

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 only Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

**PART - I**

**I. Answer all the questions. Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes:** 20×1=20

**Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:**

- 1) She sat by her wheel spinning and reciting prayers.  
a) memorizing      b) murmuring      c) chanting      d) teaching
- 2) I ate enough to sate my appetite.  
a) suppress      b) quench      c) increase      d) satisfy
- 3) I am no great delinquent in such matters.  
a) creator      b) offender      c) guardian      d) halfwit

**Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:**

- 4) That seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part.  
a) lenient      b) casual      c) attractive      d) logical
- 5) I was presented with a traditional shawl.  
a) expensive      b) generous      c) modern      d) valuable
- 6) ..... either he has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.  
a) timid      b) shameful      c) humble      d) frequent
- 7) Choose the correct tri-syllabic word.  
a) movement      b) civility      c) physical      d) control
- 8) Choose the right expansion of the abbreviation USB.  
a) Uninterrupted Support Bank      b) Universal Serial Bus  
c) Universal System Booster      d) Uninterrupted Supply Backup
- 9) Choose the word that cannot be placed after 'life' to form a compound word.  
a) long      b) span      c) phase      d) time
- 10) Choose the right combination of the blended word 'fantabulous'.  
a) fantasy+globulus      b) fantastic+marvelous  
c) fantasy+nebulous      d) fantastic+fabulous
- 11) Choose the meaning of the foreign word 'genre'.  
a) a medicinal drink      b) a particular style  
c) a notable leader      d) a thoughtful proposal
- 12) Choose the right definition for the term biography.  
a) self-written account of one's own life  
b) life story of a person written by someone else  
c) a motion picture on the life of a popular person  
d) list of books referred to in a scholarly work
- 13) Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.  
He dropped in at his friend's house on his way.  
a) fainted      b) arrived      c) slipped      d) visited
- 14) Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'appear'.  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ness      b) \_\_\_\_\_ance      c) \_\_\_\_\_sion      d) \_\_\_\_\_less
- 15) Add suitable question tag to the following sentence.  
They left Chennai last week, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) did they      b) hadn't they      c) didn't they      d) had they
- 16) Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.  
The race is \_\_\_\_\_ to begin.  
a) around      b) about      c) over      d) up

- 17) The plural form of 'alga' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) algas                      b) alges                      c) algae                      d) algaes
- 18) Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun.  
The athlete \_\_\_\_\_ won the medal is appreciated by all.
- a) which                      b) that                      c) whom                      d) who
- 19) Choose the clipped form of the word 'laboratory'.
- a) lab                      b) lap                      c) labo                      d) rotary
- 20) Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom used in the following sentence.  
The Manager's sudden outburst was a bit below the belt.
- a) acceptable reaction                      b) irresponsible response  
c) unexpected explanation                      d) unfair behaviour

**PART - II**

**II. Answer any SEVEN of the following:**

7×2=14

**i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any FOUR of the following:**

4×2=8

- 21) '*Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!*'
- a) What do the snake's bare fangs denote?  
b) Identify the figure of speech employed here.
- 22) '*And I have learned too  
To laugh with only my teeth.*'
- a) Who is the speaker talking to here?  
b) Explain the second line.
- 23) '*But zealous athletes play so rough  
They do not ever in their dealings  
Consider one another's feelings.*'
- a) How do the athletes play?  
b) Why don't they consider the feelings of others?
- 24) '*Buy tickets worth their radium,  
To watch you gambol in the stadium.*'
- a) What is meant by 'gambol'?  
b) Pick out the rhyming words.
- 25) '*In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.*'
- a) Where is the poet seated?  
b) How does he feel while enjoying the beauty of Nature?
- 26) '*And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.*'
- a) What did the poet notice about the twigs?  
b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

**ii) Do as directed: [any three]**

3×2=6

- 27) Mani said, "I can write a story". **[Change into Indirect speech]**
- 28) This novel was written by Jane Austen. **[Change into Active voice]**
- 29) If I were the Headmaster, I would appoint you as teacher.  
**[Begin the sentence with 'were']**
- 30) Though my neighbour was an influential person, he refused to help me.  
**[Change into a Compound sentence]**

**PART - III**

**III. Answer any SEVEN of the following:**

7×3=21

**i) Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context:**

2×3=6

- 31) 'I am just glad as glad can be  
That I am not them, that they are not me.'
- 32) 'Now they shake hands without hearts.'
- 33) 'And much it grieved my heart to think

What Man has made of Man'.

ii) Answer any TWO of the following briefly:

2×3=6

- 34) Describe Khushwant Singh's grandfather as seen in the portrait.  
 35) What made Mary kom feel that she was fortunate, soon after she reached the arena at Pennsylvania?  
 36) How do psychologists interpret forgetfulness?

