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STD: XII

TENTATIVE ANSWER KEY

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MARKS : 90

PART -I

20X1=20

SYNONYMS

3X1=3

1.	chide	-	(a) scold
2.	agony	-	(d) suffering
3.	persisted	-	(c) continued

ANTONYMS

3X1=3

4.	conventional	x	(b) abnormal
5.	Vanished	x	(d) appeared
6.	scarce	x	(c) adequate

VOCABULARY

14X1=14

7.	(a)good <u>will</u>
8.	(d) stay + vacation
9.	(b) Research and Analysis Wing
10.	(c) pails
11.	(a)vibrations
12.	(b)misapparopriate
13.	(d)being idle
14.	(d)container
15.	(c) vague
16.	(b) truck
17.	(a) moreover
18.	(a) crumbled
19.	(d) inspite of
20.	(c) SVOA

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

- 21.** (a) Napoleon shows care and concern for the wounded soldier like mother eagle worried and caretaking the eaglet.
(b) eagle – eye, bruised – breathes
- 22.** (a) Offspring refers young one of the baboon.
(b) The offsprings was playing on the lower bough of casuarina tree.
- 23.** (a) One should face life like a steel or rock.
(b) Metaphor
- 24.** (a) Ulysses
(b) savage race
- 25.** (a) Betraying the wizened warder action
(b) Rhetorical question
- 26.** (a) The soldier is aggressive and ambitious. He seeks reputation in all that he does. He promises solemnly to guard his country. He thinks great of his honour.
(b) A Bubble is empty. So by seeking bubble reputation it is understood as short lived glory.

SECTION -2**3x2=6**

- 27.** The boy removed the shoes and then he jumped into the river.
- 28.** I am not allowed to eat junk food by my parents
(or) I am not allowed by my parents to eat junk food
- 29.** Mickey Mouse is more popular than most other cartoon characters among children
- 30.** Western asked Roger if/whether he had opened the door to the gardener. Roger replied negatively and added that he had spoken through the shutter.

PART -III**7x3=21****SECTION -1**i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context **2x3=6**

- 31.** Reference :
Poem : All the world's a stage -1
Poet : William Shakespeare -1
Explanation : -1
- 32.** Reference :
Poem : The castle -1
Poet : Edwin Muir -1
Explanation : -1

33.	Reference : Poem : Ulysses -1 Poet : Alfred Tennyson -1 Explanation : -1
	SECTION -2
	ii) Answer any two of the following briefly : 2x3=6
34.	The cylindrical cup (breakfast cup) hold more ,whereas the flat cup, shallow cup makes tea always half cold before one starts on it.
35.	They did different things like selling newspapers, fruits, polishing shoes, delivering messages, showing the tourists around the city, etc., they worked very hard to pay the bills of the hospital so that their sister could lead a normal life again.
36.	The chairs were made as per the narrator's elder sister's wish. They were in black wood with a mirror – like gleam, with perfectly shaped front legs and curved back legs. The two chairs were identical with one another. They were like Rama – Lakshmana. The villagers came in a crowd to see it. A few even stroked it. An old man lifted it and told that it was very strong. He commended the carpenter.
	SECTION -3
	iii) Answer any three of the following briefly : 3x3=9
37.	Any suitable answer
38.	Any suitable answer
39.	a)barely b)grease c) enemies
40.	Any suitable answer
	PART -IV 7x5=35
41. (a)	IN CELEBRATION OF BEING ALIVE - Dr. Christian Barnard “Celebrate Our living as We Celebrate a festival” Christian Barnard (1922 - 2001) was a famous heart surgeon from South Africa. He Performed the World's first human heart transplant operation. <u>In this Prose, he points out that as we are alive now it is a matter of great importance to us. “We should not keep lamenting over our loss which come across. What we have now with us is more valuable than what we have lost”.</u> The author had self pity and was cursing the accident that had caused him and his wife with great pain and inconveniences in the daily routine. He could not take his father's Vien that suffering ennobles human beings.

