

Second Term English Model paper 1 Answer Key

STD VIII English

Questions 1-3 (A Long Walk with Granny)

1. It was a big landslide in which earth, trees and bushes had given way and came crashing down, completely covering the road. Rocks were still hurtling down the hill and debris was still falling.
2. D. Both A and C
3. debris

Questions 4-6 (Hope is the Thing with Feathers – Emily Dickinson)

4. It has no words (sings the tune without the words) and it never stops at all.
5. Hope is the thing with feathers (Hope is directly compared to a bird)
6. The poet calls the bird “little” because hope is small, fragile and seemingly weak, yet it is extremely strong and keeps people warm even in the worst storms.

Question 7 Shakespeare compares the world to a stage and all human beings to actors who play different roles throughout life. A person goes through seven stages or “ages”. The first is the infant who mewls and pukes in the nurse’s arms. The second is the whining schoolboy who carries his satchel, has a shining morning face, but creeps like a snail, unwilling to go to school. These lines show that life is like a drama with fixed roles and every person has to play many parts from birth to death.

Questions 8-10

8. A shepherd’s hut / a hut among those trees
9. (c) Both B and D
10. You have given us a lot of trouble, haven’t you?

Question 11

(Choose A or B)

11A – Diary entry (Mani) Wednesday, 15 October 2025 Dear Diary, Today was the most frightening journey of my life! We were going to Mussoorie when suddenly a huge landslide blocked the road. Rocks, earth and trees came crashing down right in front of us. Stones even fell on the bus roof! Everyone screamed. Granny, as usual, made funny remarks – “Not a suitable place for a bus stop!” The driver reversed quickly. Finally, most passengers returned to Naini, but we decided to walk across the mountain. My heart is still beating fast!
Mani

OR

11B – Character sketch of young Abdul Kalam Young Abdul Kalam was remarkably responsible, hardworking and mature beyond his years. Though still a schoolboy, he willingly took up the job of newspaper distribution to support his family during the financial crisis caused by the suspension of the train halt. He woke up at 4 a.m., collected newspaper bundles, delivered them, and still reached school on time. He was disciplined, determined and never let difficulties affect his studies. His eagerness to help his family shows his selflessness and strong sense of duty.

Question 12

(Choose A or B)

12A – Conversation (5 exchanges)

Friend : Kalam, why do you wake up so early every morning?

Kalam : I have to distribute newspapers before going to school.

Friend : But why? You are already studying so much!

Kalam : Our family is facing financial problems after the train halt was suspended.

Friend : Don't you feel tired the whole day?

Kalam : A little, but I manage. Helping my family is more important.

Friend : You're really amazing! I don't think I could do it.

Kalam : Anyone can, if they really want to help.

OR 12B – Picture description

The picture shows a breathtaking snow-capped mountain peak glowing white under the clear blue sky. At its foot lies a small, picturesque village with colourful houses and green fields. A crystal-clear river flows gently nearby, reflecting the majestic mountains. Tall pine trees surround the peaceful village, and soft mist floats in the cool air. It is a calm, beautiful and serene place, perfect for nature lovers.

Question 13

(Choose A or B)

13A – Edited passage The boy told his mother, "I have seen four of the red flowers of Granny's plants. He could not believe that they were so bright suddenly. Hence, he told Granny to stay careful."

OR 13B –

Reported conversation

- (a) Why are you taking up newspaper distribution?
- (b) you had better go to bed early / you had better sleep early tonight
- (c) I can give you something to eat before you leave / I'll prepare some food for you

Question 14 – Profile of Emily Dickinson

Emily Dickinson (10 December 1830 – 15 May 1886) was a brilliant American poet born in Amherst, Massachusetts, USA. She is regarded as one of the greatest poets in American literature. Famous for her introverted lifestyle and highly original style, she used unusual punctuation, capitalization and short lines. Two of her best-known poems are “Because I could not stop for Death” and “Hope is the Thing with Feathers”. Though she wrote nearly 1,800 poems, only a few were published during her lifetime.

Questions 15-17

- 15. C. ISRO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES NEW WEATHER SATELLITE
- 16. A. INDIA TO EVACUATE ITS NATIONALS FROM ISRAEL
- 17. A) Growing cooperation

Question 18 – Fill in the blanks

- a) lifted up
- b) succeeded in
- c) squeezed