

DETAILED ANSWER KEY – CLASS XI ENGLISH CORE (301)

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

Q1. Passage – MCQs with Answers

1. (c) there is another side of the coin to look at.
2. (d) It can easily give advice based on personal experience.
3. (c) providing virtual friends and gadgets.
4. Advancement in technology has led to erosion of human values like empathy, relationships and concern for others.
5. . Humans should share responsibility towards fellow beings and preserve humanity.
6. (c) Ingenuity.
7. Money and happiness are considered analogous because people often think money can bring happiness, though it cannot guarantee it.
8. Mindless greed.

Q2. Passage – MCQs with Answers

1. (c) by test run.
2. (a) layers of ice.
3. (b) coal.
4. (d) teacher.
5. Under-friction wheel.
6. 115 meters.
7. positive vertical.
8. more complex rides.

Q3. Note Making

Title: Rising Heart Attacks Among Youth

Key Points:

- Increase in heart attacks among city youth.
- Causes: genetic vulnerability, stress, unhealthy lifestyle.
- Risk factors: smoking, obesity, diabetes, hypertension.
- Prevention: exercise, stress management, healthy diet.

Abbreviations used: HA (Heart Attack), Gen. (Genetic), BP (Blood Pressure), Ex. (Exercise).

Summary:

Heart attacks among urban youth are increasing due to genetic factors, stress, poor diet and sedentary lifestyles. Smoking and obesity add to the risk. Preventive steps include regular exercise, healthy eating, stress control and health screening.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR

Q4 Answers:

- (i) (a) from
- (ii) (b) if
- (iii) (d) any
- (iv) (b) has
- (v) (b) than

Q5 Rearranged Sentences:

1. Depression is a common problem of modern times.
2. They may offer temporary relief but fail to resolve the problem permanently.
3. Meditation is often advised to treat the problem of depression.

SECTION C: LITERATURE – MCQs

Q10:

A: 1.(a) Individuality 2.(c) He was the possessor of his mind
3.Alliteration/Personification

B: 1.(c) communicating silently 2.(c) spending money lavishly 3. to support his child

Q11:

A: 1.kyang 2.(a) terrain had less greenery 3.(c) pointing

B: 1.(c) Tutankhamun 2.(a) mummy found 3.False

Q12:

A: 1. keeping them safe 2.(a) silver spoons 3.(a) leave the country 4.(b) carrying with difficulty

B: 1.concern for unborn child 2. Mrs. Morgan 3.(d) 4. 'collected himself'

Q13 (40–50 words each) – Key Points

Prose

1. We Are Not Afraid to Die...

- Larry makes safety arrangements before voyage
 - Life raft, extra fuel, tools, food, water prepared
 - Strong ropes, spare equipment kept ready
 - Shows foresight, responsibility, and courage
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2. The Adventure

- Empty presidential chair
 - Audience was not ready to listen to him
 - Threw many objects at him
 - Physically lifted him from the stage
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Poetry

3. A Photograph

- Picture shows mother as a young girl with cousins

- Captures innocence and happiness of past
 - “Its silence silences” → photo evokes deep, wordless grief
 - Memories overpower the poet emotionally
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4. The Voice of the Rain

- Rain calls itself poem of the earth
 - Descends from clouds to nourish land
 - Revives seeds, dust, and life
 - Like poetry, it returns to origin after fulfilling purpose
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Q14 (40–50 words) – Key Points

1. Mrs Pearson’s Behaviour (Mother’s Day)

- Becomes bold, assertive, and self-respecting
 - Refuses to be taken for granted
 - Doris and Cyril shocked
 - They think she is ill or behaving strangely
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2. “A Suspicious Man...” – Summer of the Beautiful White Horse

- John Byro’s observation about honesty
 - He trusts Armenian boys despite theft
 - Believes in goodness of human heart
 - Shows faith in moral values over suspicion
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Q15 (120–150 words) – Key Points

Option 1: Portrait of a Lady & A Photograph

- Both explore **memories and loss**
 - Strong emotional bond with female family members
 - Grandmother & mother as symbols of care and sacrifice
 - Women portrayed as emotional anchors of family
 - Memories preserved through recollection and photograph
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Option 2: The Voice of the Rain

- Water cycle
 - Changes in water forms.
 - The rain purifies and beautifies the earth
 - Cyclical nature of life
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Q16 (120–150 words) – Key Points

Option 1: Trust & Honesty

Armenian Boys

- Steal horse but return it
- Driven by adventure, not greed
- Ultimately uphold honesty

Mrs Dorling

- Misuses trust
- Keeps belongings selfishly
- Lacks moral integrity

→ Contrast between **temporary moral lapse** and **permanent disloyalty**

Option 2: Mob Psychology – Tale of Melon City

- Citizens lack independent thinking
 - Decisions based on crowd opinion
 - Politicians exploit mob mentality
 - King's execution shows absurd justice
 - Highlights dangers of blind obedience
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