“My son, it’s God’s will

That’s the way God tests you

The author describes the event as “the Grand prix of cape Town’s Red Cross Children’s Hospital”. A nurse had left a breakfast trolley unattended. Very soon this trolley was commandeered by a daring crew of two, a driver and a mechanic. The mechanic provided motor power by galloping along behind the trolley head down. While the drivers, seated on the lower deck held on with one hand and steered it by scrapping his foot on the floor. The choice of roles was easy because the mechanic was totally blind and the driver had only one arm. It was better than Indianapolis 500 car race. The seven years old mechanic suffered third degree burns on the upper part of his body. He had lost both his eyes. He was literally a walking horror. A long flap of skin was hanging from the side of his neck to his body. As the wound healed around his neck, his lower jaw became gripped in a mass of fibrous tissue. The Trolley driver had a malignant tumor of the bone. A few days before the race, his shoulder and arm were amputated. Dr. Barnard learnt the lesson from the children that the business of living is joy in the real sense of the world. It was not just something for pleasure, amusement or recreation. The business of living is the celebration of being alive.

“YOU DON’T BECOME A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE YOU ARE SUFFERING; BUT YOU BECOME A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED SUFFERING”

(OR)

THE SUMMIT

- EDMUND HILLARY

Sir Edmund Hillary (1919 -2008) was one of the greatest explores and mountaineers of the twentieth century. His conquest of mount Everest and the south pole inspired generations of adventures and dreamers. **This story of ‘The Summit’ narrates the achievement of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay. They achieved success in climbing to the summit of the Mount Everest.** John Hunt led the expedition to Mount Everest on May 29th 1953, six men started for the expedition. **They were Edmund Hillary, Tenzing, George Lowe, Alfred Gregory and the two Sherpas, Pemba and Ang Nyima. As Pemba was too ill to climb, others climbed that day to a height of 27,900 feet. At 4 a.m., they began to get ready for the climb.** Hillary dragged their oxygen sets into the tent, cleaned the ice off them and then rechecked and tested them. They pulled three pairs of gloves on to their hands. **At 6.30 am, they hoisted 30 lb. Of oxygen gear on to their backs, connected their masks and turned on the valves to bring life into their**

lungs. They traversed back towards the ridge. The soft snow made a route on top of the ridge both difficult and dangerous. As one person was belaying, the other person would go on cutting.

I literally cramponed backwards up the crack, praying that the cornice would remain attached to the rock. My progress although slow was steady.

They had to escape the large overhanging cornices by cutting a line of steps down to where the snow met the rocks on the west. The time was passing and the ridge seemed never-ending, Hillary looked upwards to see a narrow snow ridge running up to a snowy summit with a few more whacks of the ice-axe in the firm snow, they can be on the top. They were relieved and grinned at each other, as they looked all around them. **They shook hands and thumped each other on the back until they were breathless. It was 11.30**

a.m. He felt that the important photograph was a short down the North Ridge, showing the North col. **Tenzing made a small hole in the snow and placed various small articles of food in it. Hillary also made a small hole in the snow and placed in it a crucifix, which was given to him by John Hunt.** They scrambled cautiously over the rock traverse, moved one at a time over shaky snow sections and finally cramponed up their steps and back on to South Peak. **They reached their tent at 2.00 p.m. Then they turned downwards safely descended the ridge to the South Col.** It was an unforgettable day for them. They had climbed to the top. There were shouts of joy, handshakes and hugs for the two heroes. The adventure was over. **They made the impossible possible. They proved 'There is no height, no depth that the spirit of man guided by a higher spirit, cannot attain'. 'There are Everest to be climbed in our everyday life'.**

"KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THE SUMMIT"

42.
(a)

OUR CASUARINA TREE

-TORU DUTT

"Our Casuarina Tree" is a most celebrated poem of Toru Dutt. Toru Dutt (1856-1877) was a Bengali poetess. **She wrote poem and literary works in English and French. Her family was a family of distinguished intellectuals and poets.** The theme of the poem is about "**last Friendship**" and "**lost childhood**". The poet Toru Dutt remembers how her days started with the ecstatic sight of the Casuarina tree from her casement. The tree is tall and mighty. A creeper winds around its huge and wide trunk like a python. She remembers how well the tree accommodated birds to sing songs during days and nights. The tree had allowed the creeper to embrace it like a lady love. Though it is sapped(weak) its vitality, like a gallant lover, it allowed the creeper to stay around its neck like a scarf. **She remembers how a baboon seated at the crest of the tree had watched beautiful**

sunrise while her young ones were leaping and playing in the lower branches of the giant tree. The cows are grazing in the lush green meadows around the tree. Water lilies add to the charm of the pond. She recalls that the tree is dear not because of its majestic looks but because of the nostalgic memories attached to it.

