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STD: XII

TENTATIVE ANSWER KEY

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MARKS : 90

PART -I

20X1=20

SYNONYMS

3X1=3

1.	secluded - (b) isolated
2.	eccentric - (a) strange
3.	rectitude - (b) honesty

ANTONYMS

3X1=3

4.	lauded – (c) criticised
5.	venerable – (d) unworthy
6.	monotonous – (a) interesting

VOCABULARY

14X1=14

7.	spinning – (c) wheel
8.	arrange – (d) –ment
9.	(d) SVO
10.	(b) eradicate
11.	(b) for
12.	(c) frightened
13.	(a) had seen
14.	(b) is able to use te left and right hands equally
15.	(c) felecitation
16.	(c) aren't they
17.	(b) put off
18.	(b) National Cadet Corps
19.	(d) Happy Journey
20.	(a) in

PART -II**7x2=14****SECTION -1****4x2=8**

21.	(a) The poet's faith is that every flower enjoys the air it breathes. (b) Everything in nature is happy and peaceful.
22.	(a) 'small model of the barren earth' – the body's flesh stands for all perishable things here a model of the barren earth. (b) death – earth
23.	(a) The poet desires to become a child again and laugh genuinely. He wants to relearn how to laugh as he had done in his childhood day (b) The poet wants to relearn from his son
24.	(a) The speaker is proud of the position he holds. (b) <u>p</u> rroud - <u>p</u> osition
25.	(a) No, The poet talks about a fictional character. (b) He is called as the Hidden Paw because he is the master criminal who can disobey and law.
26.	(a) Swapping positions pleases the ego. (b) The athletes are often rough during play because of ego to win the game.

SECTION -2**3x2=6**

27.	Pranav said I have been walking along the street.
28.	May you be blessed with happiness by god.
29.	Though we stayed up all right , we were not tired at all
30.	Were I a millionaire , I would by a car

PART -III**7x3=21****SECTION -1**

	i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context	2x3=6
31.	Reference : Poem : The hollow crown Poet : William Shakespeare Explanation :	-1 -1 -1
32.	Reference : Poem : Confessions of a born spectator Poet : Frederic Ogden Nash Explanation :	-1 -1 -1
33.	Reference : Poem : Lines Written In The Early Spring Poet : William Wordsworth Explanation :	-1 -1 -1

SECTION -2

ii) Answer any two of the following briefly : **2x3=6**

- 34.** Sportsmen who travel in a train are the citizens of dreamland. Their imagination is filled with their playing fields, their exploits and their errors. These memories prevent them from carrying ordinary things as footballs and cricket bats.
- 35.** Bryson wished that at least once in his life he would get up from the dining table without looking as if he had experienced an extremely localized seismic event, get in a car and close the door without leaving 14 inches of a coat outside
- 36.** The author's grandmother was short and fat and slightly bent. She could never have been pretty; but she was always beautiful. She hobbled around the house in spotless white clothes with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other hand telling the beads of her rosary. Her silvery white hair used to scatter on her wrinkled face. Her lips constantly moved in inaudible prayer. She was beautiful with the peacefulness, serenity and contentment.

SECTION -3

iii) Answer any three of the following briefly : **3x3=9**

- 37.** Any suitable answer
- 38.** Any suitable answer
- 39.** Any suitable answer
- 40.** (a) coat
(b) tools
(c) despair

PART -IV**7x5=35**

41.
(a)

THE QUEEN OF BOXING**- M.C. MARY KOM**

“Some are born great

Some are made great

Some are thrust into greatness”

Mary Kom belong to the second one. Despite the challenges faced, Mary Kom has achieved great success in the filed of sports. She is an Indian woman celebrity who has accomplished in the filed of sports and games . This Prose is an extract from M.C. MARY KOM'S autobiography “Unbreakable”. Soon after the Bangkok Championship, Mary Kom was selected in the 48 kg category for the International Boxing Association (AIBA) in Pennsylvania, USA in November –December 2001. Though her selection rejoice her spirit , she lacks in adequate financial resources. Lack of adequate financial resources and sponsorships often affect sports person.

