

English, Paper 1

Time: 2.5 hours

Marks: 50

PART-A

(1-10) Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in two or three sentences each.
5×2=10

1. 'I call it my chicken drumstick,' joked Nick. What does 'it' refer to? How does it help him? (Attitude is Altitude)
2. Discuss the irony in the title 'The Dear Departed'? (The Dear Departed-II)
3. Why was the author reluctant to carry his own luggage? (The Journey)
4. How was Ray perceived by the outsiders? (Rendezvous with Ray)
5. Who was Bayaji? What was Bayaji's dream? (The Storeyed House-I)
6. How are peoples' basic needs connected with the environment? (Environment)
7. If one wants to bring a change in social system, what qualities should one possess? (My Childhood)
8. Why did the white man feel surprised at the narrator's outburst? (Human Jamaican Fragment)
9. What did Socrates suggest as the secret to success? (Every success story.....great failures)
10. When did people shake hands with their hearts? (Once upon a time)

Solution:

1. 'It' refers to Nick Vujicic's small foot-like appendage on his left hip. It helps him maintain balance, swim, type, and perform daily activities independently.
2. The irony in The Dear Departed is that while the title suggests respect for the deceased, the story reveals the selfishness of the family members, who are more interested in the inheritance than mourning the loss.
3. The author was reluctant to carry his own luggage because he had lived in the city for a long time and had become used to a comfortable lifestyle. He felt awkward doing physical labour in front of his villagers.
4. Outsiders perceived Satyajit Ray as a quiet, serious filmmaker, but those close to him knew him as warm, humorous, and deeply passionate about cinema and literature.
5. Bayaji was a hardworking Dalit man who dreamed of building a two-storeyed house in his village to elevate his social status and provide a better life for his family.
6. People's basic needs, like food, water, and shelter, come from nature. If the environment is damaged, resources become scarce, affecting survival and quality of life.
7. To bring change in the social system, one should possess courage, determination, patience, and a strong vision, as seen in Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's experiences.

8. The white man was surprised at the narrator's outburst because he did not expect racial sensitivity; he was simply being friendly, showing that racial biases often exist in people's minds rather than in reality.

9. Socrates suggested that the secret to success is having an intense desire and determination, like a drowning man desperately gasping for air.

10. People shook hands with their hearts in the past, meaning they greeted each other with genuine warmth and sincerity, unlike the artificial politeness seen in modern times.

11. Read the following stanza.

We, Indians, are proud to be a strong nation,
Our roots, we declare, cannot be shaken.

Then why these fights,
which leave us in poor plight ?

Irrespective of our region,
forget the castes,
which makes us lose our charm.

(A Plea for India)

5×1=5

Now answer the following questions.

(a) Why are we proud?

(b) What cannot be shaken?

(c) 'Which' leaves us in poor plight?

(d) Which makes us lose our charm ?

(e) What kind of feeling do we get from the above lines?

Solution:

(a) We are proud because we are a strong nation.

(b) Our roots cannot be shaken.

(c) Fights leave us in poor plight.

(d) Castes make us lose our charm.

(e) The above lines give us a feeling of unity and a call for harmony among Indians.

12. Read the following lines.

The forested mountains were the source of water and the source of rain, so when you deforest, you cause a shortage of water and a change of rainfall patterns and therefore people are not able to get food and water.

(Environment)

Now answer the following questions.

3×1=3

(a) What were the source of water and rain?

(b) What is the effect of deforestation?

(c) What is the ecological problem coined in the above line?

Solution:

(a) The forested mountains were the source of water and rain.

- (b) Deforestation causes a shortage of water and changes rainfall patterns, making it difficult for people to get food and water.
- (c) The ecological problem mentioned is the negative impact of deforestation on water availability and climate change.

13. Read the following lines.

A burning desire is the starting point of all accomplishment. Just like a small fire can't give much heat, a weak desire can't produce great results.

(Every success great failure)

Now answer the following questions.

(a) What is necessary for accomplishment?

(b) Why should one avoid weak desire?

Solution:

(a) A burning desire is necessary for accomplishment.

(b) One should avoid a weak desire because, like a small fire that can't give much heat, a weak desire can't produce great results.

PART-B

(Q.14) Complete the passage, choosing the right words from those given below. Each blank is numbered and for each blank four choices A, B, C, D are given. Choose the correct answer from these choices and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in the blanks.

5×0.5=2.5

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (1) born in (2) Middle class tamil family in the island town (3) Rameswaram. He was a short boy with rather ordinary looks (4) his parents were tall and handsome. His father was (5) highly educated nor very rich.

1) A) is B) was C) being D) were

2) A) one B) an C) a D) the

3) A) near B) of C) by D) off

4) A) but B) though C) if D) and

5) A) either B) neither C) never D) rather

Solution:

1. B) was

2. C) a

3. B) of

4. A) but

5. B) neither

16. Study the following pair of sentences and answer the question.

(a) Mohan speaks for me.

