
ICSE SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATION – ANSWER KEY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (ENGLISH PAPER – 1)

Question 1

- (i) 1. (c) peace of mind [1]
2. (b) drowned [1]
3. (a) tolerance [1]
- (ii) 1. (a) He was never cross. [1]
2. (b) The tradition of teasing Bonku Babu. [1]
3. (b) ‘Only sometimes he cleared his throat and said Shame on you boys!’ [1]
4. (c) The boys lit a chasing rocket and set it off to chase him. [1]
5. (a) He knew it would be difficult to find another job. [1]
6. (d) There were a few good students. [1]
7. (d) He went to the lawyer’s house to spend the evenings with others. [1]
8. (a) Even there, everyone made fun of him. [1]
9. (c) He was brought to breaking point. [1]
10. (c) He spoke up. [1]
11. (c) Patient and Kindly. [1]
- (iii) 1. (d) He felt rewarded. [1]
2. (c) Made life worth living. [1]
3. (c) invited them to his home. [1]
4. (b) served them snacks. [1]
5. (c) He told the stories. [1]
6. (b) Enthralled [1]

Question 2

- (i) 1. (b) was [1]
2. (a) passed [1]
3. (c) began [1]
4. (b) longed [1]

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| (ii) | 1. | (b) | out | [1] |
| | 2. | (a) | by | [1] |
| | 3. | (d) | over | [1] |
| | 4. | (a) | during | [1] |
| (iii) | 1. | (d) | He is certain that he will be late. | [1] |
| | 2. | (b) | This is the purse where she keeps her money. | [1] |
| | 3. | (c) | I did not hear what he said. | [1] |
| | 4. | (a) | Although he is blunt, he is at least honest. | [1] |
| (iv) | 1. | (c) | He has brought us the news. | [1] |
| | 2. | (b) | No sooner had I reached school than the National Anthem began. | [1] |
| | 3. | (c) | Rajiv is so weak that he cannot walk. | [1] |
| | 4. | (b) | It is not only dangerous but also illegal to ride a motorcycle without a helmet. | [1] |
| | 5. | (b) | Nima would prefer reading a book to watching a movie. | [1] |
| | 6. | (c) | He asked them whether they would listen to such a man. | [1] |
| | 7. | (a) | Unless you tell me the truth, I shall punish you. | [1] |
| | 8. | (b) | Despite repeated warnings Anshul paid no heed. | [1] |