

# Language – Part II – English

Time Allowed : 2.30 Hours ]

[ Maximum Marks : 90

- Instructions :** (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
- (2) Use **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

## PART - I

Answer all the questions.

Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given : 20x1=20

1. Choose the synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.

Before the advent of Gandhi on the scene, the attitude to women was patronising.

- (a) approval      (b) acceptance      (c) adventure      (d) arrival

2. Choose the **correct** expansion of the abbreviation GST.

- (a) Goods and Service Tax      (b) Goods and Sales Tax  
(c) General Service Tax      (d) General Sales Tariff

3. Complete the sentence choosing the **correct** article.

Sheela can play \_\_\_\_\_ Guitar well.

- (a) the      (b) none      (c) a      (d) an

4. Choose the **correct** plural form of 'Son-in-law'.

- (a) Sons-in-law      (b) Son-in-law  
(c) Sons-in-laws      (d) Son-in-laws

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5. Choose the appropriate synonym of the underlined word.

The third figure was an enigma.

- (a) sadist                      (b) pride                      (c) mystery                      (d) rebel

6. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence :

Sunitha is always at logger heads with her sister.

- (a) in good relationship                      (b) very supportive  
(c) equal in everything                      (d) disagree strongly

7. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "legitimate".

- (a) pre-                      (b) inter-                      (c) un-                      (d) il-

8. Choose the mono-syllabic word.

- (a) enact                      (b) agree                      (c) strength                      (d) listen

9. Choose the antonym of the underlined word in the following sentence :

Censure me in your wisdom.

- (a) praise                      (b) analyse                      (c) nurture                      (d) judge

10. Identify the sentence pattern of the following :

I fell ill yesterday. My father suddenly fell ill last night.

- (a) SAVCA                      (b) SVIDOAO                      (c) SVOAA                      (d) SAVOAO

11. Choose the clipped form of the word 'demarcate'.

- (a) market                      (b) demat                      (c) demark                      (d) mark

12. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the following sentence.

People want to maintain the 'status quo'.

- (a) law and order                      (b) a complete change  
(c) introduce new rules                      (d) retain the existing condition

13. Choose the **correct** combination for the compound word "On-duty".

- (a) preposition + noun  
 (b) adjective + noun  
 (c) adverb + verb  
 (d) verb + verb

14. Choose the antonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.

The teacher pretended to be indifferent and set us some problems to work on.

- (a) similar (b) interested (c) disinterested (d) different

15. Choose the right combination for the blended word "infomercial".

- (a) informatory + commercial (b) informer + commercial  
 (c) information + commercial (d) inform + commercial

16. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'public'.

- (a) let (b) tion (c) ling (d) ise

17. That is the hospital \_\_\_\_\_ I was born.

- (a) where (b) why (c) which (d) when

18. Choose the **correct** American English word for "cot".

- (a) crib (b) bed (c) couch (d) berth

19. If I had four hands, I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) the work in no time.

- (a) would have finished (b) will be finishing  
 (c) will finish (d) would finish

20. My grandparents have been living here \_\_\_\_\_ independence.

- (a) till (b) after (c) since (d) from

## PART - II

Answer any seven of the following :

7x2=14

(i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following :

4x2=8

21. "Someone was before me at my water-trough  
And I, like a second comer, waiting."  
(a) Who was the first comer ?  
(b) What is the figure of speech used here ?
22. "We should have sat us down to wet  
Right many a nipperkin."  
(a) Who are "we" here ?  
(b) What does the word 'nipperkin' mean ?
23. "You ripened into nectar in fruit jars  
That hung like clustered stars."  
(a) Who is 'You' ?  
(b) Mention the comparison made here.
24. "A NOISELESS, patient spider  
I mark'd where on a little promontory it stood isolated."  
(a) What does the spider symbolise ?  
(b) Explain the word 'promontory'.
25. "You cannot rob us of the rights we cherish  
Nor turn our thoughts away"  
(a) Who do you think is the poem addressed to ?  
(b) Write down the alliterated words in the first line.
26. "Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul."  
(a) What is the message conveyed here ?  
(b) Mention the allusion made here.

(ii) Do as directed (Any three).

3x2=6

27. Change the direct speech into Reported form.  
Geetha said to Vimal, "How did you manage to locate my house ?"

28. If I had completed my homework, I wouldn't have got the punishment.  
(Begin with 'Had')
29. Change into other voice form.  
Sooraj won the first prize. His teacher congratulated him.
30. Follow the traffic rules, otherwise you will be booked by the traffic police.  
(Use 'unless')

### PART - III

Answer any seven of the following :

7x3=21

#### SECTION - I

i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2x3=6

31. "So let us, unobtrusive and unnoticed  
But happy none the less."
32. "The burthen of a waneless, winterless spring  
The gospel of an endless blossoming."
33. "And I have something to expiate;  
A pettiness."

#### SECTION - II

ii) Answer any two of the following briefly.

2x3=6

34. What did Gandhiji consider as true morality ?
35. Why can no dictionary of a living tongue ever be perfect ?
36. Who were the three men who took the final decision to drop the bomb ?

#### SECTION - III

iii) Answer any three of the following :

3x3=9

37. Study the following table, which gives information about the development of Tourism in Kashmir. Write three sentences on your inference about the data.

