

12th Commerce

Answer Key – Subject : English

Section – A

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Q.1 Read the following passage and choose the correct option for the questions. (04)

Answer:

- 1) (c) Miss Martha Meacham
- 2) (a) the bell tinkles
- 3) (a) 40
- 4) (b) Two false

Q.2 Read the following passage and fill in the blanks using the words that are given below. (04)

Answer:

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| 1) Cold | 5) Excellent |
| 2) Though | 6) Excited |
| 3) Person | 7) Thirty-five |
| 4) Talks | 8) Tremble |

Q.3 Answer the following questions each question carries 3 marks. (12)

A. 1 In the letter of Prakash Padukone to his daughters Deepika and Anisha, the writer mentions being on the ‘threshold of life’s journey’. This means, to be about to begin a profession or a new stage of life. Prakash Padukone writes a letter to his daughters because he wants to pass new stage of life. Prakash Padukone writes a letter to his daughters because he wants to pass on some important values and ethics to his children as they enter into adulthood. It is the duty of every parents, to act as a role model and guide their children to be good human beings. Padukone’s letter is not just for his daughters, but for all children who are on the threshold of life. He speaks from his own experiences as one’s own experiences are the best advice one can impart to others.

A.2 In his speech 'Towards a New World', Charlie Chaplin Shows how life can be free and beautiful. According to him if we help everyone, if we live by each other's happiness, not by each other's miser}', our life can be free and beautiful. Humanity, kindness and gentleness can make the way of life free and beautiful. Goodness in man, universal brotherhood and the unity of us all can make the way of life free and beautiful. He says that the people have the power to create machines and happiness. They have the power to make this life free and beautiful, to make this life a wonderful adventure and so people should use that power in the name of democracy and make the way of life free and beautiful.

A.3 In the story 'Witches Loaves' written by O' Henry, Miss Martha Meacham, who kept a small bakery, got attracted to an artist customer who came two or three times a week and bought two stale loaves of bread. Miss Martha was forty years old and had a bank balance of two thousand dollars but she was not married. She started day dreaming about being together with the artist. She took to wearing her blue-dotted silk waist while she was behind the counter. She also cooked a mysterious compound of quince seeds and borax to improve her complexion. She also animatedly chatted with the customer when he came, thus Miss Martha tried best to attract Blumberger's attention.

Section – B

Q.4 Read the following Verse and answer following questions : (02)

Answer:

1. John Milton has penned the poem 'How Soon Hath Time'.
2. The poet feels that the hastening days of his youth are spent in career and work.

Q.5 Identify the correct figure of speech from the given options. (03)

A.19. Smile

A.20. Metaphar

A.21. Personification

Q.6 Answer the following question in about in to 4 to 5 sentences each. (06)

A.22. Watson thought it very easy to learn Holmes's tricks of logical deductions. He thought his tricks are easily acquired by anyone. He made several deductions about Holmes. But all the deductions were refuted by Holmes. Watson failed to learn the tricks which seemed to be superficial to him. This is because Holmes's methods were actually not so as Watson believed.

A.23 The author's mother died of heart failure. Then her father died of cancer. Her fiance also left her. She felt joyless, afraid of being 'alone' on the planet. To help get her out of the depression, she threw her faith in yoga. After a while, she started to feel better. A teacher had recently returned after a study of Yoga in India. His teachings carried the elixir of India, which ignited in her a compulsion to live one of her dreams and go to India. She went to India for six months. Before the end of her trip a friend in Delhi suggested her to go to an ashram near Rishikesh. near the Ganga. Thus, the writer had come to India because a river of loss had run through her life. Also her faith in Yoga and a suggestion of her friend made the author visit the river Ganga. The author visited there in the spring of 2006, to be and to heal.

A.24. Flying officer M.P. Anilkumar write that on August 22,2011, an emergency during a Kiran solo sortie forced Herojit to eject. During the short parachute assisted descent, he realised that he could not control his legs. Luckily, he didn't pick up landing injuries. Unluckily, the force of ejection snapped his lumber spine. The consequence was life-numbing: The spinal cord injury he sustained had paralysed him waist down and he became a paraplegic.

Q.7 Answer the following question in about (5) give to seven (7) sentences each. (09)

A.25 John Milton, the famous English poet has written 'How Soon Hath Time'. The title of the poem is very (3ppand significant. The poet has said that time flies and adds

years to one's life. Time has stolen away twenty three years of his youth. The prime of his life was spent away for his career and work but it seemed he didn't achieve what others had achieved but the poet is realistic and believes that in time God will show him the purpose of his life and shower his blessing on him according to his deeds. He waits and bids time for the grace of the 'Task Master' to change his fortunes for the better someday.

