

PART - I

(Answers: 1-14)

1. It is a 55-foot sailing vessel built *indigenously* in India.
☐ Answer: (c) naturally
2. The young bird kept calling her mother *plaintively*.
☐ Answer: (a) sadly
3. No one visits me, he said in an *unperturbed* manner.
☐ Answer: (b) undisturbed
4. Scraping his beak now and again to *whet* it.
☐ Answer: (a) blunt
5. Nothing he said, *gruffly*, but he was, in colour, a light green.
☐ Answer: (b) happily
6. The disabled face challenges of access, acceptance and *inclusion*.
☐ Answer: (c) exclusion
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'radius'.
☐ Answer: (b) radii
8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'nutrition'.
☐ Answer: (c) mal
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'HDMI'.
☐ Answer: (c) High Definition Multimedia Interface
10. Complete the sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb.
☐ Answer: (a) get along with
11. Pair the word 'traffic' to form a compound word.
☐ Answer: (c) jam
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition.
☐ Answer: (b) of
13. Complete the sentence with the correct tense form of the verb.

- **Answer:** (a) locked

14. **Choose the most appropriate linker.**

- **Answer:** (b) from
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PART - II

SECTION - 1

(Answers: 15-18)

15. **What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?**

- **Answer:** The young seagull was very hungry, and the sight of food prompted it to fly.

16. **Mention the special features of INSV Tarini.**

- **Answer:** It encouraged the use of renewable energy (wind) and collected data for monitoring marine pollution on the high seas.

17. **What did Aditya offer Sanyal?**

- **Answer:** Aditya offered Sanyal 150 rupees.

18. **What was the doctor's warning to Tom?**

- **Answer:** The doctor warned Tom that he was in danger of losing his mind from overthinking.
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SECTION - 2

(Answers: 19-22)

19. **(a) What does the poet expect everyone to learn?**

- **Answer:** To live a happy life by smiling and singing.
(b) What should we do when things go wrong?

- **Answer:** Wear a smile.

20. **(a) What does 'it' refer to?**

- **Answer:** The tree beside the house.
(b) In what way is the tree a mystery?
- **Answer:** It never grows or changes size.

21. **(a) Who does "I" refer to?**

- **Answer:** The cricket.
(b) What was the nature of the cricket?
- **Answer:** It enjoyed life.

22. **(a) Does the house remain the same every day?**

- **Answer:** No, it fades each day.
 - (b) Why is the house a mystery?**
 - **Answer:** The poet does not know what happened inside.
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SECTION - 3

(Answers: 23-27)

23. Rewrite in reported speech:

- **Answer:** Banu says that she is enjoying her holidays.

24. Rewrite in the other voice:

- **Answer:** The enemy has been defeated by our army.

25. Punctuate the sentence:

- **Answer:** "Have you come from Holmes?" he asked.

26. Change to a simple sentence:

- **Answer:** Being sick, she attends the rehearsal.

27. Rearrange the words:

- (a) The mountain road is full of dangers.
- (b) The sea can really get tough when the winds are picking up.

28. Direction Writing (Map-based)

Question: You are at the Market. A stranger beside you asks for directions to go to the Pharmacy.

Answer (Sample instruction):

"Go straight on the Main Road and take the first right onto North Road. Walk past the Art Gallery. The Pharmacy is on your right side after you cross Central Road."

PART – III

SECTION – 1 (Answer any two)

29. Describe the struggles undergone by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

Answer:

The young seagull was afraid to fly. Despite his parents and siblings flying confidently, he hesitated due to fear. He felt hungry and helpless. Eventually, when he saw his mother flying toward him with food and then stopped short, he jumped instinctively and began to fly. This marked his success in overcoming fear through necessity and courage.

30. Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the house.

Answer:

In the lesson "The Night the Ghost Got In," confusion arose when the narrator heard footsteps downstairs and assumed it was a ghost. The mother panicked and broke a window to call the police.

The grandfather, thinking there were burglars, shot at a policeman. The whole situation was funny and chaotic due to misunderstandings.

31. How do we use technology in our day-to-day lives?

Answer:

Technology plays a vital role in modern life. We use smartphones for communication, computers for education and work, and appliances for household chores. It also aids in transportation, healthcare, and entertainment. It has made our life faster, easier, and more efficient.

32. Explain the last day of M. Hamel in school.

Answer:

M. Hamel's last day was emotional. He wore his best clothes and spoke kindly. He taught sincerely and expressed regret over not emphasizing French earlier. He praised the language and encouraged the students to preserve it. The villagers and students listened attentively. He ended the class by writing "Vive La France!" on the board.

SECTION – 2 (Answer any two)

33. Describe the journey of life in the poem "LIFE".

Answer:

The poem compares life to a journey that must be faced with courage. It emphasizes that one should not be afraid of challenges and failures. The journey is unpredictable but rewarding. The poet motivates us to march ahead with confidence and face life boldly.

34. The poem "No Men Are Foreign" has a greater relevance in today's world. Elucidate.

Answer:

The poem teaches that all humans are the same despite differences in appearance or nationality. In today's world, where conflicts and divisions are common, the poem urges us to embrace peace, love, and brotherhood. It reminds us that hurting others ultimately hurts ourselves.

