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Practice Papers

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Marking Scheme

ANSWER KEY

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Class: 10th

Marking instruction

English

Question No.	Expected Answers	Marks awarded
1.	(i) b About 2.8 million square miles	1
	(ii) c The Amazon	1
	(iii) a Drainage basin	1
	(iv) c About 2-5 per cent	1
	(v) d Cuplike plants	1
	(vi) The vast forest consists of four layers.	1
	(vii) There is very little air movement in the understorey because it is very thick.	1
	(viii) The layer above the understorey is the canopy.	1
	(ix) Nutrients from rotting vegetation and bodies of dead organisms	1 1
	(x) The Amazon : The World's Largest Tropical Rainforest (Any other similar title)	
2.	(i) Accurate timing and amount of rain.	1
	(ii) We won't get enough drinking water.	1
	(iii) By teaching them the message of water conservation in school.	1
	(iv) Water conservation	1
	(v) We can live without gold but not without water.	1
	(vi) c. It will always be available	1
	(vii) d. washing cars	1
	(viii) b. agriculture	1
	(ix) d. Save Water	1
	(x) d. carefully	1

3	(i) b. goes (ii) c. are waiting (iii) b. an (iv) d. no article (v) a. Dr. Anu said, "Why are you beating Rajesh?" (vi) d. We went to Agra on Friday. (vii) d. All of these (viii) c. My father said that union is strength. (ix) b. might (x) d. could (xi) b. parking (xii) b. to paint	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
4	Application 5 marks Format : 1 mark Receiver's address, Subject and Salutation, Body of application & Complimentary Close Award full marks if all aspects are included. Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing. Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing. Content : 2 marks Suggested value points : A fine of ….imposed…library books…..after the fixed time….delay…. to my grandmother's house (any other reason)….request you…remit the fine Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks Award full marks if • Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate • Coherent and relevant ideas • One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake Model Answer :	5

	To The Librarian R.M.S. Sr. Sec. School Ambala Subject: Request to remit fine for returning books late Respected Sir/Madam I am Aarush/Arshita, a student of class 10th A of your school. I am writing to you today to request you to remit the fine for returning the books late. I borrowed 3 books from the library on 20th August 2023. I was supposed to return the books on 30th August 2023, but I was unable to do so due to some unforeseen circumstances. I had to go to my grandmother's house for a week. A fine of Rs.200 has been imposed on me. I request you to kindly remit the fine considering my genuine circumstances. I am a regular library user and I have always returned the books on time. This is the first time that I have been late in returning the books. I promise that it will not happen again. I hope you will consider my request. Thanking you. Yours obediently Aarush/Arshita 1st September 2023 OR Letter 5 marks Format : 1 mark Sender’s address, Date, Receiver’s address, Subject and Salutation, Body of letter & Complimentary Close	

Award full marks if all aspects are included.
Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing.
Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.

Content : 2 marks
Suggested value points :
polluted water supply..... brown and foul smell.... health risk..... complained many times.... no attention... help us...

Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks
Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherent and relevant ideas
- One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake

Model Answer :

463, Sector 15

Chandigarh

1st July 2023

The Editor

The Tribune

Chandigarh

Sub : Polluted Water Supply in Sector 15

Sir

I am writing to express my concern about the polluted water supply in our area. For the past few months, the water coming out of our taps has been brown, smelly, and foul-tasting. I am worried about the health risks associated with drinking this contaminated water.

The residents of this locality have complained to the authorities many times. But no attention has been paid to

	this problem.I am writing to you in the hope that you will help to raise awareness of this issue. Thanking you. Yours sincerely Sahil	
5	Report Format : 1 mark Box, Title/ Heading, Place, Date, Name of reporter • Award full marks if all aspects are included. • Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing. • Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing. Content : 2 marks Suggested value points N.S.S. Unit …..organised blood donation camp……chief guest……team of doctors……students donated…..a noble cause….honoured…..memento…. Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks Award full marks if : • Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate • Coherent and relevant ideas • one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake Model Answer : **R.M.S. Sr. Sec. School** **Blood Donation Camp** Report by **Aman**	5

Ambala

1st September 2023

Our school organized a blood donation camp on Saturday, 30 August 2023. The camp was held in the school auditorium from 9 am to 1 pm. The camp was organized by the school's N.S.S.unit.

The camp was inaugurated by the chief guest, Mr. Suresh Kumar. In his speech, he highlighted the importance of blood donation and urged the students to donate blood regularly. A total of 150 students and teachers donated blood at the camp. The camp was a great success. The Principal honoured the blood donors with mementos and certificates.

OR

Advertisement 5 marks

Format : 1 mark

Box, Heading, Content, Contact no, Address/ Email

- Award full marks if all aspects are included
- Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.

