

KIRAN TUTORIALS

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Std 10 (English)**English****Date 27-09-20****Time 1HRS****Chapter 29,3.00,30,31****Marks 30**

- Q.1 Pick out an infinitive from the following sentence:** **1**
- 1 I had to gain 3 kgs since I had to fight in the 51kg event instead of the usual 48kgs that I fight in. (Pick out the infinitives from the following sentence)
- Ans** i. to gain
ii. to fight
- Q.2 Punctuate the following sentences.** **1**
- 1 dr. a. p. j. abdul kalam was the past president of india by the way he was a great scientist orator and a humanitarian
- Ans** Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam was the past President of India. By the way, he was a great scientist, orator and a humanitarian.
- Q.3 Make meaningful sentences with phrases.** **1**
- 1 humble surroundings
- Ans** Dr. Abdul Kalam came from **humble surroundings** but rose to be the Indian president.
- Q.4 Spot the error and correct the sentence.** **1**
- 1 I call up you in this room, and all across the world.
- Ans** I call upon you in this room, and all across the world.
- Q.5 Change the degree.** **1**
- 1 The biggest challenge knocking on the doors of humankind is fear and intolerance.
- Ans** No other challenge knocking on the doors of humankind is bigger than fear and intolerance.
or
No other challenge knocking on the doors of humankind is as big as fear and intolerance.
- Q.6 Read the following passage and do the activities: (prose).** **10**
- 1 **A1) i) Complete the sentence.** **1**
- Einstein smiled
- Ans** Einstein smiled **and put his arm across my shoulders," opening up the frontiers of beauty"**
- ii) Who said to whom : **1**
- We were engaged in the greatest activity of which a human being is capable.
- Ans** We were engaged in the greatest activity of which a human being is capable. - **Einstein said this to the hostess.**

"Exactly ! It's like learning maths. You have to learn addition and subtraction in order to do multiplication and division. Now I'm playing something a little more advanced."
 It was John McCormack singing The Trumpeter.

“Sing that back”, he ordered.

And we went on from level to higher level until he was playing just music without words. I was amazed that this great man was paying complete attention to me so that I could learn something new. It was as if I was the most important person in his world. Suddenly, he got up and turned off the gramophone.

“Now young man”, he said, “We’re ready to listen to Bach.”

We went down and sat in the hall. “Just allow yourself to listen”, he said, “that’s all there is to it.”

I have heard that piece many times since that day. But I am never alone. I am sitting beside a small man with a shock of untidy hair and a pipe in his mouth. He has eyes that are unusually warm. When the concert ended, I too was able to clap-sincerely. Our hostess came towards us. We both stood up.

“I’m so sorry, Dr Einstein”, she said, giving me a cold look, “that you missed so much.”

“I’m sorry too”, he said, “My young friend here and I, however, were engaged in the greatest activity of which a human being is capable.”

She looked puzzled. “Really?” she said. “And what is that ?”

Einstein smiled and put his arm across my shoulders. “Opening up the frontiers of beauty.”

Ans

A2) Match the column :

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A	B
1. Music	a. Capped sincerely
2. The writer	b. Like arithmetic
3. The old man	c. Gave a cold look
4. The hostess	d. Opened the world to music

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A3) Write antonyms

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1) complete x

Ans complete x **incomplete**

2) engaged x

Ans engaged x **disengaged**

3) allow ×

Ans allow × **disallow**

4) capable ×

Ans capable × **incapable**

A4) Grammar based questions :

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1) "Sing that back!!", he ordered. (Write in indirect narration)

Ans He ordered me to sing that back.

2) It was as if I was the most important man in the world. (Identify the subordinate clause and state its kind)

Ans Subordinate clause as if I was the most important man in the world.

Kind - Adverb clause of manner.

A5) Personal response.

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Do you think the old man opened the frontiers of beauty to the writer?

Ans Yes, by frontiers of beauty the old man refers to the basic lessons in music. He helped the writer cross the threshold to the world of music. He had just been introduced to the beautiful world of music.

Q.7 **Read the following Extract and complete the activities: (poem).**

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1 **A1)** Complete the sentence.

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1) After twenty hours

Ans After twenty hours **it lost its sting.**

2) Thank God

Ans Thank God **the scorpion picked on me and spared my children.**

More candles, more lanterns, more neighbours,
more insects, and the endless rain.
My mother twisted through and through,
groaning on a mat.
My father, sceptic, rationalist,
trying every curse and blessing,
powder, mixture, herb and hybrid.
He even poured a little paraffin
upon the bitten toe and put a match to it.
I watched the flame feeding on my mother.
I watched the holy man perform his rites to tame the
poison with an incantation.
After twenty hours
it lost its sting.

My mother only said
Thank God the scorpion picked on me
And spared my children.

Ans

A2) Answer the following :

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Write your observation about a mother's attitude after reading the poem.

Ans A mother is ready to suffer any amount of pain for her children. In this poem too, the mother groaned and twisted in pain after a scorpion bit her but finally she was thankful that the scorpion had spared her children. All that she had suffered was forgotten. What mattered was her children's safety.

A3) Identify the figures of speech.

Trying every curse and blessing.

Ans Trying every curse and blessing - **Antithesis**

Q.8

Appreciation of Poem.

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Night of the Scorpion

I remember the night my mother
was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours
of steady rain had driven him
to crawl beneath a sack of rice.

Parting with his poison - flash
of diabolic tail in the dark room -
he risked the rain again.

The peasants came like swarms of flies
and buzzed the name of God a hundred times
to paralyse the Evil One.

With candles and with lanterns
throwing giant scorpion shadows
on the mud-baked walls
they searched for him: he was not found.
They clicked their tongues.
With every movement that the scorpion made his poison
moved in Mother's blood, they said.

May he sit still, they said
May the sins of your previous birth
be burned away tonight, they said.
May your suffering decrease
the misfortunes of your next birth, they said.
May the sum of all evil
balanced in this unreal world
against the sum of good
become diminished by your pain.
May the poison purify your flesh
of desire, and your spirit of ambition,
they said, and they sat around
on the floor with my mother in the centre,
the peace of understanding on each face.

More candles, more lanterns, more neighbours,

more insects, and the endless rain.
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 groaning on a mat.
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 trying every curse and blessing,
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- Nissim Ezekiel

You can use the following points while appreciating the given poem.

- Title
- Name of the Poet
- Rhyme Scheme
- Figures of speech
- Theme/Central Idea

Ans The poem “The night of the scorpion” is written by Nissim Ezekiel. It speaks of a rainy night when a mother is bitten/ stung by a scorpion. The rhyme scheme is irregular thus a free verse, but the lines effectively take us to a simple backdrop of the countryside.

The lines flow with ease to describe a rustic background about the peasants who gather to first find the scorpion and then to comfort the mother who writhes in pain. It also touches upon the simple country remedies used by peasants to cure a scorpion bite, including holy incantations. All these add on to the beauty of the poem.

The poem highlights a mother’s feelings for her children. She would rather suffer hours of a scorpion bite herself than see her own children suffering the same pain.

Q.9 Report Writing.

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- 1** News Report based on the given headline :
 Ethiopian Airlines plane crashes, all passengers and crew dead.

Ans .