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MODEL KEY ANSWER

ವಿಷಯ : ಪ್ರಥಮ ಭಾಷೆ –ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ (NCERT)

Subject: First Language ENGLISH (NCERT)

ವಿಷಯ ಸಂಕೇತ : 15-E	**Subject Code: 15-E**
(ಸಮಯ : 3 ಗಂಟೆ 15 ನಿಮಿಷಗಳು	**Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes**
ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂಕಗಳು: 100	**(Max. Marks. 100)**

General Instructions to the candidates:

1. This question paper consists of 47 questions.
2. Follow the instructions given against the questions.
3. Figures in the right hand margin indicates maximum marks for the questions.
4. The maximum time to answer the paper is given at the top of the question paper. It includes 15 minutes for reading the question paper.

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: **6 × 1 = 6**

1. Arpita studies hard to pass the examination. The appropriate question tag to be added here is

A) Didn't she? B) Isn't she? C) Doesn't she? D) Wasn't she?

Ans: C) Doesn't she?

2. 'She falls like a tear from the eyes of a bride.' The figure of speech is used here is

A) Metaphor B) Hyperbole C) Alliteration D) Simile

Ans: D) Simile

3. It is said that ..... flute is ..... fascinating musical instrument. The correct article to be filled here is

A) the, a B) the, an C) an, the D) the, the

Ans: A) the, a

4. I was ..... when she suddenly touched my feet. The correct phrasal verb to filled in the blank is

A) brought up B) taken aback C) broken down D) given away

Ans: B) taken back

5. The match ..... (be + cancel) yesterday due to the heavy rainfall in Mumbai.

The correct form of the verb to be filled in the blank is

A) was cancelled B) is cancelled C) has cancelled D) had cancelled

Ans: A) was cancelled

6. Arun prefers to eat homely food. The underlined word is a/an

A) Adverb B) Noun C) Verb D) Adjective

Ans: D) Adjective

II. Observe the relationship in the first pair of words and complete the second pair accordingly in the following: **4 × 1 = 4**

7. Whet : sharpen : : Hostile : .....

Ans: Unfriedly

8. Meet : Meat : : Coarse: .....

Ans: Course

9. Contribute : Contribution : : Assist : .....

Ans: Assistance

10. Heap : Stones : : Flight : .....

Ans: Birds

III. Rewrite as directed: **3 × 1 = 3**

11. Change the voice of the sentence:

Poorvi has chosen the colourful dresses.

Ans: The colourful dresses have been chosen by Poorvi.

12. Frame the question to get the underlined a word/ a phrase as an answer

Joseph secured 85% in his examination.

Ans: How much percentage did Joseph secure in his examination?

13. Use the given word as a noun in a meaningful sentence of your own.

'Call'

Ans: Rani does not answer my call.

IV. Answer the following questions in a sentence each: **h7× 1 = 7**

14. How was tea used in Europe more than as beverage?

Ans: As a medicine.

15. Which animal is found on the bare tree?

Ans: Chameleon.

16. Where does the fog look over?

Ans: Over the city and harbour.

17. Where did Hari Singh get shelter at midnight?

Ans: Under the clock tower.

18. What is Horace Danby now?

Ans: The assistant librarian in the prison.

19. Name the village constable in the story, "Footprint Without Feet."

Ans: Mr Jaffers.

20. How many books did the Martians find in the library?

Ans: Two thousand.

V. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each: 7x2=14

21. How did the hailstorm destroy Lencho's cornfield?

Ans: -For an hour, the hail rained on the cornfield -the field looked as if it was covered with salt -not a leaf remained on the trees -the corn was totally destroyed -the flowers were gone from the plants.

22. Why did Lomov decide to marry Natalya?

Ans: -Natalya was a 25 year old girl-an excellent house keeper -not bad looking -well educated and a daughter of Lomov's neighbour.