Content : 3 marks

Suggested value points

- Catchy phrase
- Details of vehicle- model, mileage, present condition etc
- Selling price

Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar - 1 mark

		CAR FOR SALE Available almost a new Hyundai Creta car(diesel) for sale. It is of white colour, model 2022, run 30,000 km, average 20 kilometer per liter, A.C., leather seat covers, Sony music system, power window, PUC, tubeless tyres, fully insured etc. Selling price - 500000/-. No bargaining! Interested parties can contact: 480, VIkas Nagar, Bhiwani. Mob.- 98xxxxxx23 E.mail gbhfyrghu@gmai.com	
6	(i)	to ask for paper and ink	1
	(ii)	tension and anger	1
	(iii)	Seventy pesos	1
	(iv)	because he thought that the employees had cheated him.	1
	(v)	A Letter to God by G. L. Fuentes	1
		OR	
	(i)	an otter	1
	(ii)	in the crook of the writer's knees	1
	(iii)	He went wild with joy	1
	(iv)	a body belt	1
	(v)	Mijbil the Otter by Gavin Maxwell	1 **(Total =5)**
7	Suggested value points : Ans. (i) • The young seagull afraid to fly • hunger compelled • mother came to him • dived and took the flight		6 marks

Model Answer :

The young seagull was too afraid to fly, but his hunger compelled him to take his first flight. When his mother came to him with a piece of fish in her beak, he could not resist the temptation. He dived at the fish, and in doing so, he finally took flight.

Ans. (ii)

- Paper has more patience than people
- She has no true friend
- She names her diary Kitty
- She records her feelings

Model Answer :

Anne Frank has no true friend. She feels that paper has more patience than people. So she decides to keep a diary. She names her diary Kitty and records her feelings about her friends, parents, teachers and school days in the diary.

Ans. (iii)

- the smallest district of Karnataka
- Between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore
- known as Kodagu
- Famous for coffee plantation, evergreen rainforests and spices

Model Answer :

Coorg is the smallest district of Karnataka. It is known as Kodagu also. It lies between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore. It is famous for its coffee plantation, evergreen rainforests and spices.

	Ans. (iv) • The conductor was a jolly man • Valli behaved like a grown up woman • answered his questions • He was amused to see her self-confidence. **<u>Model Answer :</u>** The conductor was a jolly man. He called Valli 'madam' because she behaved like a woman. She declined his help and quickly answered his questions. He was amused to see her self-confidence.	
8.	Suggested Value Points: • Mandela recalls history • a system of racial domination against the black people • created a deep wound • the most inhumane system overturned • pays homage to all leaders • calls himself simply the sum of all those leaders • learnt meaning of courage from them • takes a pledge to protect everyone's rights and freedom **<u>Model Answer :</u>** On the day of the inauguration, Nelson Mandela gets overwhelmed with a sense of history. He recalls that in the first decade of the 20th century, the white- skinned people made a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people of their own land. It was one of the harshest and most inhumane system. It created a deep and lasting wound in the mind of the black people. But it was overturned in the last decade of the 20th century. It was replaced by a system that recognised the rights and freedoms of all peoples without any bias of colour, caste and creed. He recalls all those leaders who sacrificed their lives for the rights of the black people. He says that he is simply the sum of all those leaders. Those people taught him the meaning of courage. He takes a pledge to protect the rights and freedom of all people. **OR** • Kisa Gotami's only son died.	6 marks

	• She wanted to make her son alive again. • approached the Buddha • asked to bring a handful of mustard seeds • The seeds must be from a house where no one had died. • Gotami could not find such a house. • She realised that death is inevitable. • The Buddha wanted her to realise the bitter truth of life. **<u>Model Answer :</u>** Kisa Gotami lost her only son. She wanted some medicine to bring her son to life. A man suggested her to approach the Buddha. She went to him and requested him to make her son alive. The Buddha asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds. But there was a condition. She must bring it from a house where no one had died. Kisa Gotami went from door to door to get the mustard seeds. The problem was that there were mustard seeds in every home. But she was unable to find a house where nobody had ever died. She felt very tired and sad. Then she realised the bitter truth of life. The Buddha wanted her to accept the inevitability of death.	
9.	(i) The poet thinks that fire of desires will end the world. (ii) People think that fire or ice can ruin the world. (iii) abaa (iv) hold with (v) Poet : Robert Frost Poem : Fire and ice **OR** (i) The Ball Poem (ii) to show the desperate mental state of the boy (iii) The boy is confused and sad (iv) in the water (v) Merrily (happily)	5 marks
10.	**Suggested value points** : **Ans. i)** • Free and slide through long grass	2x3=6 marks

- hunt the plump deer
- show his white fangs and claws
- terrorise the villagers

Model Answer :

The tiger would feel free in the natural habitat. He would slide through the long grass to hide himself from the view. He would wait near the source of water to kill the plump deer. He would show his white fangs and claws to the villagers and terrorise the whole village.