- A.26 In her poem 'Calling all Grand Mothers', Alice Walker says that one would usually find the grandmothers in the kitchen doing household work. They could also be in the fields helping the men with the farm work. They could be in the beauty parlours trying to look presentable or they would be in front of the television passing their free time watching some favourite programmes. She calls all the grandmothers to come out of their work place to become the true leaders to help the younger generation get respect and protection in the world.
- A.27 A young letter writer can easily write only the salutation then he has to stop as no further thoughts seem to flow for him. He bites his pen and lifts his eyes as if he is trying to find the right words from the air in order to write. He wants to concentrate so he tries to fix his thoughts by staring at a fixed place. He feels that way the right words to continue the letter may flow. However, a mature letter writer is used to writing letters so his thoughts easily flow and the words come to him with ease.

Section – C

Q.8 Choose the correct meaning of the idiom and rewrite the sentence. (04)

- A.28 The front door bell rang unpleasantly.
- A.29 We would rush there after school to play as much as we liked.
- A.30 Miss Martha felt bad.
- A.31 What a broad brow he had! To be able to tell perfectly in one look and live on the state broad.

Q.9 Rewrite the following narration in to indirect form. (04)

A.9 Pointing to the car Aunt Jane asked Jack with surprise if it was their car. Jill replied excitedly that it was undoubtedly theirs. Aunt Jane asked them further if it was all theirs. Jack replied hesitatingly that it was not exactly all of it.

Q.10 Read the following passage and rectify the errors. Mention the errors and its correction (Que. No 33 to 40) (04)

	Error		Correction
1)	There	-	Their
2)	Send	-	Sent
3)	Sharpen	-	Sharpened
4)	Apointment	-	Appointment
5)	Besides	-	Beside
6)	Bolding	-	Holding
7)	Dobut	-	Doubt
8)	Acquiring	-	Acquire

Section – D

Q.12 Read the following Verse and answer following questions: (05)

A.1 People generally thinks that God is unjust and unkind.

A.2 Here ‘soft footed ‘means ‘without giving indication’.

A.3 ‘No prayers will help

No love shall hold.’

These lines read that ‘Karma’ is uncontrollable.

A.4 The pronoun ‘He’ used for Karma in stanza suggests that ‘Karma’ is personified.

A.5 We should not say that God is unjust or unkind because It is ‘Karma’ that brings miseries or suffering to us and not God.

Q.13 Read the following passage and answer the questions : (05)

- A.1 The first types of NGOs are the rural NGOs, whose activists work in villages with tribals.
- A.2 The activists who work with the tribals have much to do but resource in the form of money is limited. The city activists do not get job satisfaction while working in rural areas.
- A.3 The second types of NGOs are the urban ones. They supposedly do development work with the help of foreign funds routed through the government.
- A.4 The urban NGOs corner development funds or prime plots through contacts in government for foreign bodies and they organise seminars and meetings to please the foreign donors. They publish leaflets and magazines freely but don't get much response.
- A.5 The drawback of the urban NGOs is that they do not do any real good work and it suffers on account of certain organizations which virtually act as agents for foreign funding agencies.
- A.6 Noun forms of: choose -choice, suffer – suffering

Q.14 Precis. (05)

A.14 Summary: Two most distinguished features of a newspaper are its cheapness and readability. It caters to the reading needs of people having diverse tastes. It gives news and views about events, people, and places. Its opinions regarding national and international issues may be biased, but it does not neglect them. Even the quality press is not impartial in its treatment of events and presentation of personalities; but it gives a clear picture of the conflicting issues of the world. It provides the public sufficient material to form judgment on issues of national and international importance.

Section – E

Q.16 Write an E-mail to your friend wishing him a best luck for his/her board

Examination:

(05)

A.61 E-mail

From :	sureshprajapati68@yahoo.com
To :	sjpenglish@gmail.com
Cc :	
Subject:	Wishes for board examination
Attachments :	
My dear Sejun, I wish you best of luck for your board examination of 12th Science. I know you have worked hard and you definitely deserve the best result. Take care of your health during examination. You must have revised all the subjects and must be ready for examination with preparation and confidence. may god help you do your best and obtain the best result in this examination. Once again wishing you all the best to pass the examination with flying colours. yours sincerely Suresh	

OR

Q.16 Write and article on child labour

(05)

A.61

Vinay Patel.

The problem of child labour is quite rampant in all parts of India. In spite of the enforcement of many anti-child labour laws, the problem still exist. The adverse effects of this problem affect the growth, development, and progress of our nation.

Not only millions of children below the age of 14 are working in factories, shops, glass blowing industry, workshops, etc. they are forced to work in the most unhygienic work conditions. According to census data, there are over 82 lakh child labourers (aged between 5-14 years) in India. Our country needs more and more skilled manpower to

achieve the objectives of growth, development and advancement. With such a huge numbers of children employed in menial jobs, without education, how can India achieve her goals ?

