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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**

Qn Nos	Value Points	Marks
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.**	**4x1=4**
1.	Read the conversation and choose the correct infinitive: Meghana : Hi Arati, will you come to market? I want to buy vegetables. Arati : Sure. Shall we go by bus? Meghana : No, let's take an auto. A) go B) come C) to buy D) want	
	C) to buy	
2.	Choose the appropriate question tag. You are an excellent sailor. _____ ? A) are you? B) aren't you? C) do you? D) don't you?	
	B) aren't you?	
3.	Read the given conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentences. Sujay : I'm suffering from stomach ache since last week. Vijay : Don't worry. It'll turn out all right. <u>Why don't you consult an expert doctor?</u> A) Giving suggestion B) Offering help C) Seeking permission D) Expressing sympathy	
	A) Giving suggestion	
4.	Read the conversation and fill in the blanks with the correct 'if clause'. Radhika : Hey Suma! Did you meet Anu yesterday? Suma : No, it was raining till late at night. Otherwise, I_____ gone to her house. A) would not have B) would have C) should have D) should not have	
	B) would have	

II.	Do as Directed.	**12x1=12**
5.	Which one of the following words has one syllable? Prompt, nursery, manage, thunder	
	prompt	
6.	Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition: My mother asked me to go along _____ my sister.	
	with	
7.	Fill in the blank with the suitable linker: Mr. Kamalesh is hard working _____ always punctual.	
	and	
8.	Combine the following sentences using 'so……that': Sharon is very tired. She cannot attend the gym class today.	
	Sharon is so tired that she cannot attend the gym class today.	
9.	Use the word 'shout' as a noun in your own sentence.	
	Meaningful sentence.	
10.	Fill in the blank using the correct article: Mr. Shervin is _____ CEO of Muskan Pvt Ltd.	
	the	
11.	Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in brackets When the teacher saw the students, they _____ (be + do) the project.	
	were doing	
12.	Change the following sentence into passive voice: Granny was telling a story.	
	A story was being told by granny.	
13.	Write the correct form of the word given in the brackets: My theoretical knowledge had a great _____ (apply) in the area of survival of mankind.	
	application	
14.	Change the following sentence into positive degree: Sharan is taller than any other boy in our class.	
	No other boy in our class is as tall as Sharan.	
15.	Identify the part of speech of the underlined word: Ananya walks <u>slowly.</u>	
	adverb	
16.	Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech: Raju : Are you working in this company? Rakesh : Yes, I am. <u>I joined this company last year.</u>	
	Rakesh told Raju that he had joined that company the previous year.	
III.	The following paragraph has two errors. Edit the paragraph and rewrite it in the answer booklet. Clues are given below:	**2x1=2**
17.	The captain shouted hoarse and sayed that nothing could save them. (a) Adverbial mistake to be corrected. (b) Verbal/Spelling mistake to be corrected.	
	The captain shouted hoarsely and said that nothing could save them.	

IV.	Answer the following questions in 2–3 sentences each:	**7x2=14**
18.	The storyteller offered the old man almost double what he had quoted earlier. Why?	
	The story teller offered the old man, double of what he had quoted earlier as he had discovered that Don Anselmo owned more than eight acres of land.	
19.	Dr. B R Ambedkar worked for the upliftment of the depressed classes. Explain.	
	Dr B R Ambedkar was impressed by the life and work of Mahatma Phule, the votary of classless society. So, Ambedkar decided to devote his time for the underprivileged. He started newspapers which were recognized as the voices of the depressed classes. Likewise, he started institutions which became vehicles of change.	
20.	What makes you think that aunt Sushila had supported Anant's family?	
	Anant's family stayed with Aunt Sushila in Bombay. Her apartment was not big but there was always room for them.	
21.	How, according to Borok, is the survival of civilization threatened?	
	According to Borok, our civilization is threatened by natural and man-made disasters. Some of them are earthquakes, environmental catastrophes, self-inflicted destruction of mega cities, economic and social crisis	
22.	How does the poem bring out the contrast between the land's patience and human behaviour?	
	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.	Why do you think Mohan's mother was right in handing over the machine to Mr. Patil?	
	Mohan's mother was right in handing over the cyclostyling machine to Mr. Patil because she trusted him and understood the seriousness of the situation. If she had refused, the police might have seized the machine by force and arrested the students involved. Her decision helped prevent further trouble and ensured everyone's safety.	
	(OR)	
	What factors encouraged Dicky Dolma to take up basic Mountaineering course?	
	Dolma came to know that a Mountaineering institute was set up at Manali and it would give training to those who were interested in climbing mountains. Her friends and her family members also encouraged her to join this course. Her home in Palchan surrounded by beautiful Mountain, motivated her to climb mountains.	

