

Class X – ENGLISH

ANSWER KEY –2

Section A – MCQ (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

1. **b) Difficulty**
2. **c) Defeat**
3. **a) a**
4. **b) won**
5. **b) This bridge was built by the workers.**
6. **b) She said that she was feeling unwell.**
7. **c) of**
8. **c) Imperative**
9. **b) better**
10. **c) Necessary**

Section B – Reading (10 Marks)

Q11. Answers

1. Short Answers:

a) Mental health includes emotional well-being, realizing one's abilities, coping with stress, working productively, and contributing to society.

b) People hesitate due to social stigma and fear of judgment or discrimination.

c)

- Lack of awareness
- Limited professionals and inadequate facilities

d) By spreading awareness, encouraging open discussions, promoting stress-management techniques, and integrating mental health education into schools.

2. Word Meaning:

e) Well-being → **Emotional wellness / Healthy state**

f) Insufficient → **Inadequate**

Section C – Literature (20 Marks)

Q12. Short Answers:

1. Danny Casey
2. He was a writer/novelist and professor.
3. At Grand Central Station.
4. Tiger
5. Antarctica

Q13. “The man was an enemy...”

- a) The wounded American soldier.
- b) Dr. Sadao faces the conflict between his duty as a doctor and his duty as a patriot.
- c) He chooses humanity over nationalism by treating the soldier.
- d) He decides to save the soldier’s life.

Q14. Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers

- a) They symbolize courage and freedom.
- b) Because they represent strength and fearlessness.
- c) The tigers are bold and free, while Aunt Jennifer is timid and oppressed.
- d) “Bright topaz” is a **metaphor**.

Q15. Poem (A Thing of Beauty)

Summary:

The poem describes how beautiful things provide eternal joy and remove negativity from life. Nature gives peace and hope.

Theme:

Beauty is everlasting and inspires positivity.

Section D – Grammar (15 Marks)

Q16. Indirect Speech

- a) He said that he was very busy that day.
- b) She said that she had lost her book.
- c) Ramesh said that he would help me.
- d) The teacher said that honesty is the best policy.
- e) Mohan told her that he was waiting for her.

Q17. Correct Form of Verbs

- a) is writing
- b) finished
- c) had seen
- d) play
- e) are preparing

Q18. Do as Directed (Sample Correct Forms)

- a) Active: Ram wrote a letter.
Passive: A letter was written by Ram.
- b) Passive: The work was completed by her.
Active: She completed the work.
- c) You are coming, aren't you?
- d) She is interested in music.
- e) This book is better than that one.
- f) He does not know the answer.

Section E – Writing (15 Marks)

Q19. Paragraph – Importance of Honesty

Honesty is the foundation of a strong character. An honest person earns respect and trust. Honesty builds confidence and helps in achieving success. It promotes peace and harmony in society.

Q20. Application for Fee Concession

To,
The Principal,
ABC School

Subject: Application for Fee Concession

Respected Sir/Madam,
I respectfully state that my father's income is very low and he is unable to pay my full fees. Kindly grant me a fee concession.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,
XYZ

Q21. Essay – My Aim in Life

Everyone has an aim in life. My aim is to become a doctor. I want to serve society and help poor patients. Doctors play an important role in saving lives. I will work hard and study sincerely to achieve my goal. My aim gives direction and motivation to my life.