23. Depict the appearance of the tiger in the poem, 'How to Tell Wild Animals?'

Ans: -It greets in the jungle -it has black stripes on its yellow body -it eats us.

24. What made Mrs Pumphrey worry about Tricki?

Ans: -Tricki would eat nothing -refused his favourite dishes -had bouts of vomiting -spent all time lying on a rug - panting, didn't want to go for walk - didn't want to do anything

25. How did the knocking of the door cause the death of Max?

Ans: -Ausable also told him that his room attached to the balcony of the next apartment -Ausable already told Max that he had informed the police to give him protection because he was going to receive an important message.

-When somebody knocked the door, Max thought that the police arrived - Max jumped from the window down believing that there a balcony. -Actually, there was no balcony existed. Ausable wove a cock and bull story about the balcony.

26. 'Mother played a vital role in the life of Richard Ebright.' How?

Ans: Mother encouraged his interest in learning - took him on trips, bought him telescope, microscopes and cameras, mounting materials and other equipment

- brought home friends for him -If he didn't have things to do, she found work for him.

27. How did Bholi justify her marriage rejection?

Ans: Bishamber demanded 5000 dowry from her father - Bholi's hand stuck the garland when Bishamber raised to place it around her neck

- She talked clearly with her father and told him to take back his money because she was not going to marry that man

- She told her father not to worry about her because she wanted to serve her parents in their old age-She wanted to teach in the same school where she learnt.

OR

Describe Ausable's room in the French hotel.

Ans: The room was in the musty corridor of the gloomy hotel French hotel.

-it was a small room on the sixth and top floor and scarcely a setting for a romantic adventure.

VI. Rewrite as directed: **3 × 2 = 6**

28. Change the following sentence into other two degrees of comparison:

Japan is more incredible than any other country in the world.

Ans: PD: No other country is as incredible as Japan in the world.

SD: Japan is the most incredible country in the world.

29. Change the following Direct Speech into Reported speech:

Mangala said to Veena, "Why didn't you meet me in the market yesterday?"

Ans: Mangala asked Veena why she had not met her in the market the previous day/the day before.

30. Combine the given two different sentences by using a) As soon as b) No sooner … than.

The police arrived at the spot. The robbers ran away with jewellery.

Ans: As soon as he police arrived at the spot, the robbers ran away with jewellery.

No sooner did the police arrive at the spot than the robbers ran away with jewellery.

VII. Answer the following questions in five to six sentences each: 6x3=18

31. Why did the pilot/the narrator take risk?

Ans: The narrator was dreaming of his holiday and looking forward to bring with his family.

-The narrator switched over to his second and last fuel tank.

-He wanted to have a good big English breakfast.

-He had already crossed 150 kilometres.

-The storm clouds were huge so he knew he could not fly up and over the them.

-He could not have enough fuel to fly around them to the north or south.

32. Compare and contrast the feelings of Matilda at the beginning and at the end of the story?

Ans: Matilda at the Beginning

- Dreams of wealth, fancy dresses, and grand parties.
- Hates her modest home, dirty walls, and plain food.
- Feels she was born for a rich and luxurious life by mistake.
- Suffers deep sadness because of her low social rank.

Matilda at the End

- Looks old, harsh, strong, and rough like a poor working woman.
- Wears messy hair, loud skirts, and red hands from heavy chores.
- Knows real poverty after working hard to pay debts for ten years.

- Smiles with proud joy when she finally sees her old friend Jeanne.

33. How did Buddha transform Kisa Gotami into an enlightened person?

Ans: Grieving for her dead child, Kisa Gotami begged the Buddha for a cure. --
-He agreed, but only if she brought mustard seeds from a family where there was no death.

-She went door-to-door, but every single household had lost a parent, child, or loved one.
-Seeing the city lights flicker and die out, she understood that death comes to all living things and her grief was blinding her to a universal truth.
-She laid her child to rest, returned to the Buddha, accepted the nature of suffering.

