

Answer key
Practice Question paper
Class: 10th
Marking instruction

Question No.	Expected Answers	Marks awarded
1.	Ans. 1 1. (D) All of the above 2. (C) Both A and B 3. (C) Either A or B 4. (B) They said that if the earth were round, people and trees on the other side would fall off. 5. (D) a person making a long journey by sea. 6. Men built their homes in little corners of forests or behind the hills because they were afraid of wild animals, clouds and the winds. 7. Because man thought that gods controlled the clouds and the winds. 8. The earth seemed to be a vast and flat world to the early travellers. 9. They believed that the southern part would be very hot and the northern part would be very cold for anything to live. 10. Because they feared that the steaming waters of the southern seas would boil them like potatoes and kill them	10 Marks (1 Mark each)
2.	Ans. 2 1. Ramanujan was an Indian mathematician. 2. The name of his father was Kuppuswamy Srinivasa Iyengar. 3. He was awarded with the K Ranganatha Rao prize for Mathematics by the school's headmaster.	10 Marks (1 Mark each)

	<p>4. On 6th December 1917, he was elected to the London Mathematical Society.</p> <p>5. December 22 is commemorated as the National mathematics Day in India.</p> <p>6. (C) Tamilnadu</p> <p>7. (C) housewife</p> <p>8. (B) Janaki</p> <p>9. (D) nearly 3900</p> <p>10. (B) commemorated</p>	
3.	<p>Ans. 3</p> <p>(1) (C) would have painted</p> <p>(2) (D) had left</p> <p>(3) (D) Herpreet is a student of Khalsa College, Amritsar.</p> <p>(4) (A) Mahatma Gandhi was cremated at Rajghat, Delhi.</p> <p>(5) (C) the</p> <p>(6) (D) the</p> <p>(7) (B) The teacher ordered the students to stop making a noise.</p> <p>(8) (B) He bade farewell to his friends.</p> <p>(9) (A) May</p> <p>(10) (A) May</p> <p>(11) (A) I did not hear what she said.</p> <p>(12) (A) It is certain that he will pass this year.</p>	10 Marks
4.	<p>Letter</p> <p>Format : 1 mark</p> <p>Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject and Salutation, Body of letter & Complimentary Close</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Content : 2 marks</p> <p>Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks</p> <p>Award full marks if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate • Coherent and relevant ideas • One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake <p>Model Answer : 971, Housing Board</p>	5 marks

Karnal
5th April 2023

M/s Scientific Goods Emporium
Karnal]

Subject: Request for replacement of damaged goods

Sir

I am writing to express my disappointment with the condition of the goods I recently purchased from your store. I ordered you the following list of items:

1. Anemometer- 10 pieces
2. Audiometer - 10 pieces
3. Barograph - 5 pieces

But all these goods were found in broken condition. The items were not packed properly. Now they are not in a condition to use.

I kindly request a replacement for the damaged items as soon as possible. I rely on the quality and reliability of your products, and I am confident that you will take the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely
Raman

Or

971, Sector 90
Chandigarh
5th May 2023

The Editor
The Tribune
Chandigarh

Subject: Violence against Elderly Living Alone

Sir

	<p>I am writing to express my deep concern about the rising incidents of violence against elderly people living alone in our community. These incidents have become increasingly prevalent, leaving our elderly population vulnerable and fearful.</p> <p>The recent cases of assault, robbery, and even murder targeting elderly individuals living alone are alarming and highlight the need for urgent action. We need to foster a society that respects and cares for its elderly members, ensuring their safety and well-being.</p> <p>I urge the authorities to implement some steps for the protection of the elderly people. These steps may include increased police patrols in neighborhood and establishment of public awareness campaigns and community support groups and outreach programs for elderly individuals.</p> <p>As a community, we have a collective responsibility to protect our elderly members and ensure that they can live their lives with dignity and safety.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Sohan</p>	
5	<p>Ans. 5 Content : 3 marks Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks</p> <p>Once there was a woodcutter. He was very poor. One day, he was cutting its wood on the bank of a river. By chance, his axe fell into the river. He began to cry.</p> <p>The god Mercury appeared there. He said to the woodcutter, "Why are you weeping?" The woodcutter replied, "My axe has fallen into the river. I am too poor to buy a new one".</p> <p>The god dived into the river. He brought out a golden axe. He said to the woodcutter, "Is this your axe ?" The woodcutter replied, "No, my axe was not so beautiful." The god dived again. This time, he came out with a</p>	5 Marks

