

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

AnsX 18

Standard X
ENGLISH

ANSWER KEY OF SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 1

1. A J Cronin liked Mr John
2. The man and his wife had been active for the past fifteen years in the field of youth welfare. He was a solicitor. He found time to act as the director of a charitable organization.
3. Because they had been inspecting many of the summer recreational camp for the young people.
4. To study the methods employed in dealing with cases of backward, maladjusted and delinquent youth.
5. Solicitor
6. Man has done cruelty to his fellow beings as well as to nature by destroying it for his selfish needs.
7. The splendid works, sights and gifts of Nature.
8. To her fair works did Nature link.
9. abab
10. **Appreciation**

William Butler Yeats' poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' tells us the moving story of Reverent Father Peter Gilligan and God Almighty's timely intervention to help him. The poem is written in the form of a ballad with a self-contained story, which depends more on imagery than description. Father Gilligan had to give funeral rites to the deceased and the last communion to the dying.

The setting of the poem is in the countryside. Moreover, we can say that the setting was in the Irish countryside because Yeats was Irish. The priest is tired after rushing from one place to another. He had to attend the dead and the dying. To show his restless mood, the poet gives these lines. The poem contains twelve stanzas of 4 lines each.

The central theme of the poem is to show that God is merciful. He sends help for those in need and at times when they need it the most. The tone of the poem is sad depressing at first; with all the deaths of the poor people. It turns repentant when Father Gilligan asks for forgiveness for his outburst. Then it turns suspenseful.

Father Gilligan says that since people keep dying and since he is expected to be with them in their last hours, he is not getting any rest, he has no reason to feel happy, and he is never peaceful either. However, in the next moment, he regretted and apologize to God saying that it was his weary body that had spoken, and not he himself. Father Gilligan then knelt on the ground putting his folded hands on the chair before him. While praying in that position, he suddenly fell asleep. The evening went by, and a few stars appeared in the sky at nightfall.

Vivid imagery is used in the poem. The night and the stars, the moth hour, etc. are examples of imagery. The regular rhyme scheme is abcb. 'die - I', 'asleep - peep' are rhyming words. The poem is a literary ballad written in the ballad form. It has a narrative, couplets, common regional dialect and adventure, dramatic and simple.

11. Narrative

'The Adventures in the Banyan Tree' is a story of a young boy who loved to sit in an old banyan tree in his grandfather's house. The boy had a small grey squirrel as his first friend in the tree. The squirrel became friendly with the boy.

In the spring, when the banyan tree was full of small red figs, birds of all kinds would flock into its branches. During the fig season, the banyan tree was the noisiest place in the garden. The boy built a platform on the tree where he could spend the afternoons to read books. At times, he would look down through the leaves at the world below.

One afternoon, he happened to see a fight between a mongoose and a cobra. He saw a huge black cobra coming out of a clump of cactus. At the same time, a mongoose came out from the bushes and went straight for the cobra. The cobra knew that the grey mongoose was a superb fighter. The cobra too was a skilful and experienced fighter. He moved swiftly. The mongoose bushed his tail and his long hair on his spine stood up. It was to be a battle of champions.

A myna and a jungle crow arrived there. They sat on the cactus to watch the fight. The cobra stood swaying slowly from side to side was trying to make a false move. The mongoose gazed at a point just below the cobra's hood opened the attack.

Immediately the cobra struck so swiftly that there was no chance for the mongoose to escape. But he jumped to one side and swiftly bit the cobra on the back and dashed away out of its reach. A few drops of blood glistened on the cobra's back. Again the

cobra struck and missed. The mongoose jumped aside. The birds dived at the snake and bumped back to the cactus.

The crow flew near the cobra and it struck the crow with force. The crow was flung nearly twenty feet across the garden and it fell dead. The cobra was weakening. The cobra stopped struggling. Then the mongoose gripped it around the hood and dragged it into the bushes. The boy came down from the tree and told his Grandfather what he had seen. Grandfather was happy that the mongoose had won. He had encouraged it to live in the garden, to keep away the snakes.

