

SSC PUBLIC EXAMINATION (2025-26) MODEL PAPER-I (SCERT)
THIRD LANGUAGE - ENGLISH
CLASS: X

Time: 3.15 Hours.

Max. Marks: 100

Instructions:

1. The question paper has 37 questions in three sections (A, B and C)
2. Answer all the questions on a separate answer book supplied to you.
3. 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 3 hours for writing the answers.
4. Answer all the questions of SECTION – B (Grammar and Vocabulary) in the same order at one place in your answer book.

SECTION -- A
READING COMPREHENSION

Q. No. 1-5: Read the following Passage carefully

The house - the only one in the entire valley - sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a down pour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho - who know his fields intimately - had done nothing else but see the sky towards the north-east.

“Now we're really going to get some water, woman”. The woman, who was preparing supper, replied “yes, God willing”. The older boys were working in the field, while the smaller ones were playing near the house until the woman called them all. “Come for dinner”. It was during the meal that just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet.

(A Letter to God)
5x2=10M

Now, answer the following questions.

1. Where was the house?
2. What did the ripe corn field promise?
3. Why was Lencho eagerly looking at north-east sky?
A) Because there were birds flying
B) Because he was looking forward for a rain or shower.
C) Because the sky towards north-east is filled with dotted flowers.
4. “Now we're really going to get some water, women”. These words of Lencho prove _____
A) his hope for a shower of rain.
B) his worry for a good crop.
C) his carelessness towards nature.
5. What is the figure of speech in the phrase ‘huge’ mountains of clouds”.
A) metaphor B) hyper bole C) simile

Answers

1. The house was **on the crest of a low hill in the valley.**
2. It promised **a good harvest.**
3. **B)** Because he was looking forward for a rain or shower.
4. **A)** His hope for a shower of rain.
5. **B)** Hyperbole

Q.No. 6-10: Read the following stanza carefully

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the Length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors..
He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars;

And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

(A Tiger in the Zoo)

5x1=5M

Now, answer the following questions.

6. Where is the tiger?
7. Why does the tiger ignore the visitors?
8. How do you know that the tiger is awake in the night?
A) He wanders in the zoo.
B) He break opens the cage in the night.
C) He hears the last voice and patrolling cars at night.
9. What is the commonality between the tiger's eyes and the stars?
A) Brilliance B) Rage C) Strength
10. What is the state of the tiger in the zoo?
A) Freedom B) Captivity C) Ignorance.

Answers

6. The tiger is in **a concrete cell (in the zoo).**
7. Because he is angry and unhappy in captivity.
8. **C)** He hears the last voice and patrolling cars at night.
9. **A)** Brilliance
10. **B)** Captivity

Q.No. 11-15: Read the following passage carefully.

The next day she took herself to her friend's house and related her story of distress. Mme Forestier went to her closet took out a large jewel - case, brought it, opened it and said "Choose, my dear". She saw at first some bracelets, then a collar of pearls, then a Venetian cross of gold and jewels of admirable workmanship. She tried the jewels before the glass, hesitated, but could neither decide to take them nor leave them. Then she asked, "Have you nothing more?" "Why, yes. look for yourself. I do not know what will please you!" Suddenly, she discovered, in a black satin box, a superb necklace of diamonds. Her hands trembled as she took it out. She placed it about her throat against her dress, and was ecstatic.

(The Necklace)

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given: 5x1=5M

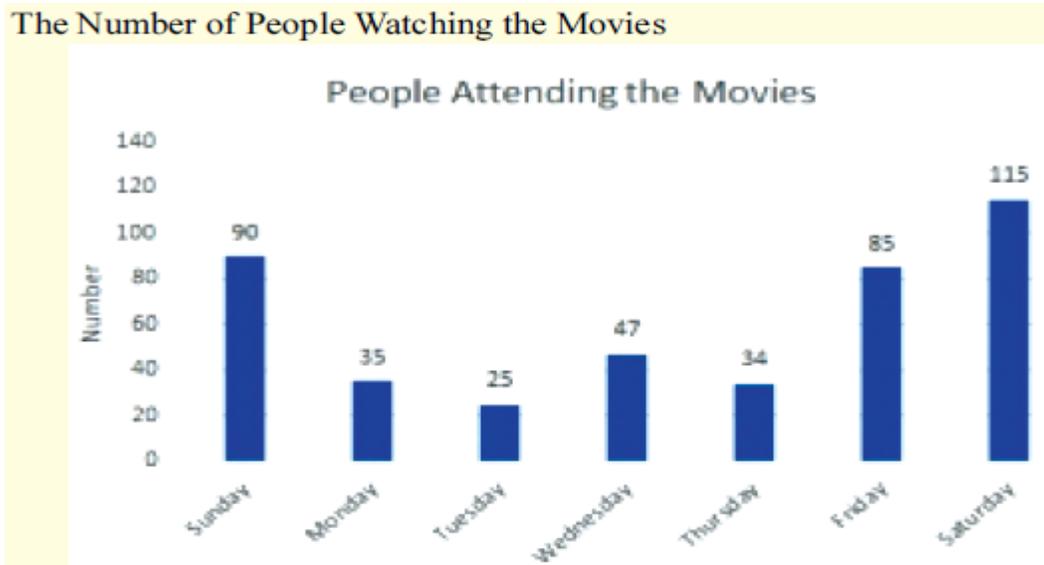
11. What was the story of distress of Mme Loisel?
A) Mme Loisel has no suitable dress or jewellery for the party.
B) Mme Loisel was disappointed with her husband's job.
C) Mme Loisel had to invite some important guests to her house.
12. What was the speciality in Mme Forestier's jewellery?
A) There were bracelets, pearls and cross of gold.
B) The jewels were of admirable workmanship.
C) Mme Forestier's jewellery was fake.
13. How did Mme Loisel feel wearing the jewels?
A) Mme Loisel hesitated to choose the jewel.
B) Mme Loisel felt proud
C) Mme Loisel felt they are worthless.
14. What attracted Mme Loisel?
A) a bracelet B) a box of jewels C) a diamond necklace
15. What could be the nature of Mme Loisel according to the given passage?
A) Mme Loisel was honest B) Mme Loisel was generous C) Mme Loisel was greedy

Answers

11. **A)** Mme Loisel had no suitable dress or jewellery for the party.
12. **B)** The jewels were of admirable workmanship.
13. **B)** Mme Loisel felt proud.
14. **C)** A diamond necklace
15. **C)** Mme Loisel was greedy.

16. Study the given bar chart:

5M



Now answer the following questions

5x1=5M

- i) What does the bar chart show?
- ii) How many people watch movies on Monday?
- iii) On day more people watch movies.
a) Sunday b) Friday c) Saturday
- iv) is least number of people, watching movies.
a) 25 b) 47 c) 15
- v) Choose the correct statement from the following.
a) Equal number people and watch movies on Friday and Saturday
b) Maximum number of people watch movies on Saturday
c) 30 members watch movies on Thursday

Answers

16. i) It shows the number of people watching movies on different days.
ii) 35
iii) c) Saturday
iv) a) 25
v) b) Maximum number of people watch

17. Read the following passage carefully:

A long time ago, there was a poor village struck by frequent droughts. One year, the villagers found an injured bird near the river. The bird had a broken wing, so they took care of it and helped it heal. Grateful, the bird promised to repay their kindness one day. Months passed, and the drought returned worse than before. The village well dried up, and the people were desperate. One morning, the bird returned with a magical seed. It told the villagers to plant the seed near the riverbank and care for it. They patiently watered and nurtured the seed every day. Soon, a miraculous tree grew, bearing fruits that never ran out of water inside. The villagers ate the fruits and drank the water, and their drought struggles ended

Now arrange the following sentences in meaningful order:

5x1=5M

- a) There was a village suffering from frequent droughts
- b) The villagers found an injured bird near the river, and they took care of it
- c) One day the bird came with a magical seed as a tribute.
- d) Villagers watered and nurtured the seed, and a fantastic tree grew with fruits.
- e) The villagers ate the fruits and drank the water and no more droughts in the village

Answer: a - b - c - d - e

SECTION-B
(GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY)

Note: Answer all the questions of section -B in the same order at one place in your answer book.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'whose' **2M**

Saranya is my friend. Her eyes are very expressive.

Ans: Saranya is my friend **whose** eyes are very expressive.

19. Change the following sentence into passive voice **2M**

Rakesh had completed his homework perfectly.

Ans: Rakesh's homework **had been completed** perfectly (by him).

20. Change the following sentence into Reported speech. **2M**

Rina said to her friend, "I will join the party later."

Ans: Rina **told** her friend **that she would** join the party later.

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given in brackets

1. Rajesh is good English. (in /with/at)

2x1=2M

2. He drove the car..... the bridge (over/ along/through)

Ans: 1. good **at** 2. **over** the bridge

22. Edit the following passage. **4x1=4M**

" And if I were to ask me (a) from what literature we who has (b) been almost exclusively on the thoughts of Greek may draw the corrective which is most want (c) in order to make our inner self more comprehensive, in fact most (d) truly human a life ... again I should point to India.

a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ d) _____

Ans: myself, have, wanted, more

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles **2x1=2M**

1. moon looks beautiful tonight.

2. Can you pass me.....pen?

Ans: 1.the 2. the

24. Change the following into repeated action in the using 'would / used to'

i) When I was a kid, I watched cartoons everyday.

2x1=2M

i) I played football every weekend. But now I prefer swimming.

Ans: i) When I was a kid, I **used to watch** cartoons every day.

ii) I **would play / used to play** football every weekend.

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using noun modifiers.

2x1=2M

i) Our teacher showed us a beautiful painting. it was old and valuable.

ii) I read a short story. It was an interesting and heart touching.

Ans: i) Our teacher showed us a **valuable beautiful old** painting.

ii) I read **an interesting heart-touching short** story.

26. Your friend is always making fun of others. Advise him not to do it.

2x1=2M

Ans: You **should not make** fun of others; it hurts their feelings.

27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box.

4x1=4M

guides, happiness, ordinary, agony, misery, huge
--

And she thought to herself, "How selfish am I in my grief! (a)Death is common(b) to all; yet in this valley of desolation there is a path that leads(c) him to immortality who has surrendered all selfishness." The Buddha said, "The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain. (d).

Ans:

a) grief = misery

b) common = ordinary

c) leads = guides

d) pain = agony

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box.

4x1=4M

Men of such extraordinary (a) courage, wisdom and generosity (b) that their like may never be known again. Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create (c) such heights of character. My country is rich (d) in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil,

Ans:

- a) extraordinary x ordinary
- b) generosity x selfishness
- c) create x destroy
- d) rich x poor

29. Fill in the blanks with right forms of words given in the brackets. 2x1=2M

Not a leaf remained..... (a) (remains/remained/remaining) on the trees. The corn was..... (b) (destroy/destroyed/destroys). The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho's soul was filled with(c) sad/sadly/sadness). When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons, "A plague of locusts would have..... (d) leave / leaving/ left) more than this. The hail has left nothing. This year we will have no corn."

- Ans: a) remaining
 b) destroyed
 c) sadness
 d) left

30. Complete the words with correct prefixes and suffixes given in the brackets 2x1=2M

- i) Teachers are the mostpredictable creatures on earth. (in/un)
- ii) Don't excite yourself, my preci.....(eous/ous) one.

Ans: i. unpredictable ii. precious

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. 2x1=2M

- i) implore, procesion, awfully, jealous
- ii) luxurious, haughtily, tremendus, interfere.

