

Academic Year: 2024-25  
Maximum Marks: 80  
Number of questions: 36

1. Answer the questions in all the sections.
2. Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
3. Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
4. For multiple choice questions (MCQs), choose the correct answer and rewrite it.
5. Answers to the question number 30A (a-i) or 30 B (a-i) should be in sequence and at one place.
6. Internal choices are available for questions 30,31,32, and 36. Hence, answer either A or B.
7. For Part - A questions, only the first written answers will be considered for evaluation.

1. Romeo says "So shows a snowy dove trooping with crows" in the poem 'Romeo and Juliet'. To whom does the word 'snowy dove' refer to?
  - a. Rosaline
  - b. Juliet
  - c. Romeo
  - d. Capulet
2. In the poem 'On Children', the word 'Arrows' refers to .....
  - a. parents
  - b. mother
  - c. women
  - d. children
3. Whom does Dona Laura call 'an ill-natured man'?
  - a. Petra
  - b. Juanito
  - c. Cousin
  - d. Don Gonzalo
4. In the poem 'When You Are Old', the speaker says, .....loved his beloved's moments of glad grace.
  - a. some
  - b. many
  - c. all
  - d. none
5. Identify the sequence of events that led to change in the owner's life style with reference to 'The Gardener.'
  - a. old man was hired-petty thefts stopped-income improved-plantation expanded dramatically
  - b. plantation expanded dramatically-income improved-old man was hired-petty thefts stopped
  - c. old man was hired-petty thefts stopped-plantation expanded dramatically-income improved
  - d. plantation expanded dramatically-old man was hired-income improved-petty thefts stopped
6. Who creates heaven on earth, according to the poet in 'Heaven, If You Are Not Here on Earth'?
  - a. nymph
  - b. god
  - c. poet
  - d. devil
7. The author says that "Bowling is neither less nor more silly than shaking hands or kissing the cheek, but it is quaint; more formal, more oriental; it is also infectious" in Japan and Brazil Through a Traveler's Eye.

Here the word 'oriental' mean

- a. West                      b. North                      c. East                      d. South

8. Match the column A with column B with reference to the lesson 'I Believe Books Will Never

Disappear' and choose the correct option.

A

- A. Telephone  
B. Microscope  
C. Ploughs

B

- i. extension of arms  
ii. extension of voice  
iii. extension of eyes

- a. A-iii, B-ii, C-i   b. A-ii, B-iii, C-i   c. A-i, B-ii, C-iii   d. A-i, C-ii, B-iii

9. Who told Roof, "We want your vote" and placed five-pound note on the floor in the story 'The Voter'?

- a. Leader of the PAP campaign team                      b. Leader of the POP campaign team  
c. Leader of the village campaign team                      d. Leader of the state campaign team

10. In what name does water rise a storm and takes to skies, according to the poem 'Water'?

- a. Bottled water                      b. Filtered water                      c. Pumped water                      d. Mineral water

11. **Fill in the blanks with the passive form of the verb given in the brackets. 3x1=3**

A speeding lorry hit a car, yesterday, on the highway. The lorry driver .....(arrest) by the police. The passengers in the car .....(hurt). The injured passengers .....(admit) to a nearby hospital.

12. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expressions given in brackets**

**2x1=2**

Sharan wanted to purchase a mobile phone. His friends gave many suggestions. He couldn't decide. He was ..... His mother asked him to speak to his aunt as She was ..... in the matters of mobile phone.  
(well versed, in a fix, put with)

13. Read the following paragraph and match the pronouns in side A with the nouns/noun phrases in side B they refer to

**5x1=5**

Mobile phones are very useful these days. They (a) are very efficient tools for communication. Youngsters are experts in using mobile phones. Their (b) skills in using mobile phones are exemplary. They can take a photo of a scenery which (c) they like while traveling. If they like a song, they can record it (d) on their mobile phone. People who (e) are fond of their mobile phones always keep them in their pockets.

A

- a. They  
b. Their  
c. Which  
d. It  
e. who

B

- i. Scenery  
ii. Song  
iii. Mobile Phones  
iv. Days  
v. Youngsters'  
vi. People

- II. Answer any three of the following questions in one or two sentences each      3x2=6**

14. Name the two countries that recognised and declared 'Rights of Nature' according to Vandana Shiva.

15. When Don Gonzalo prepares to read, he takes out things from his pocket in the play 'A Sunny Morning'. Which are they?

