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STD: XII TENTATIVE ANSWER KEY

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH** 06.03.2025 **MARKS: 90** 

#### **PART -I (Q.NO.1 - 20)**

SYNC	<u>PART -I (Q.NO.1 - 20)</u> <b>ONYMS</b> 3X1=3
1.	profound – (d) very great
2.	stimulated – (b) motivated
3.	sturdy – (a) strong
ANTO	ONYMS 3X1=3
4.	deserted – (d) occupied
5.	Fortuitously – (a) unfortunately
6.	agony – (b) pleasure
VOCA	ABULARY 14X1=14
7.	c) foreign
8.	a) stimulate
9.	d) finale
10.	a) set off
11.	d) correctional facility
12.	b) candies
13.	d) Adjective + Noun
14.	c) fog
15.	b) to wait for a situation to become clear
16.	c) among
17.	c) Tamilnadu Public Service Commission
18.	a) consequently
19.	a) a few
20.	a) the

**PART -II(Q.NO.21-30)** 

7x2=14

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	<b>SECTION -1</b> APPRECIATION $4x2=8$
21.	(a) The symbol of royal power/power kingly
	(b) His son/Telemachus
22.	(a) because of its mighty strength
	(b) creeper-climbs
23.	(a) Metaphor
	(b) Large gun
24.	(a) The gates were strong, walls were thick
	(b) No enemy cou.d enter the castle
25.	(a) Yes-to be creative and to make final decisions
	(b) Personification
26.	(a) abab
	(b) Napoleon
	SECTION -2 GRAMMAR 3x2=6
27.	Tell me the time.
28.	The prizes were being distributed by the Chief guest.
29.	If we do not plant more trees, we cannot save our planet.
30.	The manager said that he would speak to me on Friday
	PART -III (Q.NO.31-40) 7x3=2°
	i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context 2x3=
31.	Reference:
	Poem: A Father to his son -1
	Poet : Carl August Sandburg -1
	Explanation: -1
32.	Reference:
	Poem: Our casuarina Tree -1
	Poet: Toru Dutt -1
33.	Explanation: -1 Reference:
<i>ა</i> ა.	Poem: Ulysses -1
	Poet : Alfred Tennyson -1
	Explanation: -1
	ii) Answer any two of the following briefly: 2x3=6
34.	The two boys were dressed in rags and shabby appearance. Nicola had on a worn
	jersey and cut-off khaki pants, the other (Jacopo) a shortened army tunic gathered
	in loose folds about his skinny frame with tangled hair, dark earnest eyes, and
	brown skin. They appeared to be pathetic.
	Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary placed in a little hole on the ice a bar of

	chocolate, biscuits and a few lollipops as a gift to the God of lofty summit. In		
	addition Hillary placed a crucifix given by Colonel Hunt, leader of the		
	expedition.		
36.	Though the family wanted to make a chair, they faced difficulty. The practical		
	difficulty in getting it made was that there was not a single chair in their village to		
	show as a model. Besides, there was not a single carpenter either who knew how		
	to make a chair.		
	iii) Answer any three of the following briefly: 3x3=9		
37.	a) Fast food, the fastest way to Heaven		
	b) Conserve water, Conserve life		
	c) Give Vision, Spread Light		
	(Any suitable Answer)		
38.	Any suitable Answer		
39.	i) 35+20 = 55		
	ii) Classical songs		
	iii) True		
40.	Any suitable Answer		
	<u>PART -IV(Q.NO.41-47)</u> 7x5=35		
41.	A NICE CUP OF TEA		
_	- GEORGE ORWELL		
a)	Eric Arthur Blair, better known by his pen name George Orwell, was an		
	English novelist, essayist, journalist and critic, whose work in marked by lucio		
	prose, awareness of social injustice, opposition to totalitarianism and outspoker		
	support of democratic socialism.		
	"Tea is one of the main stays of civilizations in this country"		
	- George Orwel		
	One of the most influential statement of the British 'way of tea' is George		
	Orwell's essay. 'A nice cup of tea published in the evening standard on 12 January 1946. It was written at a time when tea was rationed and is short		
	supply, against the backdrop of severe food shortage across Europe.		
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The process of tea making is a subject matter of violent disputes. The author has come up with eleven golden rules for preparation of a nice tea. <u>First he begins to insist on using an Indian or Ceylonese Tea, to feel wiser, braver and more optimistic</u>. Tea should be made in small quantities' in a china or earthenware. The pot should be warmed beforehand. Tea should always be strong and it should be put straight into the teapot. We should take the teapot to the kettle and after making tea, one should stir it well. Tea should be drunk out of a cylindrical type of cup, as it hold more tea. Milk that is too creamy always given the tea, a sickly taste. So we should pour the cream of the milk. <u>Two of these rules are generally agreed by the public, but at least four other are</u>