24.	Haneef Uddin, "A Great Martyr" was a talented young man. Describe.	
	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)	
	Give an account of the difficulties experienced by the people of Tibet.	
	A certain village in Tibet was very poor. It had no rivers or good land, no warmth or fresh flowers. People suffered from hunger and cold all year around. So, they were unhappy.	
V.	**Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each:**	**2x3=6**
25.	Narrate Swami's dreadful experience when he was lying under the bench.	
	Swami crept under the bench, shut his eyes tight and covered himself with the blanket. Soon he fell asleep. He began to have a nightmare that a tiger was chasing him. He tried to escape. He groaned in despair. He put his hand out to feel his granny's presence, but he touched the wooden leg of the bench. He moved to the edge of the bench and thought that the devil would pull him out and tear him. As it came nearer, he crawled, hugged and used his teeth on it like a mortal weapon. In this way Swami had a dreadful experience under the bench.	
26.	The Jazz player's pathetic life is lifted by his music. Justify.	
	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:**	**4x3=12**
27.	"I hope I'm not too late." a) Who said the above words? b) When did the speaker say so? c) What did he hope, he was not too late for?	
	a) Baleshwar Mishra. b) When Baleshwar was far away from Roma and couldn't see her. c) He hoped that he was not too late to reach her to save her life.	

28.	"Have him down! Pitch him overboard, Put him in irons! Devil's tool" a) Who made this statement? b) Who was called 'devil's tool'? c) Why did the speaker want him to be put in irons?	
	a) The seamen made this statement. b) Columbus was called devil's tool. c) Columbus refused to take them back to Spain.	
29.	"It is no career for a bright boy." a) Who made this statement? b) What does 'it' refer to? c) What made the speaker think so?	
	a) Satish Gujral's father/ Avatar Narain b) Drawing, sketching c) He thought that artists made a pittance.	
30.	"Tracking through your telescope my upward shooting star." a) Who does 'your' refer to? b) Which instrument does the poet tell us to use to track his journey towards space? c) What does the phrase 'my upward shooting star' mean?	
	a) The people on the earth. b) Telescope c) It refers to the space craft which is moving towards the space, in which the poet is travelling.	
VII	**Given below is a profile. Write a paragraph using the clues given below.**	**1x3=3**
31.	Name : Rabindranath Tagore Known in Bengal as : Gurudeva Birth : 7th May, 1861 Parents : Debendranath Tagore and Sarala Devi Occupation : Writer, painter, Singer Notable works : Gitanjali, Jana Gana Mana, Rabindra Sangeet, Amara Sonar Bangla etc. Award : Nobel Prize for literature in 1913 Death : 7th August, 1941	
	This is a profile of Rabindranath Tagore. He is also known in Bengal as Gurudeva. He was born on 7th May 1861. His parents were Debendranath Tagore and Sarala Devi. He was a writer, painter, singer. His notable works are Gitanjali, Jana Gana Mana, Rabindra Sangeet, Amara Sonar Bangla etc. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913. He died on 7th August, 1941.	
VIII	**Develop the story using the clues given below:**	**1x3=3**
32.	Tortoise and hare—argument—race—settle the argument—race started—hare ran fast— slept—tortoise –slowly reached—won the race.	