Dear is the Casuarina to my soul

Beneath it we have played though years may roll

Like Wordsworth, Toru Dutt is also a great lover of nature. The emotional bonding between herself and the giant Casuarina tree is beyond reason. She remembers the happy times she had spent with her siblings, who are now no more, under the tree. Their absence makes the tree much more endearing to the poet. Mysteriously she hears the grief filled lament of the tree when she is on the shores of France and Italy. The Surprising thing is that she was able to see the tree in its prime in her own “loved native clime”. Though her verse may be weak, her love will confer immortality on the Casuarina tree. She immortalizes the tree through her poem like the poet Wordsworth who blessed the ‘YEW TREE’ of borrow dale in verse. She expresses her wish that the tree should be remembered out of love .

“FAMILY ARE LIKE BRANCHES A TREE, WE ALL GROW IN DIFFERENT DIRECTION YET ARE ROOTS REMAIN AS ONE”

(OR)

A FATHER TO HIS SON

-CARL AUGUST SANDBURG

The poet Carl Sandburg gives a detailed description of a father’s worldly wisdom in directing his son who is at the threshold of this manhood. Here a father who has earned experience from the life wishes that his son should lead a life where he could have enough energy and stamina to grapple with the burdles that come in the pathway of life. The father motivates his son to be like a hard rock and withstand life’s Challenges and sudden betrayals. **Life is like a fertile soil. we can make our life fruitful, if we are gentle and calm. Gentle is quite rewarding because at times gentleness overtakes harshness.** The growth of a tender flower can split a rock. One should have a deep desire and strong will power to achieve success. **Greed for money has left man dead before they really die. don’t feel ashamed to be called as a fool, when you seek knowledge. At the same time, learn from your mistakes and never repeat it.**

Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong

Tell him to be different from other people.

The father exhorts his son to find time for introspection, and do not hesitate to

accept his shortcomings, avoid white lies to protect himself against other people. **Solitude 'Loneliness' helps to be creative and all the final decisions are taken in silent rooms. He advises him to understand his uniqueness and by to be different, instead of being one among many.** He believes that his son may need lazy days to find his latent abilities, and understand what he is born for. **He will then know how free imaginations bring changes to the world, which resent change.** He expects his son to be on his own, and work to achieve like Shakespeare the Wright brothers, Pasteurs, Pavlov and Michael Faraday.

"LIVE THE LIFE OF YOUR DREAMS I.E., BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO LIVE THE LIFE OF YOUR DREAMS ACCORDING TO YOUR VISION AND PURPOSE INSTEAD OF THE EXPECTATIONS AND OPINIONS OF OTHERS".

43.
(a)

GOD SEES THE TRUTH, BUT WAITS

- LEO TOLSTOY

Leo Tolstoy was a Russian writer who is regarded as one of the greatest authors of all time. In "God sees the truth, But waits" the author's deep seated faith in God and moral values is expressed. We have the theme of guilt, forgiveness, faith, conflict, freedom and acceptance. Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov is a merchant living in Vladimir, town in Russia. Aksionov was a business man. He was respected by all the inmates due to his gentle behavior. He lived with his wife and children. He was full of life. He sang and played the guitar occasionally drank too. Once he got ready to go to the fair. His wife tried to stop him saying that she had a bad dream.

