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MODEL ANSWERS

ಸಂಕೇತ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 31-E **CODE NO: 31-E**

ವಿಷಯ: ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಭಾಷೆ - ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್

Subject: Second Language - ENGLISH

ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂಕಗಳು : 80 **Max marks : 80**

I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions/incomplete statements. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet.

4×1=4

1. Read the following sentence and choose the infinitive:

Lisha loved to live in peace with her family relatives.

(A) loved (B) to live (C) lived (D) love

Ans - (B) to live

2. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following statement:

Susheela is an obedient girl , ...

(A) isn't she? (B) doesn't she? (C) was she? (D) is she?

Ans - (A) isn't she?

3. Read the given conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentence:

Sonu: Hello Babu , Why are you standing here ?

Babu : Hello Sonu, I am waiting for the bus. I have to go to the library

Sonu : Come. I will drop you. I am going that way.

(A) Giving instruction (B) seeking help

(C) Suggesting (D) Offering help

Ans - (D) offering help

4. Read the following conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate word/words to complete if clause:

Anagh: Did you go to the Concert yesterday?

Rishi: Yes, I had been with my family. I was spellbound.

Anagh: Is it ? I missed the chance. If you had called me, I….. . joined you.

(A) will have (B) wouldn't have (C) would have (D) shall have

Ans - (C) would have

II. Do as directed: 12×1=12

5. Which one of the following words has one syllable?

even, telling, different, road.

Ans – road

6. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition:

Everyday Shama gets up early ……. the morning.

Ans - in

7. Fill in the blank with the suitable linker:

Sadhana was tired, ……..she attended the programme .

Ans - but

8. Combine the following sentences using 'so……that ' :

Boys are very active. They can do any work.

Ans - Boys are so active that they can do any work.

9. Use the word **' water '** as a **verb** in your own sentence.

Ans - meaningful sentence.

10. Fill in the blank using the correct article:

There is …….x-ray machine.

Ans - an

11. . Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of the verbs given in the brackets:

I …….. (be + read) when he came to my house.

Ans - was reading

12. Change the following sentence into passive voice:

The students have taken the permission.

Ans - The permission has been taken by the students.

13. Write the correct form of the word given in the brackets:

We took a lot of ……..(beauty) photographs of the hills and valleys in Ooty,.

Ans - beautiful

14. Change the following sentence into comparative degree:

Seema is the tallest girl in our class.

Ans - Seema is taller than any other girl in our class.

15. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:

I saw a <u>running</u> horse in the park.

Ans - Adjective

16. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech:

Adithya : Hello Chaarvi , how are you ?

Chaarvi : I am fine, thank you.

Adithya : <u>Are you working here?</u>

Chaarvi : Yes, I am. I joined this company last week.

Adithya asked Chaarvi .....

Ans - Adithya asked Chaarvi if (whether)she was working there.

III. The following paragraph has two errors. Edit the paragraph and rewrite it in the answer booklet: The clues are given below. 1×2=2

17. Congratulations were showered on Swami, the next day. His classmates look at him on respect.

a) Verb to be corrected. b) Preposition to be corrected

Ans - Congratulations were showered on Swami, the next day. His classmates <u>looked</u> at him <u>with</u> respect.

IV. Answer the following questions in 2–3 sentences each: 7×2=14

18. How did Don Anselmo greet the guests who were waiting for him?

Ans - The old man bowed to all of them in the room. He then removed his hat and gloves, slowly and carefully, handed his things to a boy who stood obediently behind his chair.

19.Babasaheb Ambedkar considered public agitation in free India as unconstitutional. Why?

Ans - The right to rebel is recognized against any alien government, that is without people's consent, but not in a democratic nation which is based on free and fair elections. So, agitation against an elected government is unconstitutional.

20. What makes you think that Aunt Sushila had supported Anant's family?

Ans - Anant's family stayed with Aunt Sushila in Bombay. Her apartment was not big but there was always room for them.

21. According to Keilis Borok "Science is an exciting adventure". Explain?

Ans - The pursuit of science is an exciting adventure. When we take up a scientific venture, we do so without knowing what the outcome is going to be. If the outcome is good, it gives joy as is directed at the welfare of common people.

22. Bring out the contrast between the land's patience and human behaviour in the the poem, 'I am The Land'?

Ans - The speaker in the poem is land. It says that it is always patient and bears all that is done to it. The reader uses the land in many ways. He digs the land, grows fruits and trees and even fights for land.