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actually controversial. 'What should be poured first in the cup' has become a subject of controversial points. George Orwell says that one should pour tea first in the cup. While most of the people prefer to add sugar in the tea, the author says to add pepper or salt to it. If we drink tea without sugar for a fortnight, we would never ruin tea by sweetening it again. He claims that there are some mysterious social etiquette surrounding the tea pot. It is vulgar to drink tea out of one's saucer. There are some subsidiary uses of tea leaves such as telling fortunes, predicting the arrival of visitors, feeding rabbits, healing burns and sweeping the carpet.

IF YOU ARE COLD, TEA WILL WARM YOU;
IF YOU ARE TOO HEATED, IT WILL COOL YOU;
IF YOU ARE DEPRESSED, IT WILL CHEER YOU;
IF YOU ARE EXCITED, IT WILL CALM YOU.

ON THE RULE OF THE ROAD

- A.G.GARDINER

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF LIBERTY

#### Introduction:

A.G. Gardiner was a British journalist and author. He was a prolific essayist. and his style and subject matter easily qualified him to be categorized as what the English would call a very civilized gentleman. His essay "On the Rule of the Road' was included in one of Gardiner's compilations titled "Leaves in the Wind". In this essay he describes the difference between 'personal liberty' and 'public liberty'.

<u>The Stout Lady</u>: A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrogard. When she was asked to walk on the pavement which was meant for pedestrians she replied that she would walk where she liked since she got liberty.

The Result of Personal Liberty: If the pedestrians walked down the middle of the road, the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere.

Individual liberty would have become social anarchy. The Traffic Policeman: The policeman is the symbol not of tyranny, but of liberty. So that the liberties of all may be preserved, the liberties of everybody must be curtailed. When we are in hurry and see our car pulled up by his rudeness and feel that our liberty has been outraged. We feel that how would be interfere with our free use of the public highway. A reasonable person would not allow his actions to cause inconvenience to others. **He should submit** (imply)

**himself to acurtailment of private liberty** .so that a maelstrom (Utter confusion) would be averted anywhere and social order could be maintained.

<u>Definition of Liberty: Liberty is not a personal affair only, but a social contract.</u>

<u>It is an accommodation of interest.</u> I can wear any kind of <u>clothes</u>, <u>dye my hair</u> or <u>wax my moustache</u> or wear <u>an overcoat</u> and <u>sandal or go to bed late</u> and

b)

wake up late, follow any religion I shall follow my fancy and no one has the right to ask me.

Public Liberty: We have a whole kingdom in which we can rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ridiculous, harsh or easy, conventional or odd. But when we step out of it we should qualify ourselves so that it will not affect other's liberty. For eg: if I want to practise trombone from midnight till three in my bedroom or in the street then I am interfering in other people's liberty because they would like to sleep in quiet.

<u>Small Matters of Conduct</u>: There are lot of people in the world and we have to accommodate our liberty to theirs. We forget this and we are much more conscious of the imperfections of others in this respect. <u>A reasonable consideration for the rights or feelings of others is the foundation of social conduct</u>. It is in this matter of conduct, we must observe the rules of the road. We pass judgement upon ourselves and declare that we are civilized or uncivilized.

<u>Conclusion</u>: The great moments of heroism and sacrifice are rare. It is the little habits of common place intercourse that make up the great sum of life that sweeten or make bitter our journey.

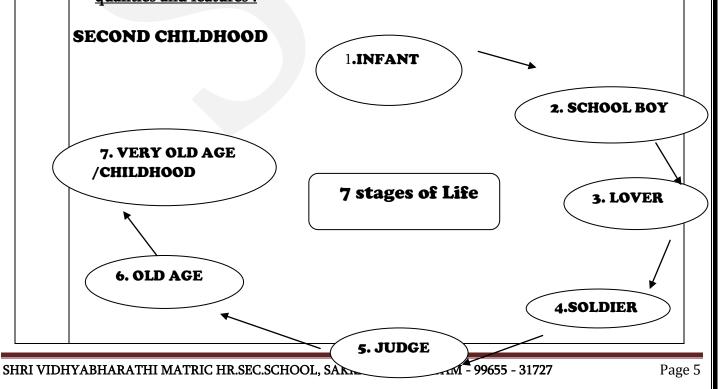
"LIBERTY MEANS RESPONSIBILITY. THAT IS WHY MOST MEN DREAD IT".

42.