(b) Chandra speaks to me.

Q. Who is helpful to me? Mohan or Chandra?

Solution:

Mohan

(Q.17) Rakesh had given me a book.

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I read it twice. (Combine the sentences using which?)

Solution:

Rakesh had given me a book which I have read twice.

(Q.18) Rewrite the following sentences in passive form.

1

They have postponed the programme.

Solution:

The programme was postponed by them.

(Q.19) Add question tag to the following sentence.

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Sania is a tennis player,.....?

Solution:

Sania is a tennis player, isn't she?

(Q.20) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets.

1

While he (go) to the market, he (meet) with an accident.

Solution:

While he was going to the market, he met with an accident.

21. Fill in the blanks, choosing the right words from those given in the brackets.

4×0.5=2

- a) Don't put work any longer, do it now. (off, up, away)
- b) They got the car and walked away. (From, down, off)
- c) The officer is looking the complaint. (into, in, at)
- d) Popular music director Chakri died the early age of forty (in, on, at)

Solution:

- a) Don't put **off** work any longer, do it now.
- b) They got **down** the car and walked away.
- c) The officer is looking **into** the complaint.
- d) Popular music director Chakri died **at** the early age of forty.

22. Replace the underlined words in the following sentences with the words from the box that have the same meaning.

4×0.5=2

conflict, transformation, last, global, pristine, profound, germinate

- a) The **change** is clearly visible

- b) Pollution is a **worldwide** problem.
- c) The seed **sprouts** and develops into a small plant.
- d) Once the environment is very **clean and fresh**.

Solution:

- a) Transformation
- b) Global
- c) Germinate
- d) Pristine

23. Fill in the blanks with the words opposite in meaning to those underlined.

4×0.5=2

- a) Triumph and are part and parcel of our life
- b) A host receives a
- c) You have to be patient when you teach little children don't be
- d) Man is mortal but nature is

Solution:

- a) Triumph and defeat are part and parcel of our life.
- b) A host receives a guest.
- c) You have to be patient when you teach little children; don't be impatient.
- d) Man is mortal, but nature is immortal.

24. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the underlined words.

4×0.5=2

- a) Elizabeth quarrels with her sister. No one can bear her nature.
- b) Be silent because is gold.
- c) We know that environmental pollution spoils the riches of the
- d) Thousands of pilgrims go on to Tirumala every day.

Solution:

- a) Elizabeth quarrels with her sister. No one can bear her quarrelsome nature.
- b) Be silent because silence is gold.
- c) We know that environmental pollution spoils the riches of the environment.
- d) Thousands of pilgrims go on pilgrimage to Tirumala every day.

25. Put the following words under the correct headings.

8×0.25=2

Hip hop, bow-wow, tip-top, easy-peasy

Alliterative words	Rhyming words
1.	1.
2.	2.

Solution:

Alliterative words	Rhyming words
1. Hip-hop	1. Bow-wow
2. Tip-top	2. Easy-peasy

26. Complete the following words by using ie, ei, ea, or ee.

- (a) est__ _m
 (b) perc__ _ve

Solution:

- (a) esteem
 (b) perceive

27. Complete the following words with the letters given in the brackets.

2×0.5=1

- (a) Ecologi.....(cle/cal)
 (b) Tradi.....(tion/sion)

Solution:

- (a) Ecological
 (b) Tradition

28. One word in each set is wrongly spelt. Rewrite it correctly in the space provided.

2×0.5=1

- (a) speaker, begger, writer, waiter
 (b) gallery, traveller, professor, beginner

Solution:

- (a) beggar
 (b) traveller

29. Look at the two sets of words given below. In each set, the letters underlined in the two words are pronounced in the same way. Find the words and copy them out.

2×0.5=1

- (a) chemist, watch, kitchen, machine
 (b) steal, real, eager, pleasure

Solution:

- (a) chemist-machine
 (b) steal-eager

30. Arrange the following words in alphabetical order.

4×0.5=2

Abandon, Acquire, Advice, Advocate

Solution:

Alphabetical order:

Abandon>Acquire>Advice>Advocate

(Q.31) Your friend has not been studying well advise him to study hard.

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Solution:

You should study hard now to secure a bright future and achieve success in life."

(Q.32) What do the following sentences mean?

2×0.5=1

Put a (✓) mark against the right answer

1) You will sit here, won't you?

a) seeking permission ()

b) offering help ()

c) suggesting ()

d) warning ()

2) How careless of you to drop my pen

a) scolding ()

b) complaining ()

c) exclaiming ()

d) asking a question ()

Solution:

1. (c) suggesting

2. (b) complaining