



Standard 9

ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 Hrs.

Marks: 100

PART - I

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate synonym for the underlined words:

- 1) She is an artist of immense talent.
a) little b) amazing c) huge d) small
- 2) She was tired of pruning rose bushes.
a) strength b) trimming c) beauty d) popularity
- 3) Here are the lights. Did you say food? Hark! what's that?
a) shout b) ask c) listen d) give

Choose the appropriate antonym for the underlined words:

- 4) The narrator of the story felt very sick for a week.
a) healthy b) disordered c) feeble d) unhealthy
- 5) Conservation of water supply is the problem of afforestation.
a) forest b) deforestation c) cultivation d) destruction
- 6) And soon started to hit the ball well.
a) began b) commenced c) finished d) attempted
- 7) **Fill in the blanks with suitable homophone:**
It's very hard to say _____ to a person whom you _____ very well.
(no / know)
- 8) Add prefix to the word 'courage'.
a) en b) re c) dis d) un
- 9) **Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:**
We have been living in Chennai _____ eight years.
a) for b) since c) at d) of
- 10) **Choose the correct phrasal verb given below:**
He _____ smoking on doctors advice.
a) gave up b) gave in c) gave out d) gave away
- 11) **Choose the correct meaning of the idiom to be in deep water:**
a) naturally, with ease b) no matter what happens
c) boring d) to be in a difficult situation
- 12) **Complete the following sentences using prepositional phrase:**
I am standing here _____ my friends.
a) in behalf of b) on behalf of c) on behalf
- 13) **Fill in the blank with suitable verb form:**
I _____ all plays of Shakespeare.
a) read b) have read c) had read d) reading
- 14) **Complete the sentence with suitable modal verb:**
Sachin is a famous cricketer. He _____ bat well.
a) can b) could c) will d) would

PART - II

Section - I

3×2=6

Answer any three of the following questions:

- 15) Who is the owner of the house now?
- 16) Where was Amys mother?
- 17) What did the narrator do to get rid of the evidence?
- 18) What are the two sources of water?

Section - II [Poetry]

3×2=6

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:

- 19) **My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near**
a) Who is the speaker?
b) Why should the horse think it queer?

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- 20) In the morning glad I see
My foe outstretched beneath the tree.
- a) How did the poet feel in the morning?
b) Who is the 'foe' referred to here?
- 21) The bleeding bark will heal
And from close to the ground
Will rise curled green twigs
Miniature boughs.
- a) What will happen to the bleeding bark?
b) What will rise from close to the ground?
- 22) And now dear little children who may this story read
To idle silly flattering words I pray you ne'er give heed.
- a) Who does 'I' refer to?
b) What is the advice given to the readers?

3×2=6

Section - III [Grammar]

Answer any three of the following:

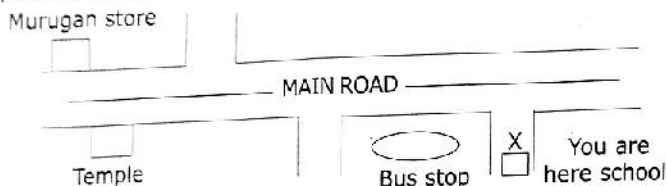
- 23) Rewrite the following sentence to other voice:
Coffee is made by him.
- 24) Rewrite using Reported speech:
She said, "I have won the first prize".
- 25) Punctuate the following sentence:
I dont know aunt gasped the boy
- 26) Rewrite the following sentence as directed:
No other girl in the class is as tall as Ramya. (into superlative degree)
- 27) Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentence:
- a) a / has / written / she / novel
b) rising / the / fast / is / river

Section - IV [Compulsory]

1×2=2

Answer the following question:

- 28) You are in your school. A man approaches you to guide him to the nearby temple. Give three instruction using the following road map.



PART - III

Section - I [Prose]

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:

- 29) Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer.
- 30) Explain the narrators visit to his old house.
- 31) Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.
- 32) How does C.V. Raman show that water is the real elixir of life?

Section - II [Poetry]

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:

- 33) How did the poets anger with his friend end?
34) Write a character sketch of the spider.
- 35) Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:
- River, river! swelling river!
On you rush through rough and smooth
Louder, faster, brawling, leaping
Over rocks, by rose banks, sweeping
Like impetuous youth.
- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
b) Identify the rhyme scheme of the above stanza.
c) Pick out the alliterated words in the fourth line.
d) Identify the figure of speech used in the first line.

