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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Fiction – 1 Two Gentlemen of Verona by A.J Cronin

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	Both the brothers were shabbily dressed. One boy had on a worn jersey and cut off khaki pants. The other wore a shortened army tunic gathered in loose folds about his skinny frame.	
Ans2	The brothers did various odd jobs to make ends meet- Eg : *sold baskets of wild strawberries. * often took/ showed visitors through the town- Juliet's –tomb and other places of interest, * provided American cigarettes, *seats for the opera * name of good restaurant * polished shoes * hawked newspapers and ran many other errands.	
Ans3	* The reason behind the various jobs was both personal and painful. * wanted to save money for their sister Lucia's treatment.	
	Long Answer Type Question :	
Ans4	Both the brothers were : *hardworking; had a tremendous spirit with a willingness to work even at odd hours, * dedicated, devoted and determined, possessed self pride; they were reliable, trust worthy, optimistic, courteous humble etc.	
Ans5	Nicola and Jacopa were trying hard to rebuild themselves after being totally shattered because of the war : *They had no place called 'home' and no family except an elder sister, who was suffering from the tuberculosis of the spine. * To keep their sister alive – they did all odd jobs at all odd hours *They ate less, spend almost nothing on themselves and worked endlessly without any complaint.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans1	For my part. I did not say a word – I knew they would prefer to feel that they had safely kept their secret. a) 'I' is the narrator. b) 'They' refers to the two brothers, Nicola and Jacopa. c) The 'secret' was their visit to meet their ailing sister, Lucia and also to hide her illness.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Fiction – 2 Mrs Packletide’s Tiger by Saki

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	<p>Lousia Mebbin was Mrs. Packetides paid –companion for the tiger shoot episode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * She could be best described as opportunistic. * money- minded * accomplished penny-pincher. *The author describes her stinginess by saying she had an elder- sister attitude towards money. * She was manipulative, stingy and money minded. 	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans2	<p>The writer, through this fiction *lashes out at the vainglories of the high class society to gain popularity. The story revolves around Ms. Packletide, whose only aim was to outdo her rival, Mrs. Loona Bimberton and hog the limelight, something that she manages but at a great cost. The writer, ‘Saki’ emphasizes throughout the story that how people with money on their side easily allow all their motives and movements to be governed by falsehood just to stay in the limelight and glory and overshadow their so called high society friends. The writer aims to highlight and ridicule the pretentious nature of the women in high societies.</p>	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans3	<p>Circumstances proved propitious.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The circumstances of Mrs. Packletide finding an opportunity to shoot a tier and out do her arch rival. b) Mrs. Packeletide, Ms. Mebbin and the villagers. c) The word ‘propitious’ means- presenting favourable circumstances likely to result or show signs of success. 	
Ans4	<p>She was not actually nervous about the wild beast, but she had morbid dread of performing an atom more service than she had been paid for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) She refers to Ms. Mebbin- Mrs. Packletide paid lady companion. b) The fear that she is doing more than she is paid for. c) The person was calculative and knew well how to turn a situation to her advantage/ she was greedy for money. 	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Fiction – 3 The Letter by Dhumaketu

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans 1	Lakshmi Das was a clerk in the post office and he was a decent man. Ali gave him five golden guineas and requested him to deliver his daughter Mariam's letter, whenever it came, to his grave.	
Ans 2	Post Master was anxious and restless because his daughter who lived in another town was ill and he was waiting to hear from her.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans3	Ali was suffering from the pain of separation from his daughter, who had gone away after marriage. He was so anxious about her well being that he would visit the post office every day, expecting a letter from her. Like a pilgrim he would come to the post office as an early morning ritual, the post office was like a place of pilgrimage and receiving the daughters letter was a pilgrimage for Ali. It was answered after his death.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
	The old man went back slowly to the bench on which he had accustomed to sitting for five long years. a) The oldman was coachman Ali. b) The bench being spoken of is the bench in the corner at the Post Master's office, on which Ali sits daily when he visits the post and waits for his daughter Mariam's letter. c) The writer mentions the time period to bring out the grief, love and patience of the old man Ali for his daughter's letter.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Fiction – 4 A Shady Plot by Elsie Brown