Ans:

- i) procesion — procession
- ii) tremendus — tremendous

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below. 2x1=2M

lamentation /lam(j)nteɪʃn/ noun: the passionate expression of grief or sorrow
 SYN; Weeping:
 1. Much lamentation followed the death of the old king.
 2. a song of lamentation: Opp: enjoyment: plural: 'lamentations'.

Now, answer the following questions using the information above. 2x1=2M

- i) What is the part of speech of word 'lamentation'?
- ii) What is the antonym of 'lamentation'?

Ans: i. Noun ii. Enjoyment

33. Use the following expression in sentences of your own. 2x1=2M

- i) Phrasal verb: calm down
 A.....
- ii) Idiomatic expression :laugh ourselves silly .
 A.....

Ans: i) Please **calm down** and listen to me.
 ii) We **laughed ourselves silly** at the joke.

34. Match the following. 4x ½ =2M

- | Part A | Part B |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| i) home sick () | a) search |
| ii) look for () | b) remain inside |
| iii) fly high () | c) missing home and family |
| iv) stay in () | d) be successful |

Ans:

- i) home sick. (c) missing home and family
- ii) look for (a) search
- iii) fly high (d) be successful
- iv) stay in (b) remain inside

SECTION -C
CREATIVE EXPRESSION

35. A. You read the lesson 'Tea from Assam', In the lesson Pranjal and Rajvir are childhood friends. Pranjal was from Assam and Rajvir was from Delhi. Pranjal had invited Rajvir to visit his home during vacation. Rajvir was so much excited seeing the beautiful greenery and tea plantations of Assam. During journey Rajvir told Pranjal so many legendary stories about 'tea'.

Now write a possible conversation between Pranjal and Rajvir during their train journey to Assam 10M

Answer

Rajvir: Wow, Pranjal! Look at this greenery. Assam is really beautiful.

Pranjal: Yes, Rajvir. These are tea gardens. You'll see many more as we go ahead.

Rajvir: I've read that tea was first discovered in China. Is it true?

Pranjal: Yes. They say a Chinese emperor discovered tea accidentally when leaves fell into boiling water.

Rajvir: Interesting! I also heard that tea came to India during the British rule.

Pranjal: That's right. Assam is one of the largest tea-producing regions in the world.

Rajvir: These endless tea bushes look like a green carpet.

Pranjal: You'll enjoy fresh Assam tea at my home.

Rajvir: I'm really excited. This journey itself feels special.

Pranjal: Many people here work in tea gardens, and tea is their main livelihood.

Rajvir: I would love to learn more about their life and culture during my stay.

(OR)

B. In the lesson 'The Black Aeroplane' the narrator flew his Dakota and reached England safely through the huge black storm clouds. The pilot of the black aeroplane guided him. After landing in England he enquired the woman in the control station about that pilot. But the woman said that there was no other pilot and other aeroplane flown that night. The narrator was surprised.

Imagine you are in the place of the narrator and write a diary entry expressing your feelings on the above context.

Answer

Date:

Time:

Dear Diary,

What a bizarre and unforgettable day! The storm was like nothing I'd ever seen before—dark, violent, and all-consuming. My compass stopped working, and I was completely lost, flying blind through the chaos. Just when I thought all hope was gone, a black aeroplane appeared out of nowhere.

The mysterious pilot guided me safely through the storm. I was so relieved when I landed, but my relief turned into astonishment when the woman at the control center told me there was no record of another plane. Who was the pilot? Was it a miracle? I may never know, but I will always be grateful.

Goodnight,

A Bewildered Pilot

36. A. Suppose you are very much worried about the problem of increasing stray dogs in your area. Recently, your sister was also attacked by a dog and received necessary treatment. You learned about the removal of stray dogs from certain areas, such as schools, hospitals and bus stations, and felt relieved.

Now, write a letter to the Municipal commissioner expressing your concern and requesting immediate measures to ensure public safety and create awareness among residents. **10M**

Answer

From
XXXXX
XXXXX

Date : XXXX

To
The Municipal Commissioner
XXXXX
XXXXX

Respected Sir/Madam,

Subject: Request for Immediate Action Regarding Stray Dogs

I wish to draw your attention to the growing problem of stray dogs in our locality. Their increasing number has become a serious threat to public safety. Recently, my sister was attacked by a stray dog and had to undergo medical treatment.

I am relieved to know that stray dogs are being removed from sensitive areas like schools, hospitals, and bus stations. I request you to kindly take immediate steps in our area as well. Awareness programmes on safety and vaccination drives would greatly help residents.

I hope you will take necessary action at the earliest in the interest of public safety.

Thanking you sir / madam.

Yours sincerely,
XXXX

(OR)

B. You have read the lesson in which Maxwell had an otter as a pet. It is pleasure to have pets. Pets live with us and we feel happy in their company.

Now prepare a speech on why and how to rear pet animals and precautions to be taken related to their diet, vaccination, exercising etc.

Answer

Respected teachers and dear friends ... Good morning to all.

Today, I would like to speak about the importance of rearing pet animals. Pets bring joy, companionship, and emotional support to our lives. They make us responsible and loving.

While rearing pets, we must take proper care of them. They should be given a balanced and nutritious diet. Regular vaccination is essential to protect them from diseases. Pets also need daily exercise to remain healthy and active. Clean shelter and regular check-ups by a veterinarian are very important.

In return, pets give us unconditional love and happiness. They also help reduce stress and loneliness in our lives. By caring for pets, we learn values like empathy, patience, and compassion. Let us treat them with care and kindness.

Thank you.

37. A. In the lesson 'A Triumph of surgery' Tricky became ill due to the heavy diet given by Mrs. Phumphy. So the narrator suggested that Tricky must be hospitalized for about a fortnight to be kept under observation. The poor lady almost swooned. She was sure he would pine and die if he did not see her every day.

Now, describe the feelings of Mrs. Phumphrey on the above context.

10M

Answer

Mrs. Pumphrey was deeply shocked and anxious when the doctor suggested that Tricki should be hospitalized. She loved her pet more than anything else. The thought of being separated from Tricki made her weak and frightened. She believed that Tricki would miss her terribly and might even die without seeing her every day.

She felt guilty and worried, blaming herself for his illness. Her heart was filled with fear and sorrow, and she almost fainted at the idea of leaving her beloved pet behind. Her emotions showed her extreme affection and attachment towards Tricki.

In addition, Mrs. Pumphrey kept sending eggs, wine, and other rich food to the hospital, thinking they would help Tricki recover. This shows her overprotective nature and misunderstanding of her pet's real needs. Her excessive care, though full of love, was actually harmful to Tricki's health.

(OR)

B. Study the following table and write a paragraph based on the information given it.

THE MARKS SECURED BY DIFFERENT STUDENTS OF DIFFERENT CLASSES IN A REASONING TEST FOR 100 MARKS.

S.no	Name	Class	Marks	Gender
1	RAJESH	8	75	MALE
2.	KALPANA	10	87	FEMALE
3.	VENNALA	8	98	FEMALE
4.	SARADA	9	65	FEMALE
6.	ROHAN	10	60	MALE
7.	RAKESH	9	74	MALE
8.	SRIKANTH	10	92	MALE

Answer

The table shows the marks secured by different students of classes 8, 9, and 10 in a reasoning test conducted for 100 marks. Vennala of Class 8 secured the highest marks with 98, followed by Srikanth of Class 10 with 92 marks. Kalpana of Class 10 scored 87 marks. Rajesh and Rakesh scored 75 and 74 marks respectively. Sarada secured 65 marks, while Rohan scored the least with 60 marks. Overall, the performance of the students varies, with both boys and girls showing good results in the test.

Most students scored above average, showing a good understanding of reasoning skills. Class 10 students performed better on the whole compared to other classes. The difference between the highest and lowest marks is quite noticeable. The results indicate the need for extra practice for students who scored below 70 marks.

SSC PUBLIC EXAMINATION (2025-26) MODEL PAPER-II (SCERT)

CLASS X : THIRD LANGUAGE - ENGLISH

SECTION – A: READING COMPREHENSION

Q.No. 1-5: Read the following Passage carefully.

Then the bus stopped and everyone got off except Valli.

“Hey, lady”, said the conductor, “aren’t you ready to get off? This is as far as your thirty paise takes you”

“No”, Valli said, “I’m going back on this same bus”. She took another thirty paise from her pocket and handed the coins to the conductor.

“Why, is something the matter?”

“No, nothing is the matter. I just felt like having a bus ride, that’s all”.

“Don’t you want to have a look at the sights, now that you’re here?”

“All by myself” Oh, I’d be much too afraid”.

Greatly amused by the girl’s way of speaking, the conductor said, “But you weren’t afraid to come in the bus”. “Nothing to be afraid of about that”, she answered. “well, then why not go to that stall over there and have something to drink?

Nothing to be afraid of about that either”.

“Oh, no, I couldn’t do that”

“Well, then let me bring you a cold drink “.

“No, I don’t have enough money. Just give me my ticket, that’s all”. “It’ll be my treat and not cost you anything”.

“No, no”, she said firmly, “please, no”.

(Madam Rides the Bus)

5x2=10M

Now, answer the following questions.

1. Who didn’t get down the bus? Why?
2. How much did it cost for Valli for the onward and return journey?
3. What amused the conductor about Valli?
A) Her way of speaking. B) Her fear to get down the bus. C) Her pride and careless talk.
4. What did the conductor offer Valli?
A) thirty paise B) a cool drink C) a return ticket
5. Guess Valli’s nature based on the passage.
A) obstinate and careful B) proud and careless C) generous and obedient

Answers

1. Valli didn’t get down the bus because she **wanted to go back** on the same bus and she **did not have enough money**.
2. Sixty paise
3. **A)** Her way of speaking
4. **B)** a cool drink
5. **A)** obstinate and careful

Q.No. 6-10: Read the following stanza carefully

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I’ve tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

But if it had to perish twice,

I think I know enough of hate

To say that for destruction ice

Is also great

And would suffice.

(Fire and Ice)

Now, answer the following questions. 5x1=5M

6. What brings the world to an end?
7. What do fire and ice stand for?
8. Who does the poet favour?
A) ice B) fire C) destruction of fire
9. What does hatred lead to?

- A) great desire B) favour C) destruction of world
10. What is the tone of the poem?
- A) Strength of individual in destroying the world
B) Casual and peaceful
C) unconcerned about human potentiality

Answers

6. Fire and ice
7. **Fire** stands for **desire**; **Ice** stands for **hatred**
8. **B)** fire
9. **C)** destruction of world
10. **A)** Strength of individual in destroying the world

Q.No. 11-15: Read the following passage carefully.

Everyone thought that Horace Darby was a good, honest citizen. He was about fifty years old and unmarried, and he lived with a housekeeper who worried over his health. In fact, he was usually very well and happy except for attacks of hay fever in summer. He made locks and was successful enough at his business to have helpers. Yes, Horace Donby was good and respectable - but not completely honest.

