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Answer Key

CLASS: VI
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
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SECTION-A READING SKILL (20 MARKS)

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MARKS: 80
DURATION: 2hrs 30mins

I. Prose Comprehension- (10×1=10)

. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

1. Ideas rule the world. You shape your fate and decide your destiny by your thoughts. You have to think high to rise. You have to believe and be sure of yourself to win a prize. Life's battles do not always go to the stronger or the faster man. But, sooner or later, the man who wins is the man who thinks he can.
2. Success starts with your thoughts. Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve. And your mind is nothing more than a bundle of thoughts. Since you have the power to shape your thoughts, you automatically have the power to fashion your fate and decide your destiny. Thus, your thoughts are the most potent, powerful and prime source of your success.
3. For your thoughts to blossom into success, they should be combined with definiteness of purpose, perseverance and a burning, pulsating strong desire to translate them into action. Believe that you will succeed and believe it firmly. You will then do whatever is necessary to bring success about.
4. Faith in yourself as well as the confidence that you can and will succeed are the key to your success in any venture. If you keep your mind riveted on your goal and focus your thoughts on the great and splendid things that you wish to have, you will find yourself unconsciously seizing upon the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desires.
5. Thoughts are supreme. Preserve the right mental attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. Think of success in your work and you will then do automatically and unconsciously, the things necessary to bring success about. If your desire is weak and your efforts are erratic your achievements will also be slight and fleeting. But, if you go after your goal with the single-mindedness of a bulldog after a cat, nothing and nobody under the sun can stop you. Your goal should also be well-defined, clear-cut and specific and should be linked to a fixed time frame so that your definite energies and efforts can be focused and forcefully directed towards its attainment.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions.

- 1) The basic triggers of achieving success are:
(i) Be sure of yourself (ii) Think low (iii) Have the money (iv) Both (i) & (ii)
- 2) The suitable heading for para 3 is:
(i) Be positive (ii) Dream small (iii) Success only depends on you (iv) Streamline your life
- 3) Which of these plays the most important role in achieving our success?
(i) our health (ii) our thoughts (iii) hard work (iv) confidence
- 4) In order to change our thoughts into success, we must also have:
(i) definiteness of purpose (ii) Perseverance (iii) Strong desire (iv) All of these
- 5) If you go after your goal with the , you will achieve success.
(i) In a hurry (ii) Think about obstacles (iii) Be alert (iv) Single-mindedness
- 6) The key to your success in any venture is: _____
(i) Faith (ii) Confidence (iii) Both (i) & (ii) (iv) None of these
- 7) Preserve the right mental attitude of courage, frankness and _____.
- 8) Thoughts are not important for your success. (True/False)
- 9) If your _____ is weak and your efforts are erratic your achievements will also be slight and fleeting.
10. We shape your fate and decide your destiny by your _____.

Answer

1. Be sure of yourself
2. Success only depends on you
3. our thoughts
4. All of these
5. Single-mindedness
6. Both (i) & (ii)
7. Good cheer
8. False
9. Desire
10. Thoughts

II. Poem Comprehension- (10×1=10)

PART-A

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay?
Blue as the wing of a bluebird wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
Why do you weave a garment so bright?
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.
Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in the moonlight chill?
White as a feather and white as a cloud,
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

— Sarojini Naidu

Question: 1) What do the weavers weave in the chilly moonlight?

- (i) a garment light as a feather
- (ii) a garment meant to cover a dead man
- (iii) a garment to keep away the chill
- (iv) a garment to wrap a newborn child in

Question: 2) The three stages of life mentioned in the poem are _____

- (i) infancy, childhood and senility
- (ii) infancy, youth and death
- (iii) infancy, adolescence, middle age
- (iv) childhood, adulthood and senility

Question: 3) What do the weavers weave in the early morning?

- (i) a bright blue cloth
- (ii) a dull grey cloth
- (iii) a soft white cloth
- (iv) a red coloured veil

Question: 4) The _____ is purple and green coloured.

- (i) dress of the weavers
- (ii) dress of a newborn child
- (iii) the queen's marriage veil
- (iv) the robe of a king

Question: 5) Whom does the poet address in the poem?