silver axe. The woodcutter again said, "This axe is not mine, sir."

The god dived for the third time. Now he brought out an old iron axe. The woodcutter cried out, "This is my axe! This is my axe!" The god was very much pleased at the woodcutter's honesty. He gave him the other two axes also. Thus the woodcutter was rewarded for his honesty.

Moral: Honesty is the best policy.

Or

Advertisement

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

Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar - 1 mark

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

An independent house in Ghaziabad is wanted on a reasonable rent. The house is to be used as residence-cum-clinic and should be airy and well ventilated. It should have at least six rooms with attached bathrooms and ample space for parking two cars. Please contact Dr. Sahil M.D. at mob. number 91xxxxxxx to finalize the things.

6.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. They are the obligations to one's family and to one's people.2. In a civil and humane ciety, one can fulfil one's obligations according to one's inclinations and abilities.3. It was impossible for the blacks to fulfil their obligations to their family and people because they were not free to do what they had.4. They were punished and put into prison.	5 Marks
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	<p>5. (i) obligation = a written contract bond; (ii) to isolate = to separate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>1. The name of the chapter is 'A Baker from Goa' and the name of the author is Lucio Rodrigues.</p> <p>2. He made his musical entry with the jhang, jhang' sound of his specially made staff.</p> <p>3. He can still recall the typical fragrance of the loaves.</p> <p>4. They climbed a bench or the parapet and somehow peeped into the baker's basket.</p> <p>5. (i) supported (ii) greet.</p>	
7.	<p>Ans. 7.</p> <p>(i) Suggested value points : Anne was in habit of talking, maths teacher got angry, extra homework, impressed him with her wit.</p> <p>Model Answer : Mr Keesing found Anne Frank talking too much in the classroom. So he got annoyed with her. He would give her extra homework to do as a punishment. But she impressed her teacher with her wit and humour and after that he never punished her.</p> <p>(ii) Suggested value points : an otter instead of a dog, Camusfearna a suitable place, ringed by water, thought came in 1956.</p> <p>Model Answer : Maxwell thought of keeping an otter instead of a dog as a pet. The reason was that he thought Camusfearna would be a suitable place for an otter because it was ringed by water. It had water at a stone's throw from his door. It would be a suitable place for an otter to live in. This thought came to him in 1956 when he had gone to Basra.</p> <p>(iii) Suggested value points : a jolly man, offered her drink, take bus ride in future, kind hearted man.</p> <p>Model Answer : The bus conductor was a kind and jolly man. He addressed Valli as 'madam' in a light-hearted manner.</p>	2 X 3 = 6

