

INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH FINAL EXAMINATION - (2023-24)

ENGLISH ANSWER KEY (SET 2)

Class: XI

Maximum Marks: 80

Date: 18/02/2023

Time allowed: 3Hours

General Instructions:				
<i>(i)</i>	This paper is divided into three sections:			
	Section A- Reading	26 marks		
	Section B- Grammar & Writing	23 marks		
	Section C- Literature	31 marks		
(ii)	All questions are compulsory.			
(iii)	(iii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question,			
	wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow			
them.				
(iv)	Avoid using correction fluid.			

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (26 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully.

1. Academics has always been an essential part of human development. It prepares us to survive in the outside world and establish an identity of our own. But, is an individual's development restricted to merely academics? In India, from an early age, we have been taught that education is limited to the boundaries of academics only; the idea of getting out into the field, for gaining practical experience, is always considered a hoax. This has hindered students' development. But, the truth is that education represents a considerably broader field than we know of it. Our teaching, from the basics, has been focused on getting good grades and job offers, rather than being creative and unique.

2. In the 21st century, the pure academic type of education is slowly paving way for a whole new type. The paradigm shift in the whole education system is evident. People have now come to understand that education is a 360-degree activity that should focus on students' overall development, rather than restricting him/her to the classroom.

3. Co-curricular activities that take place outside the classroom but reinforce or supplement classroom curriculum, in some way, have become a point of focus today. These activities help in the growth of the child, in more than one way. Participating in such activities helps youngsters grow mentally, socially and individually. Intellectual development of a student is developed in the classroom, but for the aesthetic development such as team- building,

character- building, and physical growth, students must step out into the outside world. For instance, if a student is a part of school football team, he/ she will learn team- work and coordination, in a practical manner, which cannot be taught in the class.

4. Similarly, in colleges and institutions, there is a need for practical exposure so that the students can experience the actual working of an industry. For example, taking a student to a manufacturing firm will give him/ her the real insight and better learning of the industry. Catering to this change, most professional colleges including B- schools, have started providing practical exposure to students through regular guest lectures, industrial visits, conferences, seminars, cultural festivals, and so on. With industry visits, students are able to better identify their prospective areas of work in the overall organizational function. Moreover, they help enhance interpersonal skills and communication techniques. In addition, guest lectures are equally important for all – round development of students. It is a great way for students to gain maximum exposure, as guest speakers talk about their real-life experiences and not what is there in the text books.

5. Through such events, students are made to participate and coordinate different events wherein, they get to know how exactly things are managed. Classroom teaching provides the foundation, and co-curricular or extra- curricular activities provide practical exposure and opportunities to implement what students learn in the classroom. This helps in developing the overall personality of the students, inculcating various soft – skills in them, which otherwise are difficult to teach. Clearly, life beyond academics creates creative and empowered professionals.

Answer the questions that follow-

 $(1 \times 10 = 10 \text{ marks})$

i. Students' development is hindered by

a. limiting education to academic boundaries.

- b. getting out to the field.
- c. being creative and unique.
- d. gaining practical knowledge.
- ii. The shift in the education system means
- a. to restrict to classroom activities.
- b. to focus on academic development.
- c. to ignore 360-degree activity.

d. to focus on overall development.

iii. Co- Curricular activities that take place outside the classroom do not help in -

- a. teamwork and coordination
- b. mental and social growth
- c. intellectual development
- d. character building
- iv. Complete the sentence-

Guest speakers talk about their real-life experiences.

v. From earlier times what has not been the focus of education? Being creative and unique

vi. Where should students go for aesthetic development?

Students must step out into the outside world.

vii. Complete the sentence-

Life beyond academics facilitates creativity.

viii. Pick out the word from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:

untrue (para 1) HOAX

ix. Identify whether the statement is **TRUE** or **FALSE**

Soft skills are developed only through practical exposure of what we have learnt.

