



**ST. LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PRE-ANNUAL EXAM - 2020**  
**MODEL ANSWER**



**Sub: English B**

**Class: XI**

**F. M. :80**

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1. Complete the sentences which follow, choosing the correct answers from the alternatives given: 1x5=5

- a) The man who offered Mother 15 dollars was fond of –  
ii. smoking
- b) How many annas did Lachmi give to the coolie?  
i. two
- c) From the prison Jimmy straight went to –  
iii. restaurants
- d) The police inspector told Mr. Sivasanker that Sidha was –  
i. an old criminal
- e) Japanese dolls seem to be great specimens of art to –  
ii. the educated

2. Answer any five of the following questions in a single sentence: 1x5=5

- a) Why did the inspector stop Leela from going near Sidha?  
Ans: According to the inspector, Sidha was a thief and had taken away her gold chain.
- b) Why was Sir Mohan livid with rage?  
Ans: Sir Mohan was livid with rage because the two English soldiers had flung all his luggages on to the platform.
- c) What did Sidha tell Leela about touching the sky?  
Ans: Sidha told Leela that she could touch the sky if she stood on a coconut tree.
- d) What is the general notion about art?  
Ans: Art is the exclusive preserve of a few professionals and common people have nothing to do with it.
- e) What sort of co-passengers did Sir Mohan like?  
Ans: Sir Mohan liked English officers as his co-passengers.
- f) What does fine art do?
- g) Why was Mr. Adams terrified?  
Ans: Mr. Adams was terrified because no man nearer than a hundred miles from Elmore could open the door of the new vault.
- h) What makes many people of the west worried about India?  
Ans: Many people of the West are worried about the premature death of children owing to hunger and malnutrition in India.
- i) What did Ben Price do at the end of the story?  
Ans: Ben Price addressed Jimmy as Mr. Spencer and said that he did not recognize him.
- j) How did Mother try to check population?  
Ans: Mother encouraged the poor to practice natural family planning and thus to check the population.

3. Answer any two of the following questions in about 100 words: 5x2=10

- a) How does O. Henry establish a contrast between Jimmy Valentine and Ralph D. Spencer? 5  
Ans: Jimmy Valentine and Ralph D. Spencer are the two names of the same person at different phases of life. O. Henry establishes a contrast between them in their outlook to life. Jimmy bothers little about living a straight life and takes pleasure in accepting challenges with detective Ben Price. He has a daring attitude towards life and a taste for good society. Living straight is a matter of pity for Jimmy. These have helped him to avoid legal punishment and become a noted safe-cracker. Ralph D. Spencer is just the opposite of Jimmy. Ralph is determined never to touch a single dollar of another man's money or do any crooked thing. His love for Annabel made him

leave a crooked life and live an honest life. Ralph D. Spencer is a responsible and caring soul that grew out of the ashes of the infamous safe-cracker Jimmy Valentine.

b) What happened when Sidda was arrested and brought to Mr. Sivasanker and his family? 5

Ans: Leela was overjoyed to see Sidda. Leela did not care about the chain and pleaded the inspector to leave Sidda alone so that she could play with him. The inspector scolded Sidda from stealing the ornament from an innocent child. Though Sidda denied the accusation, no one except Leela believed him. He was asked to give back the chain so that he can be released. Leela felt disgusted with the whole business and kept saying that Sidda had not taken the chain. The inspector said that Leela was not a reliable prosecution witness because she was just a child. Mr. Sivasanker warned Leela to behave properly. After half an hour Sidda was taken back to the police station.

c) What did Lachmi do as the clanging of the bell announced the arrival of the train? 5

Ans: Lachmi was having her meal while the bell announced the arrival of the train. She hurriedly finished off her meal and emitting a loud belch went to the public tap to rinse her mouth and wash her hands. After washing she dried her mouth with the loose end of her sari and walked back to her steel trunk. As the train stopped, she found herself an almost empty inter-class zenana compartment next to the guard's van, at the end of the train. She heaved her bulky body through the door and sat beside a window. She gave a two anna bit to the coolie and dismissed him. She opened her betel case and made two betel leaves charged with red and white paste, minced betel nuts and cardamoms. She had those and rested her chin on her hands and sat gazing idly the jostling crowd on the platform.

d) "I find that very difficult to remove" – What does Mother mean by 'that' here? Why does she think it difficult to remove? 1+4=5

Ans: Here 'that' refers to poverty of love which the people of the West suffer most. Mother finds it very difficult to remove.