34. 'A small thing can make a big change in one's life.' Explain the statement with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow'?

Ans: Once the poet was sitting under the hemlock tree. He was in a sad and depressive mood.

-Suddenly a crow came and sat on the same tree. It was Winter season so the tree was full of snow.

-The crow shook the branch of the tree so some particles of the snow fell on the poet's body.

-He felt coldness. This small, unexpected event brings a sudden change in his emotions and lifting his spirit and saving the rest of his day from being wasted in sorrow.

-A simple thing in nature can have a propound impact on one's thoughts and feelings.

-The falling of the dust of snow acts as a turning point for the poet, symbolising hope and positivity.

-The particles of snow are small in size but they made a big change in the poet's life.

35. Describe the departure of the trees from the poet's house?

Ans: The forest has been empty for the past many days and so, no birds can be seen as they do not have any trees to sit on, on insects can be seen as they do not have any shelter and the Sunlight cannot form any shadows.

the roots worked for the whole night to separate themselves from the veranda floor.

-The leaves tried hard to reach the window of glass so that they could go outside.

-Even the small stems of the trees put much of their effort in order to set themselves free.

-The big branches were also trying a lot to go out from the roof of the room.

-women are desperate for a change and their effort is compared to that made by a patient who has been released from the hospital and he tries to move out in a hurry although he is confused.

-The poet is sitting on her veranda -writing long letters - not mention the trees leaving her house in her letters -the night is very clear- the complete moon which is shining.

-The smell of leaves and lichens is like a voice that is yelling and expressing a desire for freedom from the confines of the house.

-Her head is full of the slow sounds made by the trees which are desperate to move out. These sounds will not be heard the next day.

36. How did the otter create chaos in the aircraft?

Ans: Mij was out of the box in a flash. He disappeared at high speed down the aircraft.

-There were quakes and shrieks and a woman stood up on her seat screaming that there was a rat.

-The narrator saw the tail disappearing beneath the legs of a portly white turbaned Indian.

-He dived to catch it but he missed but his face covered in curry.

-The airhostess suggested the narrator to sit in his seat because she would bring the animal for him.

-Suddenly he heard from his feet a distressed chitter of recognition. Mij came up on his knee and began to nuzzle his face and neck.

OR

How did Anne depend her talkative nature in her essay?

Ans: Anne was used to talk more in her class so she was given an extra homework for that.

-She argued with Mr Keesing that talking was a trait of students that she would do her best to keep it under control.

-She would never be able to cure it herself of the habit since her mother talked as much as she did if not more, and that there's not much she could do about inherited traits.

VIII. Explain with reference to the context: **4x3=12**

37. "His feet sank into the green sea."

Ans: Ref: Lesson-Two Stories About Flying: His First Flight
Author – Liam O' Flaherty

Context: The Seagull dived from the ledge-flew for long distance-dropped his legs to stand on the green sea-his legs sank into it-screamed with fright and attempted to rise again flapping his wings-was tired and became weak by hunger-he could not rise because it was exhausted.

38. "I think of her and still love her."

Ans: Ref: Lesson -From the Diary of Anne Frank
Author -Anne Frank

Context: Words spoken by Anne Frank to the readers-she spent some year with her grandma -grandma fell ill-Anne's birthday was not celebrated grandly-Grandma died -Anne loved her very much because she spent childhood with her grandma- on the next year birthday celebration, grandma's candle was lit along with the rest.

39. "I saw it go merrily bouncing."

Ans: Ref: Poem-The Ball Poem
Poet- John Berryman

Context: words are spoken by the poet to the readers-the poet was talking about the boy who lost his ball-he wants to know about him and his reaction because

he lost his ball-he asks himself that what this boy will do after losing his ball-the poet has seen the ball going merrily away from the boy.

40. "But I can get a hair-dye and set such colour there."