23. How was the visit of Patil, the sub-inspector, helpful to Mohan's family?

Ans - Mr.Patil, the sub inspector came to Mohan's house to warn him about the police raid. He helped Mohan's family by taking away the cyclostyling machine from their house.

OR

What can we learn from Dicky Dolma's life?

Ans - Whenever hurdles come, we must face them boldly. Dolma's determination and hard work and zeal for the work are really inspiring.

24. How was life for Haneef always ' ekdam bindas '.

Ans - Haneef dabbled in art, sketched very well, made beautiful cards out of waste material, read a great deal and loved playing the drums. That is why the officers at 'Raj Rifs' made him get all his instruments from Delhi and form the music group 'Haneef'.

OR

Why did Wangjia decide not to go back from his journey?

Ans - After the first stage of his journey, Wanjia felt that it was tough going. He wondered whether he would succeed in finding the bird of happiness. However, he did not loose courage and thinking of turning back. He reminded himself that the people in his village were waiting for him to bring back happiness. So, he continued his journey.

V. Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each: 2×3=6

25. Write in your own words how Swami became a hero overnight.

Ans - The newspaper carried a report about a village lad who had fought bravely against a tiger, while he was returning home by the jungle path. Swami argued that a boy could not fight a tiger and it had to be a strong, grown-up person. His father disagreed saying that courage was more important. Swami was not ready to accept this. His father then challenged him to show his courage by sleeping alone in the office that night. While Swami was sleeping there, he saw a dark figure. Believing it to be the devil, Swami dug his teeth into its leg. It turned out to be a notorious burglar whose loud cry brought others to the scene. The burglar was caught and Swami became a hero overnight.

26.The Jazz player's pathetic life is lifted by his music. Justify.

Ans - The poet describes the appearance of old Jazz player and how he gets transformed when he plays the music he loves. The Jazz player had a rough unshaven face and a sagging stomach. He wore a faded blue shirt, a loose necktie and an old jacket. His shoes were run down. Across his chest was an old alto saxophone supported from his neck, by a wire coat hanger. The Jazz player at first had a weary expression on his face. He kept his head down and seemed lifeless. When it was his turn to play, he lifted the saxophone to his lips. Suddenly, he was filled with a new life. He was no longer a helpless old man; there was some magical power in his music which drew people to him. His music made him forget all his pains and made his mind free, like a bird flying higher and higher. He was totally lost in the beautiful music he produced, till he stopped playing it.

VI. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: 4×3=12

27. **"Chacha, can I borrow your mobile? "**

a) Who made this request?

Ans - a) Baleshwar Mishra

b) Who does "Chacha" refer to?

Ans - b) The Gujarati Tempo truck driver

c) Why did the speaker ask for the mobile?

Ans - c) To call and inform Dinesh Talreja about Roma.

28**. "Boy, come here. What were the words "**

a) Who called the boy?

Ans - a) Columbus

b) Who is the 'boy' referred to here?

Ans - b) Pepe

c) Why did the speaker call the boy?

Ans - c) The speaker called the boy to know what Guillermo had said about him.

29 **. 'This is an idle pastime.You would do better to read and get some knowledge .'**

a) Who is the speaker?

Ans - a) Satish's father (Mr.Avtar Narain) .

b) who does" you" refer to?

Ans - b) 'you' here is Satish.

c) What is referred to here as 'idle pastime"?

Ans - c) Drawing and painting is referred to, here as an idle pastime.

30. **“With the tea cups circling round me like the planets round the Sun.”**

a) what two things are compared here?

Ans - a) Teacups and planets.

b) Why would the poet feel so?

Ans - b) In space, there is no gravitational force like on Earth. So, teacups would circle him like planets around the Sun.

c)Where does this happen?

Ans - c) In space

VII. Given below is a profile. Write a paragraph using the clues given below. 1×3=3

31. Name : P. T. Usha.
Born : 27th June, 1964
Place of birth : Kerala
Parents : Paithal and Lakshmi
Nationality : Indian
Known for : Track and field athlete ; sprinter
Other names : Payyoli Express, Golden Girl
Employed : Indian Railways
Awards : Asian Athletic Championship, 1983; Padmashree in 1985

Ans - This is a profile of P T Usha. She was born on June 27, 1964, in Kerala. Her parents were Paithal and Lakshmi. She is an Indian track and field athlete, a sprinter. She is popularly known as the "Payyoli Express" and the "Golden Girl." She is an employee of the Indian Railways. She won the Asian Athletics championship in 1983. She was given the prestigious ‘Padmashree’ award in 1985.

VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below: 1×3=3

32. Two notorious thieves- on the lookout for a prey- consider themselves very clever - enter a rich man’s house-find the safe open - happy at their unexpected luck- pile up everything, gold, silver and money - lights come on- man with a gun appears- the thieves tried to escape- but in vain - the man calls the police.

Ans - Once there were two notorious thieves. They were on the lookout for a prey. They considered themselves very clever. They entered a rich man’s house but find the safe open.They were very happy at their unexpected luck. Happily, they piled up everything gold, silver and money. But suddenly lights were on and a man with a gun appeared. The thieves tried to escape but in vain. The man called the police and the thieves were sent to jail.

IX. Study the picture given below: **1×3=3**

33. Write a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you in a paragraph.



Ans - The picture shows a physically challenged person who achieves success through determination and hard work. Despite facing many obstacles in life, he never gives up on his dreams. He uses his talent and creativity to excel in art and other activities. His journey inspires others to believe in themselves and overcome difficulties. The applause and recognition he receives reflect his achievements and perseverance. The picture conveys the message that physical disability is not a barrier to success if one has courage, confidence, and dedication.

Alternative question for Visually impaired candidates only.

(In lieu of Q.No.33) Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own:

(3×1=3)

a) good at

b) search for

c) look after

Ans - Grammatically meaningful sentences.

X. Quote from memory: **1×4=4**

34. His sceptre ……..

……

……

…….. sceptred sway.

Ans - His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,

The attribute to awe and majesty,

Where in doth sit the dread and fear of kings;

But mercy is above this sceptred sway;

OR

You talk of_____,

_____

_____

_____day or night?

Ans - You talk of wondrous things you see,

You say the sun shines bright;

I feel him warm, but how can he

Or make it day or night?

XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: 1×4=4 (2+2)

35. Science and technology have transformed human life in many ways. Scientific discoveries and technological inventions have made communication faster, transportation easier and healthcare more effective. Computers, smartphones, and the internet help people access information instantly and stay connected with others around the world. While science helps us understand the natural world, technology applies that knowledge to solve practical problems and improve our quality of life.

a) How have science and technology transformed human life?

Ans - a) Scientific discoveries and technological inventions have made communication faster, transportation easier and healthcare more effective. Computers, smartphones, and the internet help people access information instantly and stay connected with others around the world.

b) How does technology help to improve our quality of life?

Ans - b) While science helps us understand the natural world, technology applies that knowledge to solve practical problems and improve our quality of life.

XII. Answer the following question in about 8–10 sentences: 1×4=4

36. Summarize in your own words the substance of the poem "Grandma Climbs a tree".

Ans - The poem 'Grandma Climbs a Tree' is written by Ruskin Bond. He calls his grandmother as "genius" because she could climb trees in a trice even at the age of 62. She was passionate to climb the trees and learned it from her loving brother at the age of six. Everybody feared that granny would fall from a tree one day. One day she climbed a tree but could not come down. After the rescue, the doctor recommended her, a week's bed rest. But for granny it was like a brief season in hell. Once she recovered, she demanded a house to be built on a tree. The poet's father who was dutiful, fulfilled his mother's wish, with the expert assistance of his son, the poet. Then granny moved up and enjoyed her life as she wished.

OR

In the poem, “Ballad of the Tempest”, the poet highlights faith and hope. Justify.

Ans - It was a dark, stormy night in winter. A ship was out at sea. Huge waves hit against the ship while the sea was roaring hungrily. The sailors with scared that they would die. So, they crowded together in the cabin. None could sleep. Not even the strongest among them. They sat in the darkness and prayed. As the tempest continued, the captain gave up hope and said that they were lost. At that point, the captain's little daughter held his hand and innocently spoke to her father saying that the same God,who protected them on land would protect them at ocean. Her faith in God filled the seamen with hope. The seamen kissed her for being so hopeful. All of them relaxed and they started cheering each other’s spirit. By next morning, the storm cleared and they reached the harbour safely.

OR

Narrate the conversation between the poet V. K. Gokak and mother India.

Ans - The poem song of India is a conversation between the poet V.K. Gokak and mother India. The poet asks if he could sing about the nature of the Himalayas and the three seas. Mother India, instead asks him to write about beggars and lepers and the hard-working people. When the poet asks the mother if he could sing about the beauty of the temples or about soldiers or seers and prophets, she becomes furious and orders him to sing about millions of hard- working people and helpless poor children dwelling in bleak and dark homes. Further, the poet nervously asks if he could sing about technological and scientific advances like building dams, lakes, Steel Mills, ship building yards. She urges him to add information about strikes and class wars in the society. Finally, when he asks her if he cannot write an unalloyed poem in praise of mother India, she reveals a vision where the beautiful mother, is writing in a book of tomorrow, a bright and clear picture for the country’s future. Ultimately, the poem ends on an optimistic view. The poet is now happy to write about the bright future.