- (i) weavers
- (ii) children
- (iii) queens
- (iv) all the above

Answers

1. a garment to wrap a newborn child in
2. infancy, youth and death
3. a bright blue cloth
4. the queen's marriage veil
5. weavers

PART-B

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

THE LITTLE BLACK BOY— William Blake

My mother bore me in the southern wild,
And I am black, but O, my soul is white!
White as an angel is the English child,
But I am black, as if bereaved of light.

My mother taught me underneath a tree,
And, sitting down before the heat of day,
She took me on her lap and kissed me,
And, pointing to the East, began to say:

‘Look at the rising sun: there God does live,
And gives His light, and gives His heat away,
And flowers and trees and beasts and men receive
Comfort in morning, joy in the noonday.

‘And we are put on earth a little space,
That we may learn to bear the beams of love;
And these black bodies and this sunburnt face
Are but a cloud, and like a shady grove.

‘For when our souls have learned the heat to bear,
The cloud will vanish; we shall hear His voice,
Saying, “Come out from the grove, my love and care,
And round my golden tent like lambs rejoice.”

‘Thus did my mother say, and kissed me,
And thus I say to little English boy.
When I from black and he from white cloud free,
And round the tent of God like lambs we joy,

I'll shade him from the heat till he can bear
To lean in joy upon our Father's knee;
And then I'll stand and stroke his silver hair,
And be like him, and he will then love me.

Answer the following questions in your own words :

1. 'My soul is white'. What does white refer to?
a) complexion

- b) purity of soul
 - c) black boy
 - d) English boy
2. Why does the poet compare the bodies of the two boys to a cloud?
- a) because clouds are dark like them
 - b) life is transient
 - c) clouds are pure like children
3. The boys are longing to lean in joy upon their _____.
4. "Come out from the _____ my love and care,
5. That we may learn to bear the _____.

Answer

- 1. English boy
- 2. because clouds are dark like them
- 3. Father's knee;
- 4. Grove
- 5. beams of love;

SECTION-B WRITING SKILL (8 MARKS)

III. Write a short story on the topic "My best friend". (1×4=4)

IV. Complete the given story: (1×4=4)

Naman was going to be alone at home all day. While he was wondering how he could best make use of the day, the doorbell rang. (Continue the story...)

SECTION-C GRAMMAR (18 MARKS)

V. Read each of the sentences given below and say whether the statement following each one is true or false. (3×1=3)

- 1. My favourite colour is black; what is yours?
Here, what is an interrogative adjective. _____ Ans: False
- 2. What remark did he make that got you so angry?
Here, what is that interrogative pronoun. _____ Ans: False
- 3. What size shoes do you wear?
Here what is an interrogative adjective. _____ Ans: True

VI. Fill in the blanks in the sentences by choosing appropriate adjectives from those given in the box.. (3×1=3)
(Plastic, polished, which)

- 1. I strictly do not use _____ bags. Ans: Plastic
- 2. _____ movie are you planning to watch. Ans: Which
- 3. He slipped on the _____ floor. Ans: polished

VII. Fill in the blanks with the type of adjective mentioned in brackets. (3×1=3)

- 1. Every teacher praised the _____ student. (Qualitative) Ans: Smartest
- 2. They are erecting a _____ wall around the park. (Noun) Ans: Stone
- 3. _____ story was the best in the competition? (Interrogative) Ans: Which

VIII. Use the correct form of the adjectives given in the brackets to fill the blanks. (3×1=3)

- 1. I find field hockey _____ than ice hockey. (Interesting) Ans: more interesting
- 2. I find the yellow dress _____ that the blue one. (Pretty) Ans: Prettier
- 3. Of the 30 children in the class, Amjad is the _____. (Tall) Ans: Tallest

IX. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. (3×1=3)

- 1. Ram is _____ (smart) than his brother. Ans: more smarter
- 2. The _____ (active) member in my house is the cat, she is always playing. Ans: most active
- 3. Mr.Singh is _____ (senior) to my father. Ans: senior

X. Write the correct tense of the verbs in the blanks.

- 1. He _____ (hang) his shirt in the wardrobe immediately. Ans: hung
- 2. She _____ (lie) awake the whole night in excitement. Ans: lay
- 3. Do you think we can start once the sun _____ (rise).? Ans: Rises

SECTION-D SUPPLEMENTARY READER (7 MARKS)

XI. Choose the correct answer (7×1=7)

- 1. Raga Megh was sung by _____.
(a) Tansen and his daughter
(b) Saraswati and Hussaini
(c) Hussaini and Rupvati
(d) Saraswatl and Rupvati

