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## SELF ASSESSMENT TERM 1 MODEL PAPER-2025-2026

**Class: 8 | Subject: English | Answer Key**

### Section A

**(20 \times 1 = 20 Marks)**

1. C) humiliated
2. B) advance
3. A) have to
4. D) The tall girl in the pink dress
5. B) have a clean record
6. A) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
7. D) has to
8. C) 1857
9. B) We should not waste our time in idleness.
10. C) bracing
11. D) ignoring
12. A) looked on
13. A) conquered
14. D) scruples
15. C) withstood

**(Questions 16-20 based on the Sarojini Naidu passage)**

1. B) Mahatma Gandhi
2. C) Civil Disobedience and Quit India
3. A) Because of her beautiful poems
4. D) Hyderabad
5. B) She was both a poet and a freedom fighter

### Section B

**(4 \times 2 = 8 Marks)**

1. **Change the following given sentences into passive voice.**
  1. The lesson is explained by the teacher.
  2. I was helped a lot by Sudhakar.
2. **Change the following given sentences into reported speech.**
  1. They say that they play football every day.
  2. Manoj said that he had gone to the market the previous day.
3. **Choose the suitable phrasal verbs from the brackets to fill in the blanks.**
  1. The candle will **burn out** if you don't blow it off soon.
  2. The shop had **run out** of sugar by the afternoon.
4. **Arrange the following jumbled words in a meaningful sentence.**

- The tall intelligent boy answered the lengthy question quickly.

## Section C

(5 \times 4 = 20 Marks)

1. **(Passage: Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory)** i) No, Bepin Babu had never been to Ranchi. ii) He smiled and asked the man, "Do you know who I am?" iii) **A) He planned but never actually went** iv) **B) Ranchi**
2. **(Stanza: Macavity: The Mystery Cat)** i) A fakir would stare at Macavity's powers of levitation. ii) The phrase suggests that Macavity is so agile and mysterious that he seems to defy physics, perhaps by leaping or floating in a way that seems impossible. iii) **A) He can fly or float in the air** iv) **C) Macavity is not there**
3. **(Passage: The Selfish Giant)** i) The Giant felt sorry because he realized how selfish he had been, and that his selfishness was the reason the Spring would not come to his garden. ii) The Giant decided to knock down the wall around his garden. iii) **B) On the tree top** iv) **C) He realized children brought joy and spring**
4. **(Passage: Emperor Ashoka)** i) Ashoka built stupas and pillars to spread messages. ii) After seeing the great suffering and loss of lives in the Kalinga war, Ashoka gave up violence, accepted Buddhism, and dedicated his life to spreading its teachings of non-violence and compassion. iii) **B) Buddhism** iv) **D) Maurya**
5. **Fill in the blanks with the suitable verb forms.** Anirudh **had finished** (finish) his homework before his friends came to play. They **played** (play) cricket in the ground for an hour. Later, he remembered that he **had already promised** (already promise) his mother to help her in the kitchen. So, he quickly **left** (leave) the game and joined her.

## Section D

(4 \times 8 = 32 Marks)

(Note: For questions with internal choice, sample answers for **both** options are provided.)

**30. a) A possible conversation between Bepin Babu and Chunilal.**

**Bepin Babu:** (Looking irritated) Hello, Chunilal. I am rather busy. What is it?

**Chunilal:** Just a small visit, Bepin. I was hoping you could help me with a job. Things aren't going well.

**Bepin Babu:** I have told you before, I cannot help you.

**Chunilal:** That's alright, Bepin. But... do you remember my old job? With the travel agency? I was the one who booked your tickets for your Ranchi trip back in '58.

**Bepin Babu:** (Stunned) Ranchi? What are you saying? I've never been to Ranchi!

**Chunilal:** (Laughing) Never been to Ranchi? What are you saying, Bepin? You were there for a week! You even had a fall and hurt your hip. I came to see you. How can you forget?

**Bepin Babu:** (Angrily) You are making a mistake. Or perhaps you are trying to confuse me. I was in Kanpur in '58, not Ranchi. Now, if you'll excuse me...

**Chunilal:** (Shaking his head) It's strange, Bepin. You were always so sharp. An old friend like me, and you forget such a big trip? Very strange.

**30. b) Diary entry about a friend's irresponsible behaviour.**

**Wednesday, 12 November 2025 10:00 PM**

Dear Diary,

I am so frustrated and, honestly, a little hurt right now. Today was the day of our group's science project presentation, the one we spent three weeks working on. We had all agreed to meet at

the school library at 8:00 AM to do a final run-through. Everyone was there—Meera, Rohan, and I—except for Ajay. We called him, but his phone went straight to voicemail.

We had no choice but to start the presentation without him. It was embarrassing. Ajay was responsible for the main model, and we had to explain to the teacher that he just didn't show up. We managed... but it wasn't as good as it could have been.