Mother says that around the world there are many countries where people do not get the basic necessities of life. They remain unfed, unclothed and unsheltered. Their poverty can be removed with sincere effort. But out in the Western countries where most people enjoy all sorts of material happiness, are devoid of happiness. They suffer from poverty of love. People of the West are too busy to afford time even for their children. They put their parents in the old-age home and forget them. Thus their children feel unwanted and parents feel neglected. Mother says she finds it very difficult to remove such mental poverty.

e) Why does the author blame the educated public of our country? Why does the author think that educated public need art education? 3+2=5

Ans: The author has observed that the educated people of our country do not feel shame at not understanding art. They find Japanese dolls amazing works of art. They find Gaudy German wrappers in red, blue and purple pleasant to the eyes. They discard elegant earthen pitchers and use tin containers for their durability. They are responsible for keeping art away from the commoners.

The educated people need art education as they set the standards for the people at large. If their attitude towards art can be changed by spreading art education among them, they will understand the need of art in life and they will make schools and universities give art education same status and importance as reading and writing.

4. Complete the sentences which follow, choosing the correct answers from the alternatives given: 1x5=5

a) The natural sight that the poet enjoyed was of –

iii. early morning

b) The worm's love is called –

i. secret

c) The poem 'Brotherhood' ends with a mark of –

iii. robust optimism

d) The boat is stopped by

iv. soft sand

e) The wind conveys its wake-up call first to –

i. the sailors

5. Answer any five of the following questions in a single sentence:

1x5=5

a) Which things does the sun steep "in his first splendor"?

Ans: The first splendor of the rising sun steeps the valley, rock or hill at a distance.

b) Why is the worm invisible?

Ans: The worm is invisible because it flies in the night when a howling storm is raging.

c) What does the poet understand when he reads the sky?

Ans: The poet understands that his life is also being written in that very moment.

d) What happens when the wind blows over the corn-fields?

Ans: The corn plants sway this way and that.

e) How did the lady-love respond to the tap of her lover at the window pain?

Ans: The lady love responded by lighting a match-stick.

f) Why is the city of London silent at the early morning?

Ans: The city of London is silent in the early morning because the daily activities of the city has not yet started.

g) How is the voice of the lady-love described?

Ans: The voice of the lady-love is described as less loud than the sound of the heart-beat of both the lovers.

h) What biblical reference does the 'worm' in the poem carry?

Ans: The worm in the poem has the suggestion of the biblical "serpent" that allured the first man and woman to commit a sin and lose their paradise.

i) What happens "at this very moment"?

Ans: "At this very moment" the poet realizes his position in the universe.

j) What does the wind ask the chanticleer to do?

Ans: The wind asks the chanticleer to blow its clarion call to announce the advent of the day.

6. Answer any two of the following questions each in about 100 words:

5x2=10

a) Give a substance of the poem "Meeting at Night"

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The poet starts by describing the landscape, the land appearing "black" since it is the night time and the sea is being described as "gray", as the colour of the water in the dim moonlight of the "yellow half-moon large and low" appears to be gray. The poet then indicates to us that the previous description was of his view from the boat he is sailing in. Then he goes forward describing the little waves that leap in the sea in a startled and fierce manner. The poet's description of the waves is set in a contrast, "startled little waves" leaping in the sea like "fiery ringlets". Then he pushes the row harder, he sails nearer to the coast, speeding towards the slushy sand of the beach. He walks a mile from the beach, three fields appear and after crossing the fields there is a farm. Upon reaching the farm, the poet taps on the "pane" of the window and the light from a match flickers. The speaker's beloved comes on the window to greet him. Both the lovers greet each other and their heartbeats sync with their union.

b) What effect does the worm have on the rose and what effect does the rose have on the worm?

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c) "Dear God! The very houses seem asleep".

1+1+3=5

i. Which houses are referred to here?

Ans: Here the houses of the city of London is referred in the poem "Upon Westminster Bridge"

ii. When do the houses seem asleep?

Ans: In the early hours of the morning the houses seem asleep. There is no sign of activity in the city in that early hour. The river Thames is flowing freely. There is no noise and bustle on the streets. It seems to the poet that even the houses of the city are enjoying a deep sleep.

iii. Why does the poet address God?

Ans: The poet is so charmed at the beauty of London seen in the early hours of morning from the Westminster Bridge that he expresses a feeling of joy and wonder by addressing God. He is grateful to God for letting him be a part of that early morning beauty.

d) What challenge is revealed in the line "Unknowing I understand"?