3×3=9

iii) Answer any THREE of the following:

- 37) Describe the process of making vegetable salad.

38) Write three sentences on your inference about the data given below:

Place	Maximum Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Rainfall
Vellore	33°C	25°C	0
Coimbatore	32°C	23°C	4 mm
Chennai	35°C	24°C	0
Ooty	18°C	13°C	4 mm

- 39) Frame a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a teacher and a student.

40) Complete the proverbs choosing the correct words from the options given:

- a) Slow and \_\_\_\_\_ wins the race. (sturdy, speedy, steady)  
 b) \_\_\_\_\_ all, lose all. (covet, amass, squander)  
 c) \_\_\_\_\_ maketh a man. (wealth, manners, knowledge)

#### PART - IV

7×5=35

IV. Answer all the questions:

41) Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

- a) Give an account of the author's relationship with his grandmother.  
 b) 'It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder' - Elucidate.

42) Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

- a) Summarize the poem 'Once Upon a Time'.  
 b) Explain the views of Ogden Nash as expressed in his poem 'Confessions of a Born Spectator'.

43) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

Jimmy Wells and Bob - friends - lived in New York - parted - fixed a meeting after 20 years - Bob went to the West - Wells settled there - Bob changed a lot - a criminal - Wells, a policeman - Bob arrived at the spot - appointed time - couldn't recognize - Wells identified - respected friendship - sent another policeman - arrested Bob. (OR)

'The First Patient' by C.V. Burgers - dentist's waiting-room - dentist arrives - first patient enters - nurse carries hammer, pair of pliers, a hacksaw - surgical room - strange sounds - reaction of patients - dentist tries to open tool cabinet - everyone leaves - except one.

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

Pollution is an undesirable change in physical, chemical and biological characteristics of our land, air and water caused by excessive accumulation of pollutants. The pollutants like carbon-di-oxide, sulphur-di-oxide and nitrogen oxide cause air pollution. The gas sulphur-di-oxide produces acid rain. Due to acid rain, buildings and plant materials are damaged. The increase of these causes global warming also. The average increase in the temperature of atmosphere is called global-warming. This is otherwise known as green house effect. This leads to the rise of sea level as a consequence of the melting of glaciers.

45) Write a letter to your friend sharing your views on a blockbuster movie you watched recently. (OR)

Write a newspaper article on 'Water Conservation'.

46) i) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite them correctly:**

- I lived here since 2010.
- Copper is an useful metal.
- Though I was rich, yet I kept quiet.
- Balu is junior than me.
- I need your advise in this matter.

(OR)

ii) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**

- Varun's \_\_\_\_\_ daughter \_\_\_\_\_ well to the new situation.  
[adopted / adapted]
- We \_\_\_\_\_ visit our grandparents every Sunday, when we lived in India. [Use semi-modal verb]
- I \_\_\_\_\_ lift this rock with ease. [Use a modal verb]
- \_\_\_\_\_ you have an entry pass, you can get in.  
[Use a suitable link word]

47) **Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:**

"If you think you are beaten, you are,  
If you think you daren't, you don't.  
If you like to win, but you think you can't,  
It is almost certain you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,  
For out in the world we find,  
Success begins with a fellow's will.  
It's all in the state of mind.  
If you think you are outclassed, you are,  
You've got to think high to rise,  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win a prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man  
But soon or late the man who wins,  
Is the man who thinks he can".

**Questions:**

- Where does a man's success begin?
- What determines one's success or failure?
- What should one do to rise in life?
- When can we be sure of winning a prize?
- 'The stronger or faster man can never ever win the battles of life'.  
- Is this statement right or wrong as expressed by the poet?

(OR)

**Read the following passage and answer in your own words:**

The pearl is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels. It is the one gem that is not dug up from a mine in the earth. It is grown in the shell of an oyster. The oyster does not make the pearl for the purpose of adorning the necks of women. It makes it only as a means of self-protection. To protect itself from the object like a grain of sand, the oyster begins to cover the object with a thick fluid which is secreted in its own body. When this layer hardens, an irritation begins, and another layer is added.

**Questions:**

- Which is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels?
- What is unique about that jewel?
- Where is it grown?
- Why is the pearl made?
- How does the oyster protect itself?

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