Fifteen years ago, Horace had served his first and only sentence in a prison library. He loved rare, expensive books. So, he robbed a safe every year. Each year he planned carefully just what he would do, stole enough to last for twelve months, and secretly bought the books he loved through the agent. **(A Question of Trust)**

Now answer the following questions. 5x1=5M

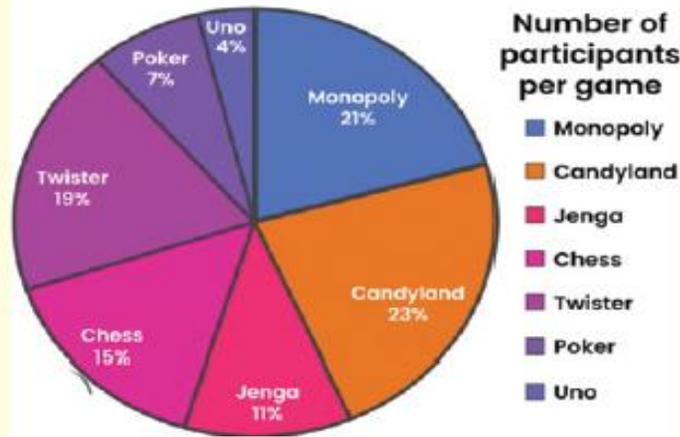
11. What was Horace Danby to the outside world ?
A) happy and healthy B) arrogant and selfish C) good and honest
12. What worried the housekeeper about Horace Danby ?
A) his health B) his honesty C) his betrayal
13. How successful was Horace Danby in his business ?
A) He extended his lock business abroad
B) He had two helpers and was respected by everyone
C) He made huge profits on export - import business.
14. How did the imprisonment in prison library help Horace?
A) He became the lover of rare, expensive books
B) He became a librarian in the prison
C) He bought many safes for the books in prison.
15. What did Horace do with the stolen money?
A) He bought locks B) He started a new business C) He bought books through an agent.

Answers

11. **C)** good and honest
12. **A)** his health
13. **B)** He had helpers and was respected by everyone
14. **A)** He became the lover of rare, expensive books
15. **C)** He bought books through an agent

16. Study the following pie chart.

How students spend their free time



Now answer the following questions

5x1=5M

- i) Which game has the highest number of participants?
a) Twister b) Monopoly c) Candyland
- ii) How many percent of participants play Chess?
a) 11% b) 15% c) 21%
- iii) Which two games together make up 30% of the participants?
a) Jenga and Poker b) Chess and Uno c) Poker and Candyland
- iv) What is the difference in percentage between Candyland and Jenga?
a) 10% b) 12% c) 15%
- v) Choose the correct statement based on the pie chart:
a) Poker has more participants than Jenga.
b) Twister has the second-highest number of participants.
c) Uno has the lowest number of participants

Answers

- i) c) Candyland
- ii) b) 15%
- iii) a) Poker and Candyland
- iv) b) 12%
- v) c) Uno has the lowest number of participants

17. Read the following passage carefully:

Water is one of the most precious natural resources on Earth. Every living creature— humans, animals, and plants— depends on it for survival. However, due to rapid industrialisation, pollution, and careless human activities, clean drinking water is becoming increasingly scarce. Many factories discharge harmful chemicals into rivers and lakes, making the water unfit for use. People also waste large amounts of water while washing, cleaning, and irrigating fields. If this misuse continues, future generations will face a serious water crisis. To prevent this situation, it is essential to use water wisely and protect our water bodies from pollution. Simple habits like fixing leaking taps, harvesting rainwater, using buckets instead of showers, and reusing wastewater can help conserve water. Each drop saved today contributes to a healthier and safer tomorrow. Water conservation is not just a need—it is our shared responsibility.

Now arrange the following sentences in meaningful order:

5x1=5M

- a) Water is one of the most valuable resources on our planet.
- b) Every living being depends on water for survival.
- c) Many factories release harmful chemicals into rivers, polluting them.
- d) If we continue to waste water, future generations will suffer.
- e) To prevent a water crisis, we must save and use water wisely.

Answers: a — b — c — d — e

SECTION-B
(GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY)

Note: Answer all the questions of section -B in the same order at one place in your answer book

18. Combine the following sentences using 'who' **2M**

I was sitting on a chair. It collapsed.

Ans: The chair **on which** I was sitting collapsed.

19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice' **2M**

I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane.

Ans: My old Dakota aeroplane **was being flown** by me.

20. Change the following into Reported Speech. **2M**

He said, "What were you doing with these keys?"

Ans: He **asked what I was** doing with **those** keys.

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given in brackets. **2x1=2M**

i) The air breathesinvigorating coffee. (over, of, at)

ii) We have a dessertdinner. (on, in, after)

Ans: i) of ii) after

22. Edit the following passage. **4x1=4M**

The mobile phone users should keep in their mind that while drive (a) they should not used (b) it and it is dangerous too. Excessive surfing of mobility (c) phone may entailing (d) health hazards.

a) **b)** **c)** **d)**

Ans: a) driving b) use c) mobile d) entail

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. **2x1=2M**

i) Kisa Gotami had only son, and he died.

ii) You can see from documents.

Ans: i. an ii. the

24. Change the following into Repeated action in the past using 'would / used to' **2x1=2M**

i) During my previous interview, I was shy.

ii) When we were children, we played hide and seek every evening.

Ans: i) During my previous interview, I **used to be** shy.

ii) When we were children, we **used to play** hide and seek every evening.

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifiers. **2x1=2M**

i) The Government announced a policy. The policy outlines girls education.

ii) I found a vintage clock. It was intricately designed and carved perfectly.

Ans: i) The Government announced **a girls' education** policy.

ii) I found **an intricately designed, perfectly carved vintage** clock.

26. Give a suitable advice for the situation given below. **2x1=2M**

Your brother is paying no attention while crossing the busy street. Advise him to follow traffic rules.

Ans: You **should follow** traffic rules while crossing the road.

27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box. **4x1=4M**

Completely, unattractive, raw, disgusting, tasteless, discovered

Valli found (a) the woman absolutely (b) repulsive (c) such big holes she had in her earlobes, and such ugly (d) earrings in them!

Ans:

a) found = discovered

b) absolutely = completely

c) repulsive = disgusting

d) ugly = unattractive

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words. **4x1=4M**

He wandered for seven years and finally (a) sat down under (b) a peepal tree, where he vowed (c) to stay until enlightenment (d) came.

Ans:

- a) finally = initially
- b) under = over / above
- c) vowed = promised
- d) enlightenment = ignorance

29. Fill the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets. **2x1=2M**

“It’s really getting bad now,” (a) (exclaim / exclaimed / exclaims) the man.

“I hope it passes (b) (quick / quickly / quicker).”

Ans: a) exclaimed b) quickly

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes and Suffixes given in the brackets. **2x1=2M**

i) I am no more virtu___ (eus, ous) than the next man.

ii) He is locked behind the bars of _ justice. (pre, pri)

Ans: i) virtuous ii) prejudice

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. **2x1=2M**

i) shrilly, upbraiding, thretning, starve

ii) leadge, cliff, taunt, dozing

Ans: i) thretning – threatening

ii) leadge – ledge

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below. **2x1=2M**

amiable /əI.mi.ə.bəl/ adjective

Pleasant and friendly SYN: gracious ANT: rude

1. His parents seem very amiable.
2. She is a very amiable person.

Now, answer the following questions using the above information.

1. What is the part of the speech of the word ‘amiable’?
2. What is the antonym of ‘amiable’?

Ans: 1. Adjective 2. rude

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. **2x1=2M**

i) phrasal verb: fly along

A.

ii) idiomatic expression: quaking in boots.

A.

Ans: i) The bird **flew along** the river.

ii) He was **quaking in his boots** before the exam.

34. Match the following. **4X ½ =2M**

Part A		Part B
i) hand in	()	a) submit to an authority
ii) move up	()	b) compensate
iii) plunge in	()	c) go straight to the topic
iv) make up for	()	d) be promoted

Ans:

- i) hand in (a) submit to an authority
- ii) move up. (d) be promoted
- iii) plunge in (c) go straight to the topic
- iv) make up for (b) compensate

SECTION –C CREATIVE EXPRESSION

35. A. In the lesson 'The Black Aeroplane' the narrator flew his Dakota and reached England safely through the huge black storm clouds. The pilot of the black aeroplane guided him. Later he learnt that there was no other pilot and other aeroplane flown that night from the woman in the Paris control centre. He was surprised. Imagine that the narrator shared his strange experience with his friend.

Now, write a possible conversation between the narrator and his friend based on the above context.

10M

Answers

Narrator: I had a terrifying experience during my flight last night.

Friend: What happened? You look shocked.

Narrator: I flew straight into huge black storm clouds. Everything went dark.

Friend: That's dangerous! How did you escape?

Narrator: Suddenly, a black aeroplane appeared beside me.

Friend: Another pilot?

Narrator: Yes. He signalled me to follow him and guided me safely to England.

Friend: That's incredible!

Narrator: But here's the strange part.

Friend: What is it?

Narrator: The Paris control centre said no other plane flew that night.

Friend: Then who saved you?

Narrator: I still don't know. It remains a mystery.

Friend: Do you think it was something supernatural?

Narrator: Perhaps... It was like an angel watching over me.

(OR)

B. Pranjal and Rajvir were travelling by train to Assam. Rajvir was very excited to see the beautiful green tea gardens on both sides of the railway track. He learned many new facts about tea—its discovery, how it is processed, and how important it is to the people of Assam. The scenic beauty of the tea estates and the workers busy plucking fresh leaves made the journey unforgettable for him.

Now, imagine you are Rajvir. Write a diary entry describing your first visit to Assam and your feelings after seeing the vast tea gardens and learning about tea cultivation.

Answers

Date: 15 December

Place: Assam

Dear Diary,

Today was one of the most memorable days of my life. As our train entered Assam, I was amazed to see vast green tea gardens stretching endlessly on both sides of the railway track. The cool breeze and scenic beauty filled my heart with joy.

I learned many interesting facts about tea—how it was discovered, how the leaves are plucked, dried and processed before reaching our cups. The workers plucking fresh tea leaves with great skill impressed me deeply. Tea cultivation is truly the lifeline of Assam.

This visit has made me appreciate nature, hard work and the importance of tea in our daily lives. I will cherish this experience forever.

— Rajvir

36. A. Drug abuse is the burning issue to be resolved in the society. More over it has been spread to school going children which is a menace to the future of the students. It would affect the studies and career of students. A wide campaign had been conducted in schools to create awareness among students. Making posters, writing essays and speaking on the topic are encouraged.

Write a letter to your friend about the event and suggesting necessary precautions to be followed in their school. 10M

Answers		
APMS Kurupam Date: XXXXXX		
Dear Kiran,		
Hope you are doing well. I want to share an important event conducted in our school—a drug abuse awareness campaign.		
The programme included poster making, essay writing and speeches by students and teachers. We learned how drug abuse damages health, studies and future careers. It was shocking to know that even school children are falling into this dangerous habit.		
We were advised to avoid bad company, say “NO” firmly to drugs, “Drugs vaddu Bro” and seek help from parents or teachers if pressured. Such programmes are very useful in protecting students.		
I suggest your school organise similar activities to create awareness. Let us work together for a drug-free future.		
Yours lovingly, Suresh		
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(OR)

B. A Baker from ‘Goa’, Coorg and Tea from Assam are the best examples for instigating the desire for “Travel & Tourism”. Prepare a script for speech on Importance and advantages of Tourism.

Answers	
Respected teachers and my dear friends,	
Today I would like to speak on the Importance and Advantages of Tourism.	
Tourism plays a vital role in a country’s development. Lessons like A Baker from Goa, Coorg and Tea from Assam inspire us to explore different cultures, traditions and natural beauty of our country. Tourism promotes national integration and helps people understand diversity.	
It also provides employment to millions of people such as guides, hotel workers and local artisans. Tourism improves the economy and helps preserve historical monuments and natural resources.	
Travel broadens our minds, refreshes our souls and builds respect for nature and heritage. Therefore, tourism is not just travel—it is education and development combined.	
Thank you.	

37. A. In the story, ‘A Question of Trust’, Horace Danby, a thief who sees himself as honest is tricked by a woman who pretends to be the owner of a house he plans to rob. She outsmarts him and leaves him, to get caught.