#### a)

## ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE - WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

'All the world's a stage' is an extract from the play 'As you like it', a romantic comedy by Shakespeare. It is spoken by Jacques in Act II. scene VII. In this poem, Shakespeare Compares the 'World' to a 'stage', and 'life' to a 'play'. He has divided life into seven stages each having its own Varied qualities and features.



Shakespeare says that a world is a stage. All men and woman are only actors. The stage has both 'entrances' (birth) and 'exits' (death). With the birth of an 'infant' begins the first stage of man's life. In this stage the child whispers in mewling style and vomits, on the arms of the care taking nurse. The baby grows and <u>reaches the **second stages**, the unhappy school boy</u>, reluctantly moving like a snail to school. In the **third stage**, man plays the role of a lover. He sighs like a furnace. He Keeps on writing ballads praising the beauty of the eyebrows of his beloved. The fourth stage, he gets shifted to the 'zone of bravery'. Here he acts as a soldier in the fourth stage. He Keeps a beard like that of a leopard. He always runs after honors and fame. "He is ready even to enter a cannon's mouth fast for momentary glory and bubble of <u>reputation</u>." In the **fifth stage**, man plays the role of a justice. He is fond of eating chicken and develops a fat round belly. He is full of wise sayings and modern instances. He is a man of wisdom and knowledge. In the sixth **stage**, man becomes weak and thin in body. He wears slippers, spectacles and clothes that he bought when he was young. These pants and stocking have become loose for his shrunk and thin legs. **The seventh stage is the** 'second childhood'. In this stage, man becomes very old and starts behaving like a child. His manly Voice changes into childish treble. Slowly he loses his faculties of 'sight', 'hearing', 'smell' and 'taste'. Finally he exits the world.

#### "ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE, AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN MERELY PLAYERS"

INCIDENT OF THE FRENCH CAMP

- ROBERT BROWNING

The poem 'The Incident of the French Camp' written by Robert Browning narrates an actual incident in the war in 1809 between France and Austria, led by Napoleon. **Napoleon has been a great motivator to his army. His Military skill and genius have won him many admirers.** 

When the poem begins, we get a description of the great warrior Napoleon standing on a little mound and watching the war anxiously. His mind was oppressive with many thoughts and he felt that all his ambition plans would become futile if they failed (the army leader Lannes) to conquer Ratisbon.

Out twixt the battery-smokes there flew.

A rider, bound on bound

Though the poer Full-galloping; nor bridle drew

e, We

come to know tha

bringing triumph to the French army. The young boy riding at great speed approached the mound where Napoleon stood, in smiling joy. As he came closer, the narrator observed that the rider, a young boy, was severely mounded. The boy had kept his lips compressed to stop the blood coming through. But he showed no sign of pain and

b)

jumped off the horse and gave the happy news of Victory to

the emperor. He informed the emperor that they had won Ratisbon for him and he himself had hoisted the flag of France. Soon his eyes softened when he saw that the boy was fatally wounded. Like a caring mother eagle, he asked the boy if he was wounded. This question touched the soldier's pride and he replied that he was killed and fell dead, smiling beside his chief. Courage and patriotism are the basic qualities of not only an emperor, but also every soldier. Soldiers fight their enemy not only for monetary considerations, but for the honour of their motherland. It is evident that the young soldier obtained virtues like devotion to duty, patriotism, gallantry and chivalry from Napoleon, the legendary warrior.

" A MAN IS A PATRIOT IF HIS HEART BEATS TRUE TO HIS COUNTRY"

43.

a)

#### LIFE OF PI

#### -YANN MARTEL

The famous novel "Life of Pi" is an abridged (shortened) version written by a Spanish born canadian author Yann Martel published in 2001 become internationally famous and awarded the Man Booker prize in 2002.Pi recounts the ordeal (sufferings) he faced in the middle of the pacific ocean after the ship wreck. That is The Protagonist is Piscine Molitor "Pi" patel an Indian boy from Pondicherry survives 227 days after a shipwreck while stranded on a lifeboat in the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. The Crisis in the mid ocean brought the pathetic experience where pi became lone and orphaned and in the state of shock. He found himself in the company of Richard Parker, a tiger, a Zebra, Monkey (orange juice) and Hyena. After two and a half days of drifting in the lifeboat, Pi discovered that Richard Parker was on board just below him. They were literally and figuratively in the same boat. Parker was unusually quiet because of sea-sickness and the impact of heavy sedation might be given to him by Pi's father.