" I dreamt you returned from the town,
and when you took off your cap I saw that your hair was quite grey"

But Ivan ignored his wife warning and went to the fair. As he liked cool weather, he left the inn early. He was intercepted by the police who searched his belongings. Finding a blood stained knife in his bag, he was arrested on charges of murder. His wife's petition for clemency (mercy) to the czar was turned down. His wife's unwillingness to trust him was more devastating than czar's rejection of mercy petition. He was flogged. After the wounds healed he was sent to work in the mines of Siberia. Staying 26 years in Siberia he grew a long beard. He became grandfather to the prisoners. He read "The lives of saints" and was found praying and singing in the choir. He was respected both by the fellow prisoners and the jail authorities for his gentle behavior. They called him grandfather and 'The Saint'. Everyone in the jail believed in his innocence and unjust condemnation. One day a new convict namely Makar Semyonich came there. When Makar blurted out how the knife went to his bag kept under his head, Ivan recognized Makar as the real murderer of the merchant. Ivan had a chance to expose Makar to

the jail authorities. But he kept quiet. Makar became remorsefully (regretful) and asked Ivan's forgiveness. He forgave him. Makar confessed to the authorities. The order of pardon came but then Ivan Was dead. It is very easy to take revenge, but it is very difficult to forgive others. In this story, though Makar had murdered a merchant he was the cause for the twenty six years imprisonment of Aksionov yet he was forgiven by Aksionov. This act of Aksionov made Makar to suffer humiliation and he admitted his fault to the authorities. He wept bitterly and beat his head on the floor. Thus Aksionov's forgiveness is the best form of revenge on Makar.

Moral :

“FORGIVENESS IS THE SWEETEST FORM OF REVENGE”

(OR)

REMEMBER CAESAR

- GORDON DAVIOT

Josephine Tey was a pseudonym used by Elizabeth Mackintosh. She was a Scottish author best remembered for her mystery novels. She also wrote as Gordon Daviot, under which name she wrote plays, many with '**biblical**' or '**historical themes**'. '**Remember Caesar**' is a light hearted comedy. The name '**Caesar**' refers to a brilliant **military general** and **great Roman Monarch**. It is about a pompous and proud judge who fears a life after he discovers a message “Remember Caesar”, written on a piece of paper in his pocket. He exhorts his assistant Roger to remain alert to foil the possible attempt of the assassins. The play tells us whether Lord Weston and Roger were able to the attempt or not. Weston was proud of being an honest judge. He wanted Roger to consider his own success in the world more than being dutiful to his master.

Roger, it is not alone a question of duty; there is your own success in the world to be considered. It is not your intention to be a secretary all your life, is it? No. Very well. Diligence, and a respect for detail should be your care.....

Weston just to remind himself of his appointment with the gardener Caesar scribbles two words in a crumpled piece of paper “Remember Caesar” and kept it in his coat pocket. After getting home he finds the paper and relates the day the **“Ides of March”** with Caesar's murder. So he thinks that it was his death note. He was convinced that someone affected by his fair judgement, was plotting his murder. Sensing the danger, he asked his assistant to take all the precautions needed and to allow anyone into the house. But his wife, Lady Weston is a charming lady, with great intelligence and practical simplicity. She was unmoved at the alarm and chaos raised by her husband. According to her, her husband is not so great to be assassinated Lady Weston was playful at his haste and fears as she is used to her husband's raising alarms at foolish suspicions. The contrast between them provide the humour to the play.

So, Lord Weston was angered by her callous (heartless) reaction. He ordered Roger to send The Cook and The gardener away. Both Weston and Roger took elaborate

precautionary measures to thwart the assassination. **Finally Weston was able to recollect that he had written the message "Remember Caesar" himself as a reminder. Caesar was actually a gardener who had an appointment to visit Weston's garden. Weston absent mindedness is the crux of the play.**

MORAL: "ABSENT - MINDEDNESS IS SPURIOUS INNOCENCE."

44.

Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

Summarising – Format

Rough copy / Rough Draft / First copy / FirstDraft

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Suitable title

(An exceptional summary can be awarded Maximum marks.

The number of words in the Fair Draft need not be taken into account)

45.

yyy,
05.03.2024.

From

XXXX,
YYYY.

To

The Manager,
ABC, pvt ltd,
Chennai

Respected Sir,

Sub : Application for the post of clerk regarding.

Ref : Your advertisement in 'THE HINDU' dated 01.03.2024.

With reference to your advertisement in 'THE HINDU' dated **01.03.2024**, I wish to apply for the post of clerk . 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 : 05.03.2024

Yours faithfully,

XXXX.