Now, describe the feelings of Horace Danby after being tricked by the woman and the importance of honesty and trust in life. 10 M

Answers

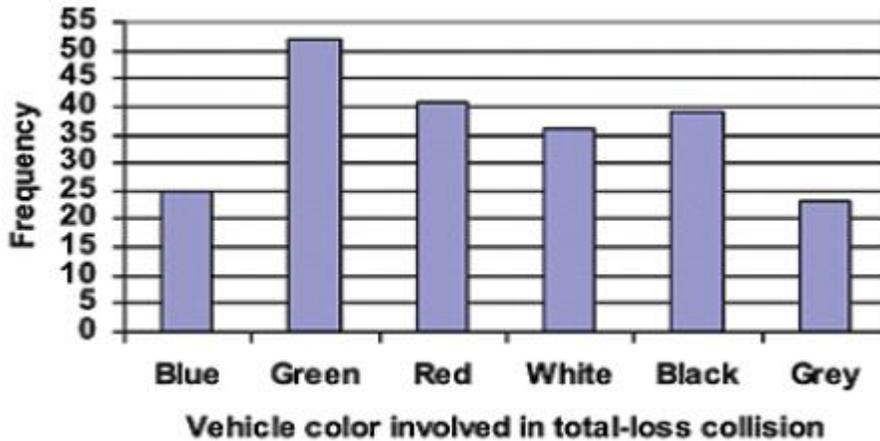
Ans: Horace Danby felt shocked, disappointed, and ashamed after being tricked by the woman. He had thought of himself as an honest thief who only stole once a year. But this time, he got outsmarted by someone more clever. The woman pretended to be the owner of the house and took the jewels from him. Later, he realized that she was not the owner, and he had been fooled badly.

He felt angry at himself for trusting her and not being more careful. Horace also felt sad that he got caught and had to go to jail. This event made him realize that crime never pays.

The story teaches us that honesty is always better than cheating. Trust and truth are important values that one should never ignore. He understood that greed and dishonesty lead to downfall. Horace regretted losing his freedom and reputation for a foolish mistake. The incident changed his outlook on life and made him realize the true worth of being honest.

(OR)

B. Study the following bar graph and write a paragraph based on the information given in it.



Answers

The given bar graph shows vehicle colours involved in total-loss collisions. Among all colours, Green vehicles have the highest number of accidents, followed by Red and Black vehicles. Grey and Blue vehicles show a moderate number of collisions, while White vehicles have less involvement than Red and Black.

In addition, proper street lighting and the use of reflective materials on vehicles can further improve visibility. Regular vehicle maintenance and careful driving are equally important in preventing accidents. Awareness about road safety can significantly reduce the number of total-loss collisions.

Furthermore, the data in the bar graph clearly highlights the importance of visibility in road safety. Vehicles with colours that blend into the surroundings are more prone to accidents, especially in low-light conditions. Therefore, drivers should be extra cautious while driving such vehicles and follow safety guidelines strictly. Promoting awareness about the impact of vehicle colour on accident rates can help reduce total-loss collisions and save lives.

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THIRD LANGUAGE - ENGLISH

SECTION - A: READING COMPREHENSION

Q.No. 1-5: Read the following Passage carefully

Mijbil, as I called the otter, was in fact, of a race, previously unknown to science and was at length christened by zoologists *Lutrogale perspicillata maxwelli*, or Maxwell's otter. For the first twenty four hours Mijbil was neither hostile nor friendly; he was simple aloof and indifferent, choosing to sleep on the floor as far from my bed as possible. The second night Mijbil came on to my bed in the small hours and remained asleep in the crook of my knees until the servant brought tea in the morning, and take a keen, much too keen, interest in his surroundings. I made a body belt for him and took him on a lead to the bathroom where for half an hour he went wild with joy in the water, plunging and rolling in it, shooting up and down the length of the bathtub underwater, and making enough slosh and splash for a hippo. This, I was to learn, is a characteristic of Otters; every drop of water must be, so to speak, extended and spread about the place; a bowl must at once be over turned, or, if it will not be overturned, he sat in and splashed in until it overflows. Water must be kept on the move and made to do things; when static it is wasted and provoking. **(Mijbil the Otter)**

Now, answer the following questions. 5x2=10M

1. What did Maxwell name his pet, the otter ?
2. How was the otter for the first day ?
3. What proves that the otter came closer to the narrator ?
A) Mijbil slept in the crook of the narrator's knees
B) Mijbil played with the servant
C) Mijbil simply stayed aloof.
4. What was the most joyful pastime activity of Mijbil ?
A) playing with water B) playing with toys
C) running up and down the bed.
5. What will Mijbil do if a bowl is not overturned ?
A) He will get angry and go around the bowl.
B) He will fill the bowl with water and store it.
C) He will sit in and splashed in until it overflows.

Answers

1. Mijbil
2. The otter was aloof and indifferent on the first day.
3. A) Mijbil slept in the crook of the narrator's knees
4. A) playing with water
5. C) He will sit in and splash in until it overflows

Q.No. 6-10: Read the following poem.

But up jumped custard, snorting like an engine,
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm
The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,
And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,
He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,
And custard gobbled him, every bit.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

Now, answer the following questions.

5x1=5M

6. Who was Custard?
7. How did Custard act as he saw the pirate?
8. What is the figure of speech in the poem?
A) Simile B) Hyperbole C) Alliteration
9. What made the pirate courageous?
A) a Talisman B) Chanting C) Some kind of spirit
10. What happened to the pirate?

- A) He was eaten by the dragon B) He was imprisoned C) He ran away looking at the dragon

Answers

6. Custard was **Belinda's pet dragon**.
 7. He became brave and attacked the pirate fiercely.
 8. **A) Simile**
 9. **C) Some kind of spirit**
 10. **A) He was eaten by the dragon**

Q.No. 11-15: Read the following passage carefully

The only way was to get Tricki out of the house for a period. I suggested that he be hospitalised for about a fortnight to be kept under observation. The poor lady almost swooned. She was sure he would pine and die if he did not see her everyday. But I took a firm line. Tricki was very ill and this was the only way to save him; infact, I thought it best to take him without delay and followed by the Mrs. Pumphrey's wailings. I marched out to the car carrying the little dog wrapped in a blanket. Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught. Tricki would eat nothing Refused ever his favourite dishes; and besides, he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time lying on a rag, pasting. Didn't want to go for walks, didn't want to do anything.

(A Triumph of Surgery)

5x1=5M

Now answer the following questions.

11. Why was Mrs. Pumphrey distraught?
 A) Because Tricki didn't obey her. B) Because Tricki ate nothing C) Because she became old and unable to look after Tricki.
12. How was Tricki affected by over - eating?
 A) Tricki had severe vomiting and became immovable B) Tricki became over - active
 C) Tricki was greedy for more and more food.
13. What did Dr. Herriot suggest for Tricki's treatment?
 A) to give high dosage medicine. B) to Keep away from Mrs. Pumphrey for a period.
 C) to leave its for playing in the streets.
14. What did the woman believe about Tricki if kept away from her?
 A) Tricki would be happy enjoying more food B) Tricki would forget the woman.
 C) Tricki would miss the woman and die for her.
15. Where did Dr. Herriot take Tricki?
 A) To Mrs. Pumphrey's surgery B) To his surgery C) To a dietician

Answers

11. **B) Because Tricki ate nothing**
 12. **A) Tricki had severe vomiting and became immovable**
 13. **B) To keep away from Mrs. Pumphrey for a period**
 14. **C) Tricki would miss the woman and die for her**
 15. **B) To his surgery**

16. Study the following table which shows the of ICC Women's World Cup standings 2025.

ICC Women's World Cup standings							
MATCHES		TABLE				STATS	
Season 2025							
Rank	Team	M	W	L	NRR	Pts	Last 5
1	AU-W	7	6	0	+2.102	13	🟢🟢🟢🟢🟢
2	EN-W	7	5	1	+1.233	11	🟢🟡🟢🔴🟢
3	SA-W	7	5	2	-0.379	10	🟢🟢🟢🟢🔴
4	INDW	7	3	3	+0.628	7	🔴🔴🔴🟢🟡
5	SL-W	7	1	3	-1.035	5	🔴🟡🔴🟢🟡

Now, answer the following questions.

5x1=5M

- i) What does the above table show?
- ii) How many matches has India Women's team won so far?
- iii) South Africa Women have points.
- iv) Which team has an NRR of +0.628?
 - a) India Women
 - b) England Women
 - c) Sri Lanka Women
- v) Choose the correct statement based on the table given.
 - a) India Women have a higher NRR than South Africa Women.
 - b) South Africa Women have more points than England Women.
 - c) Sri Lanka Women have won more matches than India Women.

Answers

- i) ICC Women's World Cup standings 2025
- ii) 3 matches
- iii) 10 points
- iv) a) India Women
- v) a) India Women have a higher NRR than South Africa Women

17. Read the following passage carefully. 5x1=5M

Andhra Pradesh often faces severe cyclones because it lies along the eastern coast of India. These storms usually form in the Bay of Bengal and strike the coastal districts like Kakinada, Nellore, and Visakhapatnam. Strong winds and heavy rain cause floods, uproot trees, and damage houses. The government sets up relief camps, evacuates people from low-lying areas, and provides food and shelter to those affected. Fishermen are warned not to venture into the sea during cyclone alerts. With improved weather forecasting and public awareness, the impact of recent cyclones has been reduced. People are also encouraged to plant trees and keep emergency kits ready during the cyclone season.

Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order.

5x1=5M

- a) Cyclones often hit the coast of Andhra Pradesh.
- b) They cause floods and heavy damage.
- c) The government sets up relief camps for victims.
- d) Fishermen are warned to stay off the sea.
- e) Better forecasting helps reduce cyclone losses.

Answers

a — b — c — d — e

SECTION -B

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Note : Answer all the questions of Section - B in the same order at one place in your answer book.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'which'

2M

He bought a new phone. It has an excellent camera.

Ans: He bought a new phone **which** has an excellent camera.

19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice'

2M

They will announce the results tomorrow.

Ans: The results **will be announced** tomorrow.

20. Change the following into Reported Speech.

2M

He said to me, "I will call you tomorrow."

Ans: He **told** me **that he would** call **me** the **next day**.

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given in brackets.

2x1=2M

i) The book is full interesting stories. {with, of, in}

ii) She is good playing chess. {at, to, with}

Ans: i) full **of** ii) good **at**

22. Edit the following passage.

4x1=4M

Rain brings relieve (a) after the hot summer days. The cool breeze and the smell of wet earth made (b) everyone happy. Children love for (c) splash in puddles, and farmers feel hopeful as their crops get water. Rain truly refreshes nature and fills rivers, lakes, and hearts with joyful (d).

a) b) c) d)

Ans:

- a) relieve – relief
- b) made – make
- c) for – to
- d) joyful – joy

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.

2x1=2M

1. He is best player in the team.
2. I bought new dress yesterday.

Ans: 1.the 2. a

24. Change the following into repeated action in the past using 'would/used to'

- i) Every evening, my grandfather told us stories.
- ii) When I was young, I played cricket.

2x1=2M

Ans: i) My grandfather **used to tell** us stories every evening.
ii) when I was young ,I **used to play** cricket

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifiers.

2x1=2M

- i) This is a house. It has a red roof.
- ii) I bought a table. It is made of wood.

Ans: i) This is a **red-roofed** house.
ii) I bought a **wooden** table.

26. Give suitable advice for the situation given below. 2x1=2M

Your brother watches reels on mobile phone till late night. Advise him to sleep early.

Ans: You **should sleep** early and **avoid using** the mobile late at night.

27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box.

4x1=4M

Consumption, bravery, filled, connected, famous, shrubs, tried

Coorg people are known for their valour (a) and hospitality. Their traditions and culture are linked (b) with the martial races. The region is covered (c) with evergreen forests and coffee plantations. It is renowned (d) for its scenic beauty and brave soldiers.

