Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**8TH A ANSWER KEY**

**Question 1:**

1. 1. glued: to pay very close attention to something

2. tranquility: peace, calm, quiet

3. emphasis: special importance, value to something

4. unassailable: unable to be attacked, questioned or to be defeated

1. 1. The narrator watched the countryside slip past through the window of the compartment. From a distance, the men in the fields in their white dhotis and turbans, and the womenfolk in bright splashes of colour against the green background of paddy fields could be seen. The narrator described all this as a beautiful painting.

2. The plains of Ganga were rich and fertile and hence invited invasion, turmoil and change. From the fair skinned Aryans to the Muslims who became an integral part of India, one way gave way to another. The part of the India South of the Tropic of Cancer remained untouched and safe behind the Vindhya and the Satpura mountain ranges. The Narmada, Tapti, Mahanadi, Godavari and Krishna rivers had woven a net of almost unassailable protection for the tapering Indian peninsula.

3. The narrator halted in Delhi to give an interview at DTD&P (Air). He said that he had done well at the interview as the questions were of a routine nature and did not challenge his knowledge of the subject.

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| At | the | Air | Force | Selection |
| Board, | personality | was | given | importance |
| than | Intelligence. | They | were | looking |
| for | Physical | fitness | and | articulate |
| Manner. | The | narrator | was | both |
| nervous | and | Anxious. | But, | he |
| was | Ninth | in | the | batch |
| of | twenty-five | examined | to | select |
| eight | officers | for | Commissioning | in |
| Air | Force. | He | was | Disappointed. |

**Question 2:**

1. **In the following passage fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. Do not write the passage but write down the answers in the correct order. 4**
2. asked
3. was
4. soared
5. chatted
6. told
7. said
8. think
9. confessed
10. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: 4**
11. He presided **over** the meeting.
12. Distribute these apples **among** ten friends.
13. The postman knocked **on/at** the door.
14. The boy has been missing **since** Sunday.
15. My fingers were so injured that my sister had to write **for** me.
16. My best friend Ravi, is named **after** his great-grandmother.
17. He saw a parking space **between** two cars.
18. Don’t lean that ladder **against** the wall.
19. **Join the sentences to make one complete sentence without using ‘and’, ‘but’ or ‘so’. 4**
20. At the end of the street is a shop. The shop sells sweets.

Ans. At the end of the street is a shop that sells sweets.

The shop that is at the end of the street sells sweets.

The shop which is at the end of the street sells sweets.

1. He is ill. He will attend his class.

Ans. Though/Although/Even though he is ill, he will attend the class.

He is ill, yet/still he will attend the class.

1. He came to my house. I was out.

Ans. When he came to my house, I was out.

1. He robbed the woman. He wounded her.

Ans. He robbed the woman as well as hurt her.

Besides robbing the woman, he hurt her.

Apart from robbing the woman, he hurt her.

After/ On robbing the woman, he hurt her.

1. **Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other necessary changed if required but do not change the meaning of each sentence. 8**
2. Someone beat him yesterday. (Begin: He…)

Ans. He was beaten by someone yesterday.

1. The thing always seems to me so ridiculously simple that I could do it myself. (Add ‘too’)

Ans. The thing seems so ridiculously simple that I could do it myself.

1. They should do this. (Add a question tag)

Ans. They should do this, shouldn’t they?

1. He said, “I was playing football.” (Change to indirect speech)

Ans. He said that he was playing football.

1. English is easier than all other subjects. (Use: easiest)

Ans. English is the easiest of all subjects.

English is the easiest subject.

1. If he apologizes, he will be pardoned. (Use: Unless)

Ans. Unless he apologizes, he will not be pardoned.

1. If you need any help he is just a call away. (Use: Should)

Ans. Should you need any help, he is just a call away.

1. You must work regularly. You will find success. (Begin: If)

Ans. If you work regularly, you will find success.