35. Read the stanza and answer:

- *The weather is always too hot or cold;*
- *Summer and winter alike they scold.*
- *Nothing goes right with the folks you meet*
- *Down on that gloomy Complaining street*

(a) Rhyming words: cold – scold, meet – street

(b) Rhyme scheme: aabb

(c) Figure of speech in the fourth line: **Personification** (The street is given a human trait of complaining)

(d) Alliterating words in the second line: Summer – scold

36. Paraphrase:

Although the smoke from machines might block your view of the sky, it is only temporary — the smoke will clear and the stars will be visible again. Despite the machines having great strength, size, and capabilities, they are still creations of human intelligence. They exist only because of human invention and are controlled by humans.

SECTION - 3

(Answer: 37)

37. Correct order of sentences:

- (iii) Little Peter was asked to take cakes for his blind friend by his mother.
- (v) While returning, he hears water trickling from the dikes.
- (iv) Peter realizes the danger of flooding.
- (i) Peter stops the angry waters with his finger the entire night and saves the village.
- (ii) Peter becomes the Little Hero of Holland.

38. (a) Zigzag's voice was clear and commanding.

(b) The two expressions of Zigzag mentioned are: bored and grumpy; happy and alert.

(c) Zigzag was trained by the African witch doctor and Dr. Somu.

(d) Dr. Krishnan's clinic was transformed into a calm, orderly place where Zigzag soothed frightened patients and made crying ones smile.

(e) Zigzag never slept or snored even for a second.

SECTION - 4 39. Advertisement

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40. Letter of Enquiry

From:

Rani,

Class X Student,

Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu.

To

The Coordinator,

[Name of the Trust],

[Address]

Subject: Enquiry about Free IAS Coaching Classes

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am Rani, a class X student from Villupuram. I recently read your advertisement in a newspaper about free IAS coaching classes for students. I aspire to become an IAS officer and would like to avail myself of this opportunity. Kindly send me the details regarding the eligibility, course schedule, and enrollment process.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Rani

41. Notice

 **GHSS Sathur**

Notice for Students – Educational Trip to Papanasam

All students are informed that an educational trip to Papanasam has been planned. The trip will take place on [Insert Date], and students will visit places of historical and ecological importance. Those interested are requested to give their names to the class teacher by [Insert Deadline].

Signed:

School Pupil Leader

GHSS Sathur

42. Picture Composition (Fun Fair/Festival Scene)

This picture shows a lively fair with many people enjoying themselves. There are amusement rides like giant wheels and merry-go-rounds. Children and families are seen roaming around happily. Stalls are selling food, toys, and other items. It looks like a joyful celebration, full of energy and entertainment.

43. Summary – Mountain Climbing

Mountain climbing is an adventurous but risky activity. As climbers go higher, breathing becomes difficult and they need oxygen equipment. The cold, snowstorms, and blizzards make it dangerous. Climbers must be physically fit and possess courage, skill, and endurance. They carry essential gear like maps and compasses to navigate, and face dangers like ice, steep rocks, and glaciers. Near high peaks, they tie themselves with ropes and move in groups. Despite the risks, they carry first-aid kits, extra clothes, and show great team spirit and sportsmanship.

44. Correct the errors:

- (a) Rice is a staple food of the Asians.
- (b) Because Sathya was old, he walked slowly.
- (c) Slow and steady wins the race.
- (d) I will be fifteen next April.

- (e) Learning a language is always useful.
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46. Paragraph Writing (Choose any one)

(a) Paragraph on Mulan (based on hints):

Many years ago in China, the Emperor ordered that one man from each family must join the army. Mulan, a brave village girl, decided to take her father's place, as he was old and weak. She cut off her long black hair, disguised herself as a man, and joined the army with her young brother. Though the soldiers were unhappy at first, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier. When her brother fell ill with a bad fever, a doctor found out her identity. The news spread quickly. Despite this, she continued to fight bravely in the war. Eventually, Mulan helped the army win the war. The Emperor, impressed by her courage and loyalty, gave her many gifts – including six fine horses and six fine swords.

(b) Paragraph on “The Year 2889” (Francis Bennett):

The year is 2889, July 25th. Francis Bennett, the editor of Earth Herald, communicates using phonotelephone from Champs-Élysées. He sees his wife on a telephotic mirror and receives phototelegrams from Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Jupiter. Mr. Bennett learns about a new planet called Gandini. He no longer uses a kitchen, as domestic cooking has been abandoned. Instead, pneumatic tubes are used for delivering food. He travels in an aero car and aero train. He visits Niagara and reaches Centropolis at 600 miles per hour. The advancements in science and technology have made life extremely fast and efficient in the year 2889.

47. Comprehension

(a) Teddy Bear Passage – Answers:

- (i) Theodore Roosevelt (American President) participated in a bear-hunting trip in Mississippi.
 - (ii) Morris Michtom placed the stuffed bears in the front window of his shop.
 - (iii) The news that spread around the country was that Roosevelt refused to kill a captured bear, calling the act “unsportsmanlike.”
 - (iv) The shop owner was Morris Michtom. He created plush, stuffed bears and named them “Teddy Bears.”
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(b) Poem “What will you be?” – Answers:

- (i) It is hard to decide which career to choose.
- (ii) Dancer, doctor, teacher, cricketer.
- (iii) Sunday and Thursday.
- (iv) (*Example answer*) I would like to become a doctor because I want to help people and serve society.