Ans:

- a) valour = bravery
- b) linked = connected
- c) covered = filled
- d) renowned = famous

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words. 4x1=4M

Anne thought her diary would remain private (a), but it later became famous (b) all over the world. She often felt strong (c) in spirit, though her body was weak. Her words still fill people with hope (d) and courage.

Ans:

- a) private x public
- b) famous x unknown
- c) strong x weak
- d) hope x despair

29. Fill the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets.

2x1=2M

Mandela's long struggle was a fight against racial (a) (discriminate, discrimination, discriminated). His life is an(b) (inspire, inspired, inspiration) to all those who value justice and humanity.

Ans: a) discrimination b) inspiration

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes and Suffixes given in the brackets.

2x1=2M

- i) The pilot was (un, dis) able to see through the thick clouds.
- i1) The sight of the food madden.....(ing / ed) him.

Ans: i) **un** able. ii) **maddened**

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. 2x1=2M

- i) harvest, feild, shower, valley certs
- ii) hunger, plough, fortell, earth reverent

Ans: i) feild — field
ii) fortell — foretell

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below. 2x1=2M

Journey /dʒˈɜːni/ noun [C]

1. **The act of travelling from one place to another.**
2. **A process of personal or emotional growth.**
3. **(verb, literary) To travel or move from one place to another.**

Example
For Valli, the bus ride was not just a trip—it was a journey of discovery.
Now, answer the following questions using the information above.

- i) What is the part of speech of the word Journey ?
- ii) Write one synonym for journey?

Ans: i) Noun. ii) trip / voyage

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. 2x1=2M

- i) Phrasal verb : hand in
- ii) Idiomatic expression : can't bring myself to

Ans: i) Please **hand in** your assignment today.
ii) I **can't bring myself to** hurt him.

34. Match the following. 4x ½ =2M

Part - A		Part - B	
i) Plunge in	()	a) not promoted	
ii) Stay in	()	b) go to the next grade	
iii) Move up	()	c) go straight to the topic	
iv) Kept back	()	d) stay indoors	

Ans:

- i) Plunge in – c) go straight to the topic
- ii) Stay in – d) stay indoors
- iii) Move up – b) go to the next grade
- iv) Kept back – a) not promoted

SECTION – C: CREATIVE EXPRESSION

35. A. You are read the lessons Coorg which is coffee country, famous for its rain forests and spieces and is the coastal town of Mangalore sits a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of god, while reading the lesson you decided to visit Coorg to admire its scenic beauty. Imagine that you have visited Coorg and met a Coorgi who is familiar with the entire town and its history. 10M

Now write a possible conversation between You and Coorgi.

Answers

Me: Hello! This place is unbelievably beautiful. Is this really Coorg?
 Coorgi: Yes, welcome to Coorg, also called Kodagu. It is the land of coffee and misty hills.

Me: I read that Coorg is called a piece of heaven. I can see why!
 Coorgi: True. Our rainforests, rivers and spice gardens make it special.

Me: Coffee plantations are everywhere. Is coffee the main occupation here?
 Coorgi: Yes, coffee is our lifeline. We also grow spices like pepper and cardamom.

Me: I've heard Coorgis are brave people.
 Coorgi: We have a strong military tradition. Many Coorgis serve in the Indian Army.

Me: Thank you for sharing the history and beauty of Coorg.
 Coorgi: You're welcome. Enjoy nature and carry sweet memories back home.

Me: I would love to visit the waterfalls and go trekking in these hills.
 Coorgi: You should also try river rafting and taste our traditional Coorgi food.

Me: This trip has been truly refreshing and educational.
 Coorgi: We are happy to have visitors who respect our culture and environment.

(OR)

B) In the lesson "His First Flight" the young seagull had been afraid to fly with his two brothers and sister. Finally he took his first flight after his mother's repeated trials to make him free from the fear.

Imagine you are young seagull and write the experience of your first flight as a diary entry. 10M

Answers

Date: _____
 Place: The cliff by the sea

Dear Diary,

Today is the most important day of my life. For many days, I was afraid to fly like my brothers and sister. The vast sea below frightened me and my wings trembled with fear. My mother tried again and again to encourage me. Today, hunger overcame fear. When she flew close with food in her beak, I jumped towards her without thinking. Suddenly, I felt the wind under my wings.

I was flying! The fear vanished and joy filled my heart. I screamed with happiness as I soared in the sky. I finally learnt that courage comes when we trust ourselves. I also realised that fear disappears when we take the first step. This experience has given me confidence for the future. This was my first flight—and my first victory.

— Young Seagull

36. A) Recently the Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched a school programme "The Green Passport" designed to instill environmental responsibility in students. Each participant student receives a plant and a passport booklet to document its growth and record growth updates.

Now, write a letter to your friend about environmental responsibilities as eco-warriors from a young age. 10M

Answers

APMS Kurupam

Date: XXXXXX

Dear Suresh,

Hope you are doing well. I am excited to share about a wonderful initiative launched by the Andhra Pradesh Government called "The Green Passport".

Under this programme, every student is given a plant and a passport booklet to record its growth. This encourages us to care for nature and become responsible eco-warriors from a young age.

We are learning the importance of planting trees, conserving water, reducing plastic use and protecting the environment. Small steps like these can make a big difference in saving our planet.

I request you to take similar steps in your school and neighbourhood. Let us work together for a greener future.

Yours lovingly,
Ramesh

To XXXX XXXX

(OR)

B) Imagine you are the sales Executive of a famous tea company and you have been asked to make a speech on "the beneficial qualities of tea and medicinal properties. 10M

Answers

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

As a representative of a renowned tea company, I am delighted to speak about one of the most beloved beverages in the world – tea – and its numerous benefits.

Tea, enjoyed for centuries, is more than just a drink; it's a powerhouse of health benefits. Rich in antioxidants, it protects our body from free radicals, which can cause aging and diseases. Green tea, in particular, is known to boost metabolism, aiding in weight management. Black tea enhances focus and energy due to its moderate caffeine content. Herbal teas like chamomile and peppermint are soothing and help alleviate stress and digestion issues.

Medicinally, tea has remarkable properties. Studies suggest that regular consumption may reduce the risk of heart disease and improve cholesterol levels. Tea's anti-inflammatory compounds can also support a healthy immune system. Ginger tea is effective in combating nausea, while turmeric tea is known for its anti-inflammatory benefits.

In today's fast-paced world, tea provides a moment of calm while nurturing our health. So, the next time you brew a cup, remember, you're sipping on nature's remedy.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share the wonders of tea with you. Have a wonderful day!

37. A) Throwing light on the concept “Education a powerful tool for transformation”, describe the character of Bholi. 10M

Answers

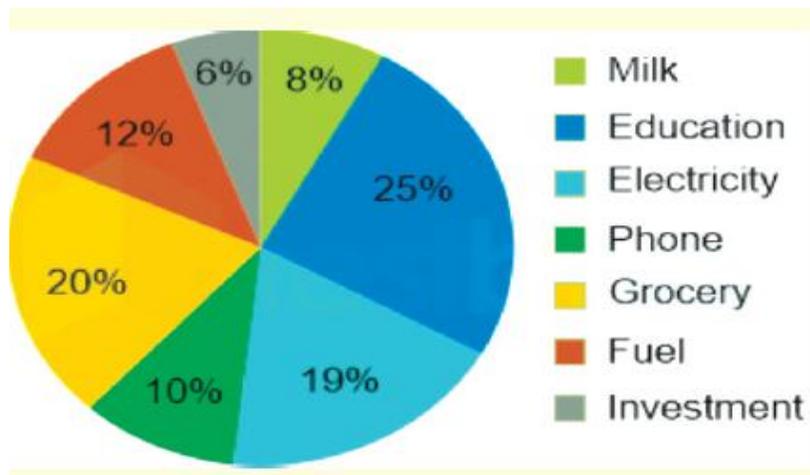
Bholi's life clearly proves that education is a powerful tool for transformation. As a child, Bholi was shy, frightened and neglected because of her appearance and speech defect. She lacked confidence and was treated as a burden by her family.

Education changed her completely. Her teacher's kindness and encouragement helped her overcome fear and gain self-confidence. Through education, Bholi learned to speak clearly, think independently and understand her self-worth.

At the end, she boldly refused to marry a greedy man and chose to serve society as a teacher. Bholi's character shows that education empowers individuals, especially girls, to lead dignified and meaningful lives. It gives them the courage to stand against injustice and wrong traditions. Education also helps in shaping character and building moral strength. Bholi becomes a symbol of hope for many girls who suffer from discrimination.

(OR)

B. Study the following pie chart diagram and write a paragraph based on the information given in it.



Answers

The given pie chart illustrates the distribution of monthly household expenses. It clearly shows how a family spends its income on different needs. Education takes the largest share of the budget at 25%, indicating its high importance. This is followed by grocery expenses at 20% and electricity bills at 19%. Fuel accounts for 12% of the total expenditure, while phone expenses make up 10%. Milk expenses are 8%, and investment is the least, accounting for only 6% of the total budget.

From the chart, it is evident that most of the household income is spent on essential needs such as education, food, and electricity. These expenses are unavoidable and necessary for a comfortable and stable life. Spending a significant amount on education shows that the family gives priority to learning and future growth. Regular expenses like groceries, fuel, and electricity together form a major portion of the monthly budget.

Overall, the pie chart reflects a balanced spending pattern of a household. While essential expenses take up a large share, some amount is also reserved for investment, even though it is the smallest portion. This indicates careful planning and financial awareness. Proper management of expenses can help the family save more and meet future needs effectively.

MODEL PAPER-4

SECTION — A : READING COMPREHENSION

(Questions 1 - 5): Read the following passage carefully.

LOMOV : It's cold... I'm trembling all over, just as if I'd got an examination before me. The great thing is, I must have my mind made up. If I give myself time to think, to hesitate, to talk a lot, to look for an ideal, or for real love, then I'll never get married. Brr... It's cold! Natalya Stepanovna is an excellent housekeeper, not bad-looking, well-educated. What more do I want? But I'm getting a noise in my ears from excitement.

[Drinks] And it's impossible for me not to marry. In the first place, I'm already 35 — a critical age, so to speak. In the second place, I ought to lead a quiet and regular life. I suffer from palpitations, I'm excitable and always getting awfully upset; at this very moment my lips are trembling, and there's a twitch in my right eyebrow. But the very worst of all is the way I sleep.

(The Proposal)

Now, answer the following questions. 5x2=10M

1. Why is Lomov trembling all over ?
2. What does Lomov think will happen if he hesitates or looks for real love ?
3. What is Lomov's main concern about waiting too long to get married ?
A) He will lose interest in marriage.
B) He will never get married.
C) He will find a better partner.
4. What age does Lomov consider to be critical for marriage ?
A) 25 B) 30 C) 35
5. Which symptom does Lomov not mention experiencing due to his excitement ?
A) Headache B) Twitch in his eyebrow C) Trembling lips

Answers

1. He is trembling due to nervousness and excitement about proposing marriage.
2. He believes he will never get married if he hesitates or looks for real love.
3. **B)** He will never get married.
4. **C)** 35
5. **A)** Headache

(Questions 6 - 10): Read the following stanza carefully.

