dedicated **agriculturist** known for practicing **scientific farming** and introducing **new agricultural technologies**. His efforts have greatly benefited farmers, and he is known for **helping the poor** by sharing modern farming techniques. Due to his contributions, he has received several awards, including the prestigious '**Annadatha**' State Award and the **Best Farmer Award**. His innovative work in farming has made him a role model for many.

VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below :

1 × 3 = 3

32. Develop the story using the given clues.

➤ **Clues:**

- Long ago – a poor girl – very hungry – went to forest – to collect fruits – singing on her way.
- Met an old woman – old woman said: "Your voice is melodious" – asked the girl to choose a gift.
- The girl asked for food – old woman gave a magic pot – magic words: "**Cook, little pot, cook**" – pot cooked porridge.
- The old woman said: "**Stop, little pot, stop**" – pot stopped cooking.
- The girl took the pot home – very happy.

Answer:

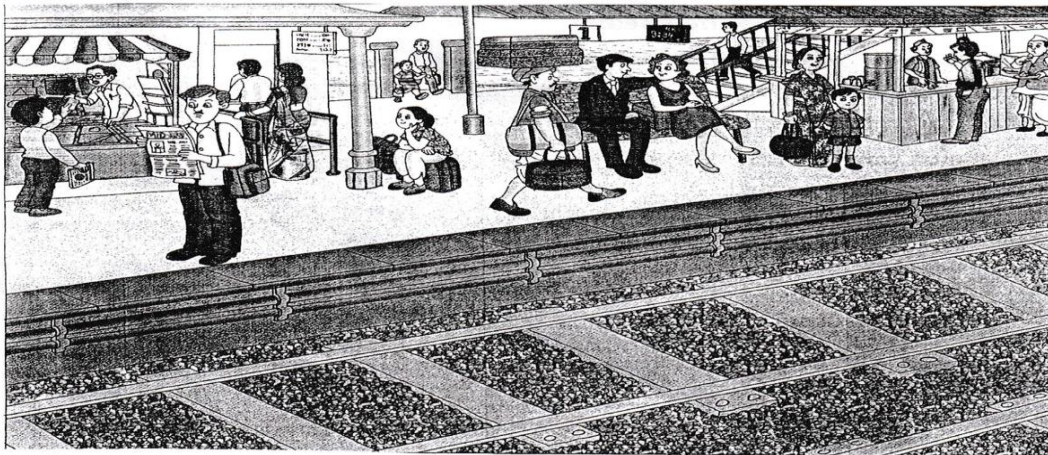
Long ago, **there lived** a poor girl who was often hungry. **One day, she** went into the forest to collect fruits, singing cheerfully on her way. An old woman heard her sweet voice and said, "Your voice is melodious. I will give you a gift. Ask for anything you want." The kind girl, who was starving, asked for food.

The old woman smiled and gave her a magic pot, saying, "Say '**Cook, little pot, cook**' and it will make porridge. Say '**Stop, little pot, stop**' to make it stop." The girl thanked her and took the pot home. Whenever she was hungry, she used the magic words, and the pot provided delicious porridge. She and her family were never hungry again. The girl was very happy and lived a peaceful life.

IX. Study the picture given below :

1 × 3 = 3

33.



A railway station is always **busy with different human activities**. Passengers are **standing in queues to get tickets**, while others are **reading newspapers** while waiting for their trains. Vendors are **selling snacks and tea**, calling out to attract customers. Some people are **rushing** to board their trains, while coolies are **carrying heavy luggage** on their shoulders, helping travelers. Children are **playing and running around**, excited for their journey. The entire station is filled with **chatter, announcements, and the sound of trains arriving and departing**..

X. Quote from memory : 1 × 4 = 4

34. You talk of wonders things you see,
You say the sun shines bright;
I feel him warm, but how can he
Or make it day or night?

Or

His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
where in doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptred sway

XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

1 × 4 = 4 (2+2)

35. Passage Summary:

Many people who work in London prefer to live outside the city and travel daily to their offices or schools. Although this means waking up early and returning home late, it has advantages. Houses outside London are cheaper, and one can get a house with a garden instead of a small flat. The countryside also offers peace, fresh air, and a better quality of life.

Q1: What are the disadvantages of living outside London?

Ans:

1. People have to wake up earlier in the morning.
2. They return home late in the evening.
3. They spend more time traveling to work or school.

Q2: What can a person who likes gardens do in the countryside?

Ans:

1. They can grow plants and flowers in their own garden.
2. They can enjoy fresh air and peaceful surroundings.
3. They can spend their free time watering, planting, and maintaining the garden.

