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**SUBJECT - ENGLISH\_SOLUTION**  
**CLASS – XII**

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**M.M. : 100**

**SECTION - A : READING**

**1. Read the passage given below :**

1. Maharana Pratap ruled over Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for valour, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar had been a leading Rajput kingdom even before. Maharana Pratap occupied the throne. Kings of Mewar, with the cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had established such traditions in the kingdom, as augmented their magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions when the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag once again heaved high in the sky thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the people of Mewar.

2. The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the reign of Bappa Rawal. In fact only 60 years before Maharana Pratap, Rana Sanga drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him, Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today. The ambience of his kingdom was conducive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature. These accomplishments were the outcome of a longstanding tradition sustained by several generations.

3. The life of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during the long span of time; otherwise such extraordinary accomplishment in these fields would not have been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique by their firm but pleasant nature. The ambience of Mewar remains lovely thanks to the cheerful and liberal character of its people.

4. One may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that Mewar was not only the land of the brave but also a seat of art and culture. Amidst aggression and bloodshed, literature and art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, how glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the then administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijaya Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.

5. The cycle of time does not remain the same. Whereas the reign of Rana Sanga was crucial in raising the kingdom to the acme of glory, it also proved to be his nemesis. History took a turn. The fortune of Mewar-the land of the brave, started waning. Rana tried to save the day with his acumen which was running against the stream and the glorious traditions for sometime.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer each of the questions given below with the help of the options that follow :**

- a.** Maharana Pratap became immortal because :
- (i) he ruled Mewar for 25 years
  - (ii) he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar
  - (iii) of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism
  - (iv) both (ii) and (iii)
- b.** Difficulties in the way of Mewar were :
- (i) lack of cooperation of the nobility
  - (ii) ancient traditions of the kingdom
  - (iii) its small area and small population
  - (iv) the poverty of the subjects
- c.** During thorny occasions :
- (i) the flag of Mewar seemed to be lowered
  - (ii) the flag of Mewar was hoisted high
  - (iii) the people of Mewar showed gallantry
  - (iv) most of the rulers heaved a sigh of relief
- d.** Mewar was lucky because :
- (i) all of its rulers were competent
  - (ii) most of its people were competent
  - (iii) most of its rulers were competent
  - (iv) only a few of its people were is incompetent

**Answer the following questions briefly :**

- (e) Who is the earliest King of Mewar mentioned in the passage ?
- (f) What was Rana Kumbha's contribution to the glory of Mewar ?
- (g) What does the writer find worth admiration in the people of Mewar ?
- (h) How could art and literature flourish in Mewar ?
- (i) How did the rulers show that they cared for their subjects ?
- (j) What does the erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify ?
- (k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following :
  - (i) surprising (para 4)
  - (ii) evidence (para 4)

- Sol.**
- (a) (iv)
  - (b) (iii)
  - (c) (iii)
  - (d) (iii)
  - (e) Bappa Rawal is the earliest king of Mewar mentioned in the passage.
  - (f) Rana kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work along with literature and art also progressed extra-ordinarily.
  - (g) The writer finds worth admiration in the people of Mewar that people must have been peaceful and prosperous during the long span of time.
  - (h) Art and literature could flourish in Mewar because of inclination of Rana towards writing and his works. The people of Mewar lived in peace and had deep love for art and Literature.
  - (i) The rulers showed that they cared for their subjects because of the co-operation of their nobles and subjects.
  - (j) The erection of the vijaya stambha is the sample of our great ancient architecture and in the same for kirti stambha reflects how liberal the administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work.
  - (k) (i) Astonishing.  
(ii) Testimony.