	One day, a tortoise and a hare had an argument. The hare laughed at the tortoise for being very slow. The tortoise felt sad, but he said, "I may be slow, but I can still win a race." The hare laughed and said, "Let us have a race and settle our argument." Both agreed. They chose a long road and decided the starting and finishing points. The race started. The hare ran very fast and soon went far ahead of the tortoise. He thought, "I have plenty of time. I will take a short nap." So, he lay down under a tree and fell asleep. The tortoise kept walking slowly but steadily. He did not stop. He continued walking towards the finish line. After some time, the hare woke up and saw that the tortoise was already near the finish line. The hare ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. The tortoise had already reached the finish line and won the race. The hare learned a good lesson: Slow and steady wins the race.	
IX.	**Study the picture given below:**	**1x3=3**
33	Write a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you in a paragraph.	
		
	This picture shows four cheerful school children working together to plant trees and care for nature. Two girls and two boys, all wearing their neat school uniforms, are actively participating in a gardening activity. One girl is carefully watering a small sprout with a watering can, while her friend stands beside her holding up a young sapling ready to be planted. On the sides, two boys are kneeling on the ground, with one watching the plants and the other digging into the soil with his hands. Their smiling faces reflect the joy of working as a team to protect the environment.	
	Alternative question for visually impaired candidates only. (In lieu of Q. No. 33)	
	Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own: a) Pick up b) Pick out c) Pick on	3×1=3
	Meaningful sentences.	
X	Quote from memory	1x4=4
34.	The quality .... that takes.	

	The quality of mercy is not strained; It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.	
	(OR)	
	You talk .... or night?	
	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:	1x4=4(2x2)
35.	Change does not always begin with great speeches or important decisions. Sometimes, it begins with a small action taken by an ordinary person. A student who plants a tree, a neighbour who helps an elderly person cross the road, or a group of young people who keep their surroundings clean can inspire others to do the same. When such actions are repeated by many people, they can bring about meaningful change in society. Therefore, we should never underestimate the value of our small efforts. Every positive action, however simple, can become the beginning of something greater. Questions a) How can small actions bring about meaningful change in society? b) What message does the passage convey about individual responsibility?	
	a) Small actions, when repeated by many people, can inspire others and bring about positive change in society. b) The passage teaches us that every person is responsible for making positive changes, and even small efforts can make a big difference.	
XII.	**Answer the following question in about 8 – 10 sentences:**	**1x4=4**
36.	The behaviour of Ruskin Bond's grandmother is unusual. Explain. **OR** Write the summary of the poem 'The Song of India'. **OR** "The spirit of the little maiden saved the life of the sailors." Justify	
	The poet Ruskin Bond calls his grandmother 'genius' as she could climb trees even at the age of 62. She was passionate about climbing trees. She could climb any type of tree, spreading or high. Everyone feared that granny would fall from the tree one day. Neighbours and friends advised her to stop that practice. But she laughed and said she would not stop. Once, she climbed a tree but couldn't come down. After the rescue, the doctor recommended 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 was dutiful, fulfilled his mother's wish, so that granny could live in a tree house, upholding her right to live in a tree.	

	(OR)	
	The poem 'The Song of India' is a conversation between the poet V.K.Gokak and mother India. The poet asks if he could sing about Himalaya mountains and three seas. But mother asks him to sing about beggars, lepers and the poor who swarm the streets. When the poet asks the mother if he might sing about temples, soldiers, seers and prophets, she becomes furious and orders him to sing about millions of hard-working people and helpless poor children living in bleak and dark homes. Further the poet nervously asks her if he could sing about dams, lakes, ship building yards, technology and atomic age. She told him to add in his song about the many strikes and social unrest that happens in the society.Ultimately the poem ends with an optimistic view. Mother India shows him the vision of a bright future of our nation.	
	(OR)	
	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.	
XIII	**Write an essay on any one of the following**	**1x4=4**
37.	a) Air Pollution b) Mobile Phones c) social media	
	a) Air Pollution Air is one of the most essential elements of life. All living organisms need air to live. Air is being abused by our wanton activities. Air pollution is mixture of solid particles and gases in the air. In the long run of progress and development our air is losing its quality. All the pollutants that pollute air are very dangerous. The pollutants of air are found in two forms. One is the gaseous form and second one is solid form. These pollutants remain suspended into the air. They are called, in scientific terms as, the aerosols. The emission of smoke from factories, industries, houses and vehicles largely pollute air. Air pollution has left many adverse effects on the lives of humans and animals. Inhaling air pollutants cause health problems. The major health impacts due to inhaling dirty air include various respiratory, heart and lung diseases. Apart from that, it has damaged the ozone layer that protects us form harmful rays of sun. It has also affected the wildlife and many animals. If we want to live a healthy life, we must save tress and plant new trees to breathe fresh air. For the stability and wellbeing of our environment, it is mandatory that we adopt the climate friendly methods. We have to save our planet earth to save the life from total extinction.	