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	John Hollock is a ghost story writer, he used to write for a magazine and Jenkin's his publisher wants him to write horror stories as his stories are entertaining and were really liked by the public and he was famous for his ghost stories.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans2	Lavinia suspects that John maintains a secret relationship with a girl and she says this with surety as she has seen him talking with her alone. She is also angry because she suspected some affair between her husband and one of her friends during Ouija game. She decides to break her relationship with him. Luckily she comes to know from ghost itself that it is helping him write a ghost story. Now they reconcile with each other and back to their normal life.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans3	"You're to exert your influence. Get all your friends and acquaintances to stop using the Ouija board, and then I will start helping you to write". a) The ghost of Helen of Troy is the speaker b) 'You' here refers to the narrator, John. c) She is mentioning about to help John to write a ghost story.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Fiction – 5 Patol Babu Film Star by Satyajit Ray

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	Patol Babu was once a stage actor when he lived in Kanchrapara, West Bengal. He got a job in Calcutta so he left Kanchrapara. Unfortunately, Patol lost his good job in Calcutta and he got another. He worked as an insurance agent; he worked at the Railway factory.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans2	Patol was offered a job in the movie and he took it up. He counted the number of steps he needed to take before clashing into Chanchal kumar, he practiced the variation in the dialogues with different tones, he ordered for a ginger tea with his wife the day before the movie was to be shot so that his voice would be loud and clear on the day of the movie. .	
Ans3	Extract Based Questions : 'All these years of struggle hadn't blunted his sensibility.' a) Patol Babu is referred to as 'his'. b) Struggle is the hardships that Patol Babu had suffered after losing the good job at Calcutta. c) 'Blunted his sensibility' means reduced his acting talent.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Fiction – 6 Virtually True by Paul Stewart

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	Micheal read in the newspaper that a fourteen-year-old boy called Sebastian Shultz, who had gone into a coma following the accident, had miraculously recovered.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans2	The story is a science fiction, that revolves around protagonist Sebastian Shultz whose memory gets saved into the computer memory when his head bangs on the laptop accidentally, while playing Psycho dreive games. These games were brought by the narrator and his father from the computer fair. Sebastian seeks Michael's help to escape from the game. Finally Sebastian is rescued by Michael in the fourth game. Michael comes to know about Sebastian's condition through a headline in the newspaper which said, 'Miracle Recovery'. Sebastian Shultz survives comma that the Doctors felt would last forever. The story blurs the boundaries between virtual world and reality, therefore the title 'Virtually True' is totally appropriate.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Poem-1 The Frog and The Nightingale

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	The frog asserts his importance in many ways. First of all, he calls himself as the owner of the tree declaring that he is not only known for his 'splendid baritone' but for his compositions too. He offers a critique of Nightingale's song and makes believe that she should receive musical training from him and the Nightingale is so humble that she admits him to be no less than a Mozart. He offers to train her for an amount that the Nightingale couldn't afford to pay until her death.	
Ans2	Other creatures of the bog loath the frog's unpleasant and harsh croaking. They pray him to stop his croaking. When he does not stop they throw bricks and stones they also try beating him with sticks to stop. They insult him publicly and complain against him.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans3	In this world of cut throat competition, the poet Vikram Seth wants to hit hard on the minds of the readers that talent in the present times has to face a stiff competition from all sides. Where the talented ones burn themselves day and night to receive the accolades of success, it is the influential ones who always run away with the cake. This directly applies to the character of the Nightingale whose talent is killed before it could openly bloom. The poet tells how the talented young, poor artists are shown the gates of the back door by the clever money seekers whose pockets are filled by those who have power and pelf. And the ones like the frog, who are not even aware of the nuances of the field, enjoy sole monopoly. Success is with the one who is making money. Poor, humble people like the Nightingale even have to risk their lives in order to gain recognition. The hypocrite and the manipulative achieve success in the present time whether they possess any talent or not is insignificant.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans4	And you're Mozart in disguise, come to earth before my eyes. 'Well, I charge a modest fee. Oh! But it wont hurt, You'll see'. a) Her the Nightingale is so impressed with the knowledge displayed by the frog with respect to music that she compares the frog to Mozart; the great Italian Music composer. b) The Frog will charge the fee as he has offered to train the Nightingale.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Poem 2 Mirror