**2. Read the passage given below :**

1. To ensure its perpetuity, the ground is well held by the panther both in space and in time. It enjoys a much wider distribution over the globe than its bigger cousins, and procreates sufficiently profusely to ensure its continuity for all time to come.
2. There seems to be no particular breeding season of the panther, although its sawing and caterwauling is more frequently heard during winter and summer. The gestation period is about ninety to hundred days winter and summer. The gestation period is about ninety to hundred days (Whipsnade, ninety-two days). The litter normally consists of four cubs, rarely five. Of these, generally two survive and not more than one reaches maturity. I have never come across more than two cubs at the heels of the mother. Likewise, graziers in the forest have generally found only two cubs hidden away among rocks, hollows of trees, and other impossible places.
3. Panther cubs are generally in evidence in March. They are born blind. This is a provision of Nature against their drifting away from the place of safety in which they are lodged by their mother, and exposing themselves to the danger of their being devoured by hyenas, jackals, and other predators. They generally open their eyes in about three to four weeks.
4. The mother alone rears its cubs in seclusion. It keeps them out of the reach of the impulsive and impatient male. As a matter of fact the mother separates from the male soon after mating and forgets all about their tumultuous union. The story that the male often looks in to find out how the mother is progressing with her cubs has no foundation except in what we wish it should do at least.
5. The mother carries its cubs about by holding them by the scruff of their neck in its mouth. It trains them to stalk, and teaches them how to deliver the bite of death to the prey. The cubs learn to treat all and sundry with suspicion at their mother's heels. Instinctively the cubs seek seclusion, keep to cover and protect their flanks by walking along the edge of the forest.
6. I have never had an opportunity to watch mother panther train its cubs. But in Pilibhit forests,

I once saw a tigress giving some lessons to its little ones. I was sitting over its kill at Mala. As the sun set, the tigress materialised in the twilight behind my machan. For about an hour, it scanned and surveyed the entire area looking and listening with the gravest concern. It even went to the the road where my elephant was awaiting my signal. The mahout spotted it from a distance and drove the elephant away.

7. When darkness descended upon the scene and all was well and safe, the tigress called its cubs by emitting a low haa-oon. The cubs, two in number and bigger than a full-grown cat, soon responded. They came trotting up to their mother and hurried straight to the kill in indecent haste. The mother spat at them so furiously that they doubled back to its heels immediately. Thereafter, the mother and its cubs sat under cover about 50 feet (15 m) away from the kill to watch, wait look, and listen. After about half an hour's patient and fidgetless vigil the mother seemed to say 'paid for'. At this signal, the cubs cautiously advanced, covering their flanks, towards the kill. No longer did they make a beeline for it, as they had done before.

8. The mother sat watching its cubs eat, and mounted guard on them.  
She did not partake of the meal.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage complete the statements given below with the help of options that follows :**

a. To protect its cubs the mother panther hides them :

- (i) among rocks
- (ii) in the branches of the trees
- (iii) behind the tree trunks
- (iv) at its heels

b. The male panther :

- (i) is protective of its cubs
- (ii) trains its cubs
- (iii) watches the progress of the mother
- (iv) is impulsive and impatient

**Answer the following questions briefly :]**

- c. How many cubs does the mother panther rarely deliver ?
- d. What may happen if the panther cubs are not born blind ?
- e. Why did the mahaut drive his elephant away ?
- f. Why did the tigress spit at its cubs ?
- g. From the narrator's observation what do we learn about the nature of the tigress ?
- h. Why does the panther not face the risk of extinction ?
- i. Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following :
  - (i) moving aimlessly (para 3)
  - (ii) came down/fell (para 7)

- Sol.**
- (a) (i) By travelling light
  - (b) (iii) By treating it like a picnic
  - (c) The mother panther rarely delivers five cubs.
  - (d) If the panther cubs are not born blind, they can be kept in safety may be devoured by hyenas, jackals and other predators.
  - (e) The Mahaut drove his elephant away because he saw a tigress giving some lessons to its cubs and coming to the road where the elephant was awaiting my signal.
  - (f) The tigress spat at its cubs to double back to its heels immediately.
  - (g) From the narrator's observation we learn about loving and caring nature of the tigress.
  - (h) The panther does not face the risk of extinction because the mother panther gives proper training to face every danger in early age.
  - (i) (i) Drifting away  
(ii) Descended.

**3. Read the passage given below :**

People tend to amass possessions, sometimes without being aware of doing so. They can have a delightful surprise when they find something useful which they did not know they owned. Those who never have to change house become indiscriminate collectors of what can only be described as clutter. They leave unwanted objects in drawers cupboards and attics for years in the belief that they may one day need them. Old people also accumulate belongings for two other reasons, lack of physical and mental energy, and sentiment. Things owned for a long time are full of associations with the past, perhaps with the relatives who are dead, and so they gradually acquire a sentimental value.

