

CBSE Class 12 English Core Answer Key 2024

Section - A

1. Read the text given below:

Five enterprises received approval and grants for prototype 'development of sustainable educational toys.

(2) The government authorities, educational institutions and EdTech start-ups are planning to introduce state-of-the-art, made-in-India educational toys that not only throw light on Indian values, and civilisations, but also help in developing children's critical thinking, and decision-making skills.

(3) "One such enterprise is working on different types of projects that can teach children how electromagnets and magnetic fields work. These projects can resolve a lot of issues in many schools in tier two and three cities that don't have proper infrastructure. Another is working on an excavation site to teach children about ancient Indian civilizations. It has implanted a few artifacts at the site, which the children will have to find so that they are able to learn how to preserve and label artifacts. Another startup has proposed to create miniaturized labs for schools in tier 2 and 3 cities where children can learn concepts of Physics. "We will ensure that these prototypes are developed within a year and then the production can be scaled up," says the senior manager of the project talking about the importance of indigenously-built educational toys.

(4) Playtime is vital for the cognitive development of children and toys are an essential component that helps enhance specific cognitive abilities and skill sets. "Well-designed toys ignite students' curiosity, increase focus and can be very beneficial in helping them master a skill and enhance understanding. These can be in the form of visuals, auditory aids, kinaesthetic, or a mixture of all three." says HOD, Early Childhood Education.

(5) Toys offer an engaging avenue to teach mathematical, verbal, problem-solving skills. "Toys that engage students in experiential learning enhance their special awareness and fine motor skills. Those designed for two or more players help students develop better social skills as they learn to negotiate, settle differences, etc, with their peers."

(6) Experiential gadgets and toys enable students to learn faster and retain lessons longer. "A child's interest is piqued when he is taught in a contextual framework as opposed to rote learning. The Indian education system has been witnessing several innovations with the development of toys and gadgets that can be used and felt in person or through VR platforms across subjects, be it Science, Technology, Math or Engineering.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage given above:

(i) By tier 2 and tier 3 cities, the author refers to

(A) Metro cities

(B) Cities with huge population

(C) Underdeveloped cities

(D) Cities with less population

Answer: (C) Underdeveloped cities

(ii) Complete the sentence with evidence from the text.

The made-in-India educational toys serves dual purpose of_____.

Answer: The made-in-India educational toys serve the dual purpose of promoting Indian values and civilizations while also developing children's critical thinking and decision-making skills.

(iii) The author's point of view that can be inferred from the above passage is that_____.

(A) educational toys are the booming business.

(B) educational toys are meant to entertain children.

(C) educational toys will replace teachers.

(D) educational toys will make education more pragmatic.

Answer: (D) Educational toys will make education more pragmatic.

(iv) Complete the following sentence appropriately:

Educational toys enhance the personality of children by_____.

Answer: Educational toys enhance the personality of children by promoting specific cognitive abilities and skill sets.

(v) Read the five headlines (a)-(e), given below:

(a) Sustainable Educational Toys are Developmentally Appropriate.

(b) Sustainable Educational Toys Promote Free play.

(c) Sustainable Educational Toys - Free and Widespread.

(d) Sustainable Educational Toys - Experiential Learning.

(e) Sustainable Educational Toys - Hinder Interaction with people.

Identify the option that displays the headline that DOES/DO NOT correspond with what the passage highlights.

(A) only (e)

(B) (a) and (b)

(C) (c) and (e)

(D) only (d)

Answer: (C) (c) and (e)

(vi) What evidences do you gather from the passage to state that educational system is revolutionized by educational toys ? Answer in about 40 words.

Answer: The paragraph emphasises how educational toys transform the educational system by offering chances for hands-on learning in a variety of topic areas. By encouraging hands-on learning, these toys help students learn in a more relevant and useful way.

(vii) Explain in about 40 words, how education at grassroot level is benefitted by these projects.

Answer: The projects listed in the passage, which address infrastructure problems in tier 2 and tier 3 cities, improve education at the local level by building miniature labs and excavation sites. These projects offer practical learning opportunities that foster a greater comprehension of the subjects being studied.

(viii) As opposed to learning by heart, experiential toys

(A) ignite interest

(B) challenge the teachers

(C) replace textbooks

(D) confuse learners

Answer:(A) Ignite interest

(ix) Playing is usually considered a distraction. Is it justified on the part of the narrator to assert that playing is an important aspect of education? Write your answer in about 40 words.