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	The mirror is continuously looking at the opposite wall.	
Ans2	The mirror calls itself the eye of a little God because like God, it is unbiased, and it sees everything and everyone equally. By comparing itself to the 'Eye of a little God', it at once becomes something above the ordinary.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans3	The poem 'Mirror' is an autobiographical account of mirror, highlighting its qualities. It reflects how a woman is disappointed and frustrated to see her gradually fading beauty and youth. It symbolizes the eternal truth of old age and loss of beauty in the course of life. The mirror is real and shining. It is unbiased. It shows what comes to it it is a monologue of the protagonist Mirror who is free of any preconceptions and prejudice. It is not distorted by emotions of love or hatred as human beings do.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans4	Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me. Searching my reaches for what she really is Then she turns to those liars. The candles or the moon.	
a)	Mirror has been called a lake. The lake also acts like mirror because the surface of the water reflects images just like a mirror. Both have impartial, unbiased and unprejudiced views.	
b)	The candles and moon are liars because their dim light hides reality. The woman likes to see her face in their light as the candles and the moon hide the wrinkles and blemishes on her faced. They create only illusion about her youth and beauty.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Poem 3 Not Marble, Nor The Gilded Monuments

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	Wars have been called wasteful because they spread death and destruction.	
Ans2	Mars is the Roman God of war. Reference has been made to glorify the power of poetry, that even the God of war does not have the ability to destroy or ravish the poem.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans3	The poet calls the 'time' sluttish as it is not loyal to anyone. The princes and the powerful, who once enjoyed great privileges at one time get lost and forgotten with the passage of time. Hence, displays its disloyalty towards the once all powerful beings.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans4	Shall you pace forth, your praise shall still find room. Even in the eyes of all posterity. That wear this world out to the ending doom.	
a)	You is beloved or friend of the poet, in whose praise the poem has been written.	
b)	It means future.	
c)	The poem composed by the poet will be admired by the lovers around the world.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Poem 4 Ozymandias

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	The poem is set in an ancient land.	
Ans2	The traveller saw boundless and bare sand and the ruins of a huge statue.	
Ans3	"My name is Ozymandous, king of kings: Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans4	Ozymandous must have been a very arrogant king. The poem highlights his haughtiness, arrogance, and cruelty. The expressions on the shattered, broken, half- sunk face of Ozymandias conveyed clearly that he must have been powerful, stern, looking down upon his subject with disdain.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans5	And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command, Tell that its sculptor, well those passions read. Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things.	
a)	They are seen on the shattered half-buried face of Ozymandous.	
b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The expressions the sculptor had carved out remain perpetuated on stone till date.• Work of art is timeless.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Poem 5 The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

Short Answer Types Questions		
Ans1	He wanted to relieve himself of his grief. The mariner had committed the evil deed of killing a harmless creature of God- an albatross. This sin weighs, heavy on his heart and soul and wants to lighten his burden of guilt by speaking to the wedding guest.	
Ans2	Ice was here, Ice was there and ice everywhere. Ice pieces floated as high as the mast. The ice was all over the place.	
Ans3	Killing of the albatross was the terrible deed as it was an auspicious and innocent bird, who had brought favourable south wind for the mariners.	
Ans4	The albatross was shot by the old mariner or the old mariner used his cross- how to kill the albatross.	
Ans5	The mariners felt that the killing of the innocent albatross had caused this suffering. The ancient mariner, was held responsible for their suffering.	
Long Answer Type Question		
Ans6	The ancient mariner was old and skinny. He had a grey beard and had a sad look in his eyes. His hands were wrinkled and bonny. His eyes were mesmerizing and the compelling look in his magical eyes made the wedding guest sit motionless and listen to his woeful story.	
Extract Based Questions :		
Ans7	And now the storm blast come, and he was tyrannous and strong. He struck with his overtaking wings, And chased us south along.	
a)	'He' is referred to the storm.	
b)	The storm has been called tyrannous because it was severe and strong- like a tyrant and it took complete control of the ship.	
c)	The poet compares the storm to a huge bird of prey- with wide wing span that completely envelopes the ship.	
Ans8	Day after Day, Day after day we stuck, nor breath nor motion, As idle as a painted ocean.	
a)	The figure of speed used in line – 1 is repetition.	
b)	The poet compares a silent motionless sea, and a motionless ship, stuck in the calm water. Everything appeared as still as a painted picture.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Poem 6 Snake by D.H. Lawrence

