

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

## 2018

## Toppers' Answers

SECTION -A  
(Reading)

20 marks

1. (i) (i) The ~~floating~~ floating Post Office in Srinagar, is located on a moon houseboat, which is ~~totally~~ intricately carved and fastened on the western edges of the Dal Lake.
- (ii) (ii) The seal used in the post office is unique. It constitutes the date, the address as well as the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake.
- (iii) (iii) ~~It helps to promote tourism as it~~ The letters posted from this post office bears the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city ~~which helps in promoting tourism as these letters~~ <sup>of Kashmir</sup> pictures reach everywhere the letters are posted to.
- (iv) (iv) The chief postmaster John Samuel renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'.
- (v) (v) The first room of the post office is used as the office and other room is a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department.
- (vi) (vi) The post office is beneficial to the locals because ₹1-2 crore is deposited per month by commuters, living in and around the Dal Lake, in this post office. The lake has islets which provide home for more than 50,000 people.
- (viii) (viii) The post office is a big boon to the people because of its location as it need not require a fan at any part of the year.
- (ix) (ix) 'fascination' is the word which means same as attraction.

2. 2.1.

- (i) 2.1 (i) Smart phones <sup>have made</sup> ~~make~~ communication effective and instant. One can convey ~~is convey~~ their message all around the globe to their dear ones in <sup>the</sup> ~~at~~ press of a button without spending huge amounts of money on it.
- (ii) (ii) Smart phones have ~~are~~ helped in broadening the minds of the youngsters and in improving their skills by doing research. ~~It has~~ They have also helped in enhancing the vocabulary of the young by letting them to look <sup>the meaning</sup> up for ~~the~~ new words that they come across. It also provides online teaching provision which helps them in completing their assignments on time.
- (iii) (iii) mobile phones can be considered as lifesavers in cases of emergencies. ~~It~~ They can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.
- (v) (v) Prepaid cards are useful to mobile phone users as they allow people to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or ~~any~~ by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. ~~They do~~ This plan does not hold any contract to which the customers have to be committed to.

2.2.

- (ii) 2.2 (ii) emails
- (iii) (iii) monitor
- (iv) (iv) negative
- (v) (v) monthly

## SECTION - B

(Writing Skills with Grammar)

30 marks

3.

7-5

Television - A boon or a bane.

By Prabhra Prabhha.

Watching television is the major leisure time activity of most of the extra students these days. Gone are those days <sup>during</sup> which students played in the mud or experienced the first shower of monsoon for stress-relief from examinations and other school works.

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4) (10) Overconfidence provides sour results.

"Aren't you ashamed that all creatures in this jungle are faster than you?" asked the arrogant hare to his good friend <sup>tortoise</sup> ~~tortoise~~, who was the only tortoise in that jungle. As we know, tortoises are known for their big shell that they carry on their backs and for their slow speed. "What makes you think I am the slowest one here?" ~~I can race you~~ ~~you~~ replied the tortoise. "Are you challenging me in a race?" ~~scattered~~ <sup>scattered</sup> the hare. The hare and the tortoise then signed a pact. The pact <sup>made</sup> stated that whoever loses in this race has to ~~build~~ <sup>make</sup> a trampoline out of nets and bamboos for the whole jungle to enjoy.



The tortoise internally knew that he was going to lose this race. ~~Thus instead of preparing for the race~~ but he wouldn't lose faith in himself. ~~He believed~~ that if he was determined to do something, God will be there ~~with him~~ to watch him succeed.

The hare on the other hand was very very overconfident. "It is a fact that hares are way faster than tortoises" he said to his jungle mates. He did not <sup>and</sup> prepare one bit for his race because he was sure he could <sup>beat</sup> a tortoise even by just walking.

It was the day of the race. The jungle was lightened up with <sup>lights and</sup> ~~lights and~~ <sup>harness</sup> all over. The king of the jungle, 'The Lion' was going to be present on this occasion. The referee chosen for this race was the cat whose shrilling scream was the loudest. The tortoise and the hare was invited to the starting line. The race was for 4 km. The hare hadn't slept the day before due to incessant visits by his <sup>friendly</sup> ~~contractor~~ who wanted to wish him luck for the race.

The cat's shrilling scream marked the beginning of the race. The excited ~~the~~ hare ran like a bullet. The tortoise tried to run as fast as possible but his pace wasn't even equal to which the hare walks. The overconfident

~~hare~~ who had already reached 0.5 km, while the tortoise was still covering his <sup>first</sup> 200 cms, had drowsy eyes from last night. He didn't have the energy to run for more time. He planned to ~~take~~ <sup>take</sup> a quick nap as he was sure that <sup>the</sup> tortoise will be still covering his <sup>first</sup> 200 cms when he wakes up.

The hare was awoken by loud screams of victory by all the animals. He rubbed his eyes and saw the tortoise being medalled. He pinched himself to make sure that it ~~wasn't~~ wasn't a dream. The ashamed ~~the~~ hare set out to collect bamboo for the trampoline.