Answers: Yes, the narrator's claim that play is a crucial component of education is justified. The passage emphasises how well-made toys promote children's

cognitive development by igniting their interest, sharpening their focus, and enhancing particular cognitive abilities.

2. Read the text given below:

(1) People below the age of 20 and above the age of 50 are more likely to believe fake news. Those relatively new to the use of the internet still do not grasp the concept of fake information over these platforms, reveals a new survey 'Countering Misinformation in India' This survey has been conducted jointly by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

(2) At least 40% of the respondents believed in 'misinformation' received over social media if it came with leading backgrounds and evidence, while 34% of them believe the information when it is shared by a trustworthy organization.

(3) The dominant factor that drives people to forward such information is their belief that it might benefit others and help in their safety. In fact, that was the response of almost 50% of the respondents. This was compounded by the fact that at least 20% of the respondents expressed their lack of trust in conventional media thus their faith in contents shared by common people over social media.

(4) But even then, newspapers still remain the top source of information for most. (At least 53% of the respondents trust what is generally perceived as neutral media and only 29% trust technology and social media platforms.

(5) However, what was surprising was that almost 45% of the respondents did not even know about the existence of fact-checking organization and most did not even know that journalists had to verify data before they let it out/ Only 26% of the respondents believe that it is the responsibility of the media to curb or identify fake news. Many respondents also put the responsibility of identifying such fake news on an individual.

(6) The survey has found that first time or early users of the Internet platforms are more susceptible to fake news than others. There is a need for building capacities and creating a National Civic Digital Literacy Strategic Plan.

Answer the following questions, based on the given passage:

(i) Select the option that comes under conventional media:

- (A) Instagram
- (B) Newspaper
- (C) Facebook
- (D) E-mail

Answer. (b) Newspaper

(ii) Select the correct option:

One factor that prompts people to believe fake news is that

(A) it supports their point of view

(B) they are biased

(C) it is from a reliable site

(D) it has more 'likes' and 'shares'

Answer. (c) it is from a reliable site

(iii) What according to the passage are the intentions of people who share information?

Answer. According to the passage, people share the news with the intent that it might benefit others and help in their safety

(iv) Why is it important for journalists to give authentic background and evidence in their reporting?

Answer. Authentic background and evidence are crucial for journalists to prevent the spreading of misinformation. Without a background check of the evidence, it might spread false news even if done unintentionally

(v) Complete the sentence appropriately:

The threat faced by the new entrants in social media is

Answer. The threat faced by the new entrants in social media is that they do not grasp the concept of fake information over these platforms

(vi) Explain your understanding of the difference between 'misinformation' and 'fake news'.

Answer. False information that circulates without intention is referred to as misinformation. It might be the consequence of being misled or inadvertent mistakes. Contrarily, fake news is purposefully produced and disseminated in order to trick or influence people, frequently in support of a political or personal agenda.

(vii) As per your inference drawn from para (1), which category of people fall as victims to fake news?

Answer. Two categories of people fall as victims to fake news: People below the age of 20 and above the age of 50

(viii) What is the blame game that goes on in fixing the onus of identifying fake news?

Answer. The blame game that goes on in fixing the onus of identifying the fake news is between media and individuals. On one hand, it is believed that individuals should verify the information before spreading it whereas on the other hand it is also said that the media should also be equally responsible in curbing the spread of fake news. It has also been mentioned that individuals have lack of trust on media.

Section C

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions on ANY ONE of the given two.

(a) Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear

The thought of so much childish longing in vain,

The sadness that lurks near the open window there,

That waits all day in almost open prayer.

For the squeal of brakes, the sound of a stopping car,

Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass,

Just one to inquire what a farmer's prices are

And one did stop, but only to plow up grass.

In using the yard to back and turn around;

And another to ask the way to where it was bound;

(A Roadside Stand)

(i) Select the option that has the same literary device as in "The sadness that lurks near the open window there'.

(A) Lucy moved across the room like a warship sailing into battle.

(B) Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.

(C) The water-wraith was shrieking.

(D) The pen is mightier than the sword.