XIII. Write an essay on any one of the following: 1×4=4

37. a) Advantages and disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence

Ans - Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a technology that enables machines to perform tasks that usually require human intelligence. It is widely used in education, healthcare, business and many other fields.AI has several advantages. It can work quickly and accurately, saving both time and effort. AI-powered systems help doctors diagnose diseases, assist students in learning, and improve productivity in workplaces. It can also analyse large amounts of data and provide useful information for better decision-making. AI based devices such as virtual assistants and navigation systems make daily life easier and more convenient. However, AI also has some disadvantages. One major concern is unemployment, as machines may replace workers in certain jobs. Developing and maintaining AI systems can be expensive. AI also raises privacy concerns because it often collects and stores personal information. Another limitation is that AI lacks human emotions, creativity, and moral judgment. It can make mistakes if it is given incorrect or biased data. In conclusion, AI is a powerful technology that offers many benefits, including efficiency, accuracy, and convenience. However, it also presents challenges such as job loss and privacy issues. Therefore, AI should be used wisely and responsibly to ensure that it benefits society while reducing its negative effects.

b) Importance of Yoga

Ans - Yoga is an ancient Indian practice that connects the body, mind, and soul. It has been practiced for thousands of years to achieve good health. Today, people all over the world practice yoga for its amazing benefits. It includes physical exercises, breathing techniques, and meditation. Doing yoga every day helps to keep our body healthy and active. It increases our body flexibility and makes our muscles stronger. It also improves our body posture and balance. Yoga is excellent for our heart and regularizes blood circulation. It boosts our immune system and helps the body fight diseases.Apart from physical health, yoga is very good for mental peace. It reduces daily stress, tension, and anxiety. It helps us to increase our focus, concentration, and memory power. Practicing yoga in the morning gives us positive energy for the whole day. It teaches us to control our emotions and stay calm in difficult situations. Yoga is not a religion; it is a healthy way of living. People of all age groups, from children to elders, can practice it. It does not require any expensive equipment's, just a simple mat is enough. International Yoga Day is celebrated every year on June 21st to spread its awareness. In short, yoga is the best natural medicine to live a happy, healthy, and peaceful life.

c) Save trees, save earth

Ans - Trees are the best gift of nature for us. They make the environment beautiful and clean. Water and sunlight are very important to help trees grow. Human beings get food from trees. Trees also give us wood and shade. Houses, chairs and toys are made from wood we receive from trees. Trees can be called the best friend to mankind. Many animals get their food from leaves, vegetables and fruits grown on trees. They also live near the shadow of trees. We should stop cutting trees to save nature. Children and adults need to plant more trees and teach each other to stop causing harm to nature. One tree can save many lives.

XIV

Imagine you are Shashank/Shamita, X std, studying in Govt. High School Vidyanagar, Udupi.

Write a letter to your father about your progress in studies.

OR

Write a letter to the Manager, K.S.R.T.C, requesting him to provide more buses to your village.
1 x 5 = 5

Shashank/ Shamita
Govt. High School Vidyanagar
Udupi
31 May 2026

Dear Father,

I am fine here with my studies and health. I hope the same from you. As the Annual Examination is around the corner, I have been studying well. At least 6-8 hours a day. I have secured more marks in all the subjects in the Formative Assessments. My teachers have a very good opinion about me. They expect my results will be in top ranks. Now I am studying as per their plans and suggestions. I am confident that I will do very well in the exam. Please convey my best regards to sister, brother and mother.

Yours loving son/daughter.

Shashank/Shamita

OR

From,

Shashank/Shamita

Govt. High School Vidyanagar

Udupi

31 May 2026

To,

The Manager

K.S.R.T.C.,

Kundapura

Dear Sir,

Sub: Request to provide more buses.

I am a resident of Vidyanagar, Udupi. There are more than two hundred families living in this area. There are about ninety college going boys and girls. Many people go to the town for jobs and business. There is only one bus running between Udupi and our area. We find it very difficult to reach the town in time. Sometimes the bus does not come at all. So, on behalf of the residents of this village. I humbly request you to provide two more buses to our area.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Shashank/Shamita