The moral of this story is that confidence is ~~appreciable~~ appreciable but overconfidence will just give you a big box of nothing.

5. (b) (a) (ii) of  
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 (e) (e) (iv) the

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| (c) | by    | on      |
| (d) | —     | were    |

7. (i) (iv) Parents see work and play as two different things.  
 (ii) (ii) They think that playing is a waste of time.  
 (iv) (iv) A student should pay proper attention to both.  
 (v) (iv) Only then can he succeed in life.

## SECTION - C

(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

30 marks

8. (a) (a) Custard, the dragon was tickled by Belinda.  
 (b) (b) Belinda tickled him as because she wanted. The dragon was naive and coward, and she wanted to make fun of him.  
 (c) (c) Ink is a kitten, whereas Blink is a mouse and Mustard is a dog. They all are the pets of Belinda.  
 (d) (d) They all laughed at Custard because he was a coward and he begged for a cage to keep himself safe.

9. (a) The sight of several tea plantations in Assam excited Ramesh. Ramesh was born there and it was his hometown. Thus, he is used to all these sights. In fact, his father owned a tea plantation, hence he did not get excited when they saw the tea plantations.

- (b) The responsibility referred to here is that of accepting the loss of something very dear to us. One should learn to get over the fact of losing something and move on. This is the first taste of all adversities waiting for you in this world. Thus, we should always keep in mind that nothing lasts forever if we don't take proper care of it while it's under your possession. Thus, we should keep in mind that if we don't take proper care of things which are very dear to us, while it's under our possession, we will regret when we lose it.

- (c) Horace Danby loved to read books. He always bought some expensive books every year. He managed to fulfill this by robbing a posh house every year. He only stole from the rich, and justified his actions by saying that it was for a noble cause. He studied the house, and then robbed it, and then bought the latest expensive books available in the market.



(d) Mahida left the ball in a hurry because her husband had covered her with a cloth while the other women were covered with cozy furs. She did not <sup>want the other</sup> women to see her blanketed and deprive her for her poverty. This shows that Mahida was a woman of great desires, and someone who does not appreciate what they are provided with. Money and worldly desires tempted her and she wanted to fit in with the rich women.

10.

10) Buddha taught Gautami that death is inevitable. Gautami, who was sulking over her <sup>only</sup> son's death and ~~begging~~ begging for medicines to bring him back to life, could not accept the fact that death could happen to anyone, <sup>at</sup> any time. Buddha made her realize that there is not a single ~~house~~ house in which a dear one hasn't passed away. Every mortal ~~human~~ human being is meant to feel the congestion of the coffin. ~~By Buddha~~ He told her that while the relatives are sulking over their dear ones' deaths, more and more of their dear ones will continue losing <sup>men's</sup> lives. This is the way the world works, every earthen pot is meant to break at a point of time. Wise men don't ~~become~~ become upset over the death of anyone because they know that it is meant to happen ~~some~~ sometime or the other. Life is just a play, where God is the director and we are the actors. One should ~~not~~ realize that their dear ones will go to an even better place after their death and this should provide a sense of comfort to everyone. Hence, ~~death cannot be prevented~~ and we should ~~pray for them to reach a~~ instead of sulking over our dear ~~and~~ ones' deaths, we should pray for them to reach ~~an~~ even better heaven.

11.

ii) Miss Sullivan was the mentor and the dearest companion of Helen Keller throughout her life. Miss Sullivan's appearance was a turning point in Helen's life. Regardless of <sup>Helen's</sup> disabilities, Miss Sullivan made <sup>her</sup> Helen ~~enjoy~~ experience <sup>life in</sup> this world just as how a normal girl would experience it. She was a determined and hard-working personage. She stood along with Helen through her trick and thin. It was ~~prob~~ probably her experience with other ~~deaf~~ deaf children that made her very patient. She corrected Helen's ~~gram~~ grammatical mistakes without losing her temper. She ~~bought~~ ~~bro~~ On the very first day, Miss Sullivan bought a doll for Helen and spelt d-o-l-l on her hand. This was the very first time Helen understood that every object had a name. She taught her abstract words with a bit of difficulty. She educated Helen with the help of ~~the~~ nature. She never made Helen feel deprived of ~~her~~ her disabilities. Moreover, Miss Sullivan ~~to~~ painted Helen's black and white mind by ~~describing~~ describing the vivid sights around. She sat with her

in all her examinations and spell each and every word to her without resiliance. She is the true definition of a teacher who is also a second mother. Miss Sullivan could sense how stressful it was for Helen to cope up with the studies in her college. ~~She~~ In order to teach Helen new phrases and words from several languages, she had to first learn the words and phrases. She went around the world with Helen to meet various famous <sup>things,</sup> people. She was indeed the woman behind Helen's success. ~~She mentioned Helen as her B.~~