Some things are collected deliberately in an attempt to avoid wastage. Among these are string and brown paper, kept by thrifty people when a parcel has been opened. Collecting small items can be a mania. A lady cuts out from newspapers sketches of model clothes that she would like to buy if she had money. As she is not rich, the chances are that she will never be able to afford such purchases. It is a harmless habit, but it litters up her desk.

Collecting as a serious hobby is quite different and has many advantages.

It provides relaxation for leisure hours, as just looking at one's treasure is always a joy. One doesn't have to go out for amusement as the collection is housed at home. Whatever it consists of - stamps, records, first editions of books, china-there is always something to do in connection with it, from finding the right place for the latest addition to verifying facts in reference books. This hobby educates one not only in the chosen subject, but also in general matters which have some bearing on it.

There are other benefits also. One gets to meet like-minded collectors to get advice, compare notes, exchange articles, to show off one's latest find etc. So one's circle of friends grows. Soon the hobby leads to travelling, perhaps a meeting in another town, possibly a trip abroad in search of a rare specimen, for collectors are not confined to one country. Over the years one may well become an authority and then, if successful, to larger audiences.

(a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations (wherever necessary - minimum four) and a format you consider suitable.

Also supply an appropriate title to it.

(b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words.

**Sol. (a) Title-Hobby**

A - Advantage of hobby

- (i) To provide relaxation
- (ii) To give joy
- (iii) To use leisure hrs

B - Hobby consists

- (i) Stamps
- (ii) Records
- (iii) First editns of bks

C - Other benefits

- (i) To meet like-minded collectrs
- (ii) To get advice, compare notes
- (iii) To give informal / tlks

D - But collecting smll items a mania

- (i) Collection 2 avoid wastage
- (ii) News papers sketches model clothes
- (iii) Harmless habit

Abbreviations

1. Hours - hrs
2. Editions - edtns
3. Books - bks
4. Talks - tlks

(b) Summary

People tend to amass possession without being aware of doing so. Many persons collect the things to memorise the past to acquire a sentimental value. But collecting small items can be a mania that is a harmless habit but vain. Collecting thing is a hobby that is full of advantages. It provides relaxation for leisure hours. It consists of stamps records first editions of books etc. There are other benefits one gets to meet like-minded collectors to get advice, compare notes, exchange articles to show off one's latest find etc. Hobby always grows friends as well as knowledge.

**SECTION - B : ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS**

4. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj, a leading lawyer practising in Surat. You want to buy an independent house at City Light Road to be used as office-cum-residence. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the classified columns of a local newspaper. You can be contacted at 45645678

**Or**

On 30<sup>th</sup> November your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportsperson of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Karuna/Karan, Sports Secretary, Sunrise Global School, Agra.

Wanted
<p>Wanted an independent house at city light road to be used as office-cum-residence on ground floor. Rent-25000 Rs. Per month will be paid. Contact at 45645678 or address-</p>

**Sol.**

5. Along with air and water pollution, our cities are also under an attack of noise pollution. Marriage processions, DJs during wedding receptions, loud music from neighbourhood flats etc. are all sources of noise which is not good for the old, the ailing and students. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper describing the problem and making a request to the concerned authorities to solve it. You are Karan/Karuna, M 114, Mall Road, Delhi.

**Or**

In all big cities road rage has become a serious problem. A minor scratch, a little push, or a small brushing past can lead to a scuffle sometimes resulting even in murder. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Police Commissioner giving your views on the problem and its solutions. You are Karuna/Karan, M 114, Mall Road, Delhi.

**Sol.**

M-114 mall  
Road Dehli  
3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016  
The editor  
Rajasthan patrika.

Subject : To solve the problem of noise pollution.

Sir,

With profound respect I beg to draw your kind attention towards increasing noise pollution in our city along with air and water pollution. Sir ! our city is under an attack of noise pollution nowa-days. Marriage processions, DJs during wedding receptions loud music from neighbourhood flats are the main sources of noise pollution.

On account of it, the life of citizens has become hellish. People cannot sleep properly. This noise pollution is very fatal for the old, the ailing and students. During the exams, the student feel much difficulty and come in frustration. We have complained many times but vain.

So, I request you to look into the matter and bring the problem in the notice of the concerning authorities to solve it Thanking you !

Yours faithfully

Karan

6. 'Brain drain is not a bane for a developing country like India'. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Or

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic. 'Discipline shapes the future of a student'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karuna/Karan.

**Sol. Discipline shapes the future of students**

Respected the principal and teachers and dear students.

