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STANDARD X - ENGLISH

ANSWER KEY

Time : 1.30 hrs

Marks : 50

I. Synonyms :-

1x3=3

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| 1. Fright | - | b) fear |
| 2. Preening | - | a) cleaning |
| 3. Intuitively | - | d) instinctively |

II. Antonyms

1x3=3

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| 1. gruffly | x | b) Happily |
| 2. whet | x | d) blunt. |
| 3. remember | x | b) forget. |

III. Answer the following.

7X1=7

1. Read the following sentence and change the form of the underlined words as directed.
The young seagull gave out a loud call (to adverb)

Answer: The young seagull called out loudly.

2. Rewrite the following sentence by rectifying the error in the use of modal.

Take an umbrella. It should rain rater.

Answer : Take an umbrella. It may rain rater.

3. Write suitable article for the following.

I bought a book this morning. I am reading -----book now.

Answer : I bought a book this morning. I am reading the book now

4. Fill in the blank by choosing the most appropriate prepositional phrase from the given options

children are given toys ----- sweets on children's day.

- a) on top of b) in addition to c) due to

Answer : b) in addition to

5. Write suitable plural form. **radius**

Answer : radii

6. Change the following into passive voice.

a. Pragathi lent a pencil to keerthana

Answer : a. A pencil was lent to keerthana by pragathi (OR)

Keerthana was lent a pencil by pragathi

b. You are making a cake now.

Answer : b. A cake is being made by you now.

IV. Answer any two of the following:

2x2=4

1. Why did the seagull fail to fly?

Answer: The seagull failed to fly because he did not have confidence on his wings and he had fear to fly.

2. What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?

Answer: His mother picked up a piece of fish and flew across to him with it. But then she halted, just opposite to him. She was almost within reach of his beak. Maddened by hunger, the young seagull dived at the fish. This act of his mother prompted the young seagull to fly finally.

3. What made the reporter gaze at the author?

Answer: The author had put on one of his mother's dress, as he couldn't find anything else. The reporter looked at him with mingled suspicion and interest

V. Answer any one of the following questions in a Paragraph.

1x4=4

1. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

His First Flight

- Liam O'Flaherty

About the Author:

Author	:	Liam O'Flaherty
Born on	:	28 th August 1896 - Irish, Ireland
Occupation	:	Novelist
Famous Works	:	Member of the Communist Party of Ireland
Specialty	:	Irish novelist, Short story writer

**"The moments you doubt whether you can fly,
You cease for ever to be able to do it"**

The young seagull was afraid of flying. **His parents strove their level best to teach the young seagull to fly but in vain.** The parents, brothers and sister thought a plan to teach him to fly. They flew away to another rock and left him alone. They did not give him anything to eat. He stood there on one leg and closed his eyes. He was very

hungry. He searched for food everywhere. He even chewed the dried pieces of the eggshells. He saw his mother tearing a piece of fish.

‘Ga, ga, ga’, he cried, begging her to bring him over some food. ‘Gawl-ool-ah’, she screamed back mockingly.

He begged his mother to give him food. The mother seagulls motivates the young one enough to get him to learn flying. So the mother flew with the piece of fish to the young seagull. When she reached over him, she became motionless in the air. She did not get down on the rock. She wanted to give the young seagull an incentive to fly. The seagull bent forward and jumped at the fish. The young seagull realizes the importance of belief and faith. **He was much frightened. But he began to flap his wings to save himself. ‘His first flight’ is a parable’.** The seagulls convey the message of self-confidence, motivation and self-reliance. The story conveys, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

You can’t fly unless you let yourself

2. Narrate the extensive search operation made by the policemen in the house.

The Night the Ghost got in

- James Grover Thurber

Prose	:	The Night the Ghost got in
Author	:	James Grover Thurber
Theme	:	Chaos in the house
Characters	:	The narrator’s family, Mr. Bodwell, Joe, Reporter, Herman

James Grover Thurber was an American cartoonist, best known for his cartoon and short stories. This lesson clearly tells that too much of imagination will mislead the situation. The narrator says that on the night of November 17, 1915 the ghost got into their house. The time was quarter past one o’clock. All of sudden the author heard footsteps. They were the steps of man walking around the dining-table. The steps went round and round the table. The board creaked when it was trod upon. The author thought that it might be a burglar. He roused Herman. The steps started up the stairs. Filled with fear the author and his brother slammed the door shut. The noise of slamming roused the mother. She suspected that there were burglars inside. She wanted to call the police. But the phone was downstairs. So, She opened the windows and threw a shoe into the bedroom window of the neighbours. The window pane shattered down. The noise roused Bodwell and his wife annoyed them. Mr. Bodwell was furious with her.

