

## Second Term English Model paper 2 Answer Key

### STD VIII English

#### SECTION A

1. Gold-coloured plastic cups and trophies she had won for coming first in her class.
2. **C. Because her mother was worried about the threats they had received.**
3. **an award**
4. A fascinating Malayalam book titled എന്തുകൊണ്ട്? എന്തുകൊണ്ട്? എന്തുകൊണ്ട്? published by the Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad.
5. Books remain a source of reliable information, unlike most of the information we get online.
6. None of the options are exactly correct. The correct unsolved questions mentioned are:
  - increasing human-animal conflicts in Kerala
  - more extreme weather events such as flash floods and landslides.
7. The lines present a beautiful contrast between a child's innocent imagination and an adult's scientific knowledge. To the little girl, the round full moon appears so close that it gets "entangled" among the branches of the dadam tree, like a shining toy that anyone could catch. Dada laughs and explains that the moon is actually very far away, revealing the scientific truth. This highlights the difference between childhood magic and wonder and adult logic and knowledge.

#### SECTION B

8. A general astronomer observes and catalogues celestial bodies, whereas an astrophysicist studies their physical properties (composition, density, temperature, motion, etc.) using laws of physics.
9. **B. composition, temperature, and density of celestial objects.**
10. Dr. Ajith Parameswaran is an astrophysicist, **isn't he?**

#### SECTION C (Both options given)

11. **[A] News Article – Engine Trouble Headline: ELEPHANT ON RAMPAGE! Road Engine Destroys Wall, Driver Arrested Mingora, 10 October:** Total chaos erupted on the main road yesterday when a prize-winning road engine, being dragged by an elephant and fifty coolies under a drunken temple priest-turned-driver, went out of control. The huge engine crashed through a compound wall

before coming to a halt. The terrified crowd scattered in all directions. Police rushed to the spot and arrested the intoxicated driver. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured.

**11. [B] Paragraph – Education as universal right** Malala Yousafzai firmly believes that “One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.” Education is a universal right because it removes ignorance, empowers every individual, and breaks the cycle of violence and poverty. When girls are educated, they can stand against oppression, contribute to society, and choose peace over conflict. Education creates global hearts and minds that value equality and progress. Therefore, denying any child education is denying the world a brighter future.

**12. [A] Conversation between Malala and Moniba in the bus** Moniba: Malala, did you finish the chemistry equations? Malala: Yes, finally! What about your English story with the moral? Moniba: Still writing... I told my parents I want to be a doctor, not a fashion designer! Malala: They’ll never agree to fashion designing! Moniba: Exactly! And you? Still dreaming of becoming a politician? Malala: Yes! Someone has to fight for girls to go to school. Maybe one day I’ll even become Prime Minister! Moniba: Insha’Allah! First let’s pass these exams...

**12. [B] Picture description – Engine Trouble** A massive, old-fashioned red road engine stands in the middle of a dusty Indian street. A huge grey elephant is tied with thick ropes to the front of the engine, trying to pull it. Around fifty coolies in colourful dhotis and turbans are pushing and pulling with all their might. A drunken temple priest in saffron clothes is shouting orders from the driver’s seat. A frightened crowd watches from a distance while a municipal lorry and a “GO SLOW” signboard add to the chaotic, comical scene.

**13. [A] Social media post – Engine Trouble narrator** OMG you won’t believe what just happened! 🤯 That cursed road engine that ruined my life for weeks – fifty coolies, one mad elephant, drunken priest, destroyed wall, police case – is finally GONE! An earthquake came and swallowed the whole thing! 🙏🏻 Thank you, Nature! Best stroke of luck ever! #EngineTroubleOver #ThankYouEarthquake #FinallyFree

**13. [B] Speech – Family Support: The Key to a Girl’s Education** Respected Principal, teachers and dear friends, Good morning! Today I speak on “Family Support: The Key to a Girl’s Education”. Malala’s father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, founded Khushal School and always encouraged her to study and speak out, even when the Taliban threatened their lives. Because of his belief and protection, Malala became the youngest Nobel laureate. When parents stand by their daughters, believe in their dreams and fight for their right to education, no fear can stop a girl. Let us all promise to support every girl in our families and society so that they can change the world with their knowledge and courage. Thank you. Jai Hind!

## SECTION D

14. Active voice → This was thought to be a stupid question (by the driver) because the name was painted on the side.

15. To introduce a list / explanation / quotation / example.

16. **B. to flip over**

17–19. (a) **ignorance** (b) **motivate** (c) **drives**

20. Edited passage: Dr. Ajith Parameswaran **is** a scientist from Kerala. His love **for** learning was nurtured by the books in his local library. He spoke about how scientists create knowledge. He now works at the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences **in** Bengaluru.