Ajay finally strolled into school just before lunch, saying he "overslept." He didn't even seem sorry. He just laughed it off, asking, "Did you guys manage without me?" I couldn't believe his carelessness. He let the whole team down. I really value our friendship, but his irresponsible behaviour today made me angry. He doesn't seem to understand that his actions affect other people.

**31. a) Letter from Hans Wolf to a friend.**

**In the Trenches, 26 December 1914**

My Dearest Friend,

You will not believe what I witnessed yesterday, on Christmas Day. It was a miracle, a moment of pure magic in the midst of this terrible war.

It began on Christmas Eve, with the English soldiers singing carols. We responded with our own. Then, yesterday morning, on Christmas Day, a soldier from our side waved a white flag and walked into No Man's Land, calling out "Happy Christmas!"

To my astonishment, the British soldiers did not shoot. They came out to meet us. There we were, two armies who were enemies, standing together, shaking hands, and sharing our rations. I, an officer from Dusseldorf, shared schnapps and sausage with a British officer from Dorset. We talked about our families, our homes... we even played a game of football!

For that one day, there was no war. We were just men, sharing peace and goodwill. It makes me wonder if this whole conflict is madness. If we can find so much in common in the middle of a battlefield, why are we fighting?

It was the best Christmas present I have ever had.

**Your friend, Hans Wolf**

**31. b) Diary entry inspired by "Glimpses of the Past."**

**Wednesday, 12 November 2025 9:00 PM**

Dear Diary,

Today in English class, we studied "Glimpses of the Past." It wasn't just a lesson; it was a powerful reminder of our history. Seeing the pictures and reading about the sacrifices made for India's freedom really moved me.

The lesson showed how the British East India Company slowly took control of our country, not just with weapons, but by dividing us. It made me angry to see how our rajas fought each other, allowing a foreign power to take over.

But then, the lesson showed the spark of rebellion. People like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, who understood the need for reform, and the brave soldiers who started the 1857 revolt. They fought with so much courage, even when they knew they might not win. It made me realize that the freedom we enjoy today was bought with their blood and sacrifice. I feel a strong sense of pride in my country, but also a responsibility to remember what they fought for and to never take our independence for granted.

**32. a) Story from hints (The Farmer and his Lazy Sons).**

Once upon a time, there lived an old farmer who had three sons. The farmer worked hard in his fields his entire life, but his sons were very lazy. They spent their days sleeping and wasting time. As the farmer grew old, he became worried about his sons' future.

Feeling his end was near, he called his sons to his bedside. "My sons," he whispered, "I am leaving you a great treasure. It is buried in our field. You must dig for it."

Soon after, the old farmer passed away. The sons, eager to find the treasure, immediately went to the field. They dug every inch of the land, from sunrise to sunset. They dug and dug, turning over all the soil, but they found no treasure, no gold, no box. They were very disappointed. Seeing the field so well-dug, their wise neighbour suggested they plant a crop. The sons did so. Because the field had been dug so deeply and thoroughly, a wonderful crop grew that year. The sons sold it for a handsome profit.

Only then did they understand their father's lesson. They realized that the "treasure" was not gold, but the reward of hard work. They understood that hard work brings a rich harvest, and from that day on, they were no longer lazy.

### **32. b) Paragraph on Tsunami Safety Steps.**

During a natural disaster like a tsunami, taking immediate safety steps is crucial for survival. The most important rule is to move inland and to higher ground immediately, especially if you are in a low-lying coastal area. Do not wait for an official warning if you feel a strong earthquake, as this itself is the natural warning for a tsunami. If you hear an official tsunami warning, evacuate at once. Follow designated evacuation routes and do not stop to gather belongings; your life is more important. Stay away from beaches, rivers, and estuaries, as the waves will travel up these channels. Do not return to the coast after the first wave, as tsunamis often consist of multiple, dangerous waves that can arrive hours apart.

### **33. a) Answers based on the Pie Chart.**

i) The percentage of money spent on Food is **35.0%**. ii) Education is given a higher share of expenses (25.0%) because it is widely considered a vital long-term investment in the family's future, leading to better opportunities, skills, and financial stability. iii) **D) Food** iv) **B) Transport + Health** ( $15.0\% + 15.0\% = 30\%$ )

### **33. b) Paragraph based on the Bar Chart.**

The provided bar chart displays the number of watches produced by five different watch companies. The vertical axis represents the number of watches, while the horizontal axis lists the company names: Rolex, Titan, Casio, Fossil, and Seiko. According to the chart, Titan is the company with the highest production, manufacturing 60 watches. Rolex follows, with 45 watches produced. Seiko is the third-highest producer, with 40 watches. Casio produced 35 watches. The company with the lowest production among the group is Fossil, which manufactured only 25 watches. The chart clearly shows a significant variation in production numbers across the five companies.