

Part-I

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the words underlined.

14×1=14

- The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath
a) length b) depth c) vast d) number
- Instantly he began to step again.
a) indignantly b) immediately c) impressively d) furiously
- There was bio – luminescence.
a) artificial lights b) light of living organism c) bio weapons d) light

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the words underlined.

- The Clouds hung black and low
a) Little b) bottom c) high d) long
- There was not a single scrap of food left
a) Junk b) bit c) chunk d) whole
- There was a sharp spring inside the box.
a) Full b) harsh c) blunt d) exactly
- Choose the correct plural form of news.
a) newses b) newsies c) news d) newsi
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'scope'
The bacteria are so small and you need ascope to see them.
a) Mic b) macro c) micro d) bio
- The common expansion of mpg.
a) million per gallery b) miles per gallon
c) mega per gigabit d) mile per galaxy
- Choose the idiom that means "*extremely clever*"
a) find one's voice b) sharp as a track c) sly as a fox d) sharp as a tack
- Fill in the blank with correct compound word
Veena searched for table _____ while she was having her dinner.
a) flower b) chair c) food d) spoon
- Fill in the blank with suitable preposition.
Police were deployed allthe road as curfew is imposed in the country.
a) at b) over c) on d) in
- Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct tense form of the verb given.
Dolly music classes regularly on every Sunday.
a) is attending b) attend c) had attended d) attends
- Complete the following sentence by choosing the appropriate linker from the options given.
Both the minister the collector visited the affected areas.
a) or b) along with c) besides d) and

Part- II

2×10=20

Section I (Prose)

3×2=6

Answer any THREE of the following in a sentence or two.

- Why did the seagull's parents scold and threaten him?
- Compare and contrast the difficulties faced by women in the past and in modern time.
- What was the condition of the attic?
- What are the benefits of the internet to the common man?

Section II (Poetry)

3×2=6

Answer any THREE of the following in a sentence or two.

- She's a lioness; don't mess with her
She'll not spare you if you've a prankster
a) Who is a lioness?
b) Who does the poetess warn?

20. At night the house seems to be alive
Lights flicker on and off
a) When does the house seem to be alive?
b) What happened in the house at night?
21. We were taken from the ore – bed and the mine
We were melted in the furnace and the pit.
a) What are obtained from the ore – bed and the mine?
b) Where are the metals melted?
22. Not a crumb to be found
On the snow – covered ground;
a) Why was the ground covered with snow?
b) What does crumb mean?

Section-III (Grammar)

Answer any **THREE** of the following.

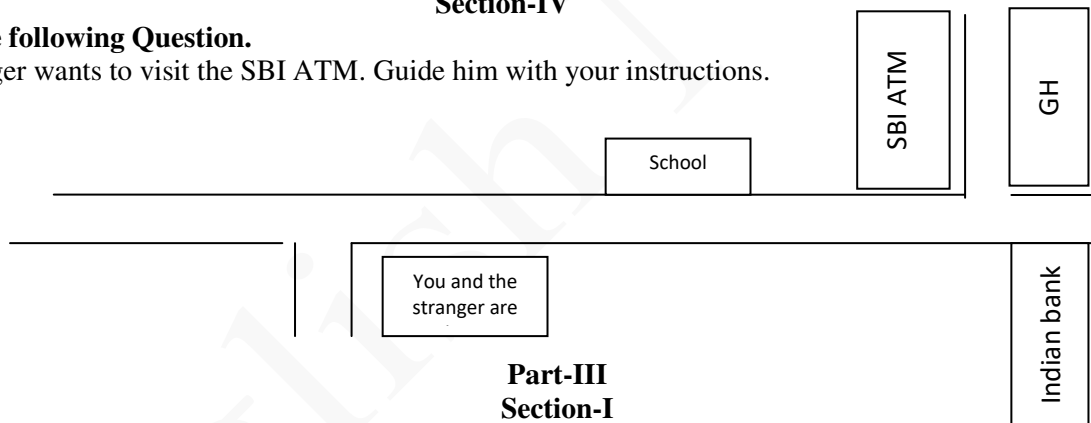
3×2=6

23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice.
The doctor prescribed a new test to Sofi.
24. Rewrite the following sentence using indirect speech
“People in Italy are starving” said Grylls.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
we will score good marks in our sslc exam says vetri
26. Transform the following sentence into a compound sentence.
Consult a doctor. You can recover.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
a) / is a/ COVID -19/ in India/ major issue.
b) /the Police/ for / he / violating/ penalized / was/ the rules/ by

Section-IV

Answer the following Question.

28. A stranger wants to visit the SBI ATM. Guide him with your instructions.



1×2=2

**Part-III
Section-I**

Answer any **TWO** of the following in utmost 10 lines.

2×5=10

- 29 Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. How do we use technology in our day- to – day lives?
31. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent?
32. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

Section-II

Answer any **TWO** of the following in utmost 10 lines.

2×5=10

33. What is the central theme of the poem ‘No men are foreign’?
34. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the question given below.