16. What did the narrator love in his beloved in the poem 'When You Are Old'?

17. Mention any two things in nature which make this earth heaven.

**III. Answer any four of the following questions in about 60 words each**

**4x3=12**

18. How does Romeo express his love for Juliet in the poem 'Romeo and Juliet'?
19. Why was Navdanya Movement started by Vandana Shiva? What are its achievements?
20. How does the foot spend its days in the shoes in the poem 'To the Foot from its Child'?
21. Write a note on Borge's thoughts on metaphors.
22. What does George Mikes observe about the behaviour of car drivers in Brazil? Explain briefly.
23. Water is not simply H<sub>2</sub>O for the poet in the poem 'Water'. Why?

**IV. Answer any three of the following questions in about 100 words each**

**3x4=12**

24. "Man lives for some kind of vengefulness. Without it, there would be no reason for his existence." Evaluate this statement in the light of the story 'The Gardener'.
25. "Parents can give their love but not their thoughts" says the Prophet in the poem 'On Children'. Why do you think the Prophet says so? Discuss.
26. The story 'Too Dear' reflects on the issue of governance and human greed for power. Substantiate.
27. Do you agree that the play 'A Sunny Morning' deals with the human folly for lying? Elucidate with suitable examples.
28. Write a note on Roof's character in the story 'The Voter'.
29. How does cycling bring changes in the lives of women of Pudukkottai district? Explain briefly with examples.

**PART – C**

**V. 30. A. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it**

**9x1=9**

Most mother snakes do not tend their offsprings. They find a safe place to lay eggs and leave immediately. If they give birth to live young, they vanish as soon as the last one comes out. New born snakes face the dangers on their own. Out of 3,400 snake species of snakes in the world, only 150 species show maternal care.

The King Cobra is the only species to make a nest and guard its eggs. The Indian rock python coils its complete body around its eggs and incubates them. But both species do not stay with younger ones once they come out of eggs. One snake goes an extra mile to protect its offsprings. It is Southern African Python. Graham Alexander studied the behaviour of Southern African Python snakes for the first time.

Graham Alexander was a student of a university in South Africa. He spent seven years studying Southern African Pythons. He studied thirty-seven Southern African Pythons in Dinokeng Game Reserve near Pretoria. Southern African Pythons are easy to trace in the forest. They are the largest snakes of African continent. They grow up to five metres and weigh sixty kilograms on average. Alexander caught them and inserted transmitter chips in their bodies. He monitored their movement through these chips. He also measured their body temperature.

Southern African Pythons lay eggs in burrows created by other animals. The mother Southern African Python coils her body around the eggs for three months. The mother snake stays with the eggs for three months. It does not eat anything during these months. It loses 40% of its weight during this period. After three months, the baby snakes come out of the eggs. The mother snake stays with the baby snakes for two more weeks before moving out of the burrow. Hence, the Southern African Python is the most caring snake of all snakes.

- a. What is the average weight of a Southern African Python?
- b. Which snake prepares a nest for its eggs?
- c. ....snake goes an extra mile to protect its offsprings.
- d. Where does the Southern African Python lay its eggs?
- e. Where did Alexander study the Southern African Pythons for seven years?
- f. What percentage of weight does a mother Southern African Python snake lose in three months?
- g. How many snakes did Alexander study to understand the behaviour of Southern African Pythons?
- h. The idiom 'to go an extra mile' means .....  
(i) go more miles (ii) put more effort (iii) put more pressure
- i. The antonym for the word caring is .....

**Or**

**B. Read the following poem and answer the questions set on it**

**9x1=9**

### The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveller.  
Long I stood And looked down one as far as I could,  
To where it bent in the undergrowth:

Then took the other as just as fair  
And having perhaps the better claim;  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black,  
Oh, I kept the first for another day,  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
I doubted if I should ever come back

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,  
I took the one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference

- a. Why did the speaker choose the other road?
- b. What did the speaker do at the place where two roads diverged?
- c. Where did two roads diverge?
- d. What made the difference to the speaker?
- e. In the statement, I kept the first for another day, what does the word 'first' refer to?  
i. Wood ii. Road iii. day iii. Walk
- f. What time of the day is indicated in the given poem?
- g. Who took the road that was less travelled by?
- h. How will be the speaker saying after some ages?
- i. The antonym for 'less' is .....