This is very much evident in Mary Kom's life. Her father managed to collect only Rs.2000/-for her trip. She was both upset and very worried because she heard of how expensive things were in America. Onler , one of her friends managed to get two Members of Parliament to donate Rs5000/- and Rs.3000/- for her trip. She left for America with sum of Rs. 10,000/-. Pennsylvania was cold and it was snowing. Though she was restricted to the arena, what she was pleasing to the eye. The people were friendly too. Luckily she did not have a match on the day she landed. She was able to rest and so win the first round comfortably with her opponent. This gave her confidence and went on to the finals. As she was not accustomed to the food in America she could not eat. This caused her to lose weight and before the finals she was only 46 kg. Mary Kom felt that this was the reason that she lost in the finals.

Though she brought home the Silver Medal she was not satisfied and was determined that she would win Gold the next time.

From 2001 to 2004, Mary Kom won many golds, all the Senior Women's Boxing Championships, the second women's boxing Championships in 2002, the 2nd Asian Women's Boxing Championship at Hisar in 2003 and the Witch cup boxing championship at Paes, Hungary. After her wedding, she participated and won a gold in the 3rd and 4th world women's boxing championship in October 2005 and November 2006. She won other international level championships in Taiwan, Vietnam, Denmark and so on. She retained the world title in 2006 by defeating Steluta Duta of Romania 22-7 at the fourth world championship in New Delhi . She won the hat-trick of world championship and so the media christened her as "Queen of Boxing" and "Magnificent Mary.

(b)

TIGHT CORNERS

- Edward Verrall Lucas

Edward Verrall Lucas (1868-1938) was a British journalist, essayist, travel writer and novelist born in Eltham, Kent. He was a prolific writer, most celebrated for his short essays, but he also produced verses, novels and plays. One day the author along with his friend had lunch at a club in St. James street and passed along king street when he was persuaded by his friend to look in at the sale room. They were selling Barbizon pictures and getting tremendous sums for each. They watched for a while and the narrator started bidding for fun. His friend warned him, not to take risk but he did not listen to him. And for a long time he kept quiet. A new picture was displayed and the dealer made his sensational bid four thousand guineas. There was a rustle of excitement and the end of it he heard his own voice saying and fifty; he thought that someone would increase the bid but unfortunately the hammer fell.

"When one finds oneself in a tight corner he becomes adventurous enough to escape the situation."

The narrator was stunned and dazed and pulled himself together to hand over his card. Then he started to ponder on the problem what to do next. Picture after picture was put and sold. He was running over the names of uncles and other persons from whom it might be possible to borrow. But he couldn't as he had no security. So he thought he would confess his poverty to one of Christ's staff and having the picture put up again. But he couldn't do even that because all the other bids were completed. A voice at his ears suddenly brought back his consciousness. The messenger had brought good news for

the narrator. The messenger expressed the wish of the gent who had offered four thousand guineas. The gent wanted the narrator to accept fifty guineas for his bid. The narrator felt he could have embraced him and wept for joy. The narrator asked the messenger to inform the gent that he would take a hundred guineas. Luck played a part in the narrator's life and he got what he wanted. Thus he got out of the tight corner that he was in and he had also saved himself from humiliation.

42.

(a)

ONCE UPON A TIME**GABRIEL OKARA**

Gabriel Okara (born 1921) is a Nigerian poet and novelist. He is a legend in the field of English literature. In his poem "Once upon a time" he speaks about Africa's cultural changes with the coming of western culture. It is a monologue from a father to a son which bemoans (laments) the loss of innocence in the transition from child to adult and a desire to back to that blissful childhood. The father addresses his son telling how he remembers that once people used to be open and expressive with their emotions with laughter that reached their eyes, but now they are aloof and distance with fake smiles. He says that there was a time when relationships were based on mutual respect and cordiality. All right intentions vanish. Everyone looks for only their personal and material gain in vain.

"While their left hands search
My empty pockets"

Everybody is trying to use each other. He says that he has been stripped off all genuine happiness and he feels depressed and frustrated. He too has learned to say "Good- riddance". He confesses that the society has pressed him into a negative way. When he laughs before the mirror, he sees no expression. His teeth are bare like that of the fangs of a snake. So, he asks his son to show him how to laugh. He wants to be as his son, to be genuine and true (which had not yet been beaten by the society). He says that he wants to be as he used to be. The poet expresses his regret, sympathy and hospitality of the society. He expiates his dual life. The poet warns the society that the legacy bequeathed to us should be nurtured and inculcated with the truthfulness and hospitality.