The Indian government must take some proactive measures to help this problem of child labour and must answer education for them.

Undoubtedly there are many laws against child labour, however their poor implementation is responsible for the continuation of the problem. The government must work harder and involve the people and Non-Profit organizations to curb the problem in the country. There is only one measure that can check this social evil; and that measure is strictness. Unless the Government deals with the offenders with iron hand, this problem is going to spoil the lives of millions of children.

Q.17 Draft this application on behalf of him.

(08)

A.62

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15 March 2017

The Personnel Manager,
Carewell Laboratories, Vatva,
Ahmadabad- 380 008.

Subject: Application for the post of a Medical Representative

Respected Sir,

In response to your advertisement published in the Times of India dated 14 March, 2017, I would like to apply for the post of a Medical Representative in your company. I am a postgraduate of well-known University and hold the required skills and abilities for the post of a Medical Representative. I enclose a resume including my personal bio-data, educational qualifications and experience for your kind consideration.

I can come for an interview at any time convenient to you. If I am selected for the post I will render my services with honesty and hard work.

Thanking you.
Yours faithfully,
Vinay Patel.

- Encl.** (1) Resume
(2) True copies of mark sheets and certificates

Resume Personal bio data

Name in full : Vinay Patel
Residence Address : A-903, Aakash Apartments,
Satellite Road, Ahmedabad-380 015
Date of Birth : March 13, 1985
Sex : Male
Marital Status : Unmarried
Languages known : Gujarati, Hindi English
Mother Tongue : Gujarati
Nationality : Indian

Educational Qualifications

Degree	Subject	Board/University	Passing Year	Result
H S C	Science Stream	G H S E B, Gandhinagar	March 2002	85%
B. Farm		G.T.U.	April 2006	70%
M.Farm		G. T. U.	April 2008	72%

Experience:

For the last seven years, I have been

Reference :

- (i) Mr. I. J. Patel General
General Manager,
Manager, 'Krishuja Farma',
(ii) Mr R.S. Patel, Principal,
Principal,
Creative Higher Secondary School,

Kalol, Dist. Gandhinagar
Contact No : 8128106088

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Contact No : 7127106088

Q.18 (1) ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN BIG CITIES

A.63 Big cities in any part of India are always very fast developing. Many new industries have come up in and around these cities over years. But this development is not without its ill effects.

Many cities in India are polluted to varying degrees. Many old trees are felled thoughtlessly in the cities to make place for high-rise buildings. Trees help to purify the air and also attract rain clouds. They provide shade and add to the beauty of the city.

The rapid industrialization and modernization have contributed to air and water pollution. The gases and smoke from the industries have polluted the environment. Many industries dump their chemical wastes into the nearby water source. This polluted water has adverse effects on people.

The number of vehicles in the developing cities is always on the rise. The smoke and gas emitted by vehicles, constant noise of engines and horns create air and noise pollution. The noise pollution due to loud speakers used during public festivals and crackers add to the misery.

The collection and piling of garbage on roads, hawkers selling uncovered and unhygienic food, etc. breed germs of diseases. The growth of slums has added to the environmental problems. We can safely conclude that every big city of India has pollution problems.

A.63 (2) Neither A Lender Nor A Borrower Be

Neither a Lender nor a Borrower be. This is certainly true. This proverb warns us against the dangers of (a) lending money and (b) of borrowing money. Both are equally undesirable. This truth can very well be attested to by those who have ever

in life borrowed money or lent it to some friends or relatives. Neither a borrower nor a lender be so goes the famous saying from Shakespeare. Being in debt is one of the heaviest burdens for anyone to carry. Money is the biggest evil in today's society. Both borrowing and lending money cause rift among closest relations.

Money is a double edged sword; while it can be used to do good, it can also do harm on its own. Once I decided to help my friend at school who was quite poor. I gave him money for buying a book. Though he promised he would return it, the money was never returned and he started to take advantage of me by asking me money on several occasions. I had to stop giving him money when I found out that he was gambling. He did not take the refusal well he started using abusive language, calling me selfish and a miser. He never saw my side of the story.

Being in debt is one of the heaviest burdens for anyone to carry. The borrower of money, no matter how small or large the amount, owes the lender. And until the debt is paid, the burden weighs down the borrower, sometimes terribly. When my father was young, he bought a house after he got married, He took a loan from the bank to pay for the house, and for the next thirty years, he had to work hard to repay the loan. There was a period when he was out of work, and our family had to dig deep into whatever savings we had to service the loan.

Certainly it is best not to be a lender of a borrower. But it is very difficult to follow this proverb. In our life we sometimes have to either borrow or lend money even though advise is against.