BIO – DATA

Name : XXXX
 Father's Name : ABC
 Postal Address : YYYY
 Age / Date of Birth : 30-03-87 (32)
 E-mail id : 1. xxx@yahoo.com
 2. xxx@hotmail.com
 Gender : Male.
 Religion : Hindu.
 Nationality : Indian.
 Marital Status : Single.

Qualification : Bsc.,
 Experience : 5 years in SPB industrial, Madurai
 Languages known to speak : Tamil, English, Hindi
 Languages known to write : Tamil, English, Hindi
 Salary expected : 30,000.
 Other Skills : DCA with Tally.

DECLARATION

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

Station: YYYY.

Date : 27.03.2022.

XXXX

Signature of the applicant

Address to the envelope:

Application for the post of clerk	
To	stamp
The manager,	
ABC pvt Ltd	

[OR]

(b) Any suitable Answer

46.

(a) Fill in the blanks appropriately

- (i) The **seller** stored the unsold grain bags in the **cellar**
 (ii) The children are very happy with the new car. **aren't they?**
 (iii) Mahathi is **not only** a great singer **but also** a talented violinist.
 (iv) If I **had seen** your message , I would have come to the airport to receive you.

b) Spot the errors and correct them.

- i) My mother asked me when **I would** return from school.
 ii) There weren't **many** women touriste in the group.
 iii) One of my sister**s** lives in Canada
 iv) The captain as well as his soldiers **was** ready to face the enemy assault.
 v) I borrowed these books **from** the library.

47.

Any suitable answer

(b)

- (i) Carver was a slave but he became a scientist and educator by his ability.
 (ii) He used to get up early to study nature. He left home and began to work he was 10 years.
 (iii) Dr. Carver used his life's savings to found scholarships for research in Agricultural chemistry.

- (iv) A National monument has been built in America to honour him.
 (v) Dr.Carver said that he had discovered nothing but god's agent – an instrument.

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PART - I

- Note :** (i) Answer **all** the questions. 20x1=20
- (ii) Choose the **most appropriate** answer from the given **four** alternatives and write both the option code and the corresponding answer for each question.

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

- When our ridicule overstepped the limits, Amma would pretend to chide us.
(a) scold (b) tease (c) thrash (d) advise
- I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
(a) hatred (b) hunger (c) insecurity (d) suffering
- The snow on this face was dangerous, but we persisted in our efforts to beat a trail up it.
(a) rejoiced (b) focussed (c) continued (d) survived

Choose the **most appropriate** antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone be wise or ridiculous conventional or odd.
(a) inhuman (b) abnormal (c) unskillful (d) illogical
- I opened it the way I had the first and its contents vanished.
(a) overflowed (b) developed (c) shattered (d) appeared

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6. Everything is so difficult now, food is so scarce and dear.
(a) nutritious (b) expensive (c) adequate (d) important
7. Choose the word that can be added after 'good' to form a compound word.
(a) will (b) idea (c) news (d) deed
8. Choose the right combination of words used to form the blended word 'staycation'.
(a) stray + education (b) stray + allocation
(c) stay + location (d) stay + vacation
9. Choose the right expansion of the acronym 'RAW'.
(a) Results and Analyses Wing (b) Research and Analysis Wing
(c) Review Action Wing (d) Resource Application Wing
10. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
I do wish that Joel wouldn't leave _____ of water on the landing!
(a) peals (b) piles (c) pails (d) pales
11. Replace the underlined word in the given sentence with its unclipped form.
The pleasant music at the party is spreading good vibes among the guests.
(a) vibrations (b) vibratos (c) vibriosis (d) vibraphones
12. Choose the word that has been misspelt.
(a) encouragement (b) misapparopriate
(c) precautionary (d) unambiguous
13. Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the given sentence.
I did not become Lord Weston by twiddling my thumbs and hoping for favours.
(a) cheating others (b) facing failures
(c) showing hatred (d) being idle