I am (Karan) going to deliver speech about discipline

Today in this modern age our students are betraying due to lack of discipline. It is not fair as the students of today will become the policy maker of the nation. It is the student life during which the character is formed. Strong character can be formed through discipline. Discipline is an ornament of the student.

Every student must maintain discipline in his life as without it no one can shape his future. Discipline should be maintained in every span of life. Self-discipline is the key of success. Best education can be derived through discipline it plays an important role in shaping bright future as it contains every success. Discipline makes a man great and respectable in society.

Discipline develops the feeling of self-governs in the heart of the students so that they may serve the country. So we should work, study, live and talk with the feeling of discipline. Discipline always brings self-confidence

7. Education has always been a noble profession. Our ancestors received their learning at gurukuls and ashrams. Even in the near past pathshalas (schools) were associated with places of worship. Today education is fast becoming commercialised. Parents have to shell out a lot of money on coaching classes, tuition fees etc. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'The State of Education, Today'. You are Karan/Karuna.

Or

According to 2011 census, literacy rate of hundred percent or around has been achieved by only a couple of states in India. Illiteracy is found mostly among the old and the deprived sections of society. What can the youth do to spread literacy in society ? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Role of students in eradicating illiteracy'. You are Karuna/Karan.

**Sol. Article**

**The state of education today**

History theirs whose language is the sun. Education is the part of great literature without it no one can imagine about a civilized life. There is a great difference between education and literacy.

Education has alway been a noble profession. Education means an education at moral values. The expansion of sankars, national duty. In the ancient time parents used to send their children to the Gurukuls and Asharms to get education. The children were imparted moral education, education about subject as well as spirituality. At that time the ground of education was value based. The main motive of education to develop the children to live a better life.

But today education has taken different shape. Today education is fast becoming commercialised. It has become a minting machine. Today every one is gething traditional education not creative education. In this age, Gurukuls, as hrams have been vanished many schools, coaching institutes have been developed where children are being given moral less eduction. It is entirely non-value based.

Parents have to shell out a lot of money on coaching classes but no result is produced.

The motive of getting education is to get high rank selection. So the level of education was better than that of today's in the ancient time.

## SECTION - C : LITERATURE

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :**

Now we will count to twelve  
and we will all keep still.  
For once on the face of the Earth  
let's stop for one second,  
and not move our arms so much.

- a. What is the significance of the number 'twelve' ?
- b. Which two activities does the poet want us to stop ?
- c. What does the poet mean by 'let's not speak in any language ?
- d. Describe the pun on the word, 'arms'.

**Or**

..... I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse and realised with  
pain .....

- a. Who is 'I' ?
- b. What did 'I' realise with pain ?
- c. Why was the realisation painful ?
- d. Identify and name the figure of speech used in these lines.

- Sol.**
- (a) The significance of the number twelve is that the poet inspires to consider the matter for one year.
  - (b) Speaking and manual work the poet wants us to stop for a moment to establish peace on the surface of the earth
  - (c) The poet means by 'let's not speak in any language that there should be no talking all over the world, there should be pindrop silence
  - (d) There is pun on the arms, as this word has two meaning  
arms - weapons  
arms - Hands

**OR**

- (a) I is the poetess here.
- (b) I realised the painful reality of her mother's death.
- (c) The realisation was painful because her mother was extremely old and she could die anytime.
- (d) Simile

9. Answer **any four** of the following questions in 30-40 words each :
- a. What does the reference to chappals in 'Lost Spring' tell us about the economic condition of the rag pickers ?
  - b. What do we learn about the crofter's nature from the story. 'The Rattrap' ?
  - c. How is 'Shakespeare wicked and the map a bad example' for the children of the school in a slum ?
  - d. What picture of male chauvinism (tyranny) do we find in the poem. 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ?
  - e. How did the Governor, Oxford Prison describe Evans to the Secretary Examination Board ?
  - f. At the dining table why did Zitkala-Sa begin to cry when others started eating ?