XII. Answer the following question in about 8 - 10 sentences :

1 × 4 = 4

36. How does the poet wish to praise Mother India in the poem "The Song of India"?

Answer:

In the poem "The Song of India," the poet praises Mother India's beauty, culture, and rich heritage. He describes India's great warriors, scientists, and thinkers who contributed to its progress. The poet envisions a bright future for India and expresses his deep love and respect for the nation.

- The poet describes India's glorious past filled with wisdom and achievements.
- He talks about brave warriors who defended the nation.
- He appreciates the scientists and scholars who contributed to India's progress.
- The poem highlights India's rich culture, diversity, and natural beauty.
- The poet does not ignore the dark phases of history, like wars and struggles.
- He expresses hope and optimism for India's future.
- He envisions a modern and prosperous India built on knowledge and hard work.
- The poet believes in unity and patriotism as India's strength.
- He sees India as a nation of dreamers, leaders, and visionaries.
- The poem inspires love, pride, and dedication towards Mother India.

Or

"I am the Land" reassures that the land has patience. Substantiate.

Answer:

In the poem "I am the Land," the land expresses its endurance and patience despite human exploitation. People plow, dig, and build on it, but it remains silent and continues to give. The land's patience symbolizes nature's ability to sustain life, even when mistreated.

- The land silently watches human activities without resisting.
- It allows people to plow, dig, and construct buildings on it.
- The land does not complain, even when exploited.
- It nourishes plants, animals, and humans, providing them with resources.
- Despite destruction, it regenerates and continues to sustain life.
- The poem highlights the land's resilience and quiet strength.
- The poet portrays the land as a symbol of patience and endurance.
- The land believes that humans will one day realize its value.
- It reminds us to respect and care for nature.
- The poem teaches the lesson that nature is forgiving but should not be misused.

Or

The Jazz player was a pathetic figure but a commanding artist. Elaborate.

Answer:

The Jazz player appears old, weak, and lonely, making him a pathetic figure. However, when he starts playing music, his true passion and talent shine through, making him a commanding artist. His music is powerful, showing that art gives life and meaning even in pain.

- The Jazz player looks old, bent, and tired, evoking sympathy.
 - His face is wrinkled, and he seems burdened by past struggles.
 - He stands alone, appearing as a pathetic and forgotten figure.
 - But when he picks up his saxophone, he transforms completely.
 - His music is powerful, captivating the audience.
 - He commands respect and attention with his passionate performance.
 - His artistry overcomes his physical weakness, making him a true musician.
 - The poem highlights the contrast between his appearance and his talent.
 - It shows how music brings meaning and purpose to his life.
- The Jazz player represents the spirit of an artist who never gives up.*

XIII. Write an essay on any one of the following :

1 × 4 = 4

Option (a): Air Pollution

Introduction:

Air pollution is one of the most serious environmental problems affecting the world today. It occurs when harmful substances like smoke, dust, and toxic gases enter the air, making it unhealthy to breathe. Air pollution affects not only humans but also animals, plants, and the entire ecosystem.

Body:

Causes of Air Pollution:

- *Vehicle Emissions:* Cars, buses, and trucks release carbon monoxide and other harmful gases.
- *Industrial Pollution:* Factories and power plants emit smoke and chemicals into the air.
- *Deforestation:* Cutting down trees reduces oxygen levels and increases carbon dioxide.
- *Burning of Fossil Fuels:* Coal, petrol, and diesel contribute to air pollution.
- *Household and Agricultural Activities:* Burning waste, using chemical sprays, and stubble burning add to pollution.

Effects of Air Pollution:

- *Health Issues: Causes respiratory diseases like asthma, lung infections, and heart problems.*
- *Environmental Damage: Leads to acid rain, harming soil, water, and crops.*
- *Climate Change: Increases global warming due to excess carbon dioxide.*
- *Reduced Visibility: Causes smog, making driving and travel dangerous.*

Ways to Reduce Air Pollution:

- *Using public transport instead of private vehicles.*
- *Planting more trees to absorb carbon dioxide.*
- *Switching to clean energy sources like solar and wind power.*
- *Reducing factory emissions by using modern technology.*
- *Spreading awareness about the harmful effects of air pollution.*

Conclusion:

Air pollution is a major threat to life on Earth. Immediate action is necessary to control it before it causes irreversible damage. Governments, industries, and individuals must work together to reduce pollution and protect the environment for future generations.

Option (b): Advantages of Mobile Phones

Introduction:

Mobile phones have become an essential part of modern life. They are used for communication, business, education, and entertainment. While mobile phones offer many advantages, their misuse can also cause problems.