Open up! cried a hoarse voice. ‘We’re men from Headquarters!’

He called the police, thinking that there was a burglar in their house. The police who came there started ransacking the entire house.

The police broke the door open and entered the house. Their flashlights gleamed up and down. They flashed the light everywhere. They couldn't see anything. They opened the doors, yanked the drawers, opened the windows and pulled down the furniture. Then they heard a creaking in the attic. Grandfather was turning over in bed. The cops (police) used into the attic without words or warning. Grandfather mistook the policemen to be General Meade's men. He thought that they were deserters from the army. So he grabbed at a handgun and shot at a policeman. At once everyone retreated from the place. The police started ransacking the house once again. They took leave when the author promised to bring the gun to the station the next day. The police left the house empty handed finally. Next morning, grandfather told that he came to the dining room for water, the previous night. These are the incidents that caused the confusion in the house.

"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were"

VI. Quote from memory

[5]

LIFE

- HENRY VAN DYKE

Let me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul;
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear

VII. Read the following poetic lines and answer the following.

4x1=4

1. Let me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul.
- a. What kind of life does the poet want to lead?

Answer : The poet wants to lead a joyful life with forward face and unreluctant soul.

2. And so it were wisest to keep our feet
From wandering into complaining street.
- a. Identify the rhyming words of the given lines.

Answer: feet - street

3. And happy heart, that pays its toll

a. Pick out the words of alliteration.

Answer : Happy - Hear

4. In the dim past, nor holding back in fear.

a. Identify the figure of speech in the given line

Answer: Metaphor

VIII Answer any one of the following in a Paragraph

1x4=4

1. Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble Family and their attitude towards other folks.

The Grumble Family

- Lucy Maud Montgomery

Prose	:	The Grumble Family
Author	:	Lucy Maud Montgomery
Theme	:	"The Grumble Family" and their attitude

L.M. Montgomery was a Canadian author and poetess. One of her works is 'The Grumble Family'. Through her poem, the poet advises us to stay away from the grumble family and lead a happy and contented life. The Grumble family lives on Complaining Street. It is in the city of 'Never-Are-Satisfied' close to the 'River of Discontent'. All these show that the members of the family keep grumbling. They are full of discontent and they are never satisfied. The grumblers growl at each and everything. For them everything goes wrong. In summer they say that it's too hot. In winter, then feel that it is too cold. Nothing goes right with them. They growl at rain and shine. When they have no grievances, they complain that they have nothing to worry about. But they never admit that they are grumblers. Their denial looks strange and it fills us with surprise.

**"Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song.
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;**

According to the poet, the queerest thing is that none of them would acknowledge that they belong to the family of Grumble, because a Grumbler will never accept that he is connected to it. The poet regrets saying that if anyone stays among them too long, he will learn their ways, their attitudes, behaviours and mannerisms. So it would be wise if we do not wander into complaining street. We should never growl at whatever we do. If not, we will be considered Grumblers. The poet wants us to realize that life is not a bed of roses. Like a pessimist we should not keep looking at the dark cloud. We should remember that every dark cloud has a silver lining. Heat and cold are common in summer and winter respectively. They are unalterable. So we should learn to accept everything with a smile. So let us root out this evil quality and look at things with cheer and joy.

Grumbling leads to pessimism and downfall

(OR)

2. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.