	<p>At the bus station, he offered to buy her a drink since she did not have any money to buy it. In the end he asked her to enjoy the bus ride whenever she wanted. All this shows that the conductor was a kind-hearted person.</p> <p>(iv) Suggested value points : Gautama enjoyed a royal life, moved by some sights, renounced the palace, after getting enlightenment came to be known as Buddha. (Any other relevant point)</p> <p>Model Answer : Siddhartha Gautama was a prince. He was enjoying a comfortable life with his wife and son. One day, during his hunting, he saw an elderly man, a sick man, a funeral procession and a monk. These sights moved him very much. He left his royal palace and wandered for seven years in the search of enlightenment. After being enlightened, he came to be known as the 'Buddha'.</p>	
8.	<p>Ans. 8.</p> <p>Suggested value points : Hunger the biggest motivating factor, the young seagull famished for 24 hours, watches mother tearing fish, begs her to get food, mother flies to him, he dives at food, takes his first flight, hunger compels him to take his first flight.</p> <p>Model Answer : Hunger is the biggest motivating factor among all living beings. A hungry bird, animal or human being can take any risk to have food. The same thing happens with the young seagull. He is famished for 24 hours. It is hunger that ultimately compels him to fly. His hunger becomes keener when he sees his mother tearing at a piece of fish. He cries to her and begs her to get some food. When his mother comes towards him with food in her beak, he screams with joy. However, she stops midway. He wonders why she does not come nearer. Not being able to resist or control the hunger any longer, he dives at the food. At this moment his hunger overpowers his fear of the great expanse of the sea. Finally, he takes his first flight.</p>	6 Marks

	<p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Suggested value points : Proposal means the formal act of asking for marriage, title quite apt, Lomov goes to Chubukov's house to propose his daughter, Chubukov goes mad with joy, but very soon start quarreling, Lomov faints, Chubukov puts Natalya's hand into his hand, proposal accepted without being made.</p> <p>Model Answer : The title of the play 'The Proposal' is quite apt and suitable. A proposal means the formal act of asking somebody for marriage. The play is about a young man's proposal of marriage to a young girl. The central characters in the play are Lomov, Natalaya and Chubukov. Lomov goes to Chubukov's house to propose his daughter Natalya. Chubukov goes mad with joy. But very soon, he and his daughter enter into a useless argument with Lomov. They abuse each other. The quarrel becomes so bitter that Lomov can stand it no longer and faints. Natalya begins to cry because she thinks Lomov is dead. She thinks that all her chances of getting married are now lost. Lomov moves a little. At once, Chubukov puts Lomov's hand into Natalya's hand. He says to him, "Hurry up and get married. She is willing!" Natalya says, "Yes, yes, I am willing." The proposal is accepted without being made. Thus the title of the play is quite apt.</p>	
9.	<p>Ans.9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the poem is "How to Tell Wild Animals' and its poet is Carolyn Wells. 2. The rhymes scheme of the stranger is ababcc. 3. It looks like a sort of lizard. 4. We can see it on a tree. 5. The poetic device used in this extract is 'Poetic License'. <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She cried for help because a pirate had broken into her house. 2. It ran away to the bottom of the house. 	5 Marks

	<p>3. Afraid and yelping loudly, it ran away from there.</p> <p>4. The mouse slipped away into his hole.</p> <p>5. The name of the poem is 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' and its poet is Ogden Nash.</p>	
10.	<p>Ans. 10.</p> <p>(i) Suggested Value Points : the poet standing under a hemlock tree, a crow shook off the dust of snow, it fell on the poet, brought out a sudden change in the poet's mood.</p> <p>Model Answer : The poet is standing beneath a hemlock tree. A crow shook off the dust of snow that had settled on it. When the dust fell on the poet, a sudden change came in his mood. It ended all the regret that had occupied his mind earlier. Thus it saved his day from any further sadness.</p> <p>(ii) Suggested Value Points : the boy in grief, standing rigid with desperate eyes, valuable learning takes place, the lesson of life.</p> <p>Model Answer : The boy is in deep grief over the loss of the ball. He is standing rigid and trembling. His eyes look desperate. But the poet thinks that a valuable learning takes place in his mind. He is learning how to put up with the loss of material things. He is learning the real lesson of life.</p> <p>(iii) Suggested Value Points : Amanda is asked not to bite nails, hunch shoulders and eat chocolate, asked to finish her homework, tidy her room and clean her shoes.</p> <p>Model Answer : Amanda is asked not to bite her nails, not to hunch her shoulders and not to eat chocolate. She is asked to sit up straight, to finish her homework, to tidy her room and to clean her shoes. In fact, she is constantly instructed to do this or not to do that.</p> <p>(iv) Suggested Value Points : old religious man declaring something, found a text, it says God loves you for yourself alone, God does not consider physical appearance.</p>	2 x 3 =6 Marks