x. Pick out the word from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:

cooperative effort (para 3) **COORDINATION**

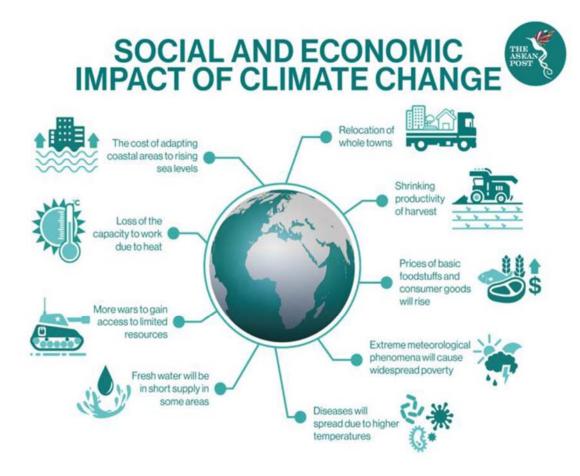
2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: -

1. India's average temperature has already increased by around 0.7 degrees Celsius during the 1901-2018 period due to Greenhouse gas emissions and by the end of 2100 it is expected to rise by approximately 4.4 degrees Celsius warns the first-ever climate change assessment report by the Indian Government.

2. The report assessment of Climate Change over the Indian Region prepared by the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) warned that the rapid changes in the temperature would mean increasing stress on India's "natural ecosystems, agricultural output and freshwater resources, while also causing escalating damage to infrastructure." This ultimately means a serious impact on the country's biodiversity, food, water, energy, security and public health.

3. It is said that several regions in India are global biodiversity hotspots with numerous endemic species of plants and animals and with the "climate changing more rapidly than usual, they may face increasing threats on account of these changes."

4. The MoES report cautioned that by the end of 2100, the "frequency of summer (April-June) heat waves over India is projected to be 3 to 4 times higher" and the "average duration of heatwave events is also projected to approximately double." According to the report, the Sea Surface Temperature (SST) of the tropical Indian Ocean has also risen by one degree Celsius, on average, during 1951-2015.



5. The rise in temperature is playing havoc with India's rainfall which is significant for India's agriculture sector. The report noted that the summer monsoon precipitation (June to September) over India has declined by around six percent from 1951 to 2015, with notable decreases over the Indo-Gangetic Plains and the Western Ghats. It stressed that the overall decrease of seasonal summer monsoon rainfall during the last 6-7 decades has led to an increased propensity for droughts in India.

6. "In particular, areas over Central India, South West coast, Southern peninsula and North-Eastern India have experienced more than two droughts per decade. The area affected by drought has also increased by 1.3 percent per decade over the same period. Climate model projections indicate a high likelihood of an increase in the frequency, intensity and area under drought conditions in India by the end of the twenty-first century" said the MoES report.

Answer the questions that follow: -

(1x 8 = 8 marks)

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(i) Infer one reason for the following statement based on information in Paragraph 1. India's average temperature has already increased by around 0.7 degrees Celsius during the 1901-2018 period. It is due to Greenhouse gas emissions

(ii) Complete the analogy correctly with a word from Paragraph 4

Rainfall: Monsoon : : <u>Heatwave</u> : Summer

iii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence: As per reports, an overall decrease in seasonal summer monsoon rainfall has led to _____.

a. an increased tendency for droughts

- b. heavy snowfall in winters
- c. severe wildfires
- d. decline in air quality

(iv) How will the rise in temperature affect the rainfall in India?

Rise in temperature will decline the summer monsoon precipitation

(v) From the figure given above, list any two social and economic impacts of climate change.

Social-Harms human health, global development, lack of food supplies/water shortage Economic -financial markets, relocation of towns, shrinking productivity, inflation (any two relevant points mentioned in diagram).

(vi) With the rise in droughts occurring every year, there has been _____ in the area affected by droughts by 1.3 per cent per decade.

a. decrease

b. increase

c. no change

d. none of these

(vii) Substitute the word 'warned' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 4.

"The newspaper warned its readers against buying shares without getting good advice first."

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(viii) Select the option that titles Paragraph 1-3 appropriately with reference to the information in the text.

Α	В	С	D
Effect of greenhouse	Heatwaves	Decreasing rainfall	Droughts in India
gases			

Loss of biodiversity	Drought trends	Winds of Change	Decreasing rainfall
Stress on	Agriculture and droughts	Climate	Climate
ecosystems		Change	Change

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Artificial intelligence (AI) is making a difference to how legal work is done, but it isn't the threat it is made out to be. AI is making impressive progress and shaking up things all over the world today. The assumption that advancements in technology and artificial intelligence will render any profession defunct is just that, an assumption and a false one. The only purpose this assumption serves is creating mass panic and hostility towards embracing technology that is meant to make our lives easier. Let us understand what this means explicitly for the legal world. The ambit of AI includes recognizing human speech and objects, making decisions based on data, and translating languages. Tasks that can be defined as 'search-and-find' type can be performed by AI.