If your thought, word and deed are one, you have already won

(b)

EVEREST IS NOT THE ONLY PEAK**- KULOTHUNGAN**

Prof. V.C. Kulandaiswamy known as kulothungan is an eminent technologist, a man of letters and an educationist known for his pioneering contributions in 'Hydrology', 'Literature' and 'Education.' He won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1988 for his book Vaazhum Valluvam. His works deal with themes that reflect the gamut of human progress and the all pervasive human effort. The poet Kuthungan describes the life journey with determination and dignity. The poet feels and says that to succeed in life one must have good habits and qualities. Even though they have a few small qualities, they must be proud of them. He says one must do his duty with much commitment and dedication. One must not have defeat or feel difficult to meet failures in life, instead should have the courage to face it. We must try to achieve our aim to meet success.

"Defeat we repel, courage our fort;

Cringing from others we haven't done,
To seek a gain we adore none:
We are proud and feel so tall."

The poet says that it is our duty and mission to praise the people who achieved success by their aim and actions. He also says that successful people work for the development of the world. Man is proud of the position he holds but humble in nature. His life is a path of dignity and honour. Our ambition keeps us climbing upwards to attain our goal and reach success. It also keeps us moving towards our destination. The destination is not as important as the journey towards destination. The poet compares a hillock with the everest and says that both have the summit to boast. Similarly all human beings must have some aim to reach their destination and they must keep on working to attain it, whether like an Everest or hillock, one who does not bend on his journey towards his goal is like a king. The poet finally appreciates the winners who with their ability achieve something efficiently. Honour is the property which everyone should have, hence they need not feel poor. The poet concludes saying that one can achieve in life by their good and worthy character.

"WE DEFEAT THE DEFEAT BEFORE THE DEFEAT DEFEATS US."

"BE EVEREST; DO NOT BE EVER AT REST"

43.
(a)

AFTER TWENTY YEARS

-O. HENRY

William Sydney porter whose pen name is O. Henry is known as "the master of the American short story" "After Twenty years" tells us the story of two old friends who has made an appointment twenty years ago to see each other again in New York city. It is nearly 10'o clock and all's quiet as the policemen (Jimmy wells) walks his beat, checking locks for safety. Suddenly a tough figure (Bob) standing in a door way catches his attention and he approaches. Bob tells the lawman about his friend, Jimmy wells, who'd been more like a brother when they were younger. Bob praises Jimmy's character and assures the policemen that he'll keep their appointment at 10 o'clock. Jimmy was always loyal. He always was the truest chap in the world, He was a kind of plodder and he was accustomed to the normal routine of his nation place. He refused to go out of New York to make his fortune. But Bob was entirely different from Jimmy. He was ambitious by nature and he went to the west to make his fortune, he was well dressed. He looked respectable with his diamond scarf pin and an expensive watch (diamond encrusted watch). It takes the west to put a razor-edge on him. His nick name was a law breaker in the west and became a criminal.

" We Figured that in twenty years each of us ought to have our destiny worked out and out fortune made".

As it is already quite nearly ten, the officer asks if the man will wait any longer for Jimmy, and the friend says he'll give him half an hour as the lawman continues his Patrol. Another man arrives after twenty minutes whom Bob believes to be his friend Jimmy was the two men great each other heartily. Bob realizes that the man in front of him doesn't have the same nose as Jimmy. Jimmy had a straight nose which was different from the tall man's. It is far too late for him to escape from the plainclothes man posing as Jimmy. Before taking him into custody, however the officer handed, Bob a note from Patrolman wells whom

he'd accidentally met earlier. Bot who read the note with his hands steady trembled at the end. In the note, Jimmy wells explained that he was in fact the officer who was with Bob at the site of Big Joe Brady's restaurant at 10'O Clock. But when Bob struck a match to light his cigar, he recognized Bob's face as the one wanted in Chicago, Jimmy didn't have the heart to bring him in himself to arrest his old friend.