One day on the banyan tree he saw a Grey Squirrel and a White Rat go off together on little excursions among the branches. Grandfather had bought the white rat from the bazaar four years back. Then the squirrel started building a nest. One day the Grandmother's knitting was missing. The next day, the boy saw something glittering in the hole in the tree. On investigation, he saw the Grandmother's steel knitting-needle in it. On looking further, he discovered that the hole filled with knitting. There were three baby squirrels in the nest - all of them white! Grandfather told the boy that the white rat must be the father. Rats and squirrels were related to each other and so they could have white baby squirrels.

12. Diary

Monday

18th January 2020

It's a memorable day in my life. I am extremely happy to see the transformation happened in the life of Mr John. He had fallen victim to the loose society and had made bad companions. He lost all his belongings and finally committed a suicide attempt. Thank God, the timely help of us saved his life. Now he found time to work for the derelict adolescents. I am unable to express my happiness. Seven pounds ten shillings, saved a man's life. It was the best investment I had made in my life. Thank God.

13. News Report

Tiger Turns Violent at Shooting Location

Staff Reporter, Sunday, 10 January 2021.

Kolkata: The shooting of the long-awaited film *Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne* by the legendary filmmaker Satyajith Ray began yesterday at Notun Gram. There is a scene in which heroes of the film *Goopy* and *Byne* meet a tiger in the forest. To get it filmed, a

well-fed and robust tiger from the Bharat Circus was brought to the shooting location. When the trainer opened its cage, the ferocious animal suddenly turned violent and charged at the spectators.

Mr. Thorat, the trainer, could not bring it under control even though he made some attempts. After a while, the tiger became calm and Mr. Ray and his crew managed to take their required shots successfully

When asked about the incident, Mr. Ray expressed his relief and said, 'we were very much frightened and disappointed at the unexpected behavior of the tiger. Anyhow, we've managed to take the shots and we will see the quality of the pictures once we reach back to Kolkata'.

14. Letter

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Navaikulam

26.01.2021

Dear Ramesh

How're you? Hope you are fine. I'm fine here. I write this letter to tell you about a strange incident I happened to see today.

I used to spend most of my time in the banyan tree in front of my house. Today afternoon when I was sitting on the bole of the tree, I happened to see a glinting in the hole of the tree. It was the nest of the grey squirrel. When I looked into the hole, I saw my Grandmother's knitting-needle inside it. On further investigation, I found out Grandma's missing knitting in it. Then I happened to see three baby squirrels in this nest. The surprising thing is that all the babies were white. How did the grey squirrel give birth to white babies? How could that happen? The grey squirrel had a friend, a white rat. I guessed that the white rat may be the father of these babies. I asked my Grandfather. He told that the white rat may be the father of these baby squirrels. The funny thing is that the grey squirrel had taken away Grandmother's knitting materials to build a nest. She used all these materials to keep her children safe in the hole in the banyan tree.

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This was a rare experience for me. I thought of writing about it to you first before telling the incident to someone else. Hope you'll convey my best wishes to your father, mother and sister. Hope you'll reply soon.

Yours friendly

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15. Character Sketch

The doctor in the story was a poor young doctor, who had just set up his medical practice and his earnings were meagre. So he lived in a small rented house. Being a beginner in his profession, he leads a simple life. He was a greater admirer of beauty and he believed in making himself look more handsome. He was unmarried and he was very much bothered about his physique. He was a man with great sense of humour

He believed in God. Even though the snake coiled around his left arm, his mind was very active. But he was not as bold as that he claimed. Thus when he got a chance, he ran to his friend's house.

16. Phrasal verb

a) got up b) set off c) taken off d) taken aback

17. a. the b. beneath c. which

18. a. Edward Jenner was an English doctor who discovered a vaccination for the prevention of small pox.

b. The girl came to Jenner for an advice.

c. He wanted to win the confidence of the public. So he vaccinated his own son first.

d. He wanted to discover a way to prevent small pox.

e. The Invention of a Vaccine.

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