

## ICSE CLASS 10 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER-1 ANSWER KEY

### Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

*Ashamanja Babu lived in a small flat in Bhowanipore. A clerk in the registry department of Lajpat Rai Post Office, Ashamanja Babu was fortunate as he could walk to his office in seven minutes flat without having to fight his way into the buses and trains of Calcutta. He lived a rather carefree life as he was not the kind of person to sit and brood about what might have been had Fate been kinder to him. On the whole, he was quite content with his lot. Two Hindi films and fish twice a week - these were enough to keep him happy. The only thing that perturbed him at times was his lack of companionship. A bachelor with few friends and relatives, he often wished he had a dog to keep him company. It need not be a huge Alsatian like the one owned by the Talukdars, who lived two houses down the lane; it could be any ordinary little dog which would follow him around morning and evening, wag its tail when he came home from work and obey his orders faithfully. Ashamanja Babu's secret desires were that he would speak to his dog in English. 'Stand up', 'Sit down', 'Shake hands' -how nice it would be if his dog obeyed such commands! That would make him really happy.....*

(i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided:

**1. Perturbed (line 8)**

- (a) frightened
- (b) unsettled
- (c) confused
- (d) mocked

**Answer: (b) unsettled**

**2. Stunted (line 19)**

- (a) prevented from growing
- (b) prepared for tricks
- (c) prevented from taking action
- (d) allowed to do stunts

**Answer: (a) prevented from growing**

**3. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'expensive'?**

- (a) carefree
- (b) ordinary
- (c) cheap
- (d) haggling

**Answer: (c) cheap**

**4. In not more than 50 words, narrate the series of events from the time the puppy was taken out of the box till it was paid for.**

**Answer:**

**Question 5**

**(i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.**

**Example:**

**Next day my uncle (0) \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) a lot of time.**

**Answer: (0) spent**

He (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (select) clothes for me, and my aunt (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (give) my face a scrub and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (groom) me. My uncle (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) me about (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (utter) several pieces of advice before (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (let) me out. You must never scowl even if the sun (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (hit) you in the eyes. You must try (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (look) pleasant.'

**Answer:**

1. **selected**
2. **gave**
3. **groomed**
4. **followed**
5. **uttering**
6. **letting**
7. **hits**
8. **to look**

**(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.**

- (a) There's a black cat sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.
- (b) The horse jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the hedge.
- (c) Mother goes \_\_\_\_\_ the market every day.
- (d) Several people have climbed Mount Everest \_\_\_\_\_ recent years.
- (e) I often go to school \_\_\_\_\_ my friend.
- (f) I have left my keys \_\_\_\_\_ home.
- (g) Instead of talking, prove your worth \_\_\_\_\_ doing something.
- (h) I have not slept \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.

**Answer:(a) There's a black cat sitting on the wall.**

**(b) The horse jumped over the hedge.**

**(c) Mother goes to the market every day.**

**(d) Several people have climbed Mount Everest in recent years.**

**(e) I often go to school with my friend.**

**(f) I have left my keys at home.**

**(g) Instead of talking, prove your worth by doing something.**

**(h) I have not slept since yesterday.**

**(iii) Choose the correct option to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so.**

**1. The magician took pity on the mouse. He turned it into a cat.**

- (a) Showing pity on the mouse he turned it into a cat.
- (b) Taking pity on the mouse he turned it into a cat.
- (c) The magician turned the mouse into a cat by taking pity.
- (d) Taking pity on the mouse the magician turned it into a cat.

**Answer. (d) Taking pity on the mouse, the magician turned it into a cat.**

**2. This work must be completed. There is a deadline.**

- (a) Since this work must be completed, there is a deadline.
- (b) This work must be completed because there is a deadline.
- (c) This work must be completed though there is a deadline.
- (d) This work must be completed when there is a deadline.

**Answer. (b) This work must be completed because there is a deadline.**

**3. He fled somewhere. His pursuers could not follow him.**

- (a) He fled where his pursuers could not follow him.
- (b) He pursued somewhere his followers could not flee.
- (c) He fled somewhere when his pursuers could not follow him.
- (d) He fled where his pursuers cannot follow him.

**Answer. (a) He fled where his pursuers could not follow him.**

**4. He began late. He finished first.**

- (a) He finished first and began late.
- (b) He began first but finished late.
- (c) Though he finished late, he began first.
- (d) Though he began late, he finished first.

**Answer. (d) Though he began late, he finished first.**

**(iv) Choose the correct option and rewrite the sentence according to the instruction given after each.**

**1. Arun and Nikhil had climbed the mountain.**

**(Add a question tag)**

- (a) Arun and Nikhil had climbed the mountain, didn't they?
- (b) Arun and Nikhil had climbed the mountain, had they?
- (c) Arun and Nikhil had climbed the mountain, hadn't they?
- (d) Arun and Nikhil had climbed the mountain, did they?

**Answer. (c) Arun and Nikhil had climbed the mountain, hadn't they?**

**2. The children have broken the window pane.**

**(Begin: The window pane.....)**

- (a) The window pane had been broken by the children.
- (b) The window pane has been broken by the children.
- (c) The window pane has not been broken by the children.
- (d) The window pane had not been broken by the children.

**Answer. (b) The window pane has been broken by the children.**

**3. The apples are so cheap that they cannot be good.**

**(Use: 'too')**

- (a) The apples are too cheap and good.
- (b) The apples are too cheap as well as good.
- (c) The apples are too good to be cheap.
- (d) The apples are too cheap to be good.

**Answer. (c) The apples are too good to be cheap.**

**4. She is very clever and beautiful.**

**(Use: 'not only')**

- (a) Not only is she very clever but also beautiful.
- (b) Not only was she beautiful and she was also clever.
- (c) Not only is she clever she was also very beautiful.
- (d) Not only was she very beautiful but is also clever.

**Answer. (a) Not only is she very clever but also beautiful.**

**5. I prefer a simple vanilla ice cream to fancy desserts.**

**(Begin: I would rather.....)**

- (a) I would rather have a simple vanilla ice cream to fancy desserts.
- (b) I would rather have a simple vanilla ice cream than fancy desserts.
- (c) I would rather prefer a simple vanilla ice cream than fancy desserts.
- (d) I would rather have a vanilla ice cream than a fancy dessert.

**Answer. (b) I would rather have a simple vanilla ice cream than fancy desserts.**

**6. He asked, "When do you intend to make the payment?" (Begin: He asked.....)**

- (a) He asked when he did intend to make the payment.
- (b) He asked when she is intending to make the payment.
- (c) He asked when I intended to make the payment.
- (d) He asked when they are intending to make the payment.

**Answer. (c) He asked when I intended to make the payment.**

**7. If the rain does not stop, Mariam will not be able to do the laundry. (Begin: Unless.....)**

- (a) Unless the rain does not stop, Mariam will not be able to do the laundry.
- (b) Unless Mariam does the laundry, the rain will not stop.

- (c) Unless the rain stop, Mariam will not be able to do the laundry.
- (d) Unless the rain stops, Mariam will not be able to do the laundry.

**Answer. (d) Unless the rain stops, Mariam will not be able to do the laundry.**

**8. This is the best movie I have ever seen.**

**(Begin: Never....)**

- (a) Never had I seen a good movie than this.
- (b) Never I have seen a better movie than this.
- (c) Never have I seen a better movie than this.
- (d) I have never seen a good movie as this.

**Answer. (c) Never have I seen a better movie than this.**