**Moral : "We never fail when we try to do our duty.
We always fail when we neglect to do it."**

(b)

THE SINGING LESSON

- KATHERINE MANSFIELD

Miss Meadows was a music teacher in a school. She was such a lovely lady of thirty happily engaged to Mr. Basil who was deeply in love with her. Usually Miss. Meadows class would be very lively and pleasant. The children would enjoy singing happy and jubilant songs. But on this day Miss. Meadows was not in a good mood because of a letter from her fiancée. Basil who got engaged to her, had confessed in the letter that though he was in love with her getting married seemed a "regret" to him and he felt he had made a mistake. This was a great shock to Miss. Meadows and she could not come out of this depressive mood. She was bleeding to death and pierced to the heart. When the Science Mistress greeted her in a sweet voice, she showed her a grim face. Mary Beazley, greeted her but she simply ignored her. When the girls were waiting in gleeful excitement, she chose the page fourteen, "A LAMENT" to sing with a note of sigh, a sob, and a groan of mournfulness. The sad mood of Miss Meadows spread all over the music hall. The young girls almost started crying to the horror of Mary.

"Page fourteen. We will begin with

page fourteen. 'A Lament.' Now, girls,

At the moment Miss Meadows was called by the headmistress and was served with a telegram from Basil. It was an apology from Basil . Miss Meadows joy knew no bounds. Though the headmistress warned her not to get disturbed by such telegrams amidst class hours, she did not get offended and ran happily to the hall. She beamed at the girls and asked them to sing warm, eager and joyful songs. The swaying(winning)moods and the mental disturbances of Miss. Meadows decided her day and she outwardly expressed it to the students in the class.

Moral : We should never allow our mood to spoil the moods of others.

44.

(a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

Summarising – Format

Rough copy / Rough Draft / First copy / FirstDraft

Fair copy / Fair Draft / Final copy / Final Draft

Suitable title

(An exceptional summary can be awardedMaximum marks.

The number of words in the Fair Draft need notbe taken into account)

(b) Any suitable answer

45.
(a)

From

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YYYY.yyy,
07.03.2024

To

The Manager, (HR)
ABC Info Tech,
ABC Street, Chennai – 600 006.

Sir,

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With reference to your advertisement in '**THE HINDU**' dated 01.03.2024, I wish to apply for the post of **Personal Assistant**. I have herewith enclosed my bio-data for your perusal and favourable consideration. If I am appointed, I assure you Sir, that I will discharge my duties in an exemplary manner.

Thanking you,

Place : YYYY

Date :07.03.2024.

Yours faithfully,
XXXX.**BIO – DATA**

Name : XXXX
 Father's Name : ABC
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 Religion : Hindu.
 Nationality : Indian.
 Marital Status : Single.
 Qualification : B.Com.,
 Experience : 5 years in SVB textiles, Madurai
 Languages known to speak: Tamil, English, Hindi
 Languages known to write: Tamil, English, Hindi
 Salary expected : 10,000.
 Other Skills : DCA with Tally. Senior Grade in type writing and short hand.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the above given details are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Station :YYY

Date :07.03.2024

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Signature of the applicant

	Address to the envelope: To The Manager, (HR) ABC Info Tech, ABC Street, Chennai – 600 006.
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46.	<p>(a) Fill in the blanks appropriately</p> <p>(i) paused, passed (ii) some (iii) ought to (iv) otherwise / or / or else</p>
	<p>b) <u>Spot the errors and correct them.</u></p> <p>i) The little boy memorised the alphabets <u>within</u> a week. ii) Everyone of the students <u>was</u> questioned. iii) Wordsworth is one of the greatest <u>poets</u> of the world. iv) Raju has <u>taken</u> half a day leave. v) I have been working in this school <u>for</u> twenty years.</p>
47.	<p>i) Deltiologist ii) Brainchild of Rowland Hill was proposed the idea of postage stamps. iii) The first postage stamps for the prepayment of letter postage were issued in England in 1840. iv) The ten rupees postage stamp depicting Mahatma Gandhi issued in 1948. v) Knowledge of different countries, plants, animals or famous people that they are in the stamps.</p>
(b)	Any suitable answer