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	On this particularly hot day in Sicily- came to drink water from poet's water trough.	
Ans2	Burning Bowels of the earth- where he lived in exile- could not bear the heat and came out.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans3	Dual attitude in terms of 'Voice of Education' versus 'Human instincts'- his knowledge tells him to kill the snake since he is poisonous- but on other hand- he is fascinated by his presence- treats him like a guest- finds him majestic and later even regrets the petty act of throwing log at him.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans4	And immediately I regretted it. I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act! I despised myself and the voice of my accursed human education.	
a)	Throwing a piece of wood at the retreating snake.	
b)	Education been termed accursed since human education teaches us to harm and kill in defence like this snake here.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Drama 1 The Dear Departed

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	In a bid to get the perfect mourning dresses to outdo Slaters.	
Ans2	His bearue- his clock – Slippers	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans3	Extremely ironical since the departed is dear to none- as also he hasn't departed – shows the irony- presumed dead father lying upstairs- while his daughters- and the rest of the family have tea-rant about each others behaviour – steal things- comment of his will-without any emotions for the one they think has departed.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans4	Well, I don't call that delicate, stopping into a dead man's shoes in such haste'.	
a)	Mrs. Jordan is the speaker here.	
b)	She is talking to Ben.	
c)	Considering the father, Abel Merryweather, dead, Ben, wears his slippers.	

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CLASS 10 SUBJECT English Drama 2 Julius Caesar

	Short Answer Types Questions	
Ans1	Calpurnia dreams that Caesar's statue- in the Capitol – spouting blood- Romans wash their hands in it.	
Ans2	Advise Caesar- not to step out- since the beast sacrificed on his behalf – was found to be without a heart.	
Ans3	Brutus tells Roman people- Caesar was a tyrannous ruler- all would have been slaves- had he been alive.	
Ans4	His private parks- orchards open in his palace- also 75 drachmas for every Roman.	
	Long Answer Type Question	
Ans5	A masterpiece of his oratorical skills- calls conspirators butchers- forecasts death and destruction for Rome- when addressing people- shows them the wounds on Caesar's body, reliving his death scene- then step- by- step proves that Caesar was not ambitious- as told by conspirators – whom he sarcastically calls 'honourable men'- reminds people how he had refused the crown= sways the crowd against Caesar's murderers.	
Ans6	Brutus tired to defend the murder of Caesar by telling Romans- they no longer will live as slaves-he asks to shout out words – Liberty, Freedom and Enfranchisement – Offers Mark Antony a place in the legislative- tells people to treat him as he treated Caesar for the good of Rome- Mark Antony on the other hand speaks Ironically – Calling murderers honorable men – then sways the feelings of the crowd by showing wounds on Caesar's body – than reading out his will – he arouses the crowd to mutiny.	
	Extract Based Questions :	
Ans7	I doubt not of your wisdom, let each man render me his bloody hand;	
a)	Mark Antony speaks these words.	
b)	He is speaking to Julius Caesar's conspirators .	
c)	Rightly been called 'bloody' since they stained with pure Roman Blood of Caesar.	

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Writing Skills

1	Format of speech writing : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Title / Heading• Salutation or greeting – Introduction• Disclosure of topic• Narration of facts, presentation of data, relevant examples.• Draw conclusion in an innovative and imaginative way.	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitable Title• Write a catchy first paragraph• Develop the characters in a creative manner• Choose a point of view.• Write a meaningful dialogue.• Use setting (the time, location, context and atmosphere where the plot takes place)• Set up the plot in a creative manner.• Create conflict and tension that reflects ones creativity• Build a crisis.• Find a resolution	
3	Formats to be precise. Sender's address, date, receivers address, subject, situation, 3 paragraphs – 1 – Introduce self topic – 2- Elaborate on the content 3- Precise concluding paragraph. Signature. Content must be elaborated precisely with proper references.	
4	Title folled by the 'by line'. 4 paragraphs maximum. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. General statement and short and precise meaning of topic.2. Analysis of topic/ cause.3. Evalation of effect and suggestions.4. Opinion in two lines.	