They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war’s long winter starv’d
Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own.
Or sleep, and strength that can be won

- a) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza given? (1)
- b) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines. (1)
- c) Pick out the alliterated words used in the above lines (1)
- d) What is the figure of speech used in the second line of the stanza (2)

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

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Rumours are constantly being made,
And each day the house just begins to fade.
What happened inside that house?
I really don't know.
I guess it will always be a mystery.

Section –III

Answer any ONE of the following questions.

1×5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentence in coherent order.

- i) Using his powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
- ii) Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.
- iii) He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.
- iv) The King of Naples and Antonio the false brother, repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.
- v) He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

On the seventh day, Dr. Somu's e- mail arrived. It was, as Dr. Krishnan predicted, ridiculously simple. It read "I have never heard Zigzag snore". "That does it", said Mrs. Krishnan. "Find Visu! I will not keep Zigzag here another minute!" "Calm down, dear, I'm leaving for my clinic now. Can't it wait till..." No, it's now!" Mrs. Krishnan was adamant. "I've invited some friends and experts to come home and choose my paintings for the exhibition. This feathered, snoring monster will drive us all mad!" "Come on then, Zigzag," called Dr. Krishnan nervously, wondering how he would locate Somu's cook, Visu.

- a) What happened on the seventh day?
- b) What did Dr. Somu's e- mail say?
- c) What was the suggestion given by Dr. Somu?
- d) Why was Mrs. Krishnan adamant?
- e) What did Dr. Krishnan do for Zigzag?

Section IV

Answer any Four of the following.

4×5=20

39. Prepare an advertisement using the hints given below.

Fruit, flower, vegetable saplings – organically fertilized – all varieties – no hybrids – pots and compost free – home delivery.

40. Write an e-mail to your English teacher about a YouTube video you watched recently and enquire him/her of Cyber safety measures.
41. You are the Coordinator of the Science Forum of your school. An event had been organized on account of 'Medical Corona Virus Awareness Camp' on April 22 for the members of the forum. Write a report on the observation of 'Medical Corona Virus Camp' at your school.
42. Look at the picture and express your views about it in five sentences.



43. Make Notes or write summary of the following passage.

A Statewide lockdown has been announced in Tamil Nadu from 6 pm on Tuesday as part of measures to prevent the spread of novel Coronavirus. Section 144 of the CRPC will be imposed till March 31 and severe restrictive measures will be in place across the State for the next one week. "Barring essential operations, plying of public and private transport; auto and taxi, and both inter- and intra-State transport will be fully banned," said

Minister “State borders will be closed under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 with district collectors and police commissioners to issue appropriate orders under Section 144,” he said while making a statement in the Assembly. Vehicles with essential commodities will be allowed to ply. Government departments dealing with essential/emergency services such as police, fire services, medical and court, will be operational, he said.

44. **Identify and correct the error in the following sentences.**

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- India is a democracy country.
- Do you like poem?
- Both civilians and army men joined I world war.
- He gave away smoking.
- I have bought any food.

Section-V (Compulsory)

45. **Quote from memory.**

1×5=5

Though our smoke.....

.....your brain!

Part IV (Supplementary)

2×8=16

46. **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.**

- Many years ago – China – the emperor ordered – one man from – family – join army – Mulan heard – told father – she join army – father objected – she is a girl – Mulan – wore fathers robes cuts her hair – convinced father – she has learnt – Kung fu– war – given top – position – very soon – fever swept – the army – Mulan – sick doctor examines – finds the truth– a girl leader — soldiers –followed her – attacked enemies – won the battle – Emperor glad – offered Mulan positions - refused - went back – village – royal gifts. **(OR)**
- Story set on 2889 – Francis Bennett – director – Earth Herald – leading newspaper – phonotelephote – mechanized dressing room – astronomical news – advertisements on clouds – lunch via pneumatic tubes – travel to Niagara – an aero car inventors.

47. **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

Pneumonia is an inflammatory condition of the lung affecting primarily the small air sacs known as alveoli. Typically, symptoms include some combination of productive or dry cough, chest pain, fever and difficulty breathing. Pneumonia is usually caused by infection with viruses or bacteria and less commonly by other microorganisms, certain medications or conditions such as autoimmune diseases. Risk factors include cystic fibrosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, diabetes, heart failure, a history of smoking, a poor ability to cough such as following a stroke and a weak immune system. Diagnosis is often based on the symptoms and physical examination Chest X-ray, blood tests, and culture of the sputum may help confirm the diagnosis. Vaccines to prevent certain types of pneumonia are available. Other methods of prevention include hand washing and not smoking. Treatment depends on the underlying cause. Pneumonia believed to be due to bacteria is treated with antibiotics.

- What is known as alveoli?
- Mention the symptoms of Pneumonia.
- How is Pneumonia diagnosed?
- What are the preventive measures of Pneumonia **(OR)**

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

*I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it, one day,
And as my fingers pressed it, still
It moved and yielded to my will.
I came again, when days were passed
That bit of day was hard at last
The form I gave it, still it bore
And I could change that form no more.*

Questions:

- What did the poet do with the clay?
- How was the clay?
- How was the clay when we returned after some days?
- Did it retain the same form?