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PART - I

Answer all the questions:

20x1=20

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. They were content to work in secluded spheres.
(a) uninformed (b) isolated (c) associated (d) liberated
2. We regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric.
(a) strange (b) conventional (c) persuasive (d) reasonable
3. A career of rectitude sometimes has rewards :
(a) wickedness (b) honesty (c) immorality (d) iniquity

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. They consoled me and lauded me on the silver win.
(a) appreciated (b) acclaimed (c) criticised (d) witnessed
5. I explained to her the close and venerable relationship between the names.
(a) respected (b) valued (c) confused (d) unworthy

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6. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song.
- (a) interesting (b) melodious (c) loud (d) unchanging
7. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'spinning' to form a compound word.
- (a) gate (b) proof (c) wheel (d) piece
8. Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "arrange".
- (a) -ous (b) -ful (c) -ness (d) -ment
9. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.
- Our team won the overall title.
- (a) SVOC (b) SVA (c) SVC (d) SVO
10. Choose the tetra - syllabic word.
- (a) advantage (b) eradicate (c) distinguished (d) demonstrate
11. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.
- The English language is vital _____ the medical field.
- (a) in (b) for (c) on (d) of
12. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.
- The sponsors got cold feet and cancelled the order.
- (a) prepared (b) reassured (c) frightened (d) unaffected

13. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form.

If I _____ you there, I would have said 'hello'.

- (a) had seen (b) have seen (c) were seen (d) saw

14. An ambidextrous is one who _____.

- (a) produces beautiful handwriting.
(b) is able to use the left and right hands equally.
(c) speaks and understands many languages.
(d) studies how people vote in elections.

15. Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt.

- (a) venerable (b) indelible (c) felecitation (d) enunciated

16. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentence.

Cities are increasingly becoming urbanised, _____?

- (a) are they (b) do they (c) aren't they (d) don't they

17. Replace the underlined word in the sentence below with a phrasal verb.

The managing director of the company has postponed the meeting for a week.

- (a) put up (b) put off (c) put out (d) put down

18. Choose the expanded form of NCC.

- (a) National Candidate Corps (b) National Cadet Corps
(c) Native Cadet Corpse (d) National Cadet Crops

19. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence.

The principal opened the envelope and found a bon voyage card.

- (a) Anniversary (b) Invitation (c) Remembrance (d) Happy Journey

20. Add a suitable prefix to form the opposite of the word audible.

- (a) in (b) un (c) di (d) non

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SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x2=6

27. Pranav said that he had been walking along the street.

(Change into direct speech)

28. May God bless you with happiness.

(Change the voice)

29. We stayed up all night but we were not tired at all.

(Rewrite as a complex sentence)

30. If I were a millionaire,

I would buy a car.

(Begin with "were")

PART - III

SECTION - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2x3=6

31. I live with bread like you, feel want,

Taste grief, need friends - subjected thus,

32. I am just glad as glad can be

That I am not them, that they are not me.

33. I heard a thousand blended notes.

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PART - II**SECTION - 1**

Answer **any four** of the following.

4x2=8

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow.

21. And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes...
- (a) What is the poet's faith ?
(b) What trait of Nature do we see here ?
22. And nothing can we call our own but death;
And that small model of the barren earth.
- (a) What does the 'small model' refer to here ?
(b) Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.
23. 'Most of all, I want to relearn
How to laugh,
- (a) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh ?
(b) Whom does the poet want to relearn from ?
24. We are proud of the position we
hold, humble as we are
- (a) What is the speaker proud of ?
(b) Pick out the words of alliteration in these lines.
25. Macavity's a Mystery Cat : he's called the Hidden Paw...
- (a) Does the poet talk about a real cat ?
(b) Why is he called the Hidden Paw ?
26. Well, ego it might be pleased enough,
But zealous athletes play so rough...
- (a) What pleases the ego ?
(b) Why are athletes often rough during play ?

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SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.

34. Who are the citizens of 'dreamland' ? Why ?

2x3=6

35. What did Bryson wish to avoid in his life ?

36. Describe the author's grandmother.

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

37. Write an email to your friend congratulating him/her on his/her success in the Chess Tournament.

3x3=9

38. You are the secretary of your School Heritage Club. Draft a notice informing about a field visit to the nearby Museum.