Answer: (C) The water-wraith was shrieking

(ii) They prayed for the stopping of a car. When one car finally stopped, it brought_____to the people of the roadside stand.

(A) help

(B) happiness

(C) disappointment

(D) cash flow

Answer: (C) disappointment

(iii) Explain one inference that can be drawn from the line, ".....childish longing in vain".

Answer: speaker feels a sense of unfulfilled or unrewarded desire, possibly related to their hopes for someone to stop at the roadside stand.

(iv) Complete the sentence appropriately.

The emotion of the poet reflected in the above extract is _____.

Answer: sense of sadness or disappointment

(v) The expression 'selfish car' suggests that _____.

Answer: cars are indifferent or unconcerned about the needs of the people at the roadside stand

(vi) Based on the rhyme scheme evident in the last two lines of the extract, which word would rhyme with last line?

— — —

brass reply sound

Answer: sound

OR

(b)but soon

put that thought away, and

looked out at Young

Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

out of their homes, but after the airport's security check, standing a few yards away, I looked again at her, wan, pale as a late winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache, my childhood's fear, (My Mother at Sixty-six)

(i) Select the correct option.

The impact of 'merry children' on poet's mind

- (A) caused anxiety
- (B) created a sense of longing
- (C) brought comfort
- (D) reminded her of her own childhood

Answer: (A) caused anxiety

(ii) The tone of the poet expressed in the above lines is

- (A) sadness and helplessness
- (B) excitement and eagerness
- (C) appreciation and gratitude
- (D) anger and anxiety

Answer: (A) sadness and helplessness

(iii) The words 'wan, pale' indicate the mother's _____.

Answer: The words 'wan, pale' indicate the mother's weakness, sickness, and old age.

(iv) Complete the following sentence appropriately.

The poet looked at her mother again to _____.

Answer: The poet looked at her mother again to observe her appearance or condition after the airport's security check.

(v) Explain one inference that can be drawn from the line 'felt that old familiar ache'.

Answer:

One inference that can be drawn from the given line is that The poet is pained at the ageing and decaying of her mother.

(vi) 'put that thought away'.

What is the intention of poet that can be inferred from the above line?

Answer: The poet's intention was to put away the painful thought of her mother's ageing and declining health and the possibility of losing her mother.

8. Read the two extracts given below and answer the questions on ANY ONE.

(a) The reason the programme has been so successful is because it is impossible to go anywhere near the South Pole and not be affected by it. It's easy to be blase about polar ice caps melting while sitting in the comfort zone of our respective latitude and longitude, but when you can visibly see glaciers retreating and ice shelves collapsing, you begin to realise that the threat of global warming is real.

Antarctica, because of her simple eco-system and lack of biodiversity, is the perfect place to study how little changes in the environment can have big repercussions.
(Journey to the End of the Earth)

(i) As per the given extract, the reason for the success of the programme is

(A) the participation of young students.

(B) the journey to Antarctica.

(C) the exposure to reality.

(D) it was impossible to go near south pole.

Answer. (C) The exposure to reality

(ii) Complete the following sentence.

The warning that can be inferred from the above extract is

Answer. Neglecting minor environmental changes can have serious and harmful effects.

(iii) State whether the statement given is TRUE or FALSE with reference to the extract.

Global warming is a threat to human survival.

Answer. True

(iv) Explain one inference that can be drawn from the line "It's easy to be blase about polar ice caps melting while sitting in the comfort zone".

Answer. One inference that can be drawn from the line "It's easy to be blase about polar ice caps melting while sitting in the comfort zone" is that distant threats might not come across as serious. People tend to ignore the seriousness of the situation until and unless they see the consequences with their naked eyes. Hence, experiencing or being in touch with the problem firsthand acts as a wakeup call

OR

(b) From that day onwards it was celebration time for all the tigers inhabiting Pratibandapuram.

The State banned tiger hunting by anyone except the Maharaja. A proclamation was issued to the effect that if anyone dared to fling so much as a stone at a tiger, all his wealth and property would be confiscated.

The Maharaja vowed he would attend to all other matters only after killing the hundred tigers. Initially the king seemed well set to realise his ambition. (The Tiger King)

(i) Select the correct option:

... he would attend to all other matters only after killing hundred tigers'. This reflects Tiger King's

(A) courage

(B) determination

(C) selfishness

(D) kindness

Answer. (B) Determination

(ii) Complete the sentence appropriately.

