

**RASI ENGLISH GUIDES 2023-24****MARATHON TEST – 17**

STD: XI

SUB: ENGLISH

**I. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions.****7x1=7****1. Defeat we repel, courage our fort;**

- How do we react to defeat?
- Which is considered as our stronghold?

**2. He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore,****We bow before competence and merit;**

- Who is adored as a king?
- What is valued and respected?
- What is the figure of speech used in the first line?

**3. Everest is not the only peak,****Every hillock has a summit to boast!**

- What does Everest symbolize?
- What is the meaning of hillock?

**II. Explain the following with reference to the context.****1x3 =3****1. "A life that knows no kneeling and bending.****We are proud and feel so tall."****III. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.****1x5 =5****1. In what way is every hillock similar to Everest?**

**ANSWER KEY**

1. a. We ignore our defeats.  
b. **Courage** is our stronghold.
2. a. A person who **does not bend for his benefits** is adored as a king.  
b. **One who does not stoop** is valued and respected.  
c. Metaphor
3. a. Everest symbolizes **the great position of a man**.  
b. Hillock means **the smaller position held by man**.