36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**

Then the matter
Of scorching and choking
In sun and air.
Browning, hardening
Twisting, withering
And then it is done.

Section - III [Supplementary]**Answer any one of the following:**

1×5=5

37) **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**

1. Since all her methods failed finally she gave him a pain killer.
2. The pain killer triggered adverse reactions on Peter.
3. Tom was dull and depressed.
4. So Aunt Polly tried different types of remedies on him.
5. But Tom gave that pain killer to the cat Peter.

38) **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Little Cyclone is a grizzly cub from Alaska who earned his name by the vigour of his resistance to ill-treatment. When his mother was fired at on a timbered hillside facing Chilkat river he and his brother ran away as fast as their stumpy little legs could carry them. When they crept where they had last seen her.

- a) Who is little cyclone?
- b) How did he earn his name?
- c) Where was his mother fired at?
- d) How did he and his brother run away?
- e) Where did they creep?

Section - IV

4×5=20

Answer any four of the following:39) **Prepare an advertisement using the hints below:**

Hurry up - tour package - group tours - limited seats - Derose travels - Europe - U.S.A - Australia.

- 40) Your friend who lives in another town / city has his / her championship trophy in the recent sports meet. Write a letter congratulating him / her.
- 41) You are Ganesh / Gayathri Head of your school. Write a notice for your school notice board informing the students about the 'Fancy Fete' that is going to be organised in your school campus on the 10th of next month.
- 42) **Look at the picture given below and express your views on it in about five sentences:**

43) **Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:**

Be it a public transport system, railway stations or government officers in the state, the differently abled people here are at the receiving end. Thanks to the infrastructure facilities built without taking them into consideration. Apart from the humiliation they face from the people they come across. They are also forced to undergo hardships in using public spaces and toilets. Due to absence of rails, ramps and toilets people with more than 50 percent disability are the worst affected as they have to crawl on the floor to use the public toilets.

- 44) **Identify and correct the errors:**
 a) He prefers coffee than tea.
 b) Physics are my favourite subject.
 c) He presented me a HMT watch.
 d) He went to abroad.
 e) Though he is ill but he attends school today.

Section - V [Compulsory]

1x5=5

- 45) **Quote from memory:**

Whose woods
 think it queer.

PART - IV

- 46) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:**
2x8=16

a) An honest couple - dog - luck - envious wicked people - borrowed - not bring luck - killed - buried - pine tree - honest man's dream - mortar - pine tree - honest man - treasure - borrowed mortar - burnt - dog appeared - dream - sprinkle ashes - withered trees - come back - life - prince - rich reward - wicked man - ashes - eyes of the prince - punished.

(OR)

b) Brij - meet - weary traveller - recall - past life - terrible earthquake - native village Mothi - arrive - flattened house - dead bodies - mother - brother - except Bhuli - not accept - death - sister - army officer - search again - three armed soldiers - tired - laboured - Bhuli under debris - hundred and sixteen hours - thank army officer - Brij hope - see - one day - tea shop - Garhwal - offer - cup of tea - travellers - tired.

- 47) a) **Read the paragraph and answer the questions given below:**

The 2015 South Indian floods resulted from heavy rainfall generated by the annual north east monsoon in November - December 2015. They affected the Coromandel Coast region of the South Indian States of TamilNadu and Andhra Pradesh and the union Territory of Puducherry, with TamilNadu and the city of Chennai particularly harot hit. More than 500 people were killed and over 18 lakh people were displaced with estimates of damages and losses ranging from nearly 200 billion rupees to over 1 trillion rupees, the floods were the costliest to have occurred in 2015 and were among the costliest natural disasters of the year. The flooding has been attributed to the 2014-16 El-Nino Event.

Answer the questions based on the given passage:

- Which affected the Coromandal Coast region?
- How many persons were affected?
- How were the floods the costliest natural disasters of the year?
- What has the flooding been attributed to?

(OR)

- b) Never trust a mirror

For a mirror always lies

It makes you think that all you're worth

Can be seen from the outside

Never trust a mirror

It only shows you whats skin deep

You can't see how your eyelids flutter

When you're drifting off to sleep.

Questions:

- Why should not we trust a mirror?
- What does a mirror show?
- What your eyelids will be doing when you are drifting off to sleep?
- What does a mirror make you think?