14. Choose the word that cannot form a derivative with the suffix '-ship'.
- (a) champion (b) craftsman (c) apprentice (d) container
15. Choose the monosyllabic word from the given options.
- (a) trifle (b) alarm (c) vague (d) worthy
16. The police seized a lorry loaded with smuggled goods.
- Replace the British English word with its equivalent in American English.
- (a) caravan (b) truck (c) tanker (d) wagon
17. Fill in the blank with the suitable sentence connective.
- It's already very late and you can't leave now. _____, it is raining heavily.
- (a) Moreover (b) Nevertheless (c) Consequently (d) Meanwhile
18. Replace the phrasal verb with the most appropriate single word.
- The soft snow made a route which sometimes held my weight but often gave way suddenly.
- (a) crumbled (b) expanded (c) hardened (d) splashed
19. The task force managed to complete the project on time _____ many challenges.
- Choose the suitable prepositional phrase to fill the blank.
- (a) in favour of (b) in lieu of (c) in honour of (d) in spite of
20. Identify the right pattern of the following sentence.
- We must not throw garbage on the streets.
- (a) SVOC (b) SVIDO (c) SVOA (d) SVAA

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PART - II
SECTION-1

Choose **any four** of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

21. "A film the mother-eagle's eye
When her bruised eaglet breathes:" 4x2=8
- (a) Explain the comparison made in these lines.
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
22. "... while on lower boughs
His puny offspring leap about and play;"
- (a) Whose offspring is mentioned here ?
(b) Where is it playing ?
23. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock."
- (a) How should one face life ?
(b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
24. "... I mete and dole
Unequal laws unto a savage race,
That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me."
- (a) Who is the speaker here ?
(b) What does he say about his subjects ?
25. "How can this shameful tale be told?
I will maintain until my death"
- (a) Which aspect of the tale is considered shameful ?
(b) Mention the figure of speech used here.
26. "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth."
- (a) What are the distinguishing features of man in this stage ?
(b) Explain the phrase 'bubble reputation.'

SECTION-2

Do as directed.

Answer **any three** questions.

3x2=6

27. After removing the shoes, the boy jumped into the river.
(Rewrite as a compound sentence)
28. My parents do not allow me to eat junk food.
(Change into passive voice)
29. Mickey Mouse is one of the most popular cartoon characters among children.
(Rewrite using the comparative degree of adjective)
30. Change into reported speech.
Weston : Did you open the door to the gardener ?
Roger : No, my lord. I spoke through the shutter.

PART - III
SECTION-1

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

2x3=6

31. "His youthful hose, well sav'd, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank;"
32. "What could they offer us for bait?
Our captain was brave and we were true..."
33. "How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!"

SECTION-2

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

2x3=6

34. Why does Orwell prefer a cylindrical teacup to a flat one ?
35. What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicola and Jacopo ? What made them work so hard ?
36. How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it ?

SECTION-3

Answer **any three** of the following.

3x3=9

37. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics.
(a) Blood Donation
(b) Importance of Education
(c) Textile Showroom
38. Write atleast 5 different ways of keeping your eyes healthy and maintaining good eyesight.

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39. Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below.

- (a) Bare words buy no _____.
- (i) butter (ii) beauty (iii) barley
- (b) The squeaky wheel gets the _____.
- (i) grease (ii) glue (iii) gelatin
- (c) Keep your friends close, and your _____ closer.
- (i) relatives (ii) enemies (iii) neighbours

40. Study the following table and write three sentences on your inference about the data.

Indian Premier League, 2023.

Teams qualified for Play-offs

RANK	TEAM	M	W	L	N/R	P	NRR
1	Gujarat Titans	14	10	4	0	20	+0.809
2	Chennai Super Kings	14	8	5	1	17	+0.652
3	Lucknow Super Giants	14	8	5	1	17	+0.284
4	Mumbai Indians	14	8	6	0	16	-0.044

M - Matches N/R - No Result (game abandoned)
 W - Won P - Points
 L - Lost NRR - Net Run Rate

PART - IV

Answer the following.

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

- (a) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Barnard perceive a new dimension of life?

OR

- (b) Give an account of the preparations made by Hillary and Tenzing before they set off to the summit.

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

- (a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the casuarina tree.

OR

- (b) Explain how the poet guides his son to face the challenges of life, when he was on the threshold of manhood.