Ans: Ref: Poem- For Anne Gregory

Poet-W.B. Yeats

Context: Anne (the young lady) spoke these words to the poet(the young man)- She can dye her hair and change the colour into black, brown or carrot as this will no longer make her looks less attractive-then maybe she will find her true lover.

IX. Quote from memory: **1 × 4 = 4**

41. But……

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…… Suffice

But if it had to perish twice

I think I know enough of hate

To say that for destruction ice

Is also great and would suffice.

OR

Did……...

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…… street.

Did you finish your homework Amanda!

Did you tidy your room Amanda!

I thought I told you to clean your shoes Amanda!

(I am an orphan, roaming the street.

X. Answer the following questions in seven to eight sentences each: 3x4=12

42. Describe the different kinds of freedoms which Nelson Mandela had in his childhood days.

Ans: Nelson Mandela believed that he was already free

-free in every way-that he could know

-free to run in the field near his mother's hut

-free to swim in the clear stream that ran through his village

-free to roast mealies under the stars-ride the broad backs of slow-moving bulls

-As long as he obeyed his father and abided by his customs of his tribe, he was not troubled by the laws of man or God.

-He could eat the fruits and drink the milk of the local farmers.

-The transitory freedoms are like ability to stay out at night, read the books what he pleased and go where he chose without interferences.

- Earning his keep, marrying, and having a family which he later realised that his boyhood freedoms were transitory and basic illusions under the apartheid system.

OR

'Coorg is a tourist's paradise.' Discuss.

Ans: Coorg has the land of rolling hills and is inhabited by a proud race of martial men, beautiful women and wild creatures

-Home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations-the river Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg.

-Mahaseer is a large freshwater fish abounds in Kaveri water.

-Animals and birds entertain the travellers by throwing partially eaten fruit for splash and the ripple effect in the clear water.

-Energy adventure like-rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking.

-Brahmagiri hills brings into a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg.

-A rope bridge leads to the sixty -four acres of island of Nisargadama.

-India's largest Buddhist monks Tibetan Settlement at Bylakuppe is in Coorg.

43. 'A baker plays an important role in the life of Goan people.' Comment.

Ans: -the baker was a friend, companion and a guide.

-a baker used to come at least twice a day-when he set out in the morning on his selling round, and then again when he returned after emptying his huge basket.

-the jingling thud of his bamboo woke up the author and his friends from their beds.

-He would greet the lady of the house with 'good morning'

-Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet breads as the bol, just as party or a feast loses its charm without bread.

-The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement.

-Cakes and Bolinas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals.

OR

Explain the details of Valli's return journey in the bus.

Ans: The bus resumed its return journey. There were the same wonderful sights.

-Valli enjoyed the scene again. But suddenly she saw a young cow lying dead, by the roadside.

-It had been struck by a fast-moving vehicle. She asked the conductor if it was the same cow they saw earlier.

-The conductor nodded. Valli became sad. It had been a lovable, beautiful creature just a little while ago.

-But now the cow was without its charm and its life. The bus moved on. The memory of the dead cow haunted Valli.

-She no longer wanted to see out of the window. She kept sitting on her seat until her village came.

-She got down and wished the conductor to see him again. The conductor smiled.

-He told Valli that whenever she felt like riding the bus she could come and join them.

44. Freedom is such an essential virtue that is valued not only by human beings but also by animals alike. Justify the statement with reference to Leslie Norris's poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.

Ans: Freedom is an essential virtue valued by all. Not only humans but even the denizens of the forest value it.

-No one knows it better than a caged tiger in a zoo. Animals, particularly the animals of the wilds, feel free only in their natural habitats.

-Any attempt to 'domesticate' ferocious and mighty animals like lions or tigers by locking them in concrete cells will be against natural justice.

-The tiger roams around in the jungle hunting its prey at will. He rarely kills his prey for sport. He kills them only when he is hungry.

-He knows how to ambush his prey. He lurks unnoticed in the long grass before pouncing upon his prey. He also knows where he can find his favourite plump deer.