2. Introducing AI to this profession will primarily be for the purpose of automating mundane, tedious tasks that require negligible human intelligence. The kind of artificial intelligence that is employed by industries in the current scene, when extended to law will enable quicker services at a lower price. AI is meant to automate a number of tasks that take up precious working hours lawyers could be devoting to tasks that require discerning, empathy, and trust-qualities that cannot be replicated by even the most sophisticated form of AI. The legal profession is one of the oldest professions in the world. Thriving over a 1000 years; trust, judgement, and diligence are the pillars of this profession. The most important pillar is the relationship of trust between a lawyer and clients, which can only be achieved through human connection and interaction.

3. While artificial intelligence can be useful in scanning and organizing documents pertaining to a case, it cannot perform higher-level tasks such as sharp decision making, relationship-building with valuable clients and writing legal briefs, advising clients, and appearing in court. These are over and above the realm of computerization.

4. The smooth proceeding of a case is not possible without sound legal research. While presenting cases lawyers need to assimilate information in the form of legal research by referring to a number of relevant cases to find those that will favour their client's motion. Lawyers are even required to thoroughly know the opposing stand and supporting legal arguments they can expect to prepare a watertight defense strategy. AI, software that operates on natural language enables electronic discovery of information relevant to a case, contract reviews, and automation generation of legal documents. AI utilizes big-data analytics which enables visualization of case data. It also allows for creation of a map of the cases which were cited in previous cases and their resulting verdicts, as per the website Towards Data Science. The probability of a positive outcome of a case can be predicted by leveraging predictive

analytics with machine learning. This is advantageous to firms as they can determine the return on investment in litigation and whether an agreement or arbitration should be considered.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, using headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four) and the suitable format. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5 marks)

(b) Write a summary of the passage in about 50 words.

(3 marks)

(a) NOTE MAKING Distribution of Marks Title:

1 mark Abbreviations / Symbols (with /without key) – any four: 1 mark Content (minimum 4 headings and sub-headings, with proper indentation and notes): 2marks If a student has attempted only summary or only notes, due credit should be given. 1 mark allotted for the title be given if a student has written the title. Content must be divided into heading and sub headings. Any title, main points and sub points may be accepted if they are indicative of the candidate's understanding of the given passage, and the notes include the main points, with suitable and recognizable abbreviations. Complete sentences not to be accepted as notes. (In such cases $\frac{1}{2} - 1$ mark may be deducted from marks awarded to content) Numbering of points may be indicated in different ways, as long as a consistent pattern is followed. Suggested Points: Title: Artificial Intelligence: Not a threat NOTES

- 1. Not a threat
- 1.1 is a help
- 1.2 makes life easier
- 1.3 no profession defunct
- 2. AI will help legal field
- 2.1 recog human speech and object
- 2.2 making decisions based on data
- 2.3 translates langs
- 2.4 do search and find tasks
- 3. AI cannot perform high level tasks like
- 3.1 writing legal briefs
- 3.2 advising clients
- 3.3 apprng in courts
- 3.4 sharp decision making

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- 4. Function of AI
- 4.1 collates data
- 4.2 predicts probable outcomes
- 4.3 tells return on invst
- 4.4 considering agreement or arbitration

Key to Abbreviations	Word Abbreviation
Artificial Intelligence	AI

languages langs	langs
recognises	Recogs
appearing	appearg

Summary: Artificial Intelligence: Not a threat

Artificial Intelligence is not a threat but makes life easier especially in the legal field. It cannot perform certain high-level tasks like writing legal briefs, advising clients, making sharp decisions and appearing in courts. It can collate data, aid research and decisions based on data, recognize human speech and translate languages. It can also predict probable outcomes, tell return on investment, consider agreement or arbitration and is thus advantageous to legal firms.

SECTION B -GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS- (23 Marks).

4. Convert the following sentences to reported speech: Attempt any <u>THREE</u>. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

a. Radha said, "I am very busy now."

Radha said that she was very busy then.

- b. Rafiq said, "I shall leave for London tomorrow."
 Rafiq said that he would leave for London the next day.
- c. The boy asked his mother, 'Is there anything in the fridge?'