Belinda lived in a little white house,
With a little black kitten and a little grey mouse,
And a little yellow dog and a little red wagon,
And a realio, trulio, little pet dragon.
Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink,
And the little grey mouse, she called him Blink,
And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,
But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

Now, answer the following questions. 5x1=5M

6. Where did Belinda live ?
7. Name a few pets that she had.
8. Whom did she call blink ?
A) little gray mouse B) yellow dog C) black kitten
9. What was the yellow dog called as ?
A) custard B) mustard C) coward
10. Custard is a
- A) fruit B) wagon C) dragon

Answers

6. Belinda lived in a little white house.
7. A black kitten, a grey mouse, a yellow dog, and a pet dragon.
8. **A)** little gray mouse
9. **B)** Mustard
10. **C)** dragon

(Questions 11 - 15) : Read the following passage carefully.

AUSABLE did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read. Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room, Fowler felt let down. It was a small room, on the sixth and top floor, and scarcely a setting for a romantic adventure.

Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. (The Midnight visitor)

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given: 5x1=5M

11. Where was the Ausable's room?
A) seventh floor of a French hotel B) the sixth and top floor of a French Hotel
C) the fifth and top floor of a French Hotel
12. Why was Fowler disappointed by Ausable when he met him?
A) Because Ausable didn't have the personality of a spy. B) Because he lived in a small room
C) Because he had never altogether lost the American accent.
13. How did the atmosphere of the French Hotel influence Fowler's mood?
A) The atmosphere added to Fowler's feeling of disappointment.
B) The atmosphere added to Fowler's feeling of happiness.
C) The atmosphere added to Fowler's feeling of sadness.
14. How was the atmosphere of the French Hotel?
A) gloomy, musty and small B) gloomy and big C) full of greenery
15. How many years ago did Ausable go to Paris?
A) twenty years ago B) twenty five years ago C) twenty three years ago

Answers

11. **B)** the sixth and top floor of a French Hotel
12. **A)** Because Ausable didn't have the personality of a spy.
13. **A)** The atmosphere added to Fowler's feeling of disappointment.
14. **A)** gloomy, musty and small
15. **A)** twenty years ago

(Questions 16) : Study the following table which shows the major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019-2020.

S.No.	Country	Percentage %
1	USA	2
2	Kuwait	2
3	Saudi Arabia	3
4	Quatar	6
5	Bangladesh	6
6	Oman	7
7	UK	9
8	Nepal	24
9	United Arab Emirates	33
10	Bahrain	2
11	Others	6

Now, answer the following questions.

5 × 1 = 5 M

- i) What does the given table represent ?
- ii) Which destination has the highest percentage of important of Indian mangoes ?
- iii) India exports 24% of mangoes to
- iv) India exports the same percentage of mangoes to
- a) U.S.A, Kuwait, Bahrain b) Quatar, UK, Nepal c) Bangladesh, Oman, UK
- v) Choose the correct statement based on the table given.
- a) The second top importing country of mangoes in the given table is Nepal.
- b) United Arab Emirates is exporting mangoes to the destinations given in the table.
- c) Oman imports 6 percentage of mangoes.

Answers

- i) It shows the major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019–2020.
- ii) United Arab Emirates (33%)
- iii) Nepal
- iv) a) U.S.A, Kuwait, Bahrain
- v) a) The second top importing country of mangoes in the given table is Nepal.

(Question 17) : Read the following passage carefully.

Once upon a time, there lived a rich merchant in a village, by the name of Jeevandhara. He was the owner of a big business. The village, in which he lived was situated near a river. Once, due to heavy rains, the river was flooded. The whole village got submerged in neck-deep-water. The crops, houses and factories in the village were damaged and hundreds of people and cattle perished in the flood. Due to this flood, the merchant had to suffer heavy losses in the business. He decided to leave the village and try his luck in a new place. He planned to earn a lot of money and then come back to his native village to restart his business.

Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order.

5 x1 =5M

- a) There were heavy rains and the village was flooded.
- b) He planned to earn a lot of money and come back.
- c) There lived a merchant who owned a business in the village of Jeevandhara.
- d) The village was submerged and a lot of people and cattle died.
- e) The merchant suffered huge loses and wanted to leave the village.

Correct Order: c a d e b

SECTION —B

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Note : Answer all the questions of Section - B in the same order at one place in your answer book.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'who' 2M

The Indian Cricket team is going to meet the President. They won the world up.

Ans: The Indian Cricket team **who** won the World Cup is going to meet the President.

19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice' 2M

Bharathi collected the funds for needs people.

Ans: The funds for needy people were collected by Bharathi.

20. Change the following into Reported Speech. 2M

Valli said to the conductor, "Give me a ticket to the town."

Ans: Valli asked the conductor to give her a ticket to the town.

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given in brackets. 2x1=2M

i) Lencho is an ox..... man. (with, of, in)

ii) Mr. Keesing laughed her arguments (at, to, with)

Ans: i) of ii) at

22. Edit the following passage.

4x1=4M

I don't mean that some peoples (a)
are born clear-headed and is (b)
therefore natural writers, where as others are naturally
fuzzy and will never wrote (c) well.
Thinking clearly was (d) a conscious act that
writers must force on themselves.

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

Ans:

- a) peoples – people
- b) is – are
- c) wrote – write
- d) was – is

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.

2x1=2M

1. My sister works in bank.
2. Have you ever visited U.S.A?

Ans: i) a ii) the

24. Change the following into Repeated action in the past using 'would/used to'

2x1=2M

- i) During holidays, I always went to the seaside.
- ii) When I was a child, I liked peanuts.

Ans: i) During holidays, I **used to go** to the seaside.
ii) When I was a child, I **used to like** peanuts.

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifiers.

2 x 1=2M

- i) I received a birthday gift from my uncle. It was interesting and exciting.
- ii) He has bought a flat recently. It is spacious and comfortable.

Ans: i) I received **an interesting and exciting** birthday gift from my uncle.
ii) He has bought **a spacious and comfortable** flat recently.

26. Give a suitable advice for the situation given below.

2x1=2M

Your sister does not turn off the lights. Advise her to turn off the lights before leaving the room

Ans: You **should** turn off the lights before leaving the room.

27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box.

4x1=4M

adorned, viewed, appear like, huge, differ

With a satisfied expression, Lencho regarded (a) the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped (b) in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large (c) hail stones began to fall. These truly did resemble (d) new silver coins.

Ans:

- a) regarded = viewed
- b) draped = adorned
- c) very large = huge
- d) resemble = appear like

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words. 4x1=4M

Let me put it more clearly (a), since no one will believe (b) that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely (c) alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving (d) parents and a sixteen- year-old sister.

Ans:

- a) clearly × unclearly (vaguely, ambiguously, obscurely)
- b) believe × disbelieve (doubt, mistrust, reject)
- c) completely × incompletely (partially, partly, halfway)
- d) loving × unloving (cold, indifferent, hostile)

29. Fill the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets.

2 x 1 =2M

On the day of, (a) (inauguration, inaugural, inaugurated), I was overwhelmed with a (b) (sensitive, sensible, sense) of history.

Ans: a) inauguration b) sense

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes and Suffixes given in the brackets. **2x1=2M**

i) I am aware of the facts in this document. (un, in)

ii) The night was a sorrow (ful, fully) one.

Ans: i) **unaware** ii) **sorrowful**

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. **2x1=2M**

i) vanish, mouldar, furnace, baker reer

ii) martial, rejiment, valour, licence

Ans: i) mouldar → moulder

ii) rejiment → regiment

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below. **2x1=2M**

can.o.py / 'kænəpi / n plural canopies [C]

1. a cover made of cloth that is fixed above a bed, seat etc as a decoration or as a shelter
2. the leaves and branches of trees, that make a kind of roof in a forest : the forest conopy
3. literary something that spreads above you like a roof : a canopy of twinkling stars -

canopied adj.

Now, answer the following questions using the information above.

i) What is the part of speech of the word canopy?

ii) What is the plural form of the word canopy?

Ans: i) Noun ii) canopies

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. **2x1=2M**

i) Phrasal verb: make up for

Ans: i) Prathyusha worked extra hours to **make up for** her absence.

ii) Idiomatic expression: caught my eye

Ans : The red dress in the shop window **caught my eye**.

34. Match the following. **4 x ½ =2M**

Part - A

Part - B

- | | | |
|----------------|-----|------------------------|
| i) ramble on | () | a) immediately |
| ii) calm down | () | b) withdraw |
| iii) kept back | () | c) speak without focus |
| iv) right away | () | d) remain quiet |

Ans:

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| i) ramble on | (c) speak without focus |
| ii) calm down | (d) remain quiet |
| iii) kept back | (b) withdraw (withdrew) |
| iv) right away | (a) immediately |

SECTION — C: CREATIVE EXPRESSION

35. A) You have read the story of Kisa Gotami and her bereaved only son at a young age. You also read how Buddha tried to teach her that death was inevitable. The story made you emotional and filled your heart with grief. You shared the whole story with your father who made you understand the facts of life. 10M

Write a possible conversation between you and your father focusing on the details given in the lesson.

Answers

Me: Dad, I read a very touching story in my textbook today – about a woman named Kisa Gotami who lost her only son.

Father: Oh? What happened in the story?

Me: She was devastated. She went from house to house asking for medicine to bring her son back to life. No one could help her. Then someone advised her to meet the Buddha.

Father: And what did the Buddha do?

Me: He asked her to bring mustard seeds from a house where no one had ever died. She searched and searched, but every house she went to had lost someone. That's when she realized death is a universal truth.

Father: That's a very deep lesson. Death is indeed inevitable. Buddha wanted her to understand that grief is a part of life.

Me: Yes, it made me emotional. I imagined how lonely she must have felt. But Buddha's wisdom helped her find peace.

Father: This story teaches us acceptance. Losing someone is painful, but clinging to that pain keeps us from moving forward. Peace comes when we understand the cycle of life.

Me: I now realize that suffering makes us human, but wisdom helps us rise above it.

Father: Very well said, my child. Life is about learning, accepting, and moving forward with strength and compassion.

(OR)

B) There was a great discomfort and disturbance in the aircraft when Mijbil escaped from the box and moved just under the seats of passengers. The air hostess tried to bring the situation to normalcy in a cool and composed disposition and a charming smile. The narrator felt relieved when the animal resumed to its place. However, for a few moments everything and write a diary-entry of the confusing situation created by Mijbil aircraft.

Answers

Date: 16th July 2025

Time: 9:00 PM

Place: Onboard Aircraft

Dear Diary,

What a day it has been! My dear otter, Mijbil, gave me the biggest scare of my life. While we were on the flight to London, he somehow escaped from his box and disappeared under the seats. Chaos followed!

Passengers were startled. Some stood up in alarm, while others tried to keep their feet off the floor. I was mortified. I had no idea how to explain this to the air hostess or to the other passengers.

Thankfully, the air hostess stayed calm. With a smile that eased the tension, she helped me search for Mijbil. After a few tense minutes, I found him hiding under a seat, looking curious and innocent as ever.

I breathed a huge sigh of relief as I placed him back in the box. It was only for a few moments, but it felt like forever. I've learnt my lesson: never underestimate an otter's sense of adventure!

Yours,
The Narrator

36. A) Now-a-days, beggars are found at every place like temples, malls, theatres, ATMs, traffic signals and schools causing a hindrance to social life. Especially, when many youngsters are inclined to adopt this disrespectful job, it shocks you. You feel that it is poor Law and order, negligence of police force and lack of moral responsibility of any citizen.

Write a letter to the Editor of a renowned newspaper high lighting the situation and giving necessary suggestions for reversing the problem. 10M

Answers

Satwika
Class X
APMS Kurupam.

Date :

The Editor,
The Times of India,
Visakhapatnam.

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Concern over rising begging menace in public places

I am writing this letter to draw your kind attention towards the increasing number of beggars seen at almost every public place such as temples, theatres, shopping malls, ATMs, traffic signals, and even schools.