LIFE- **HENRY VAN DYKE****About the Author:**

Author	:	Henry Van Dyke
Famous Works	:	Professor of English literature at Princeton University
Honours	:	Elected to the American Academy of Art
Speciality	:	American author, Poet, Educator and Clergyman

“Life is not a race, it is a journey enjoy it”

In this poem, life is described not as an entity, but as an experience. Here, the poet desires to lead his future life with **optimism** and he is ever willing to do something. One should live with courage and dedication. **Life should be lived without hurry and with a clear sense of purpose that drives the mind and soul.** The poet encourages us to let go of all that has been lost in the past as well as the uncertainty the future holds. He tells us to embrace the present with the happiness which nourishes the young and the old.

From what the future veils; but with a whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.

Happiness gives us nourishment on this journey with a smile on our face. **Whatever situation life throws at us, it is the journey that should be joyous, for it teaches us to grow and live.** Our imagination should have the innocence and fearlessness of childhood. We should seek out new friendships, new adventures and new experiences which enrich us. He encourages us to have faith and determination in our hearts, as we take on this beautiful journey. We should have eternal hope that our story ends joyfully.

“BE AN OPTIMIST, DON'T BE A PESSIMIST”**IX Choose the correct answer****3x1=3**

1. b. Gonzalo
2. a. Ferdinand
3. d. art critic

X. Identify the speaker / Character.**2x1=2**

1. Visu / the old cook of Dr. Somu
2. Ferdinand

XI Match the following :

4x1/2 = 2

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| 1. Sycorax | - | A witch |
| 2. Alonso | - | King of Naples |
| 3. Maya | - | Dr. Ashok's daughter |
| 4. Visu | - | Old cook |

XII. Answer any one of the following in a Paragraph.

1. Narrate how Prospero made his enemies repent to restore his dukedom. 1x4=4

The Tempest

- William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare (1564 –1616) is an English poet, playwright and actor. He is regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's greatest dramatist of all time. He is often called 'England's National Poet' and 'Bard of Avon'. His works consist of approximately 37 plays, 154 sonnets, and two long narrative poems.

Main Characters

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|-------------------|---|--|
| 1. Prospero | - | An old man Rightful Duke of Milan Miranda's father Antonio's brother |
| 2. Miranda | - | Beautiful young lady Prospero's daughter |
| 3. Sycorax | - | A witch Caliban's mother |
| 4. Ariel | - | Chief of gentle spirits |
| 5. Caliban | - | Ugly monster Son of Sycorax |
| 6. King of Naples | - | Powerful prince Prospero's enemy Father of Ferdinand |
| 7. Ferdinand | - | Prince of Naples |
| 8. Gonzalo | - | Kind lord of Prospero's court |

Prospero, the Duke of Milan, was more interested in reading books and in the art of magic. He trusted his brother Antonio and asked him to look after his affairs in his kingdom. But Antonio overthrew Prospero out of the kingdom, with the help of the king of Naples. Prospero reached an island with his daughter and stayed there for twelve years. He released many good spirits from the clutches of the witch Sycorax. Prospero had mastered the art of magic with the magical power he good ordered the god's spirits. With their help Prospero good command the wings and the waves of the sea. Ariel, the chief of the spirits, Prospero created a violent storm in the sea. He made his enemies travelling in the ship, to suffer for their mistakes done to him.

Ferdinand jumped into the sea but was safe in the corner of the island. On the otherhand his father thought that his son had been swallowed up and lost in the sea. Prospero asked Ariel to bring Ferdinand to the cave: Miranda and Ferdinand were attracted to each other. But Prospero tested Ferdinand to try his constancy.

**“Come on, young man”, said Prospero to the Prince;
“You have no power to disobey me”**

Ariel had caused tremendous sufferings to the enemies. They were terribly frightened to see and hear strange things. They were very hungry and famished for want of food. Ariel set a before them a delicious banquet and appeared before them as a happy. When they were about eat the feast vanished. This was done to make them realise their cruelty to Prospero. At last, he forgave all of them, as they realized their mistakes and repented. The king of Naples and Antonio repented the injustice they had done. Everyone left the island and Prospero restored his dukedom.