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Ans: The quoted expression is apparently paradoxical. How could one who does not know understand? The expression has a deeper suggestion. The poet perhaps wants to mean that what is written down in the twinkling letters of the stars is not known to him. He fails to understand it through intelligence but through imagination and intuition he can understand what is written by the stars. Destiny is unknown to man yet instead of helplessly yielding to this enigmatic force of

nature, he discovers a brotherhood between the creator and the created. He thus overcomes his finite existence by his writings.

e) Write a note on the significance of the title of the poem "Daybreak" 5

Ans: H. W. Longfellow's Daybreak is a poem about a new, fresh morning. The term 'daybreak' means the beginning of a new morning, that is, dawn. After the darkness of the night goes away, the day dawns and gives every object fresh energy. The beginning of a new day brings new hope. These tasks are performed by the wind that emerges from the sea. The wind eagerly informs every being about 'daybreak'. It inspires everyone for rising up and being active. He wakes up the ships, mariners, birds, church bell etc. so that they can welcome the new, fresh morning at daybreak. This daybreak is actually symbolic of our everyday new journey with new hope. So the title is appropriate.

7. Complete the sentences which follow, choosing the correct answers from the alternatives given (attempt any five): 1x5=5

- a) Othello was risen to the rank of a –
  - i. general
- b) Cesario was the name of –
  - iv. the feigned personality of Viola
- c) According to Lady Abbess, Adriana had debarred her husband from getting –
  - ii. relaxation or recreation
- d) Where would the wrestling match take place?
  - ii. court before the palace
- e) Macbeth and Banquo understood that the creatures were witches as they had –
  - iii. turned into air and vanished
- f) Lady Macbeth could not kill Duncan because –
  - iv. he looked like her own father
- g) Rosalind gave Orlando –
  - iv. chain
- h) What request did Viola make to Olivia when Olivia confirmed her identity?
  - i. to unveil her face
- i) Othello promoted Cassio to the rank of –
  - iii. Lieutenant
- j) Elder Antipholus and Elder Dromio were sold to –
  - ii. Duke Menaphon

8. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 100 words: 5x1=5

a) What was the experience of Antipholus younger and Dromio younger in the house of Adriana? 5  
Ans: Adriana came up to him, and not doubting but it was her husband she saw, she began to reproach him for looking strange upon her. It was in vain he told her that he was not her husband, and that he had been in Ephesus but two hours. She insisted on his going home with her, and Antipholus at last, being unable to get away, went with her to his brother's house, and dined with Adriana and her sister, one calling him husband, and the other brother-in-law. He, was amazed, thinking he must have been married to her in his sleep, or that he was sleeping now. And Dromio, who followed them, was no less surprised, for the cook-maid, who was his brother's wife, also claimed him for her husband.

When Antipholus of Syracuse had finished his dinner, he was so perplexed at the lady's still persisting in calling him husband, and at hearing that Dromio had also been claimed by the cook-maid, left the house, as soon as he could find any pretence to get away. Though he was very much pleased with Luciana, the sister, yet the jealous-tempered Adriana he disliked very much, nor was Dromio at all better satisfied with his fair wife in the kitchen. Therefore both master and servant were glad to get away from their new wives as fast as they could.

b) How did Macbeth and Lady Macbeth play the role of the host and hostess at the great supper? Why did Macbeth start behaving strangely at the supper? 3+2=5

Ans: At the great supper Lady Macbeth played the role of a hostess with gracefulness and attention which pleased everyone present. Macbeth also played the role of a perfect host very cordially. He talked freely with the thanes and nobles and expressed his gratitude on having the company of all the honourable persons of the country.

Macbeth started behaving strangely because he saw the ghost of Banquo entering the room and placing himself on the chair which Macbeth was about to occupy. Seeing Banquo's ghost Macbeth's cheeks turned white with fear and he stood with his eyes fixed upon the chair.

c) Who was Iago? How did he plot a scheme of revenge against both Cassio and Othello? 1+4=5  
Ans: Iago was an older officer of Othello's army.