The boy asked his mother if/ whether there was anything in the fridge.

d. "Where do you live?" asked the girl.

The girl enquired where I lived.

5. Fill the blanks with the correct form of the tenses given in the bracket. Attempt any <u>TWO:</u> (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

A serious accident (a) _____ (take) place yesterday when a speeding bus (b) _____ (collide) with a car near Yamuna bridge. Two persons (c) ______ (die) on the spot and one (d) ______ (injure).

A serious accident took place yesterday when a speeding bus collided with a car near the Yamuna bridge. Two persons had died on the spot and one was injured.

6. Choose the correct option of the highlighted part. Attempt any TWO.

(2 x 1 = 2 marks)

a. Out of reach.

i. Dependent clause

ii. Independent clause

iii. Phrase

iv.Clause

b. I knew it would happen.
i. Dependant clause
ii. Independent clause
iii. Phrase
iv.Clause

c. John managed to crawl to safety.

i. Dependant clause ii. Independent clause iii. Phrase iv.Clause

d. Because they are accountable to the public

i. Dependant clause

ii. Independent clauseiii. Phraseiv.Clause

7. Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> of the two in about 50 words:

(4 marks)

(4 marks)

Format: 1 mark

Content :2 marks

Expression: grammatical accuracy, spellings: 1 mark

You are the Managing Director of SK Enterprises, a leading garments export house. You need accountants for your office. Write an advertisement for the 'Situation Vacant' column of a local daily.

OR

You are Manisha Pant. You lost your passport. Draft an advertisement to be published in the Lost and Found column of a local daily.

8. Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> of the two in about 50 words:

Title -1 mark

Content: 3 marks

name of issuing authority

reasons- remedial measures (if relevant)

Date, Time, Venue (if relevant) Any other relevant information.

Prepare a poster on behalf of police advising people to protect themselves against burglaries and robberies

Prepare a poster on kindness of animals to be displayed in the city at public places appealing to people to show kindness to animals.

9. Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> of the two in about 120-150 words:

(8 marks)

Format :1 mark - topic introduction, addressing the audience, mention for /against the motion Content: 3 marks - use hints, addressing the issue, current situation, reasons in favour or against, possible suggestions Expression :1 mark Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [1½] Coherence and relevance of ideas and style [1½]

'Social media (Facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc.) is being used to create disaffection in society.' Write a debate in 120-150 words, either for or against the motion.

OR

Peer pressure is useful for the development of an individual. If there is no peer pressure at all then there would be no goal or aim to succeed. Write a speech on the topic - 'Is Peer Pressure Beneficial or Not?'

SECTION C – LITERATURE (31 MARKS)

10. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for <u>ANY ONE</u> of the two given: (3 x 1 = 3 marks)

"It is the engine of her family. She strokes it full, then flirts out to a branch end Showing her barred face identity mask".

- a. Which poetic device has been used in the line, 'It is the engine of her family'?
 - i. Simile
 - ii. Metaphor
 - iii. Analogy
 - iv. Alliteration
- b. What is meant by 'barred face'?

Face marked with stripes / face is dominantly yellow but has a black spot on it.

c. The mother goldfinch bird flirts out to a branch end.

OR

Yet I have killed The seed I spent or sown it where The land is his and none of mine?

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OR

We speak like strangers, there's no sign Of understanding in the air. This child is built to my design Yet what he loves I cannot share.

a. Why does the father use 'I' in the line 'The seed I spent or sown it where'?
i. to acknowledge his sorrow
ii. to let his son know his importance
iii. to acknowledge his role in the strange relation
iv. to make him understand about him
b. What is the meaning of '*This child is built to my design Yet what he loves I cannot share*?'
His son looks like him yet they don't have anything to share

c. The rhyme scheme of the given lines is **abccbcb**

11. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for <u>ANY ONE</u> of the two given: (3 x 1 = 3 marks)

The world's most famous mummy glided head first into a CT scanner brought here to probe the lingering medical mysteries of this little understood young ruler who died more than 3,300 years ago. All afternoon the usual line of tourists from around the world had descended into the cramped, rock-cut tomb some 26 feet underground to pay their respects.

a. How deep was the tomb?

i. 20 **ii. 26** iii. 62 iv. 60

b. To whom is 'younger ruler' being referred to in the above extract?