S.No.	Details	1974	2014
1.	No. of Tourist spots	5	15
2.	No. of Entertainment spots	1	4
3.	Hotel Accommodation	12	45
4.	Tourist Agencies	5	25
5.	Growth in the rate of tourism	2%	200%

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38. Describe the process of covering a book with brown sheet.
39. Write a dialogue between a regular late comer and the P.E.T. Master.
40. Choose the correct option and complete the proverb.
- (a) Don't bite the hand that \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
 (i) helps (ii) feeds (iii) holds (iv) protects
- (b) All roads lead to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (i) Egypt (ii) Turkey (iii) Greece (iv) Rome
- (c) An idle mind is the \_\_\_\_\_ workshop.  
 (i) fool's (ii) angel's (iii) devil's (iv) leader's
- (d) Ignorance \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (i) bliss (ii) cure (iii) gift (iv) evil
- (e) A fool and his \_\_\_\_\_ are soon parted.  
 (i) friends (ii) money (iii) knowledge (iv) family

### PART - IV

Answer the following :

7x5=

41. Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- (a) How did Mark Antony win the public of Rome to his side ?
- (b) Describe the capture of Kala Nag.
42. Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- (a) Bring out the message of the poem "A Psalm of Life".
- (b) How does Thomas Hardy substantiate the statement "War is quaint and curious" ?
43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints :
- (a) Ivan and Masha - middle class family - bought a lottery ticket - checked the result - series 9499 found - started dreaming - finally checked the number - the number 46 not 26 - disappointed totally.

OR

- (b) Refugees - several hundreds - entered new capital - swarming into every unskilled trade - all from one region - wore garments of dark blue cotton stuff - bore burden on shoulder - old man - lost his son in flood - passerby - a silver coin and a copper coin - saved for seed.

44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage :

One of the most widely spread of bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now used in every part of the world by millions of people. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men and large of women also, and sometimes even by children, in all parts of the world. It was brought into Europe by Sir Walter Raleigh from America in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. When he went to America, he named the area which he claimed for Queen Elizabeth as Virginia. Even today the best tobacco is called Virginia tobacco. But the use of even the best tobacco is considered to be one of the worst habits. It does not seem to be anything good about the use of tobacco even in small quantities. When it is used in excess, it is most harmful to the human system. Smoking tobacco has produced cancer of the lungs and chewing of tobacco has resulted in cancer of mouth and throat. This is the definite opinion of doctors who have examined thousands of such cases of cancer. However much the warning is given that smoking is dangerous to health, people seem to continue to smoke. Actually more and more people are using tobacco either in the form of cigars, cigarettes or beedies or as pipe tobacco or even chewing tobacco. This is a very bad habit and it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to get rid of this habit once it is formed.

45. Read the following advertisement and prepare a Resume/Bio-data/CV fulfilling the conditions specified.

(Write XXX for your name and yyy for your address)

**WANTED**

Clerk - graduate with computer knowledge, fluency in English with excellent communication skills. Minimum 2 years of experience.

Apply to : Post Box No. 2736

C/o The Hindu

Chennai - 02

**OR**

Write a paragraph on "Say 'No' to Plastics" or 'My Dream House'.

46. Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.

- Kailash told Nithish that he can drive a car.
- The Flights often are late.
- No sooner did the doctor give me an injection, when I became alright.
- I and Sheela attended the seminar last week.
- We are having a son, who is now studying abroad.

**OR**

Fill in the blanks appropriately :

- (a) The book which has been \_\_\_\_\_ for CBSE class 6 has been \_\_\_\_\_ for containing some remarks against a particular religion. (proscribed/prescribed)
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ her illness, she attended her dance class. (linker/phrase)
- (c) My mother \_\_\_\_\_ take long walks during her school days.  
(use a semi-modal)
- (d) If they had tried hard, they \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the trophy.  
(use the verb in the correct form)

47. Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue.

- (a) The Ozone layer protects us from UV rays.
- (b) FORTRAN language is commonly used in multi-national companies.
- (c) Add coriander leaves for flavour in the end.
- (d) We came to know of Mr. Peter's demise from the obituary columns.
- (e) Take these pills regularly before having breakfast.
- (Media, Education, Computer, Medicine, Environment, Cooking, Agriculture)

OR

Read the following passage and answer in your own words.

The term weathering refers to all the ways in which rocks can be broken down. It takes place because minerals formed in a particular way (say at high temperature, in case of igneous rocks) are often unstable when exposed to various conditions. Weathering involves the interaction of lithosphere (the Earth's crust) with the atmosphere and hydrosphere (air and water), depending on the climatic and environmental conditions. But all kinds of weathering ultimately produce broken minerals and rock fragments and other products of the decomposition of stones. Soil is the most obvious, and from the human point of view, the most important result of the weathering process. Soil is the weathered part of the Earth's crust that is capable of sustaining plant life. The character of soil depends on the nature of rock from which it is formed. It also depends on the climate and on the relative age of the soil. Immature soil is finer than broken rock fragments. Over time, immature soil develops into mature soil, which contains humus, formed from decayed plant matter. Mature soil is darker, richer in microscopic life and more conducive to plant growth.

Questions :

- (a) Explain 'weathering' in a sentence.
- (b) What is the obvious and important result of the weathering process ?
- (c) The character of soil depends on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) Name the items that influence the interaction during weathering.
- (e) Write any two qualities of mature soil.