Ans. ii)

- teenager
- lives in her own imaginative world
- wishes to be a mermaid, an orphan and Rapunzel
- yearns for freedom

Model Answer :

Amanda is a teenager. She lives in her own imaginative world. She does not pay any attention to the instructions given by her mother. She wants to be a mermaid, an orphan and Rapunzel. She yearns for freedom.

Ans. iii)

- portrays the silent working of nature
- Fog like a little cat
- comes silently and slowly
- sits on haunches and moves on

Model Answer :

The poet portrays the silent working of nature in the poem 'Fog'. He says that the fog comes silently and slowly like a cat. It sits on its haunches and looks over the harbour. Then it moves on without making any sound.

Ans. iv)

- Custard snorted like an engine

	• struck the pirate with his tail • attacked like a robin • swallowed the pirate **<u>Model Answer :</u>** Custard snorted like an engine. He struck the pirate with his tail. The pirate fired two bullets. But they did not hit Custard. Custard attacked him as a robin attacks a worm and swallowed him.	
11.	Suggested value points : **Ans. i)** • Mrs. Pumphrey worried about her pet dog • Tricki taken to Dr. Herriot's surgery • Transformed into a hard – muscled animal • no idea about Tricki's disease and cure **<u>Model Answer :</u>** Mrs. Pumphrey was very much worried about her pet dog Tricki as he was seriously ill. He was taken to Mr Herriot's surgery. Herriot gave Tricki no food for two days. He gave him a lot of exercises. He was transformed into a hard muscled animal. When Mrs Pumphrey saw him, she said, "This is a triumph of surgery." In fact, she had no idea about Tricki's ailment and treatment. **Ans. ii)** • Max entered Ausable's room • wanted to have the important documents • befooled by Ausable • dropped himself to the balcony and died **<u>Model Answer :</u>** Max was a cunning secret agent. He entered Ausable's room secretly with an automatic pistol. He wanted to take important documents from the room. But Ausable made	2x3=6 marks

	him believe that there was a balcony outside the window. He was fooled by Ausable about the police. To escape himself from the police, Max dropped himself to the balcony and died. **Ans. iii)** • Matilda : very charming and pretty lady • wanted to enjoy a life of luxury • led an ordinary life • her discontentment: cause of suffering **<u>Model Answer :</u>** Matilda was a very beautiful and pretty lady. She wanted to live a life of comforts and luxuries. But she was married to a clerk. She lived in a simple house. She led an ordinary life. All this made her very sad. Her discontentment with life was the cause of her ceaseless suffering. **Ans. iv)** • communication devices • orders Omega to listen to books • unable to hear any sound • not on the correct frequency **<u>Model Answer :</u>** Think-Tank looks at the books with the help of his remote camera. His second guess about the books is that they are communication devices. He orders Omega to listen to them. Omega follows his orders. But he is unable to hear any sound. He replies Think-Tank that they may not be on the correct frequency.	
12	Suggested Value Points: • Hari Singh, the thief boy meets Anil • gets the job to cook food for him • Anil teaches him how to read and write • He steals Anil's 600 rupees	6 marks

- but decides to come back
- feels thankful to Anil
- Anil knows about the theft but says nothing
- His behaviour changes the life of the thief boy.

Model Answer :

'The Thief's Story' presents the story of a fifteen year old thief boy Hari Singh and a writer named Anil. Anil is a simple-hearted and easy-going man. Hari Singh finds him as an easy target for his purpose of stealing. Anil trusts him and gives him a job to cook food for him. Anil teaches him to read and write. One day Anil brings some money at home. The thief boy steals 600 rupees and runs away. But he is unable to board the train. He feels that Anil is the only person whom he can trust. He thinks that when Anil will come to know of the theft, he will feel very sad not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust. So he decides to come back. He puts the money back under the mattress. Anil knows all this. But he is a kind-hearted man. He says nothing to the boy. Rather he promises to pay him regularly. His behaviour brings out a change in the life of the thief boy. Thus the following statement is quite true in the context of this chapter :
"Trust and the spirit to forgive someone can change a person."

OR

- Bholi : neither intelligent nor beautiful
- got frightened in school
- all laughed at her
- her teacher motivated her
- Bholi became confident
- refused to marry Bishamber Nath
- decided to serve her parents
- proved herself the teacher's masterpiece

Model Answer :

Bholi was the youngest child of Ramlal. She was neither intelligent nor beautiful. Nobody talked to her with love. She was a backward child. She had pock marks on her face. On the first day of school, she was frightened. All students laughed at her when she was unable to pronounce her name properly. But her teacher spoke to

	her in a soft and soothing voice. The teacher's behaviour touched her heart. The teacher advised her to come to school regularly. Then she would be more learned than anyone else in the village. She assured her that she would be able to speak without a stammer and everybody would listen to her with respect. Her words became a new hope for Bholi. She became a confident girl. She refused to marry Bishamber Nath. She decided to serve her parents in their old age. She proved herself the teacher's master-piece.	