-He may come out of the forest sometimes and terrorise -the villagers living at the outskirts of the jungle. He rarely kills them till he is provoked.

The same tiger feels depressed and low in spirits when he is put behind the bars. He stalks constantly the length of his cage in his 'quiet rage'.

-He ignores the visitors and feels helpless. Behind the bars, he keeps on staring at the brilliant stars in the open sky. This sadly reminds him of his loss of freedom and intensifies his grief.

OR

Ogden Nash depicted Custard, the dragon as a coward animal at the beginning and as a brave animal at the end of the poem. Elucidate?

Ans: -In the beginning of the poem, Ogden Nash characterised Custard as a cowardly figure and at the end of the poem, he proved that it is a brave animal.

-Despite his fearsome appearance, Custard is afraid of everything, cries for safety, and repeatedly asks for "a nice safe cage.

- Because of this, the others take it for granted that he is a coward, tease him mercilessly, and even call him "Percival" in a mocking way.

-Once the pirate came to Belinda's house -In panic, Belinda cries for help, Mustard runs away, Ink hides, and Blink disappears into a mouse hole.

- Only Custard faces the intruder. He "clanks" and "squirms" forward, ignores the pirate's shots, attacks, and he finally, went to the pirate like a robin at a worm.

-The pirate drank some wine and fired two bullets at him but they didn't hit him.

Custard gobbled up the pirate inch by inch and eats the pirate, saving everyone.

-Afterward, the others hug him, thank him, and dance around him, yet they quickly revert to boasting, saying they too would have been brave if not taken by surprise.

XI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:1 × 4 = 4

45. Nepal lies between India and Tibet, among the Himalayan Mountains. The tallest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is in Nepal, and there are several mountains nearly as high. When mountaineers try to climb Mount Everest, they take the help of the Sherpas, the strong and hardy people who live in these mountains, to carry heavy loads and act as guides.

A long time ago, the Sherpas crossed over the mountains from Tibet and made their homes along the southern slopes of the Himalayas in Nepal.

Some Sherpa families have three houses, one house in the lower hills, one a little higher, and one further up. The houses are in small village groups of about forty or fifty. Round each group of houses, there are cultivated fields, usually built in the shape of terraces right up the hillsides. In the highest fields, the Sherpas grow potatoes; In the lower fields, they grow barley; and turnips, garlic and other vegetables in the lower ones. They also graze their yaks on the higher mountain slopes in the summer and on the lower slopes in the winter. Yaks are very hardy, large cattle with thick, hairy blackish-brown coats and long horns. The Sherpas use them for almost everything they need. They ride them, plough with them, and use them to carry their goods. The hairy wool of these animals is made into cloth, and their skins into leather boots and tents. The yaks also provide milk, fat and meat. Their dung is dried and used as fuel instead of wood or coal.

Questions:

a) Why do the mountaineers take the help of the Sherpas when they try to climb Mount Everest?

Ans: Because the Sherpas are strong and hardy people. They live in the Himalayan Mountains. They carry heavy loads and act as guides

b) How are the Yaks useful for the Sherpas?

Ans: The Sherpas ride them, plough with them, and use them to carry their goods. The hairy wool of these animals is made into cloth, and their skins into leather boots and tents. The yaks also provide milk, fat and meat.

XII. Write an essay of about 18-20 sentences on any one of the following topics: 1 × 5 = 5

46. a) Influence of Social Media on Students

b) Population Explosion: Causes, Effects and Measures

XIII. Imagine that you are Veena/Vijay studying in class X standard Govt Adarsha Vidyalaya, Sindanoor.

47. Write a letter to the Municipal Corporation officer to clean the drainage of your street regularly. Give reasons.

OR

Imagine that you are Supriya/Suresh studying in class X standard Jnanabharathi High School, Muddebihal.

Write a letter to your father about your preparation for the annual examination.