This situation not only causes inconvenience but also reflects poorly on our law and order system. What's more alarming is the rising trend of youngsters taking up begging as a livelihood. This indicates not just unemployment but also the lack of moral responsibility among the youth.

The police seem negligent, and the general public is either indifferent or encourages this behaviour out of pity. Strict measures should be taken to rehabilitate these beggars and provide them with vocational training or employment opportunities. NGOs, government agencies, and citizens must join hands to end this social evil.

I hope you will publish this concern and create awareness among the public and authorities.

Yours sincerely,
Satwika

(OR)

B) "Commitment determination and Faith in God will help you give good turn in life". This is the main theme learnt from the lesson "A letter to God".

Based on the above principle, write a script for speech of how it can be implemented in every phase of life for a fruitful life.

Answers

Respected Principal, teachers, and my dear friends,

I'm Srinidhi from Class X, APMS Kurupam, Parvathipuram Manyam Dist.

Good morning to one and all. Today, I would like to speak on an inspiring thought:
"Commitment, determination and faith in God will help you give a good turn in life."

We learn this powerful lesson from the story "A Letter to God". Lencho, despite losing his entire crop to a storm, wrote a letter to God with unshakable faith. His belief moved the postmaster and his colleagues to help him.

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In our own lives too, we face storms – in the form of failures, rejections, or setbacks. But with commitment to our goals, determination to overcome difficulties, and faith – in God, ourselves, or the goodness in others – we can achieve wonders.

Let us remember, success does not always come easily. But if we are determined and stay true to our values, nothing can stop us. Let us keep moving forward with courage and trust that good things will come.

Thank you very much all for giving me this opportunity.

37. A) In the lesson "The Triumph of Surgery", Tricki, the pet dog was overfed by his mistress Mrs. Pumphrey, who pampered him with excessive care and treats. Gradually Tricki became hugely fat, like a bloated sausage. His health declined significantly. Mr. Herriot, a veterinary surgeon was shocked to see Tricki's condition. He had to hospitalise Tricki to put him on a strict and exercise plan.

Now, describe the feelings of Mr. Herriot towards Mrs. Pumphrey's over indulgence of Tricki and the importance of responsible pet ownership. **10M**

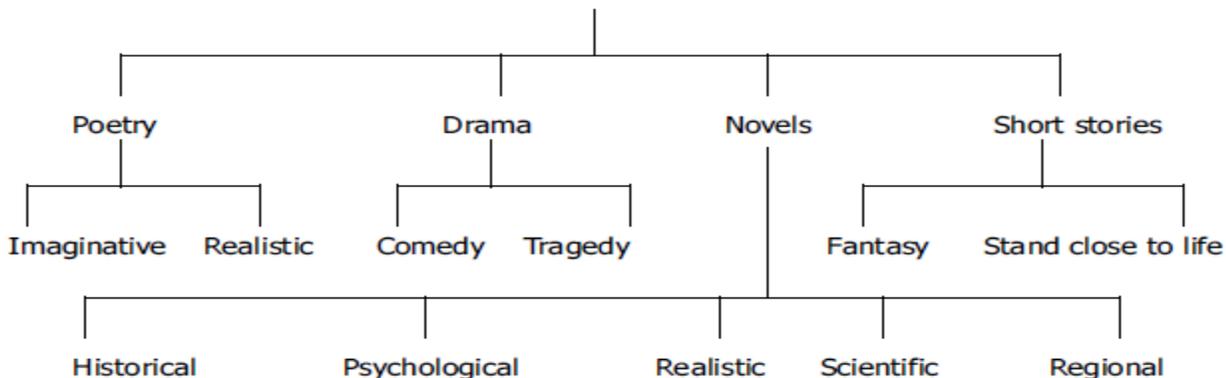
Answers

Mr. Herriot was quite worried and surprised when he saw Tricki's condition. He felt that Mrs. Pumphrey's over-indulgence had badly affected the dog's health. Though she loved Tricki deeply, she showed her affection in the wrong way by feeding him rich food and giving him too many treats. This made Tricki lazy, fat, and unwell. Mr. Herriot understood that such pampering was harmful. He believed that pets need a healthy diet and regular exercise just like humans. To save Tricki, he took him to his clinic, gave him simple food, and let him play with other dogs. Tricki quickly became active and fit again. This experience showed the importance of responsible pet ownership and caring for pets in the right way.

(OR)

B) Study the following tree diagram and write a paragraph based on the information given in it.

BRANCHES OF LITERATURE



Answers

Literature has four main branches – Poetry, Drama, Novels, and Short Stories. Each branch has different types. **Poetry** can be imaginative, where the poet uses creative ideas, or realistic, where the poem talks about real-life things. **Drama** is a story written for acting. It can be a comedy that makes people laugh, or a tragedy that shows sad and serious events. **Novels** are long stories. They can be historical, psychological, realistic, scientific, or regional, based on the topic and style. **Short stories** are short and interesting. Some are fantasy with imaginary events, and some stand close to life, showing real-life experiences. All these forms make literature rich and enjoyable for readers.

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SECTION — A : READING COMPREHENSION**

(Questions 1 - 5): Read the following passage carefully.

"Oh, this is tea country now," he said. "Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world. You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!"

"I have been reading as much as I could about tea," Rajvir said. "No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends."

"What legends?"

"Well, there's the one about the Chinese emperor who always boiled water before drinking it. One day a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water giving it a delicious flavour. It is said they were tea leaves."

"Tell me another!" scoffed Pranjol.

"We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep.

"Tea was first drunk in China," Rajvir added, "as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact words such as tea, 'chai' and 'chini' are from Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage."

(Glimpses of India)

5x2=10M

Now, answer the following questions.

1. How was tea discovered accidentally in China ?
2. What was the legend about Bodhidharma with relation to the tea plants?
3. Which state in India has the largest concentration of tea plantations?
A) Coorg B) Darjeeling C) Assam
4. What is the origin of the word 'Chai' ?
A) Japanese B) Chinese C) Indian
5. Tea was drunk in Europe in the sixteenth century as
A) beverage B) medicine C) soup

Answers

1. Tea was discovered when leaves fell into boiling water, adding flavour.
2. Bodhidharma's eyelids fell, tea plants grew, and tea removed sleep.
3. **C) Assam**
4. **B) Chinese**
5. **B) medicine**

(Questions 6 - 10): Read the following stanza carefully.

He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.
He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

(A Tiger in the Zoo).

Now, answer the following questions. 5x1=5M

6. What words are used to describe the movements and actions of the tiger in the cage and in the wild?
7. What was the mood of the tiger in the cage?
8. Where is the tiger in the first cage?
A) in a cage in the zoo B) in the forest C) in a circus
9. Why would the tiger lurk in shadow and slide through the long grass?
A) to hunt the deer unsuspectingly B) to hide from human beings C) to drink water
10. Why do the deer pass near the water hole?

A) to feed on the grass B) to drink water C) to hide from the tiger

Answers

6. **In the cage:** stalks, vivid stripes, quiet rage.
In the wild: lurking in shadow, sliding through long grass.
7. The tiger is **in the cage**, walking the few steps inside it.
8. ----- (Question is not clear)
9. **A)** to hunt the deer unsuspectingly
10. **B)** to drink water

(Questions 11 - 15): Read the following passage carefully.

I WAS really worried about Tricki this time. I had pulled up my car when I saw him in the street with his mistress and I was shocked at his appearance. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner. His eyes, bloodshot and rheumy, stared straight ahead and his tongue lolled from his jaws. Mrs Pumphrey hastened to explain, "He was so listless, Mr Herriot. He seemed to have no energy. I thought he must be suffering from malnutrition, so I have been giving him some little extras between meals to build him up, some malt and cod- liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night to make him sleep — nothing much really."

"And did you cut down on the sweet things as I told you?"

"Oh, I did for a bit, but he seemed to be so weak I had to relent. He does love cream cakes and chocolates so. I can't bear to refuse him."

I looked down again at the little dog. That was the trouble. Tricki's only fault was greed.

He had never been known to refuse food; he would tackle a meal at any hour of the day or night. **(A Triumph of Surgery)**

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given: 5X1=5M

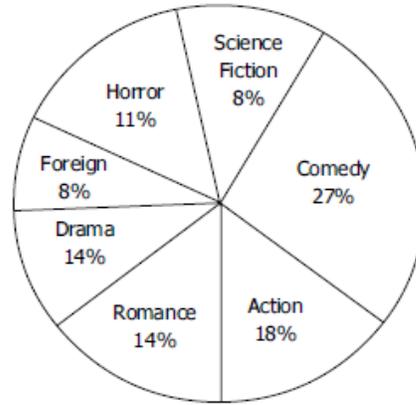
11. Why was the doctor shocked on seeing Tricki?
A) he had become very fat B) he had become very thin C) he is healthy
12. What did Mrs. Pumphrey cannot bear to refuse Tricki?
A) cod-liver oil B) a bowl of Horlicks C) cream cakes and chocolates
13. Who is Tricki?
A) Mr. Herriot's dog B) Mrs. Pumphrey's dog C) a street dog
14. What instruction did the doctor give Mrs. Pumphrey to do earlier?
A) to give Tricki more sweets B) to give a bowl of Horlicks C) to cut down the sweet things
15. What was Tricki's fault?
A) He always refuses food B) He eats a meal at any hour of the day or night C) He eats only one meal a day

Answers

11. **A)** he had become very fat
12. **C)** cream cakes and chocolates
13. **B)** Mrs. Pumphrey's dog
14. **C)** to cut down on the sweet things
15. **B)** he eats a meal at any hour of the day or night

(Questions 16): Study the following pie-chart carefully.

FAMOUS MOVIE GENRES IN MRS. SMITH'S FILM CLASS



Now, answer the following questions.

5x1=5M

- What does the Pie-chart show?
- What is the most famous movie genre in Mrs. Smith's class?
- What is the percentage of the genre 'Horror' in Mrs. Smith's class?
a) 8% b) 18% c) 11%
- After 'comedy', which genre is favoured in Mrs. Smith's class?
a) Action b) Drama c) Science fiction
- Choose the correct statement based on the table given.
a) Both 'drama' and 'romance' are given equal weightage in the pie-chart.
b) The percentage of 'Foreign' genre is more than the genre 'Horror'.
c) The least favoured genre is 'Comedy'.

Answers

- The pie-chart shows the famous movie genres in Mrs. Smith's film class.
- Comedy is the most famous movie genre.
- c) 11%**
- a) Action**
- a) Both 'drama' and 'romance' are given equal weightage in the pie-chart.**

(Question 17): Read the following passage carefully.

Birds nest building is a fascinating display of instinct and ingenuity. Birds utilize a wide range of materials, from twigs and leaves to mud and even saliva, to construct their nests. The specific materials and construction techniques vary greatly, between species, with some birds weaving intricate baskets, while others create simple platforms or burrows. Nest building is typically a collaborative effort between the male and female, although in some species, one partner takes on the primary responsibility. The nests serve as vital shelters for eggs and young birds, protecting them from the elements and predators.

Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order.

5 x1 =5M

- Nests serve as vital shelters for protecting eggs and young birds.
- Construction techniques and material differ greatly with some birds weaving simple platforms, while others intricate baskets.
- Nests are built by a collaborative effort between the male and female birds.
- Building nests is a fascinating display of instinct and ingenuity in birds.
- A variety of materials like twigs, mud and saliva are used by birds to construct their nests.

Correct order: **d e b c a**

SECTION —B
GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Note : Answer all the questions of Section - B in the same order at one place in your answer book.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'who' 2M

My mother is going to host a TV show on cooking. She cooks very well.

Ans: My mother, who cooks very well, is going to host a TV show on cooking.