## I pinned by weakness to the tarpaulin. Even thinking was exhausting .....

thirst. His throat was parched he felt very thirsty. His blood had thickened. His leg had become stiff. The author calls it "liquid life". When Pi was dying of thirst, he forgot his fear of Richard Parkar. His thirst overpowered his fear of Richard parkar and he went about exploring for fresh water. A little later, he succeeded in his search and came back to life and senses after drinking the Elixir of life. His mouth became moist and soft. He was coming back to life from the dead. Pi

accepted that the parker calmed him down. He said that one who scared him brought him peace. He wanted to tame him. His attitude was that the tiger would die first. But suddenly he realized that part of him loved the tiger. He did not want to be left alone. So he wanted to live with the tiger. At last Pi's boat reached an island. Richard Parker jumped and walked away without even looking back at Pi. Pi was found by ship and reunited with his family.

#### **MORAL:**

"THE GREAT LESSON THAT ONE SHOULD FOCUS ON LIVING EVEN IN THE MOST ADVERSE SITUATION IS LIFE"

#### All SUMMER IN A DAY

#### - RAY BRADBURY

Ray Douglas Bradbury(1920-2012) was an American author best known for his highly imaginative short stories. Much of his work was '**fantasy**', '**horror**' or '**mysteries**'. This story is set on the '**PLANET VENUS**', where the sun shines for only two hours once every seven years. Margot a frail, pale girl is the young protagonist in "All summer in a Day". It deals with a group of school children who live on the planet Venus with their families. The children have only seen the sun in their lives when they were two years old, but now they don't remember how it looks or feels. And they are eagerly waiting for a momentous occasion. It has been continuously raining for seven years and now the scientists on Venus have predicted that the sun will appear for a brief period of two hours. Their dream about sun like a yellow crayon or a gold coin leaves them aspire for more. Hence Margot's description of the sun makes them envy (greet)her.

"All a joke!" Said the boy, and seized her roughly.

"Hey, everyone, let's put her in a closet before the

All the children **resent**(dislike) her for various reasons. **Especially** William, envied Margot because she is the only one of them who can remember seeing the sun. Though she tries to describe the sun she experienced, the other don't believe her. She is depressed about being on Venus. She did not mingle well with the other children. It seems to them as if she thinks she is better than they are. Therefore, right before the sun comes out. They lock her in a windowless closet. After some moments, the rain stops and the sun appears. All the children run, play and enjoy the light of the sun. After some time, the rain clouds appear. The sun retreats and the rain begins to fall. A girl remembers that Margot is locked in the closet. They realized whatever Margot said about the sun was a truth .The girl then walk towards the closet where they left Margot. They unlock the door and Margot slowly comes out. Margot's cruel classmates treated her differently. They probably felt bad for making Margot to miss the beautiful sight of the sun. They felt ashamed of their actions . This shows their guilt strickened mind. The writer wants to convey that the power of the sun over the children living on Venus is notable. They are pale and

b)

colourless. The lack of the sun has washed away their compassion and consideration and empathy for the people. They do not regain this until the sun reappears. The sun is life-giving for the landscape as well as the inhabitants of Venus.

#### MORAL: "WHEN YOU ARE GUILTY IT IS NOT YOUR SINS YOU HATE BUT YOURSELF.."

Write a summary or make notes of the following passage. 44.

**Summarising** – Format

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awarded Maximummarks. (An exceptional summary can be

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#### [OR]

#### 45.

From

a)

The Director,

Angel Coaching Centre,

52, WCC Road,

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To

The Manager,

M/S Waves Furniture Company,
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Nagercoil-629007.

Kanyakumari(District)

Sir,

**Sub:** Order for furniture - Reg.

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- 1. dual Desks 100
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- 3. Wooden chairs (General size)25
- 4. Stools 75

25<sup>th</sup> Feb,25

Yours Faithfully,

XXXX

(Director)

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1.		
b)	Personal letter	5 marks
<b>46</b> .	a) F <u>ill inthe blanks appropriately:</u>	
	i) Can they?	
	ii) a	
	iii) would	
	iv) elicit / illicit	
	(OR)	
	b) Spot the errors and correct them.	5 marks
	i) Oxygen is heavier than hydrogen	
	ii) I was a shame to break up / Breaking up was a shame.	
	iii) Professor Uma is not only a writer but also actor.	
	iv) A man walked along bank of the river.	
	v) If you exercise regularly, you will become strong. /	
	If you exercised regularly, you would become strong. /	
<b>47</b> .	a) <u>Developing Hints.</u>	5 marks
	Any Suitable answer	
b)	Comprehension passage	5 marks
	i) Steel manufacturer in US	
	ii) From Scotland to America.	
	iii) By running errands	
	iv) Digging for gold	
	V) shallow - deep	

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