

## Class 10 – ENGLISH

### ANSWER KEY – 5

#### Section A – Reading (20 Marks)

##### PASSAGE 1

###### 1. Short Answers:

a) Newspaper reading has declined because young people prefer quick updates on social media instead of detailed news analysis.

b) Newspapers provide well-researched, balanced, and verified information, while social media may be misleading or biased.

c)

- Improves vocabulary and language skills
- Enhances general awareness and critical thinking

d) Schools can encourage students to read newspapers daily and discuss current issues in classrooms.

---

###### 2. Word Meaning:

e) Trustworthy → **Reliable**

f) Encourage → **Motivate**

---

##### PASSAGE 2

###### 1. Short Answers:

a) Modern lifestyle has reduced physical activity due to sedentary habits and excessive use of technology.

b) Physical benefits:

- Maintains healthy weight
- Strengthens muscles and heart

Mental benefits:

- Reduces stress
- Improves mood

c) Many people avoid exercise due to lack of time, motivation, awareness, and belief that it requires expensive equipment.

d) Schools and workplaces can organize sports activities, fitness programs, and awareness campaigns.

---

## 2. Word Meaning:

e) Inactive → **Sedentary**

f) Lasting forever → **Lifetime**

---

## Section B – Literature (20 Marks)

### Q12. Short Answers:

1. He lost his freedom and carefree happiness.
  2. The YMCA swimming pool.
  3. The old crofter (and later Edla Willmansson gave him shelter).
  4. The British forced peasants to grow indigo under the tinkathia system.
  5. It was associated with the film industry (movie production).
- 

### Q13. Poem – Keeping Quiet

- a) The poet wants people to stop speaking and moving restlessly.
  - b) He suggests silence for self-reflection and peace.
  - c) The message is to promote peace, harmony, and introspection.
  - d) Poetic device: **Repetition** (“let’s”).
- 

### Q14. Lost Spring

- a) Saheb was no longer his own master because he had to follow his employer’s orders.
- b) His life changed from carefree rag-picking to working under strict conditions in a tea stall.
- c) The irony is that although he earned money and meals, he lost his freedom and happiness.

d) The issue of child labor and poverty is highlighted.

---

### **Q15. A Thing of Beauty**

#### **Summary:**

The poem states that beautiful things bring eternal joy. Beauty never fades; instead, it grows with time. Nature provides peace and hope during difficult times. Beautiful things create a peaceful shelter for us.

#### **Theme:**

Beauty is everlasting and gives comfort, hope, and happiness to human life.

### **Section C – Grammar (15 Marks)**

#### **Q16. Indirect Speech**

- a) She said that she was feeling very happy that day.
- b) Ram said that he had completed his work.
- c) Mohit said that he would appear in the examination.
- d) The teacher said that honesty always pays.
- e) Renu told me that she was waiting for me outside.

#### **Q17. Correct Form of Verbs**

- a) play
- b) finished / had finished
- c) saw
- d) was reading
- e) are preparing

#### **Q18. Do as Directed (Sample Answers)**

- a) Active: Ram wrote a letter.  
Passive: A letter was written by Ram.

b) Passive: The work was done by her.

Active: She did the work.

c) You are ready, 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 D – Writing (15 Marks)**

#### **Q19. Paragraph – Importance of Honesty**

Honesty is the foundation of a strong character. It builds trust and respect in society. Honest people gain confidence and long-term success. Honesty creates a peaceful and harmonious environment.

#### **Q20. Application for Competition Permission**

To,  
The Principal,  
ABC School

Subject: Permission to Participate in Competition

Respected Sir/Madam,

I request you to kindly grant me permission to participate in the upcoming competition. I assure you that I will maintain discipline and represent the school with pride.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,  
XYZ

#### **Q21. Essay – Environmental Protection**

Environmental protection is essential for human survival. Pollution, deforestation, and global warming are serious threats. We must reduce waste, plant trees, conserve water, and use renewable energy. Protecting nature ensures a safe future for coming generations.