



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

PRE-MID TERM EXAM (2023-24)

Class: X

Sub: ENGLISH

Max Marks: 30

Date: 25.05.23

ANSWER KEY

Time: 1 hour

SECTION A: READING (5 marks)

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:

i c) are not owned by anyone.

ii. List two ways to stop the nets from becoming ghosts:

Advocate for fishing gear that can be traced to its owner so anyone dumping nets can be fined and refundable deposits on nets to encourage returning or recycling rather than littering. Tools like sonar reflectors that can make ghost nets easier to find and working with small-scale fisheries to develop more sustainable fishing gear and practices are other suggestions

iii. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'negligible', from words used in paragraph 2.

B. monumental

iv. The writer would agree with the given statements based on paragraph 3, EXCEPT:

C. Most ghost nets provide nutrition to marine animals, upon disintegration.

v. Select the most suitable title for the above passage.

c) Ghost Nets – A Menace to Marine Life

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (10 marks)

2.A Look at the following poster denouncing dowry. Based on the picture and using your own ideas write a letter to the Editor of a national daily expressing your views on the evils of dowry and how this problem needs to be tackled. (5 marks)

Format- 1,

Content -2

Organization of ideas -1

Accuracy 1

OR

2. B You are Rakesh/ Rita, a member of Animal Protection Forum of your state. You are working for the protection of animals from illegal killing and poaching. Using your own ideas, write a letter in about 100-120 words to the Editor of the Telegraph highlighting the above-mentioned issue to spread awareness amongst the public to control the problem.

Format- 1,

Content -2

Organization of ideas -1

Accuracy 1

3. Fill in each blank with the most appropriate option given below- (ANY FIVE) (1x5= 5marks)

i. The candidate _____ speaking for ten minutes now.

a) had b) had been c) was been d) is being

ii. I _____ white washing my house since morning, so I am feeling tired.

- a) **have been** b) has been c) will be d) will have been

iii. This road _____ to the post office.

- a) leading **b) leads** c) has lead d) lead

iv. By next Monday he _____ staying at my uncle's house for three weeks.

- a) will have b) shall have **c) will have been** d) shall have been

v. Yesterday, when I _____ home late at night, I _____ to find my house unlocked.

- (a) had returned, was shocked **(b) returned, was shocked**

- (c) was returned, got shocked (d) had to return, were shocked

vi. The regional competition awards have been announced and our school music club----- the first prize.

- a) had been won b) will win c) was winning **d) has won**

SECTION C: LITERATURE - (15 marks)

4. Attempt any ONE from (A) and (B) given below:

(A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x4 = 4marks)

The way a crow
shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

(a) Choose the option that lists the possible feelings of the poet prior to the experience shared in the poem.

- (i) reassured (ii) disappointed (iii) curious (iv) demotivated (v) thankful
(vi) disheartened (vii) impulsive

Answer-

- (b) 2,4 and 6**

(b) In the poem, which negative symbols have been used to create a positive effect?

- (i) hemlock tree- crow**

(c). Select the sentence in which the word ‘shook’ is used in the extract.

(iii) **She shook the laundry before hanging it on the line.**

d. Synecdoche is a poetic device that uses a part to represent the whole. Pick an example of synecdoche from the poem. **Has given my heart a change of mood**

OR

(B)) **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x4 = 4marks)**

The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said: “God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don’t send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho.”

(a) On reading the letter the postmaster was

(b) **(ii) dismayed**

(c) ‘The post office employees are a bunch of crooks’ The statement is:

(d) **ironic**

(d) “..... Bunch of crooks’ Pick the option that DOES NOT collate with ‘bunch of’ correctly.

(i) **bunch of islands**

(e) Why did Lencho not want the money to be sent through mail?

Lencho wrote in his second letter that he received only seventy pesos but he needed a hundred pesos. He requested God not to send rest of the money by post since the post office employees were a bunch of crooks and would steal the money.

5. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 30-40 words: - (3 x 2 = 6 marks)

i. What is ironic about the post office staff helping Lencho?

Read his letter; got seventy pesos; felt unhappy; called post office employees a bunch of crooks; requested God not to send money through the mail.

ii. What do people think about the end of the world? Who does the poet side with and why?

The people think that the world will be destroyed by either fire or by ice. The poet takes side with those who believe that the world will be destroyed by fire. Frost connects fire with desire. According to the poet, desire is powerful and would be a quick end. Moreover, the fact that he has had personal experience with desire leads him to first conclude that the world will end in fire.

iii. Why is Mrs. Pumphrey responsible for Tricki’s condition?

Pampered him a lot/overfed him/did not take him for walks even after Dr.Herriot’s advice.

6. Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 100-120 words: - (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

- i. Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricki, pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment.

Mrs. Pumphrey, a fabulously rich lady/passionately attached to her dog Tricki/overfed him/pampered him in all kinds of ways/ignored the vet's advice/Tricky gained excessive weight/fell seriously ill/made frantic calls to a doctor/taken to the surgery/normal diet given/improved/shed extra weight/looked healthy and smart.

OR

- ii. Some moment proves to be very significant and saves rest of the day of poet from being wasted. Explain on the basis of the poem 'Dust of snow'.

In this poem Robert Frost reiterates that the little things in life can make huge changes in the future. The poet was upset in the beginning of the poem but a small incident of falling snow changes his mood totally. In the end the poet felt relaxed and thankful to the nature for saving his day and from being wasted. From this poem we understand that nothing is good or bad in the world only our thinking makes so. According to the poet the best things in life are free. Noticing and appreciating all the small things in life will make our life happier. Our life is full of problems. We should solve them rather than sitting and regretting. If we take the hard times of life in stride, eventually something will happen to change our situation into happier times. Sometimes unimportant things change the meaning of life, like a lesson taught by crow and the hemlock how to take adverse season in stride and work for the better life. The shower of snow created by the crow certainly improves the poet's mood. Perhaps the poet is saying that even something that one usually associates with negativity can have a positive impact. It will also cause us to have a spirit that is willing to change and therefore succeed.