From that day onwards it was celebration time for all the tigers. The above statement is ironical in the sense.

Answer. From that moment on, it was a time for celebration for every tiger. The statement is ironical because the king's proclamation, which was intended to safeguard tigers, eventually puts them in danger by placing a bounty on their heads.

(iii) ... if anyone dared to fling so much as a stone at a tiger, all his wealth and property would be confiscated'. What trait of the king is reflected in the above line?

Answer. Ruthlessness and strictness of the king is reflected in the above line. It also shows that the king was selfish and cared for nobody else except for him.

(iv) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.

The King's ambition is to save people from the tigers.

Answer. False

9. Read the two extracts given below and answer the questions on ANY ONE.

(a) "Why do you do this?" I ask Saheb whom I encounter every morning scrounging for gold in the garbage dumps of my neighbourhood. Saheb left his home long ago. Set amidst the green fields of Dhaka, his home is not even a distant memory. There were

many storms that swept away their fields and homes, his mother tells him. That's why they left, looking for gold in the big city where he now lives. "I have nothing else to do," he mutters, looking away.

"Go to school," I say glibly, realizing immediately how hollow the advice must sound.

"There is no school in my neighbourhood. When they build one, I will go." (Lost Spring)

(i) Choose the correct option.

The expression 'scrounging for gold' refers to

- (A) searching for gold items.
- (B) looking for something that can fetch money.
- (C) rummaging the garbage.
- (D) digging to find food to eat.

Answer. (B) looking for something that can fetch money

(ii) The influence of nature in Saheb's life was that it

- (A) brought prosperity
- (B) yielded food for them
- (C) gave them home
- (D) brought disaster

Answer. (D) brought disaster

(iii) Complete the sentence with an appropriate word.

Saheb's conversation with the narrator draws _____ of readers towards Saheb

Answer. Attention/Sympathy (Answers might vary)

(iv) Explain one inference that can be drawn from the line "..... realizing how hollow the advice must sound".

Answer. One inference that can be drawn from the line, "realizing how hollow the advice must sound" is that the advice was very unrealistic and impractical because the narrator suggested Saheb to go to school despite his circumstances.

(v) The expression 'when they build one, I will go' indicates Saheb's _____ to go to school.

Answer. Desire

(vi) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.

... his home is not even a distant dream' states that Saheb sees his home often in his dream.

Answer. False

OR

(b) Then the poet spoke. He couldn't have addressed a more dazed and silent audience - no one knew what he was talking about and his accent defeated any attempt to understand what he was saying. The whole thing lasted about an hour; then the poet left and we all dispersed in utter bafflement - What are we doing? What is an English poet doing in a film studio which makes Tamil films for the simplest sort of people? People whose lives least afforded them the possibility of cultivating a taste for English poetry. The poet looked pretty baffled too, for he must have felt the sheer incongruity of his talk about the thrills and travails of an English poet. His visit remained an unexplained mystery. (Poets and Pancakes)

(i) Choose the correct option:

The reason for the bewilderment of the audience is

- (A) unknown identity of the visitor.
- (B) that the speaker had not been introduced to them.
- (C) the visit of an English poet to a Tamil film studio.
- (D) that they did not understand English.

Answer. (C) the visit of an English poet to a Tamil film studio.

(ii) By 'thrills and travails" the author refers to

- (A) joy and happiness
- (B) interest and aspiration
- (C) excitement and pain
- (D) shocks and surprises

Answer. (C) excitement and pain

(iii) Explain one inference that can be drawn from the line, "He could not have addressed a more dazed and silent audience".

Answer. The poet's arrival and his words caught the listeners off guard. Due to the language barrier and unusual issue, they were probably perplexed and disinterested.

(iv) The failure of the speaker to connect with the audience with reference to the extract is his _____

Answer. Complex language/ Cultural Difference (Answers might vary)

(v) What information in the extract reveals the fact that the people have no exposure other than to their own circle?

Answer. The audience's perplexity about an English poet visiting a Tamil film studio is indicative of their limited exposure. This suggests that they are not conversant with the wider realm of English poetry and are instead accustomed to and at ease in their own cultural and linguistic bubble.

(vi) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.

The audience were enthralled by the poet's impressive speech _____.

Answer. False