Moral:

“The happiness of life is to be attained by nobler forgiveness than cruel vengeance”

(OR)

2. What was the turn of events when Zigzag was taken to the clinic.

Title	:	Zigzag
Author	:	Asha Nehemiah
Theme	:	Comic Commotions of a pet
Characters	:	Dr. Krishnan's family, Visu and the pet bird

“When you own a bird, happiness is all around”

Asha Nehemiah shows humour, fantasy mystery and adventure as strong elements in her work. In this story, she humorously pictured the atrocities and good behavior of a pet bird named Zigzag. Dr. Ashok T. Krishnan's clinic usually sounded more like an ancient Chinese torture chamber than a child specialist clinic. This was because the tiny children kept on crying so loudly and sobbing. Dr. Somu requested his cousin Dr. Krishnan to take care of his pet bird, Zigzag, as he left for Alaska According to Dr. Krishnan, Zigzag was the most lovable, unusual, and harmless bird. But Mrs. Krishnan was not happy with the arrival of the new pet. Dr. Somu sent Zigzag through Visu, his old cook. Zigzag was cool and unmoved with an expression of grumpiness. Arvind brought some fruits and nuts for it. Zigzag picked up and deposited them on the chandliers and the blades of the fan. Then, the bird perched on the curtain rod and slept

there. The moment it slept, it snored loudly . when their maid servant, Lakshmi switched on the fan, it was raining papayas and bananas.

**‘We’ ve been blessed ‘We ‘ve been truly blessed !
It’s raining papayas and bananas in this room!’**

When one slice of over-ripe papaya came whizzing off the fan and splashed all over Mrs. Krishnan’s unfinished masterpiece, Sunset at Marina, Mrs. Krishnan was annoyed with the bird. She wanted to get rid of the bird. She called up Dr. Krishnan and conveyed to him what had happened. And when Dr. Krishnan took zigzag to his clinic, zigzag burst out speaking for the first time loudly **“you there in the blue T-shirt, don’t you jump on the sofa”.** **And you in the red dress, don’t swing on the curtain.** ‘The usually-noisy scene in the clinic was transformed into a calm, orderly place. After all the patients had left, Mr. Krishnan would appreciate Zigzag and praise him a lot. Just then Mrs. Krishnan called and informed him that her painting had been bought for Rs. 5000 by the art critic Jhunjhunwala. She did not want her to exhibit Sunset at Marina. She loved Mrs. Krishnan’s new technique. Hence Dr. Krishnan’s family wanted to keep zigzag with them. Really it was a ‘treasure’ and ‘great help’ to Dr. Krishnan’s family.

Moral:

**“Nothing is going to get better,
Until you see things in a right way....”**

XIII. Prepare an advertisement using the hints given below.

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STANDARD X
ENGLISH

Time: 1.30 hrs **Marks:50**

I. Choose the appropriate synonyms. **1 x 3 = 3**

- Antony was shivering with fright.
a) bravery b) fear c) courage d) spirit
- Seagull's father was preening the feathers
a) cleaning b) beautify c) floating d) beckoning
- 'Burglers!' she should intuitively.
a. forcefully b) loudly c) carefully d) instinctively

II. Choose the appropriate antonyms: **1 x 3 = 3**

- 'Nothing; he said, gruffly.
a) sadly b) happily c) weakly d) amazingly
- Seagull was eating the fish and scraping his beak to whet it!
a) sharpen b) trot c) taste d) blunt
- We will remember these incidents.
a) recall b) forget c) recollect d) eroke

III. Answer the following. **7 x 1 = 7**

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- Write suitable plural form.
radius
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IV. Answer any two of the following: **2 x 2 = 4**

- Why did the seagull fail to fly?
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N**2****X - English****VI. Quote from memory.****[5]**

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1. Write a Paragraph on 'The Grumble Family'
and their attitude towards other folks.
2. Describe the journey of life as depicted
in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.

IX. Choose the correct answer.**3 x 1 = 3**

1. _____ helped prospero and Miranda to escape safely.
a) Ariel b) Gonzalo c) Antonio d) Caliban
2. Miranda was ready to help _____ to finish his task.
a) Ferdinand b) Alonso c) Ariel d) Sycorax
3. Mrs. Jhunjhunwala was the _____ who lived upstairs.
a) Professor b) painter c) engineer d) art critic

X. Identify the speaker / character.**2 x 1 = 2**

1. 'Come in, zigzag, come in dear!
2. I must finish my task before I take my rest.

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