Iago had a deep perception of human nature and he knew that of all the torments that afflict a man's mind, the pains of jealousy were the most intolerable. Iago thought that if he could succeed in making Othello jealous of Cassio, it would be a very good revenge and it might end in the death of Cassio or Othello or both. He planned a scheme of making Othello jealous by making him believe that his wife, Desdemona was having an illicit affair with Cassio.

d) What happened when Orlando was going to visit Ganymede? 5

Ans: While going to visit Ganymede, Orlando stumbled upon a ragged man asleep in the forest, who was being preyed upon by a large and green snake. The snake had twisted itself around the man's neck. Orlando succeeded in scaring the snake away, only to see a hungry lioness emerge from the underbrush waiting for its prey to wake up. Orlando approached the ragged man, and recognized him as his brother. Orlando's first impulse was to let Oliver, who treated him so abominably, perish in the lion's jaws, but his nobler nature would not allow it. He fought off the lion, wounding his shoulder but ultimately saving Oliver's life.

e) How did Viola become the most favoured attendant of Duke Orsino? What did Orsino tell Cesario about his unsuccessful courtship with Olivia? 3+2=5

Ans: Viola was presented in the feigned name of Cesario, a young man to duke Orsino. The duke was very much pleased with the graceful behavior of the handsome youth and made him one of his pages. Viola showed such a ready observance and faithful attachment to Orsino that she soon became his most favourite attendant.

Orsino told Cesario about his long and unsuccessful courtship with Lady Olivia. He told that Olivia had rejected his appeal and refused to meet him. He also told that Olivia despised his presence and treated him very unkindly.

9. A. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given in brackets:

1x7=7

a) He shouted, hoarse with anger, "I'll have you arrested."

(Change the mode of narration)

Ans: He shouted hoarse with anger that he would have them arrested.

b) A poor santhal sweeps and mops his hut. (Change the voice)

Ans: A poor santhal's hut is swept and mopped by him.

c) Jimmy Valentine took one look at her. He forgot her. (Join into a simple sentence)

Ans: Taking one look at her, Jimmy Valentine forgot her.

d) "Let him be", Leela replied haughtily. (Use the noun form of replied)

Ans: Leela's reply was "Let him be."

e) Some people forget that the vitality of a work of art lies in its sense of beauty.

(Change into negative)

Ans: Some people do not remember that the vitality of a work of art lies in its sense of beauty.

f) It is essential for the town-dwellers. (Change into complex)

Ans: It is essential for those dwelling in towns.

g) Leela keenly examined the ball for traces of the moon. She could not see it.

(Join into compound)

Ans: Leela keenly examined the ball for traces of the moon but could not see it.

9. B. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and prepositions:

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Pulling out from the wall a folding bed, Jimmy slid back a panel in the wall and dragged out a dust covered suitcase.

10. Answer any one of the two questions:

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A) Write a paragraph within 150-200 words on "The Role Of Social Media"

(Hints: what is social media – uses and abuses of social media – how to check and control the use of social media – your views – conclusion)

OR

Ans:

Heading of the Paragraph

(A paragraph should be written based on the topic following the given hints. It should not have grammatical and spelling errors. Word limit must be maintained.)

B) Write a story in about 150-200 words with the following outline. Add a suitable title.  
(Hints: Neighbours fight daily on who should clean the building and surrounding areas – bad fight takes place every day – building and area remains dirty – the children of the area become concerned – all decide to clean the area themselves – all of them take up brooms, brushes and mops – the whole area becomes clean while everyone enjoys working together – parents feel ashamed and learn a lesson.)

Ans:

Title of the Story

(A story should be written based on the given outlines. It should not have grammatical and spelling errors. An appropriate title is to be added. Word limit must be maintained.)

11. Training in creative dance, various classical dance offered to young learners (6-18 years) at Nritya India Dance Forum in Gariahat. Draft a commercial leaflet mentioning time-slots and fees. 5

Ans: An interesting commercial format is to be written without grammatical and spelling errors providing all the details mentioned in the question.

OR

Health Care – a new body fitness centre and gym is about to open at Jadavpure, Kolkata. Draft a commercial leaflet mentioning discounts and offers. 5

Ans: An interesting commercial format is to be written without grammatical and spelling errors providing all the details mentioned in the question.

12. Draft an advertisement in the classified column of a newspaper in not more than 50 words for an essay competition on the occasion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Birth Anniversary organized by a local club. 5

Essay Writing Competition

An essay writing competition has been organized by Youth Club in Kasba. It will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2020 on the occasion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Birth Anniversary from 10:30 onwards. Age limit – 5 to 18 years. Interested participants kindly contact Mr. Sen at the Youth Club within 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2020. Prizes will be distributed on the same day from 2 p.m.

OR

Wanted trainee copywriters in a reputed advertising company. Honours-graduates in copywriting are eligible. Draft an advertisement for a walk-in-interview. 5

Situation Vacant

Wanted trainee copywriters in Horizon Advertising Company. Candidates having an Honours graduate degree in copywriting are eligible. Candidates having experience will be given special preference but candidates without any experience can also come for the interview. Walk in interview is on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2020 at Park Circus Bhavan from 10 a.m.