- Sol.**
- (a) Lost spring tells us that the economic condition of the rag pickers is very poor due to lack of money, they remain without chappals.
  - (b) From the story the rattrap we learn about the crofter's nature that he was very benevolent person, he had sympathy and soft corner for the helpless peddler.
  - (c) Shakespeare is wicked for the children because they had no know-ledge about shakespeare map is a bad example for them as the prosperous world that has been shown in the map is entirely out of their approach as they live in the slum.
  - (d) In the poem Aunt Jennifer's Tigers. We find the domine nature of male as they are liberal they are fearless without caring anyone.
  - (e) The governor oxford prison described Evans to the secretary Examination board that he wanted to fight the secondary level exam. Governor described Evans was not a violent sort of a person. He was quite a pleasant person and was a star at the christmas concert.
  - (f) At the dining table zitkala-sa began to cry when others started eating because she went out of the house first time. She did not like the atmosphere. She was in strange position because the fat person and pale faced woman were staring at her.

10. Answer the following question in **120-150** words :
- Every teenager has a hero/heroine to admire. So many times they become role models for them. What is wrong if Sophie fantasises about Danny Casey and is ambitious in life ?

**Or**

Our native language is part of our culture and we are proud of it. How does the presence of village elders in the classroom and M. Hamel's last lesson show their love for French ?

- Sol.** As soon as the special order was issued from Berlin to teach German in place of French, every one became shocked now it was the last lesson of french so all the students and the village elders had gathered in the class room. The love for their native language french dominated all others things. The presence of the villages in the class room showed their love for the mother land. They were proud of their native language and culture. They showed much interest to learn their own language when M.Hamel taught the lesson. Teacher M.Hamel told that French is the most beautiful and logical language of the world. They should have love for it as it is the key of their liberty. M.Hamel encouraged them to fight for its liberty, because they have been slaved by physically not mentally.

**11.** Answer the following question in **120-150** words :

Both Derry and Lamb are victims of physical impairment, but much more painful for them is the feeling of loneliness. Comment.

**Or**

How did Jack end the Roger Skunk story ? How and why did Jo want to change it ?

**Sol.** Jack used to tell story to his daughter jo every saturday about Roger animal that had any problem. One saturday jack told the story about an animal named Roger skunk. He had bad smell. So all the creatures ran away to see him when Roger skunk went to play with them. Then roger skunk went to the house of the wizard. The wizard changed the bad smell into rose smell. But the mother did not like it she compelled the wizard to change it again in the same smell. Jack end the story. But jo wanted to change the end of the story because the mother of Roger skunk was not right while skunk was right. His mother did not support Roger skunk for his positive change. In the opinion of jo, the wizard should hit on the head of mother and not to change the rose smell.

**12.** Attempt the following question in **120-150** words :

How did Mrs. Hall show her excitement when Griffin came to stay at Coach and Horses ?

**Or**

How do William Dane's deceit and Sarah's desertion affect Silas ?

**Sol.** Mrs. Hall showed her excitement when Griffin came to stay at coach and horses. She was the owner of the inn appeared a worldly woman. She was a good host and knew very well how to let the customer feel at home. The stranger who came in the inn at the off time. So Mrs. Hall was much excitement to receive him. In spite of getting frequent snubs from the stranger, she shows no irritation as she knew that Griffin was a minting machine for her. The stranger paid her in advance. The behaviour of the guest did not upset her but she kept quiet. She was sympathetic towards him seeing the bandages of the stranger, Mrs. Hall thought that he must have met with an accident she was ready to help him to get settled and comfortable in the room. Mrs. Hall considered a guest to stop at her inn in the winter time was an unheard piece of luck so she was resolved to show herself worthy of her fortune.

**13.** Attempt the following question in **120-150** words :

Marvel is the only character in 'The Invisible Man' who interacts with Griffin and gains something. Comment.

**Or**

Attempt a character sketch of Eppie.

**Sol.** Mr. Marvel was a short, fat man. He gave the impression of a tramp-the shabby hat, the charity boots his cloths and his homeless lifestyle he was a lazy guy and did not everything in a lazy manner. Griffin forces him to work for him on the other hand, Marvel was a practical man. Finding that the invisible man was powerful, he accepted the terms and condition and got ready to work for his invisible boss. As Marvel was habitual not doing anything, he soon expressed his helplessness to do any work. Marvel was lucky and fortunate. The money that was given to him by griffin was still with him. After the death of griffin when its ownership remained undecided, he was allowed to keep it. He became rich over night and opened an inn and named it "Invisible Man" Thus the way to his riches had passed through the invisible man. So we can say that mr. marvel is the only character in "The invisible man" who interacts with griffin and gains something.