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MARKING SCHEME

Q.I

i. (a) Keenness and the urge to be successful are the first steps on the journey to achieve success. (2)

ii. (b) "Achieving success feels like a person's life's purpose is fulfilled" - gives the meaning of the sentence in the question. (1)

iii. (a) 'Persistence' means continual effort to achieve something. Hence, the sentence in option (a) contains the words appropriately to replace 'persistance'. (1)

iv. (d) The figure of speech metaphor is used in both the phrases in options (b) and (c). Hence, option (d) is the correct answer. (1)

v. (b) "Success can mean different thing to different people" – is the correct meaning of the phrase given in the question. (1)

vi. (c) Both (A) and (B) are right.

vii. (b) The great men who have been successfully display labour and determination, according to the author. (2)

viii. (c) The writer of the passage gives the advice for us to be passionate and sincere.(1)

Q.II

i	They offer exclusive products generally not available online.	**1**
ii	Buyers, empty shopping complexes	**1**
iii	Student's own opinion. (example: malls have cinema hall, dining out facilities to attract the visitors)	**2**
iv	Approximately 12 billion	**1**
v	Because of online shopping and the easy services provided to the buyers.	**1**
vi	(D)All of the above	**1**
vii	Merit: It is easy and convenient (or any other relevant statement) Demerit: It hampers offline shopping and the business. (or any other relevant statement)	**2**
viii	(B)online shopping became a part of the Indian shopping market in 2009.	**1**

SECTION-B

3. i) took
   ii) which car she intended to buy
   iii) demanded
   iv) error- one correction- some
   v) might
   vi) knows
   vii) anyone who shows kindness
   viii) error-who correction-which
   ix) He asked Reena if she wanted to buy a house in Noida.
   x) many
   xi when she would return
   xii) error-every correction- most

4. ABC School
   Park Street
   Bengaluru
   20th Nov, 2023

   The Manager
   Genx Books Pvt. Ltd.
   Bengaluru

Subject:- Cancellation of order number 15246.

Sir / Maam

I am writing this letter to inform you that I would like to cancel the order of 13 Physics textbooks and 15 social science textbooks which was placed earlier this week.

The order number is 15246. The school has decided to provide books by themselves, and hence we won't need them.

Please send the refund amount to the account number given below. I am sorry for all the trouble and inconvenience caused. Kindly send me the confirmation for the cancellation of the order.

Bank name – XYZ Bank, Park Street Branch
Account No. – 6532XXXXXX
Contact No. – 785XXXXXXX

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

Priya / Prem Aggarwal
Vice President
ABC School

OR

Anand Niketan

Agra

20th Nov, 2023

The Editor
The Heritage
Agra

Subject:- Increasing Incidents of Mobile and Chain Snatching.

Sir / Ma'am

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I want to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the above-mentioned problems in Anand Niketan area of Agra. The residents of the locality are frequently becoming the victims of mobile and chain snatchers. Masked youth come on motorbikes, commit the crime and run away without being caught or traced.

Repeated complaints have been lodged by the victims but to no avail. The officials just give assurance but nothing has been done so far to control the situation. It has caused a lot of insecurity and fear among the residents of law and order in the town has been making the culprits bolder.

I hope this letter would awake the concerned authorities and the situation will be very soon under control.

Thanking You,
Yours Sincerely,

Shweta Kapoor
(Secretary, RWA)

5. **Trends in Buying Music**

In this busy and crowded world, music has become an agency for us to be happy and relaxed. Its importance is very well depicted by the new music and new applications for music streaming being introduced everyday. The given graph illustrates the trends in music buying habits between 2011 and 2018.

The data presents three different methods of buying music: streaming, downloading and buying CDs. Overall, both downloads and physical sales of music have steadily declined. The latter has slumped since 2011, while the downturn for the former began in 2014. However, there has been a sharp rise in people streaming music since 2013. In 2011, the majority of music sales were of CDs, at 55% of all sales. In contrast, streaming was not common at all. Also, although people has started to download music, it only represented 35% of sales. As sales of CDs began to fall, the era of downloads began. Downloading soon overtook physical sales in mid-2013. During the same period, with newer technology streaming doubled to 10% and started to grow more dramatically.

OR

Ans. What do you watch?

With the rise in streaming applications and websites such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc, there is no need to investigate the new trend of binge watching. Researchers today are more focused on understanding the behaviour involved in binge-watching. The given graph depicts one such research in which the various themes and categories of movies are scaled between their streaming times. Overall, the graph points out that people love to watch shows that are mysterious and thrilling.

People love to watch thrillers, sci-fi and horror movies and shows while slow dramas such as perverent comedies, political dramas and historical dramas are preferred by only some people. The latter category of movies have been streamed by people for less than 2 hours while the former has been devoured for exceeds 2 hours.

From this given data, we can understand that people binge-watch shows that cater their senses.

SECTION-C

6. (i) (c) God's eyes

(ii) (c) his fields had been destroyed in the storm.

(iii) (b) write a letter to God.

(iv) a man who worked hard and tirelessly in his field.

OR

(i) (c) Both are true

(ii) (a) friendly

(iii) (b)(B) is the cause (A) is the effect

(iv) a loving, relationship

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(i) (d)improve the listener's posture and habits.

(ii) (c)Image (iii)

(iii) The repetition of Amanda at the end of each line reflects the frustration of the speaker.