43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

- (a) Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - small family - trip to Nizhny Fair - meets merchant friend - stays at inn - Aksionov arrested - murder case - shifted to mines of Siberia - innocent convict for 26 years - grew old and weak - spent time in prayers - life of saint - respected by inmates - meets Makar and saves him - Makar feels guilty - confesses his crime - Aksionov forgives criminal - dies peacefully - order for release.

OR

- (b) Lord Weston - Judge in England - Roger's request - holiday - not happy - discovers a piece of paper - "Remember Caesar" - plot to kill - victim of fair judgement - warning message on Caesar's assassination - 15th of March - takes precautionary measures - shuts doors and windows - sends away cook and gardener - Weston recollects - reminder message - Caesar, a gardener - appointment given - Weston's absent - mindedness.

44. (a) Write a summary of the following passage.

We need to use our energy sources wisely and economically and conserve as much of our energy resources as we can. How can we do this?

Firstly, we must reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources. For example, can we design or invent vehicles that do not use petrol or diesel as fuel? If we can, then we can reduce our consumption of petroleum. Many scientists and engineers are working on this idea. Can we use water and wind power, rather than diesel or petrol or coal power to generate electricity?

Secondly, we must look for and use alternative fuels and sources. Rather than using coal, kerosene or cooking gas, can we use animal wastes or plant wastes? We have learnt to extract energy from animal wastes such as cow dung and plant wastes. One successful method is to ferment animal waste in closed containers and produce a gas called biogas, which is just as good as cooking gas. The waste from the biogas plant can be used as manure in fields and plantations. A second example is the use of windmills, where wind is used to turn a paddle wheel to produce electricity or to lift water.

Thirdly, we must make greater and cleverer use of the sun. The sun is a perennial source of light and heat for the earth, and it is absolutely free! If we could devise methods for capturing the heat and light from the sun and transforming it into electricity, mankind could benefit greatly.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph on an interesting news item you have read or heard about, in recent times.

45. (a) Write a letter of application to the Manager of a glass manufacturing company for the post of clerk. Enclose a detailed Bio-data with the covering letter.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend describing your plans for the upcoming summer holidays.

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46. (a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
- The _____ stored the unsold grain bags in the _____. (cellar/seller)
 - The children are very happy with the new car. (Add a suitable question tag)
 - Mahathi is _____ a great singer _____ a talented violinist.
(Fill in the blanks with a correlative conjunction)
 - If I _____ (see) your message, I would have come to the airport to receive you. (Use the correct form of the verb)

OR

- (b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and write them correctly.
- My mother asked me when would I return from school.
 - There weren't much women tourists in the group.
 - One of my sister lives in Canada.
 - The Captain as well as his soldiers were ready to face the enemy assault.
 - I borrowed these books at the library.

47. (a) Imagine that you are vacating your house and relocating to another city. You are contacting an employee of a Packers and Movers Company to shift your household things. Build a telephone conversation with that employee in not less than seven exchanges.

OR

- (b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Dr. Carver was an American Black slave, who by dint of his ability became a scientist and educator of world-wide fame. A national monument has now been erected to honour him. This monument has been built at his birth-place in the United States of America. Carver's life and achievements prove the American saying: "You can't keep a great man down." From childhood he showed qualities which gave promise of his genius. He would get up before sunrise to study the wonders of nature before the break of dawn. His guardians wanted to educate him but were too poor to do so. So, he left home when he was hardly ten years old, and began to work at small jobs. Thus he earned a little money for his school expenses. He continued to do so even when he was at college. Thus he passed his M.Sc. examination and became a professor. There he wrote several books on scientific subjects. His chief desire was to do the greatest good to the greatest number of people. He left all his life's savings to found scholarships for research in Agricultural Chemistry. He knew that this research was bound to benefit farmers all over the world. Though world-famous, he never felt proud of his discoveries. "I discovered nothing," he once said, "I am God's agent - the instrument through which He works."

Questions :

- How does Dr. Carver's life prove that "you can't keep a great man down" ?
- What can you say about the early life of Dr. Carver ?
- What did Dr. Carver do with his life's savings ?
- How was he honoured for his commendable achievement ?
- Is there anything to prove that Dr. Carver was a humble person ?

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