19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice' 2M

Lencho wrote a letter to God.

Ans: A letter to God was written by Lencho.

20. Change the following into Reported Speech. 2M

LOMOQV : I've come only to see you.

Ans: Lomov said that he had come only to see her.

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given in brackets. 2x1=2M

i) It was a spectacular array South African jets. (for / to / of)

ii) She was born July. (on / in / at)

Ans: i) of ii) in

22. Edit the following passage. 4x1=4M

The journey to the valley of flowers begin (a) about

16 kms away for (b) Joshimath, at Govindghat

(1770) on the Rishikesh Badrinath heightway (c)

The valley of flower are (d) covered with a

rich variety of magnificent plants.

a)

b)

c)

d)

Ans: a) begin – begins

b) for – from

c) heightway – highway

d) are – is

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. 2x1=2M

1. She bought dozen mangoes.

2. They live near sea.

Ans: i) a ii) the

24. Change the following into repeated action in the past using 'would/used to' 2x1=2M

i) When I was a child, I play outside for hours everyday.

ii) Our teacher gives us a quiz every day.

Ans: i) When I was a child, I **used to play** outside for hours every day.

ii) Our teacher **would** give us a quiz every day.

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifiers. 2 x 1=2M

i) The pilot saw dark clouds. The clouds were stormy and dangerous.

ii) The tiger was moving in the cage. The cage was narrow.

Ans: i) The pilot saw **stormy and dangerous dark** clouds.

ii) The tiger was moving in a **narrow** cage.

26. Give a suitable advice for the situation given below. 2x1=2M

Your friend is becoming fat and lazy. Advise / him / her to do yoga everyday.

Ans: You **should do** yoga every day to stay fit and active.

27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box. 4x1=4M

ownership, country, well-known, strange, criminals, honour

We, who were outlaws (a) not so long ago, have today been given the rate privilege (b) to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished (c) guests for having come to take possession (d) with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, peace, for human dignity.

Ans:

- a) outlaws = criminals
- b) privilege = honour
- c) distinguished = well-known
- d) possession = ownership

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words. 4x1=4M

May be it's my fault (a) that we don't confide (b) in each other. In any case, that's just how things are and unfortunately they're not liable (c) to change. To enhance (d) the image of this long-awaited friend in my imagination, I don't want to jot down the facts in this diary.

Ans:

- a) fault × virtue
- b) confide × hide
- c) liable × unlikely
- d) enhance × diminish

29. Fill the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets. 2 x1 =2M

The days passed, (a) (peace, peaceful, peacefully), at Basra, but I dreaded the prospect of (b) (transport, transporting, transportation) Mij to England and to Camusfearna.

Ans: a) peacefully b) transporting

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes and Suffixes given in the brackets. 2x1=2M

- i) In this valley of desolation there is a path that leads to mortality. (im, in)
- ii) Kisa Gotami became weary and hope (les / less).

Ans: i) **immortality** ii) **hopeless**

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. 2x1=2M

- i) scriptures, befitted, royelty, shielded
- ii) funeral, procession, enlighten, witnessed

Ans: i) royelty – royalty
ii) witnessed – witnessed

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below. 2x1=2M

solitary / adjective /

Definition : 1. being, living or existing alone, without companions
2. isolated or remote from other.

Example : She enjoyed the solitary walk through the forest.

Synonyms : alone, lone, lonesome, unaccompanied, isolated

Antonyms : social, gregarious, accompanied, communal, crowded.

Now, answer the following questions using the information above.

- i) Write two synonyms of the word 'Solitary'.
- ii) Write any one definition of the word "Solitary".

Ans: i) Synonyms: alone, isolated
ii) Definition: Being, living or existing alone, without companions

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. 2x1=2M

- i) Phrasal verb: hand in
Ans: I have to **hand in** my assignment by tomorrow.
- ii) Idiomatic expression: earning my keep
Ans: I started working part-time and **earning my keep** at a young age.

34. Match the following. 4 X ½ = 4

Part - A

- i) homesick ()
ii) law-abiding ()
iii) heartbreaking ()
iv) blockhead ()

Part - B

- a) obeying and respecting the law
b) an informal word which means a very stupid person
c) missing home and family very much
d) producing great sadness

Ans:

- i) homesick (c) missing home and family very much
ii) law-abiding (a) obeying and respecting the law
iii) heartbreaking (d) producing great sadness
iv) blockhead (b) an informal word which means a very stupid person

SECTION — C: CREATIVE EXPRESSION

35. A) Two passengers noticed Valli travelling alone to the city. They wondered at the freedom of thought and expression of an eight year old girl. They observed the approach of Valli towards the conductor and other passengers in the bus.

10M

Imagine a possible conversation between the two passengers about the consequences of a girl of eight years travelling alone to a far off place.

Answers

Passenger 1: Did you notice that little girl sitting alone near the window?

Passenger 2: Yes, I did. She must be just eight or nine! It's surprising to see such a young girl travelling all by herself.

Passenger 1: She looks confident, doesn't she? The way she spoke to the conductor – bold and smart.

Passenger 2: True, but don't you think it's a bit risky? So many things could go wrong.

Passenger 1: Yes, but it also shows how curious and independent children are these days. She seems to have planned this trip well.

Passenger 2: Her parents might be worried. She's too young to understand the dangers. Yet, I admire her courage and her spirit of adventure.

Passenger 1: It's amazing to see such freedom of thought in someone so young. But I do hope She's safe and her parents know where she is.

Passenger 2: Let's just keep an eye on her until she reaches her stop.

(OR)

B) The pilot in the lesson 'The Black Aeroplane' reached home safe after an unusual experience with his plane in the sky. He shared the terrible incident with his wife and family. Hearing about it, the pilot's wife went panic and felt the other plane as a 'blessing in disguise'.

Imagine you are the pilot's wife and write a diary entry about his awful journey and the unseen unexpected grace that saved him.

Answers

Date: 22 September 2025

Time: 10:00 p.m.

Today, I felt like I almost lost him...

My husband returned home safely, but with a story that shook me to the core. He told us about the storm — the dark, wild clouds, the lost compass, the radio going dead... I couldn't even imagine him flying through such horror all alone.

But what left me completely stunned was how he was saved — by another mysterious plane with a pilot who guided him safely through the storm. No one knows who he was. No radar caught his flight. No one saw the plane. How could that be? It's almost unbelievable.

As he spoke, I kept thinking of what could have happened. My heart was trembling. I thanked God a hundred times today. That unknown pilot, whoever he was, truly was a blessing in disguise — someone sent at the right moment to lead him home.

I still shiver at the thought of what might have happened had that black aeroplane not appeared. But tonight, I will sleep with a grateful heart, knowing my husband is safe and beside me.

Thank you, God... and thank you, unknown pilot.

— A thankful wife

36. A) Your mother promised to let you bring up a pet dog on your successful completion of your Exams. You brought home a puppy, named it and had the pleasure of feeding it, playing with it and caress.

Write a letter to your friend to share how you named it, had delightful moments and its naughty deeds. 10M

Answers

Dear Jaswanth ,

Hi! Hope you're doing great. I've got something exciting to share!

As promised, my mom finally let me keep a pet dog after I passed my exams with flying colours. I brought home a cute little puppy last week and named him "Maxy." He's so adorable and naughty!

Every morning, he runs around the house wagging his tail, trying to grab my socks and shoes. I love feeding him and bathing him. He jumps with joy whenever I return from school and licks my face like crazy.

He's slowly becoming everyone's favourite at home. I feel so happy and relaxed playing with him. You should come home soon and meet Maxy. I'm sure you'll fall in love with him too!

Write back soon.

Yours lovingly,
Sasank

(OR)

B) You are the school pupil leader of XYZ Public School. For the Mega PTM conduct very soon. You are assigned the duty of ensuring discipline and plant distribution to the students under the programme 'Ek ped Ma Ke naam'. On this occasion, you gathered the students of classes 6 to 10 to inform the necessity to meet the need of above mentioned aspects.

Prepare a script for speech on why discipline is important and how things can be well-maintained if there is discipline. You may educate them on the necessity of growing plants and take initiative to choose at least one plant in the name of their mother.

Answers

Good morning respected teachers and dear students.

As we prepare for the upcoming Mega PTM, it is our duty to maintain proper discipline and ensure smooth plant distribution under the programme 'Ek Ped Mere Naam'. Discipline is important because it helps us stay organised, work peacefully, and complete every task without confusion. When we stand in lines, follow instructions, and behave responsibly, the entire programme runs successfully and creates a positive impression on our parents.

Along with discipline, we also have an important responsibility toward nature. Today, each student will receive a plant. Trees give us oxygen, reduce pollution, keep our surroundings cool, and support life on earth. I request each of you to take a plant home and grow it with care. Please dedicate it to your mother and protect it as a symbol of love and gratitude. Let us work together and make this programme a grand success.

Thank you very much one and all.

37. A) The lesson "The Necklace," critiques the social hierarchy and the human desire for status. It offers a commentary on social class in the society. Matilda's life was ruined because of a small mistake. But in the end, she came to know that she had struggled for nothing.

Now, write a description of Matilda's feelings and thoughts as she knew that the necklace was not made of gold by depicting the contrast between her dreams and her reality and the consequences of not confessing the truth to her friend.

Answers

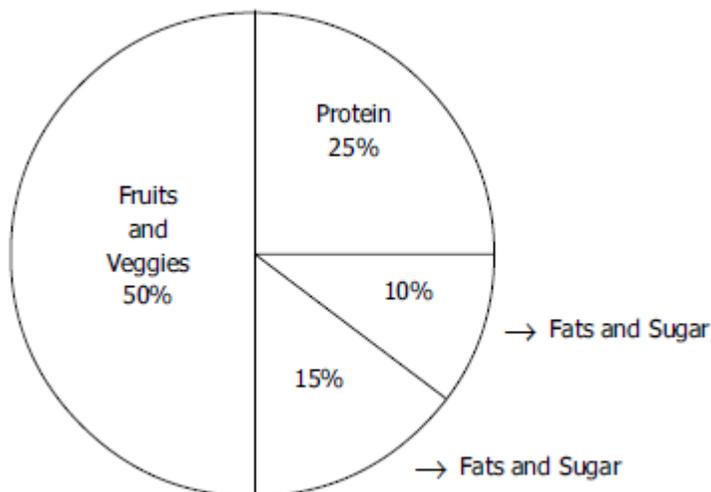
Matilda was shocked and heartbroken when she found out that the necklace she had borrowed was not made of real gold. She had spent ten long years in poverty to replace it, only to realise that her suffering was for nothing.

At that moment, she must have felt deep regret for not telling the truth to her friend earlier. Her dreams of living a rich and luxurious life had turned into a harsh reality of struggle and hardship.

The contrast between her wish to look wealthy and the life she ended up living was very painful. If she had been honest from the beginning, her life would have been very different. Matilda's pride and desire to impress others led to her downfall. Her silence cost her ten precious years. This teaches us the importance of being truthful and satisfied with what we have.

(OR)

B) Study the following 'pie chart' and write a paragraph based on the information given in it.



Answers

The pie chart shows how we should divide the food we eat in a day. It says that half of our food, or 50%, should be fruits and vegetables. These help us stay healthy and give us important vitamins and minerals. About 25% of our food should be proteins like meat, eggs, beans, or fish, which help our bodies grow and repair. The chart also shows that only a small part of what we eat should be fats and sugar. Fats and sugars together make up 25% of the diet, but it is best not to eat too much of them. Eating too much fat or sugar can make us unhealthy. In short, we should eat mostly fruits and vegetables, a fair amount of protein, and just a little fat and sugar for a balanced diet. This helps us stay strong and full of energy.