Body:

Uses of Mobile Phones:

- *Communication: Helps people stay connected through calls, messages, and video chats.*
- *Education: Students can access online learning materials, attend virtual classes, and do research.*
- *Entertainment: Provides access to music, movies, social media, and games.*
- *Business and Banking: Enables online transactions, work-from-home opportunities, and digital payments.*
- *Navigation: GPS and maps help users find directions and locations easily.*

Advantages of Mobile Phones:

- *Instant Communication: Can connect people across the world within seconds.*
- *Time-Saving: Quick access to information, online shopping, and mobile banking.*
- *Emergency Use: Helps during accidents, natural disasters, or medical emergencies.*
- *Multitasking Device: Functions as a camera, calculator, calendar, and alarm clock.*
- *Bridging the Digital Divide: Helps in e-learning and online job opportunities.*

Disadvantages of Mobile Phones:

- *Health Issues: Excessive use can cause eye strain, stress, and sleep problems.*
- *Addiction: Overuse of social media and gaming can reduce productivity.*
- *Privacy Risks: Data theft and cybercrimes are increasing due to mobile use.*
- *Distraction: Mobile use while driving or studying affects focus and safety.*

Conclusion:

Mobile phones are a great invention that has transformed human life. However, they should be used wisely to avoid negative effects. If used responsibly, mobile phones can continue to make life easier and more efficient.

Option (c): Importance of Forests

Introduction:

Forests are the lungs of the Earth, providing oxygen and maintaining the ecological balance. They are home to countless plant and animal species and play a crucial role in climate regulation. Conserving forests is essential for the survival of all living beings.

Body:

Uses of Forests:

- *Oxygen Supply: Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen.*
- *Biodiversity: Forests provide shelter to wildlife and plants.*
- *Climate Regulation: Helps in controlling rainfall, preventing droughts and floods.*
- *Economic Benefits: Provides wood, medicine, and raw materials for industries.*
- *Soil Protection: Prevents soil erosion and maintains fertility.*

Advantages of Forests:

- *Prevents Global Warming: Absorbs carbon dioxide and reduces pollution.*
- *Source of Medicine: Many medicinal plants are found in forests.*
- *Provides Livelihood: Supports farmers, tribal communities, and industries.*
- *Recreational and Tourism Benefits: National parks attract tourists and nature lovers.*

➤ *Water Conservation: Helps maintain groundwater levels and river flow.*

Deforestation and Its Effects:

➤ *Loss of Biodiversity: Many species lose their habitat and face extinction.*

➤ *Climate Change: Leads to rising temperatures and unpredictable weather patterns.*

➤ *Soil Erosion: Increases the risk of landslides and desertification.*

➤ *Water Crisis: Reduces rainfall, leading to droughts and water scarcity.*

➤ *Increase in Pollution: More carbon dioxide in the air leads to poor air quality.*

Ways to Protect Forests:

➤ *Afforestation: Planting more trees to restore green cover.*

➤ *Reducing Deforestation: Controlling illegal logging and land clearance.*

➤ *Government Laws and Policies: Implementing strict rules for forest conservation.*

➤ *Public Awareness: Educating people about the importance of trees and forests.*

➤ *Sustainable Development: Using natural resources without harming forests.*

Conclusion:

Forests are essential for life on Earth, and their destruction can have severe consequences. We must take immediate steps to conserve forests and promote afforestation. Protecting forests means protecting our future.

XIV. Write a letter using the information given below :

1 × 4 = 4

Option 1: Letter to a Friend Inviting Him to Attend Your Brother's Marriage

Sender's Address:

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[City, Pin Code]

[Date]

Dear [Friend's Name],

I hope you are doing well. I am very excited to inform you that my brother's marriage has been fixed, and I would love for you to attend this special occasion. The wedding is on [Date] at [Venue Name, City], and the reception will follow in the evening.

It will be a great joy to have you with us, and I am sure we will have a wonderful time together. Please let me know your travel plans so that I can make arrangements for your stay. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yours lovingly,

[Your Name]

Option 2: Letter to the Panchayat Development Officer for the Regular Supply of Water to Your Area

Sender's Address:

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[City, Pin Code]

[Date]

To,

The Panchayat Development Officer,

[Name of Panchayat],

[City, Pin Code]

Subject: Request for Regular Water Supply in Our Area

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention the irregular water supply in our locality, which has caused great inconvenience to the residents. For the past few weeks, we have been facing severe water shortages, and the supply is either delayed or completely unavailable on some days. This has made daily life difficult, especially for school-going children and elderly citizens.

I kindly request you to take immediate action to ensure a regular and sufficient water supply to our area. Your prompt response to this matter will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Contact Number]