## PART - D

### VI. 31. A. Rewrite as directed

4x1=4

(i) Rani saw an old woman on her way to school. ....old woman was singing and dancing under a tree.

(Use proper article)

(ii) rules/certain/and regulations/follow/must/we

(Rearrange the segments into a meaningful sentence)

(iii) Indian sportspersons ..... (has/have) won some medals in Paris Olympics.

(choose the verb that agrees with the subject)

(iv) Robert .....(send) many messages to his friend yesterday.

(Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verb given)

OR

### B. Fill in the blanks with the right linker

4x1=4

(Though, When, As, So)

..... Mr. Elephant requested help, the man couldn't refuse ..... he was his friend. .... , he decided to help Mr. Elephant ..... it was raining heavily.

### 32. A. Rewrite as directed

2x1=2

(i). The farmers have taken to organic farming, .....?

(Add a suitable question tag)

(ii) The police were providing security to the visiting officials.

(Frame 'Wh' question to get the underlined words as answer)

OR

### B. Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them.

2x1=2

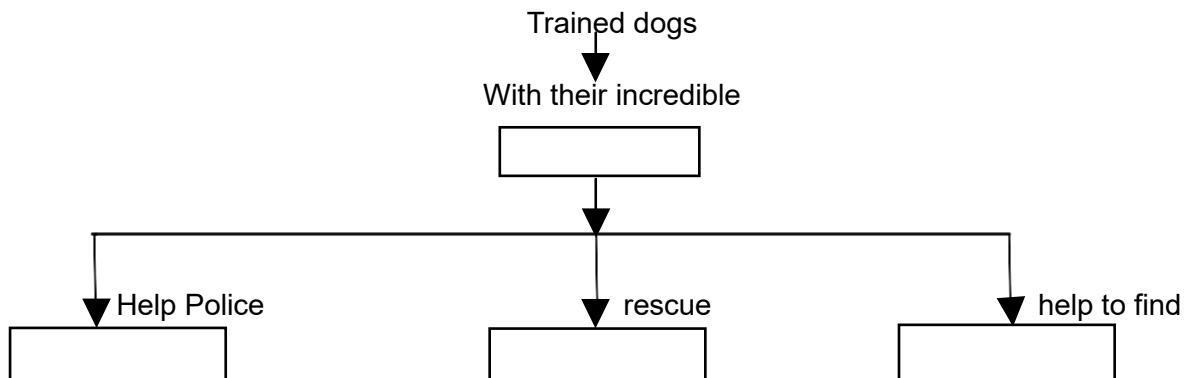
(i) Students were prepared well for their exams.

(ii) Guru advised his sister.

### 33. Read the following passage and make notes by filling the boxes given below

4x1/2=2

Trained dogs with their incredible sense of smell help police in tracking criminals and in rescuing buried people. They also help to find bombs and drugs. They are very good friends of police in general.



### 34. Report the following conversation.

5x1=5

Minister: Why do you stay in the prison?  
Prisoner: Do you want me to go?  
Minister: Certainly. I don't have any problem.  
Prisoner: I won't go away.  
Minister: I can give you a pension.

**35. Complete the following dialogue**

**3x1=3**

**(Two friends meet at a book shop)**

Vinay : ....., how are you? (Greeting)  
Vincent: Fine. Are you buying books?  
Vinay : ..... (responding)  
Vincent: Did you find them?  
Vinay : .....(giving information)

**PART E**

**VII. 36. A. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement that appeared in The Hindu dated 16th August 2024.**

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**Wanted**  
**English Teachers**  
**Qualification: B A B.Ed.**  
**Apply to**  
**The Secretary**  
**MM School,**  
**Chamarajanagar 571313**

**Write XXXX for name and YYYY for address**

**OR**

**B. Imagine that you are the Secretary of your students' union. Prepare a speech of about 150 words on 'Road Safety' to create awareness among your classmates.**

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Use the following information. Importance of traffic rules – importance of following traffic rules-  
behaviour of bicycle riders and bike riders importance of helmets -importance of seat belts in cars-  
rules to be followed by pedestrians.