	<p>Model Answer : The poet says that he heard an old religious man declaring something the previous night. The old man found a text in the Bible . It said, " It is only God who loves you for yourself alone and not for the colour of your hair." The poet means to say that God loves a man for his inner worth not for his physical appearance. God showers His love upon all without any bias.</p>	
11.	<p>Ans. 11 (i) Suggested Value Points : wanted to become an educated man, he could become a big man, no end to his achievements, grateful to Anil.</p> <p>Model Answer : The thief boy wanted to become an educated man because he thought that he could become a big man if he became educated. After getting education there could be no end to his achievements. That was why when Anil started teaching him alphabets, he felt grateful to him.</p> <p>(ii) Suggested Value Points : the two boys fascinated to see imprints of a bare footed man, found nobody there, started following the footsteps, became fainter and disappeared.</p> <p>Model Answer : The two boys saw imprints of a bare footed man. But they could see no man there. They started following the footsteps. They found that the footprints became fainter and then disappeared completely. All this surprised and fascinated them.</p> <p>(iii) Suggested Value Points : looked in the folds of dress, her husband went to police station, put an advertisement, their efforts failed.</p> <p>Model Answer : Matilda looked in the folds of the dress and pockets of the cloak. Her husband went out to find it. He went to the police station and to the cab offices. He put an advertisement in the newspaper offering reward. Both</p>	2 x 3 =6 Marks

	<p>of them tried to find it everywhere. But all their efforts failed to find the necklace.</p> <p>(iv) Suggested Value Points : crew members of martian space, Probe one in the library, Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota, Sergeant Oop, collecting information about the earth before the invasion.</p> <p>Model Answer : The crew members of the martian space probe called 'Probe One' are in the library. They include Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota and Sergeant Oop. They are collecting information about the earth before the invasion.</p>	
12.	<p>Ans.12</p> <p>Suggested Value Points : Horace Danby about 50 years old and unmarried, made locks, having a good reputation but not completely honest, robbed a safe every year to read rare and expensive books, things went wrong while robbing at Shotover Grange, duped by smart female thief, left fingerprints everywhere and caught for a crime not committed for himself, put into jail for 15 years.</p> <p>Model Answer : Horace Danby was about fifty years old. He was unmarried. He made locks and had two helpers. He had a good reputation in the society. But he was not completely honest. He used to rob a safe every year and he had his own reason for that. He was fond of reading rare and expensive books. So he stole only once a year. He planned his robberies very well. He was always successful at them. But at the time of his robbery at Shotover Grange, he was duped by a smart female thief. He was expert in his profession yet the young lady befooled him by her appearance. He could neither suspect her presence nor was he aware of the outcome. He was caught for a crime he had not committed for himself. He would surely regret his overconfidence that put him to jail for fifteen years.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Suggested Value Points :</p>	6 Marks

Martians come to the earth to collect information, land in a public library, never seen the books, books are sandwiches, second guess that they are communication devices, Captain Omega picks up colourful book of nursery rhymes, derives meaning from the rhyme, earthlings are planning to invade Mars and decides not to invade the earth.

Model Answer :

The martians come to the earth to collect information about it before the invasion. They land in a public library. They have never seen the books. The ruler of Mars Think-Tank takes the books to be sandwiches. He asks Sergeant Oop to take a bite of it. Oop tells him that it is not tasty at all. Then Think-Tank gusses that the books are communication devices. He asks Captain Omega to pick up a colourful book and see what is in it. She finds that it is a book of nursery rhymes. She cannot understand what is written in that book. She tries to derive her own meanings from the rhymes. She says that the earthlings are planning to invade Mars. So Think-Tank decides no to invade the earth. He orders the invasion fleet to evacuate the planet Mars and go a hundred million miles away from it. He orders a special space capsule for his own escape.