	b) Mobile Phones A mobile phone or cell phone or smartphone is a hand-held portable radio phone that uses the cellular or satellite network for voice or data communication. Unlike landline phones, which are fixed, mobile phones can be easily carried, and one can contact a person anywhere whether at home, on the bus, in street, or in a meeting. Apart from talking, it can be used for sending SMS, e-mail and for taking photos and videos. High-end mobiles or smart phones act as minicomputers, offering services like internet, diary, music, iPod, calculator, alarm clock, etc. It is extremely useful in emergencies. But there is a tendency to abuse it. To many, it is an addiction rather than a necessity. A cell phone ringing in an auditorium is most annoying. Using a mobile phone while driving a car or a motorbike and crossing a road or a railway track has led to many accidents. Teleshopping is a great nuisance as much as it is useful. Privacy is often violated, as most mobile users are unaware that they could be photographed or tracked. Terrorists use this gadget to trigger bombs and achieve their ends. Mobiles can also cause health hazards. The radiations from mobiles may cause injury to the brain. Cell phones on vibration mode put in front pocket may damage the heart. With all its advantages, what is therefore needed, is judicial use of mobile phones.	
	c) Social Media Social Media has become an integral part of modern life. It has numerous benefits and drawbacks. It connects people globally. It facilitates information sharing. It promotes various forms of expression. Social Media platforms enable individuals to connect with friends, family and colleagues across geographical boundaries, fostering a sense of community and belongingness. It is very helpful for sharing information and creating awareness. It is useful for business and marketing. Social media has a large number of disadvantages too. Sometimes, it may share misinformation and fake news. It may affect mental health by making man addicted to it. Sometimes, it may breech a person's privacy. It can be a double-edged sword. If we use social media responsibly, it may be a benefit to the society.	
XIV	**Write a letter using the information given below:**	**1x5=5**
38.	Imagine you are Ragini \ Rathan studying in 10th std, St. Patrick's High School. Sakaleshpur. Write a letter to your friend, inviting him to join you for the annual day celebration at your school. **OR** Write a letter to The Managing Director BESCOM, complaining about the irregular supply of electricity in your area.	

	St. Patrick's High School Sakaleshpur Date: _____ Dear Rohan, I hope you are fine. I am also fine here. I am writing this letter to invite you to our school's Annual Day celebration.Our Annual Day will be held on 30 August 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in our school auditorium. There will be cultural programmes, dances, songs and a prize distribution ceremony. I am also taking part in a group dance. I would be very happy if you could come and enjoy the programme with me. Please do come and make the occasion more special. Convey my regards to your parents. Yours lovingly, Ragini / Rathan	
	(OR)	
	From, Ragini / Rathan 10th Standard St. Patrick's High School Sakaleshpur Date: _____ To The Managing Director BESCOM Sakaleshpur Subject: Complaint about irregular supply of electricity Respected Sir/Madam, I am a student of 10th Standard at St. Patrick's High School, Sakaleshpur. I am writing this letter to bring to your notice the problem of irregular electricity supply in our area.For the past few weeks, we have been facing frequent power cuts, especially during the evening and night. The irregular supply is causing great difficulty to students who need to study for their examinations. It also affects household work and causes inconvenience to the residents. I kindly request you to take immediate action to solve this problem and ensure a regular supply of electricity in our area. I hope you will look into the matter at the earliest. Thanking you Yours faithfully, Ragini / Rathan 10th Standard St. Patrick's High School Sakaleshpur	