Tut

c. The tomb was constructed in <u>rock</u> / <u>Egypt</u>

OR

"There, before heading east, we took on two crewmen-American Larry Vigil and Swiss Herb Seigler- to help us tackle one of the world's roughest seas, the southern Indian Ocean. On our second day out of Cape Town, we began to encounter strong gales. For the next few weeks, they blew continuously. Gales did not worry me; but the size of the waves was alarming –up to 15 metres, as high as our main mast."

a. What was the height of the mast of the ship?

i. 15 metres ii. 10 metres iii. 05 metres iv. 51 metres

b. The author was worried about the size of the wave.

c. Why two extra crewmen were hired? to tackle the southern Indian Ocean

12. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for <u>ANY ONE</u> of the two given:

(4 x 1 = 4 marks)

To the proceedings. Being just (And placider now) he said, 'I must Have all the workmen hanged instead.' The workmen looked surprised, and said, 'O King, you do not realize The bricks were made of the wrong size.' 'Summon the masons!' said the King. The masons stood there quivering. 'It was the architect...', they said, The architect was summoned.

a. What was the problem with the bricks? **The bricks were made small** b. What does the word (Oniversity 2) mean?

b. What does the word 'Quivering' mean?

i. The act of vibrating due to fear

ii. The act of vibrating due to cold

iii. The act of vibrating due to joy

iv. The act of vibrating due to sorrow

c. The masons passed the blame to **architect.**

d. Find the word from the extract which means the same as 'call someone officially.' **summon**

OR

Perhaps I was mistaken. I thought, perhaps it isn't her. I had seen her only once, fleetingly, and that was years ago. It was most probable that I had rung the wrong bell. The woman let go of the door and stepped to the side. She was wearing my mother's green knitted cardigan. The wooden buttons were rather pale from washing. She saw that I was looking at the cardigan and half hid herself again behind the door. But I knew now that I was right.

(a) which of the following doubts the author had about the lady of the house?

(I) author had reached the wrong house

(II) author was not wearing red cardigan

(III) author forgot to carry proof of address

(IV) author could not recognize the face of the lady

(V) probably it was not the lady she was looking for

(i) I, II, III (ii) **I**, **IV**, **V** (iii) II, IV, V (iv) III, IV, I

b. The lady hid herself behind the door because the author was looking at the things placed in the house. **TRUE or FALSE**

c. The colour of the buttons of the cardigan faded due to washing.

d. What was the colour of the cardigan? Green

13. Answer <u>ANY TWO</u> of the following four questions in about 40-50 words: (3 x 2 = 6 marks)

a. How did Professor Gaitonde make the transition from one reality to the other?

At the time of collision, Professor Gaitonde was probably thinking about the catastrophe theory and its role in wars. Perhaps he was wondering about the Battle of Panipat and the neurons in his brain acted as a trigger.

b. What is the meaning of the line "Both wry with the laboured ease of loss."

The sea holiday and the laughter of the poet's mother are incidents of the past. There is a sense of loss associated with them. The above lines mean that the poet's mother felt pain whenever she saw the old photograph because the innocent childhood days would never be back. Those are just the memories. While the poet has lost her mother twelve years ago and she misses her a lot and recalls her laughing and pointing out the outfits they used to wear at the beach holidays. Both of them lost something. This sense of loss is quite painful to bear.

c. What was the purpose of the journey to Mount Kailash?

Nick Middleton was an Oxford professor as well an adventurer. He follows the most difficult terrain through the Silk Road and reaches Mount Kailash. He visits the holy place and completes the Kora- going around the place.

d. What are the poet's feelings towards childhood?

The poet regards childhood as an important stage in the process of growing up. Childhood is a period of make-believe. Children readily accept whatever the elders say. The poet considers childhood as a period of innocence. He sincerely feels that a child is free from all evils and that for a child there is really a Hell and a Heaven. A child knows no hypocrisy. There is no difference between his thoughts and actions. In short, childhood is a state of innocence and purity of heart. 14. Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following two questions in about 40-50 words:

(3 x 1 = 3 marks)

a. What was the change that came over the Pearson family in the end?

When Mrs. Fitzgerald left, Mrs. Pearson's family was relieved to see her smile. Mrs. Pearson decided to stay home for a family game of rummy and have the children prepare dinner. They readily agreed and gathered around Mrs. Pearson at the end of the play.

b. Describe how the melon became the future King.