39. Describe the process of making a cup of tea.

40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.

(a) Cut your _____ according to your cloth.

(b) A bad workman always blames his _____.

(c) _____ gives courage to a coward.

(stage, tools, failure, coat, despair)

PART - IV

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7x5=35

(a) Describe Mary Kom's personal experiences during her first International Championship match from the time of selection to winning the medal.

OR

(b) Trace the thoughts that went on in the mind of the narrator when picture after picture was put up and sold at the auction.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(a) Explain the things the poet Gabriel Okara has learnt when he grew into an adult.

OR

(b) In what way is every hillock similar to Everest ?

43. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints.

- (a) Two best friends - part ways - appointment - twenty years - Bob arrived - policeman on beat - tall man came - Jimmy Wells - Stopped suddenly - man's nose - Roman to a pug - under arrest - a note - from Patrolman Wells.

OR

- (b) Miss Meadows - gloomy in class - taxes the students - lament - Basil - letter - change of mood - Head mistress Ms. Wyatt - telegram - feels happy - returns to class - good cheer.

44. (a) Summarize or Make notes of the following passage :

Cork is an extremely impressive and attractive material derived from the cork oak tree's thick bark. They grow naturally in the Mediterranean region of Europe which produces 80% of the world's cork. Because of its impermeable, elastic and fire retardant properties, it is used widely for sealing containers, fishing equipment and domestic applications. In ancient Greece, cork was used in foot wear, to manufacture a type of sandals attached to the foot by straps. In the second century AD, Greek physician Dioscorides, noted several medical applications of cork, mainly for hair loss treatment. Cork is an excellent gasket material. Some carburetor float bowl gaskets are made of cork, for example cork is also an essential element in the production of cricket balls and badminton shuttle cocks. In musical Instruments, particularly, woodwind instruments, it is used to fasten together segments of the instruments. Cork is moisture resistant and so it is used as an alternative to leather in handbags, wallets and other fashion items. Many racing bicycles have their handle bars wrapped in cork based tape manufactured in a variety of colours.

OR

- (b) Write conversation between a father and a son on choice of a career.
(Minimum of five exchanges)

45. (a) Respond to the given advertisement and prepare a bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.
(Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for the address)

<p>Wanted</p> <p>Personal Assistant</p> <p>The applicant should be a graduate with fluency in English and Computer Knowledge.</p> <p>Apply to The Manager, (HR) ABC Info Tech, ABC street, Chennai - 600006.</p>
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OR

- (b) Write a letter to the headmaster of your school requesting him/her to issue a bonafide certificate.

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46. (a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The stranger _____ for a few minutes before he _____ my house.
(paused/ passed)
- (ii) _____ girls who attended the class informed the others about the test.
(some/ few)
- (iii) Teachers _____ encourage the students to read science literature.
(semi-modal verb)
- (iv) You have to hurry _____ you will miss the bus.
(Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction)

OR

(b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- (i) The little boy memorised the alphabets with in a week.
- (ii) Everyone of the students were questioned.
- (iii) Wordsworth is one of the greatest poet of the world.
- (iv) Raju has took half a day leave.
- (v) I have been working in this school since twenty years.

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

There are many forms of collecting that come with a specific technical name. A person who collects coins is called a numismatist. A philatelist collects postage stamps and a deltiologist collects post cards. The term philately was coined in 1864 by a French man, Georges Herpin. The first postage stamps for the prepayment of letter postage were issued in England in 1840. They were the brainchild of Rowland Hill, who was interested in problems of teaching. The ten rupees postage stamp depicting Mahatma Gandhi issued in 1948 is one of the most famous stamps of India. Collecting postage stamps will give a great opportunity to gain knowledge of different countries, plants, animals or famous people that they are in the stamps.

Questions :

- (i) Identify the term used for a person collecting post cards.
- (ii) Who proposed the idea of postage stamps ?
- (iii) When was the first postage stamp circulated in England ?
- (iv) Which is the renowned stamp in India ?
- (v) What do we learn beyond collecting postage stamps ?

OR

(b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on "Students and Social Service".

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