(iv) lazy; agile

OR

(i) (c)to cope up with loss

(ii) (d)assertion

(iii) (d)No rhyming scheme

(iv) Gain and loss, getting and losing are the essentials in the cycle of life. One should learn epistemology or the knowledge and nature of the loss.

8. (i) According to the poet 'fire' represents 'desire' and 'ice' represents 'hatred'. I agree with the poet as both have the capability of destroying life. Desire like fire spreads and hatred fills one's whole life with poison ultimately leading to death and destruction.

(ii) Anne's statement that no one could understand her intensity of love for her grandma tells that she loved her grandmother a lot. Moreover, the touching gesture of lighting one candle for her grandmother during Anne's birthday is also a touching reminder of her love for her grandmother.

(iii) In the 16th century, tea came to Europe and was drunk more as a medicine than as a beverage. Assam has the largest concentration of tea plantation in the world. There are large groups of women with bamboo baskets on their backs. They pluck the newly sprouted tea leaves from the plants and store them in the baskets.

(iv) When Maxwell decided to transport Mijbil to England, Mijbil was kept into a box. He tore off the box and wounded himself. Then Mijbil disappeared down

the aircraft, terrorizing the other passengers. After that, he settled on Maxwell's knee and gave no further inconvenience to others.

(v) Once the baker reached a house, he would first greet the lady of the house by saying 'Good Morning'. He would then place the basket on the vertical bamboo and deliver the loaves to the servant.

9. (i) Matilda was simply displeased when her husband showed her the invitation. She left humiliated and threw the invitation spitefully, as she had nothing beautiful enough to wear at the ball.

(ii) Ausable gave a detailed description of the imaginary balcony located near the window of his room. He tells Fowler and indirectly Max that his room was a part of a bigger and larger unit. His room was connected to the next room which had a balcony that extended to the window. He adds that it was the second time when someone had entered his room secretly through the balcony. The hotel management staff had done nothing to block the balcony.

The purpose of discussing these details about an imaginary balcony was to convince his enemy, Max of its existence. He knew that the drink that he had ordered wuld soon be coming and may prompt Max to jump into the balcony and it exactly happened in the same way. As soon as there was a knock at the door, Max was fooled into believing it to be the police. Ina hurry to run away Max jumped into the balcony to his death.

(iii) A parent should definitely try to be companion of their child as they are their children's role models. Spending time with children develops confidence in them that they have strong support system. Richard's mother identified the spark in him and was able to help him in learning new things.

10. It is not right to confine wild animals into cages. Wild animals are meant to live in the wild. They are not meant to be caged and displayed in the zoos. We all know that the majestic species of tiger is on the verge of extinction. There used to be a time when they used to roam proudly and freely in the jungle. They are not meant to live a life in confinement. They also have the right to freedom like all other living beings.

Confinement leads to depression and misery. Moreover, their offsprings lose the hunting capabilities as they are not trained to hunt in the wild. As a result, they would not be able to freed themselves.

Furthermore, confining wild animals disturbs the whole ecological balance. We should, thus, let the animals run free in the wild. They belong to the forest and not to the cage.

OR

Only a man of courage succeeds in life. A timid person can hardly achieve anything. We need to be fearless and courageous, but it is not easy. Many difficult situations make us fearful. The way to overcome fear varies from situation to situation. In the story 'His First Flight', the young seagull fails to gather courage. He refuses to take the first flight. He is left alone by his family. He remains hungry. His mother comes to him with a piece of fish. She withdraws when he tries to catch it. He falls down headlong. He is filled with fear. Then he takes courage and is able to fly. The story, thus, makes it clear that we can learn nothing without courage and strong will.

11. Everyone has an inner conscience that tells them about right or wrong. It fills one with guilt when one does something wrong and delights one when something right happens. In the story ‘The Thiefs story’, the narrator’s / Hari’s conscience is pricked as he robs the honest and kind man, him. He works for Anil with a purpose of looking for an opportunity to rob him, but during his stay with his master he not only learns about love, sympathy and trust but also understands the importance of education.

Even though Anil knows that Hari keeps one rupee as profit from his daily routines, he never asks Hari for it and teaches him to write. When Hari robs Anil, he states that it is difficult for him to rob Anil but it is much difficult for him to run away after robbing Anil.

He has a guilty conscience. He does not want to hurt Anil and wants to change himself. This does not only force him to change himself. This does not only force him to return the money but also makes him want to get educated.

The inner conscience which came forward in Hari had been dormant (hidden) before he had stolen Anil’s money. Just like Hari did not put it into practice, many people ignore it. It is the circumstances that awaken the inner conscience and put it into practice.

OR

When Matilda lost the necklace she borrowed from Mme Forestier, she bought a new diamond necklace on loan. The repayment of debt changed Matilda's life drastically. The Loisels became poor, they had to send away their maid and changed their lodgings to room in an attic. Matilda learnt the household chores. She learned to do the dishes, wash the soiled linens, clothes and dishcloths.

She had to walk to the trees to bring up the water. She had to dress like an ordinary woman and had to go to grocerer, butcher and fruit seller all by herself keeping in mind to save each and every penny she could. Her husband also worked in the evenings. He used to put the books of some merchants in order and at night, he did copying at five sous a page. This miserable life lasted for ten years to repay the debt.