

## Answer Key

**XI HALF YEARLY-2017- ENGLISH PAPER-II****PART – A****20x1=20****I. Choose the correct option.****10x1=10**

1. d) Charm
2. d) gold watch
3. d) five thousand rupees
4. b) motionless
5. a) Kanchanai
6. c) his mother
7. b) Diamond necklace
8. c) 1 dollar 87 cents
9. c) auction
10. a) Dick's

**II. Identify character****5x1=5**

11. b) Matilda Loisel to Madame Forestier
12. b) Mme Sofronie to Della
13. c) Appa to Rowther
14. d) Mr. Herriot to Dick
15. d) Pudumaippittan's wife to him

**III. Complete the proverbs.****5x1=5**

16. d) Still
17. b) gathers
18. d) Empty
19. c) Practice
20. b) hand

**PART – B****7x2=14****Answer any 7 questions:**

21. **'Cliché'** refers to a phrase or word which is used too often to the point of monotony. E.g. In any rumour there may be some truth – "No smoke with out fire"
22. **Advantages of e-mail:** i) Because it makes communication almost instant. ii) It is less laborious to write.
23. We consult a dictionary to check the spelling, the pronunciation, the meaning, and the usage of a word in English.
24. Reference section, stacks, journal section, electronic section, reprography
25. The journal section contains journals and periodicals.
26. While listening to a lecture or discourse, important points are noted down in the form of notes. This is called note-taking.
27. Lexicographer is a writer, editor or a compiler of a dictionary.
28. Skimming involves looking through a text quickly to derive the gist of something.
29. OPAC is Online Public Access Catalogue. In the OPAC system, any document can be searched through the computer in the school/college library's database and other library databases, connected by a network system.
30. Essay is a short piece of writing on a particular subject.

**PART – C****7x3=21****Answer any 7 questions:****31. Road Map:**

Go straight and turn right.

Walk along the main road and walk past the J.M. Pharmacy.

You can reach the annai nursing home your right side.

**32. Describe the process:**

Take a lever. Remove the tyre from the rim. Pull out the tube. Fill the air in it. Identify whether the tube is punctured by using water. If it is punctured, water bubble will emerge.\*

**33. Slogan writing:**

- a) For smooth and fresh hair\*
- b) Knowledge at your door step\*

**34. Interpretation of the table**

- i) NN boys schools and VV girls school have got same percentage in Tamil and Maths subjects.
- ii) In English NN boys school secured more percentage than VV girls school.
- iii) In Science subject VV girls school got more percentage than NN boys school.

**35. Pie-chart**

- a) 13%
- b) Trichy is situated in the centre of Tamil Nadu.\*
- c) Madurai

**36. Complete the dialogue**

- i) I am going to meet my friend.
- ii) Have you prepared well for your examination?
- iii) How many marks will you score?

**37. Poem: "My friend"**

Best friends are angels,  
That God sent along.  
They always stay beside me,  
Whenever things go wrong.

**38. Headlines expansion**

- a) London, Dec-12: Educational Survey in England declares that there is an increase in number of Indian students in United Kingdom.
- b) New Delhi, Dec-12: Samsung heir was jailed for five years due 5G scam corruption.
- c) New Delhi, Dec-12: A news from Press Trust of India (PTI) confirmed that North Korea tested short range missiles near Pacific Ocean.

**39. Reshuffle jumbled parts of a sentence**

- It is sad to note that India is yet to produce world class athletes.
- There is evidence that garlic can lower cholesterol levels increasing.
- The only desert in India is the Great Indian desert also called as Thar desert in Rajasthan.

**40. Life is not bed of roses:** Life is a mystery. Life is beautiful but not always easy. It has problems. It has challenges. Life is full of moments of joy, pleasure, success as well as misery, defeat, failures and problems. We should experience all these in our life. We cannot escape.

**PART – D 7x5=35****41. Read the passage answer the questions.**

- Dick was the old man.
- Dick's wife died many years ago / Dick had wife many years ago.
- Dick was quiet, kindly man.
- Frisk came to his house six years ago.
- It had transformed his life, bringing a boisterous, happy presence into the silent house, making the old man laugh with his tricks and playfulness.

**(or)****Jumbled sentence**

- Della found that she did not have enough money to buy her husband a Christmas gift.
- Della sold her hair and bought a platinum for chain.
- Jim reached the home late.
- Jim was shocked when he looked Della.
- Della held out to Jim the platinum fob chain.

**42. Paragraph:** a) Matilda **(or)** b) Rowther

**43. Poem Paraphrasing:**

There is no doubt that men alone can form a nation great and strong. Brave men work at the time when others sleep. They stand fast when others run in fear. Only such brave persons construct a nation's pillars deep. In addition to that, they only lift the nation high.

**(or)****Poem Comprehension:**

- When the poet look at the rainbow in the sky, he excited.
- Yes.
- Man has to learn a lot from a child.
- Paradox
- Life / The child is the father of the man \*

**44. Letter**

20, 4th Street.  
YYY-600 020.  
Dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

Dear Grandpa,

How are you? Here I am fine. My hostel life is very interesting. Though I feel bore sometimes, it gives me a variety of experiences. I can mix up with variety of

students. My room mates are very talented and smart. Here I learn the habit of co-operation. Being a single child in our family, I missed brotherhood affection at our home. Here I have lot of brothers. It is a memorable period of my life. Here I am very happy.

Convey my regards to all

Address on the envelope:

Mr. Rajan,  
15, Tata Nagar,  
B City, Pin: XXXXXX.

**(or)**

From

V. Sriram,  
12, South Street,  
C Village.

To

The Postmaster,  
Post Office,  
C Village.

Sir,

Sub : Regarding irregular delivery of letter.

I am living in the above address. In our area, letters are not delivered properly. The post man to our area is always irregular. The money order amount for the old age pensioners is not delivered properly. Please help us render your service perfectly in future.

Thanking you,

**45. Notes (or) summary:** Bicycle

**46. Paragraph:**

- Ambition in life **(or)** b) The need for cleanliness

**47. Dialogue**

a) Patient : May I come in Sir?

Doctor : Yes come in.

Patient : Good Morning, Sir.

Doctor : Good Morning. What is your Problem?

Patient : I am suffering from stomachache.

Doctor : How long ?

Patient : From yesterday, Sir.

Doctor : O.K. Take this medicine twice a day and Pay Rs.50.

Patient : Thank you, Sir.

Doctor : Welcome.

**(or)**

b) Student: Good Morning, Sir

Teacher: Good Morning. Have you finished your home work?

Student: No, sir.

Teacher: Why?

Student: Last night, My mother was sick sir.

Teacher: So?

Student: I went to hospital with her sir.

Teacher: Really?

Student: Yes, sir. Arun is my neighbor. You ask him sir

Teacher: O.K. I trust you. Tomorrow you should submit it.

Student: Yes sir. Thank you.