The ministers decided that the person who would pass the arch the next day would be the future king. The next day, it was an idiot who passed the arch, and when asked who should be the next king, he replied, "a melon. According to the decision, a melon was carried by the ministers and set on the throne. Thus, the melon became the next king.

15. Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> out of two questions: - (1x 6 = 6 marks)

There is a parallel drawn between rain and music. With reference to the poem, 'Voice of Rain' explain the similarity between the two.

The lines, "I am the Poem of Earth", said by the voice of the rain, reflects a connection between rain and poet. This connection becomes more easily visible in the final two lines, "(For song, issuing from its birth-place, after fulfillment, wandering reck'd or unreck'd, duly with love returns)". In these lines, the poet draws similarities between rain and music observing that the life-cycle of rain and song are alike. The song issues from the heart of the poet and travels to reach others. It wanders and, whether heard and enjoyed or not, eventually returns to its creator with all due love. Similarly, rain originates from the earth, and after fulfilling its role of spreading beauty and purity, returns to its origin. Both are perpetual in nature. Moreover, the sound of the soft-falling rain is in itself a kind of music.

OR

Throw light on the character of Mrs Dorling from the lesson 'The Address'.

Mrs. Dorling was an old acquaintance of Mrs. S and lived in Macroni Street 46. She appears a very mysterious lady with greedy heart and shrewd mind. She contacted Mrs. S, only at the time when the war in Holland was about to break. She convinced Mrs. S to hand her all the possessions to her sole self to keep them safe. Mrs. S is taken in. She is too simple to question the appropriateness of the demand. Mrs. Dorling insisted to take away Mrs. S's all the belongings. She would come early in the morning so that she could complete her 'errands', unnoticed by the neighbors. One by one she took away all the stuff from Mrs. S's house. But she didn't keep those things 'safe'. She used them; the narrator came to know about it on her visit. Her meanness didn't stop here only. When the narrator (Mrs. S's daughter) visited her, she refused to recognize her. Dorling behaved in a cold manner and thought she would have died during the war. When the

narrator recognized the cardigan as her mother's she was shrewd enough to hide herself behind the door. It was clear that she didn't want to return those valuables. She was not the same as her mother told and with her daughter's wish she entered the house. Dorling flaunted the things and explained that these all are antique. She was cold and a pestered woman who tries to fulfill her greed through her friend's valuables. Later when the narrator visited her house the second time, her fifteen-year-old daughter told that her mother was out on her important 'errand'. It all clearly proves that Mrs. Dorling was such a fellow who would go to any extent to profit herself. Her character is typical of such rogues who crop, soar at the time of wars. Such people are after gold only.

Compare and contrast Andrew's emotional, mental and physical state at the beginning of the story and at the end.

At the beginning of the story Andrew is physically tired and emotionally upset. He has just returned from a disappointing evening with Christine, the girl he loved. His thoughts are heavy and muddled. The episode he had witnessed at Cardiff station still filled his mind with sadness. Though he thought of marriage as a blissful state, he couldn't help remembering the miserable failure of many marriages. At the end of the story, Andrew is physically exhausted but emotionally cheerful and mentally alert. His mind is filled with joy and self-satisfaction. He has performed an unusual feat, no less than a miracle. He calls upon God as witness that he has done something real at last. This sense of achievement helps him to overcome physical fatigue. His sense of duty towards his patients helps him to attend them whole- heartedly. He forgets his personal feelings and thinks only of reviving the patients.

16. Answer ANY ONE out of two questions: -

(1x 6 = 6 marks)

'Sometimes it does people good to have their feelings hurt.' Who says this and what does she do to hurt Mr. Pearson?

When Mr. Pearson announced that he did not wish to drink tea, after he returned from work, the real Mrs. Fitzgerald informs him that his tea was not ready. He is angry and she reminds him that he was annoyed because he did not get the tea that he did not want in the first place. She adds that if he did that at a bar-went up to the bar at the club and told them he did not want a glass of beer but got irritated because they had not already poured it out for him, they would laugh at him even more than they did already. George was indignant and she added that he was one of their standing jokes and was called 'Pompy-ompy Pearson' because they thought that he was slow and pompous. George checks with Cyril on the truth of the matter, and Cyril accuses his mother of not being fair and sensitive. To which, she replies that sometimes it does people good to have their feelings hurt.

OR

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