Ans: Saraswatl and Rupvati

- 2. When we sleep
(a) the muscles work
(b) the heart beat stops
(c) blood pressure stops
(d) the brain rests

Ans: (d) the brain rests

3. The phrase 'heaved a deep sigh' means

- (a) felt refreshed
- (b) felt released
- (c) took out hot air
- (d) took a deep cold breath

Ans: (b) felt released

4. A lullaby is sung

- (a) for the little ones to wake up
- (b) for the little ones to go to sleep

- (c) when the little ones are crying
- (d) to make the little ones laugh

Ans: (b) for the little ones to go to sleep

5. Akbar asked Tansen to sing

- (a) Raga Megh
- (b) Raga Malahar
- (c) Raga Deepak
- (d) Raga Vastu

Ans: Raga Deepak

6. The crocodile was foolish as

- (a) he told the monkey his secret
- (b) he carried the monkey to the river bank
- (c) he carried the monkey on his back
- (d) he did not carry the monkey back.

Ans: (a) he told the monkey his secret

7. On reaching the midstream, the crocodile announced

- (a) I'll kill you now
- (b) I'll roll myself in the water
- (c) Take care ! You'll be drowned
- (d) I'll not go any further

Ans: (a) I'll kill you now

SECTION-E LITERATURE (27 MARKS)

XII. Give the correct meaning: (4x1=4)

- 1. Longing - _____ Ans: Eager
- 2. Mum - _____ Ans: silent/ quite
- 3. Preserve - _____ Ans: to keep something safe
- 4. Kindly- _____ Ans: Friendly

XIII. Choose: 5x1=5 (5×1=5)

- 1. For him, teachers are _____.
 - (a) weak
 - (b) strong
 - (c) perfect
 - (d) no role-models
- 2. Children were made _____.
 - (a) to share the misfortune of others
 - (b) to clean the garden
 - (c) to exercise rigorously
 - (d) to take the exam
- 3. Nasir wants to learn _____.
 - (a) how to preserve seeds
 - (b) how to play football
 - (c) how a car works
 - (d) how to stitch
- 4. The poet feels that English has enough words _____.
 - (a) to express every idea
 - (b) for us to learn
 - (c) to confuse us
 - (d) to write any book
- 5. Algu's nomination as head Panch made Jumman _____.
 - (a) sad
 - (b) happy
 - (c) jealous
 - (d) nasty

Answers:

- 1. (c) perfect
- 2. (a) to share the misfortune of others
- 3. (a) how to preserve seeds
- 4. (a) to express every idea
- 5. (b) happy

XIV. Answer the following questions 5x2=10

1. Why do you think the writer visited Miss Beam's school?

Ans: The writer visited Miss Beam's school because he had heard a lot of good things about the school. It does unique games like they observe Blind day, Deaf day etc where the students act like blind, deaf, lame children and others act as helpers. These games ensure to sensitize the children towards the disabled.

2. What did Nasir want to learn? Why?

Ans: Nasir wants to learn how to preserve seeds so that his family can use them again, and not spend money on seeds every year.

3. What does everyone long to hear?

Ans: They are longing to hear some fresh and beautiful thing implying something new and different.

4. When Jumman's aunt realised that she was not welcome in his house, What arrangement did she suggest?

Ans: When Jumman's aunt realised that she was not welcome in his house she suggested that Jumman should give her a monthly allowance so that she could set up a separate kitchen.

5. Why was Jumman happy over Algu nomination as head punch?

Ans: Jumman was happy over Algu's nomination as head Panch because Algu was his best friend so he would never go against him.

XV. Paragraph questions (2x4=8)

1. How the thoughts were expressed by the poet?

Ans: The poet had focused on the words we speak to express our ideas and thoughts this is the only way to bring out our different kind of thoughts from our mind. So we need to look for clear and fluent words to express it is a beautiful way.

2. Why does the poet want to know where the teachers go at 4 o'clock? How does the poet plan to find out where the teachers go after the school?

Ans: (i) The poet wants to know where the teachers go at four o'clock because that was the time when the school got over. He watches the teachers till the time they are in school. However, he wonders where they go after school.

ii) The poet plans to follow one of the teachers on the way back home that day to find out what they did. Once he succeeds in doing so, he would compose it into a poem, which then those teachers would read to their students.