

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. Give an instance which shows how Nick's parents helped him become independent?
(Attitude is Altitude)
2. 'To Lincoln, defeat was a detour and not a dead end.' Justify this statement from the life of Lincoln.
(Every success story.....Great Failures)
3. Why do the Jordans take a long time to get to the house of the slaters?
(The Dear Departed)
4. What does the phrase 'opposite directions' in the last sentence suggest?
(The Journey)
5. How did Roberge try to take 'Chitrabani' forward ? How did 'Chitrabani' help film-making in Bengali?
(Rendezvous with Ray)
6. What did you understand from the movie review - Maya Bazaar?
(Maya Bazaar)
7. Why was Bayaji tempted to knock down Bhujaba with his box?
(The Storeyed House-I)
8. Maathai said, "When we plant a tree, we plant hope". What does she mean by this?
(Environment)
9. "I filled the slot"- What does the sentence mean?
(My Childhood)
10. Why did the game next morning astonish the author? What did he see?
(Jamaican Fragment)

Solution:

1. Nick's parents encouraged him to become independent by teaching him basic life skills. His mother developed a special method to help him write, and his father taught him how to swim and type. They never treated him differently, which boosted his confidence.
2. Abraham Lincoln faced multiple failures, including business losses and election defeats, but he never gave up. He treated setbacks as temporary obstacles and continued to strive for success, eventually becoming one of the greatest U.S. Presidents.
3. The Jordans take a long time to reach the Slaters' house because they take time to dress formally for mourning. Their delayed arrival shows their insincerity and concern for appearances rather than true grief.

4. The phrase “opposite directions” suggests the emotional and physical separation between the father and son. While the son moves ahead in life, the father remains in his old world, symbolising generational differences and detachment.
5. Roberge helped take 'Chitrabani' forward by providing training and guidance to aspiring filmmakers. 'Chitrabani' played a vital role in improving Bengali cinema by encouraging new talent and promoting high-quality filmmaking.
6. The movie review of Maya Bazaar highlights its timeless appeal, humour, and strong characterisation. The film is praised for its technical brilliance, captivating storytelling, and unforgettable performances.
7. Bayaji was tempted to knock down Bhujaba because of his insulting remarks. Bhujaba's arrogance and casteist attitude enraged Bayaji, but he controlled himself and walked away.
8. Maathai meant that planting a tree symbolises growth, renewal, and a better future. Trees provide environmental benefits, improve livelihoods, and represent a hopeful step toward sustainability.
9. "I filled the slot" means that Kalam took the opportunity given to him and fulfilled his responsibility. Despite his humble beginnings, he worked hard and contributed meaningfully to his job.
10. The author was astonished because he saw the same two boys from the previous day, but this time, their roles were reversed. The boy who walked barefoot was now on the bicycle, and the other was running, showing equality in friendship.

11. Read the following stanza.

The usual words came and beat their wings against her; the money spent, curses heaped upon her parent, who had sent her out to darken other people's doors.

(Another Woman)

Now answer the following questions.

5×1=5

- (1) The usual words came - what do the 'usual words' refer to?
- (2) Where did the words come from?
- (3) Why did the speaker curse the woman's parents?
- (4) Who sent her to that house?
- (5) What does the line 'to darken other people's doors' suggest?

Solution:

1. The 'usual words' refer to the harsh scoldings, insults, and possibly abusive words directed at the woman.
2. The words came from her husband and in-laws, who constantly mistreated her.
3. The speaker cursed the woman's parents because they had sent her into a marriage where she faced suffering and humiliation.
4. Her parents sent her to that house through marriage.
5. The line 'to darken other people's doors' suggests that the in-laws saw her as a burden and unwelcome in their house.

12. Read the following passage.

"They are coming to talk over poor grandpa's affair".

(The Dear Departed-I)

Now answer the following questions.

3×1=3

- (1) Who is the speaker?
- (2) What is poor grandpa's affair?
- (3) Who does 'they' refer to?

Solution:

1. The speaker is Mrs. Slater.
2. "Poor grandpa's affair" refers to the discussion about the belongings and inheritance of grandpa, who is believed to be dead.
3. 'They' refers to the Jordans, Mrs. Slater's sister and her husband.

13. Read the following passage.

Our father's soul cannot rest in peace unless we do this.

(The Dear Departed-II)

Now answer the following questions.

2×1=2

- (1) Who is the speaker?
- (2) Whose soul cannot rest in peace?

Solution:

1. The speaker is Mrs. Jordan.
2. The soul that cannot rest in peace is their father, Abel Merryweather's.

PART-B

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) and (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

Our father promised to take(1)(2) Ooty after examinations. But(3) insisted on visiting Chennai(4). We heard a lot about it. So we wanted to(5) it.

1. (A) us (B) we (C) your (D) our
2. (A) to (B) for (C) into (D) about
3. (A) we (B) they (C) you (D) she
4. (A) also (B) too (C) along (D) then
5. (A) sec (B) saw (C) seeing (D) seen

Solution:

- (A) us
 (A) to
 (D) she

- (B) too
(C) seeing

15. Match the parts of sentences under 'A' with those under 'B'. Write the letter of the sentence part in 'B' against the sentence part in 'A'.

5×0.5=2.5

| 'A' | 'B' |
|--------------------------|---|
| (i) Though she was angry | (A) you cut your hair short |
| (ii) It's no good | (B) she kept a pleasant smile on her face |
| (iii) It's time | (C) to go slow |
| (iv) It's waste of time | (D) talking to people you don't like |
| (v) He was advised | (E) asking him for help |

Solution:

- (i) Though she was angry → (B) she kept a pleasant smile on her face
 (ii) It's no good → (E) asking him for help
 (iii) It's time → (A) you cut your hair short
 (iv) It's waste of time → (D) talking to people you don't like
 (v) He was advised → (C) to go slow

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

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- (a) The Sun is coming out. (b) The boy is coming round.
Which phrase means going to appear?

Solution:

The phrase "coming out" in sentence (a) means "going to appear."

17. Report the following in Indirect speech.

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Mrs. Slater said, "Be quiet".

Solution:

Mrs. Slater told them to be quiet.

18. Re-write the following sentence in the Passive form.

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The teacher praises the children.

Solution:

The children are praised by the teacher.

19. Combine the following sentences with 'Which'.

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Freedom is a cement. It binds nations together:

Solution:

Freedom is a cement which binds nations together.

20. Fill in the blanks, choosing the correct verb forms.

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Damn it! The play(be) very interesting.
Some one on the stage(do) something."

Solution:

Damn it! The play **is** very interesting.
Someone on the stage **is doing** something.

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

4×0.5=2

- (a) It has been raining morning. (for, in, since)
- (b) I came a stranger yesterday. (along, down, across)
- (c) The chair is made teak wood. (off, of, with)
- (d) Our village is named the donor's surname. (for, with, after)

Solution:

- (a) It has been raining **since** morning.
- (b) I came **across** a stranger yesterday.
- (c) The chair is made **of** teak wood.
- (d) Our village is named **after** the donor's surname.

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

endorsed, portal, embarked, frustrated, uninterrupted, calamity, promulgate

- 1. The government is trying to **give continuous** electricity in the city.
- 2. Bayaji was **unable to control his emotions** when he saw his new house on fire.
- 3. It's with your blessings that I have **taken the risk** on this storeyed house.
- 4. The Xerox copies are **attested** by Gazetted signature in the absence of originals.
- 5. The Apu Trilogy was Ray's first **entrance** to West Bengal and its people.

Solution:

- 1. The government is trying to give **uninterrupted** electricity in the city.
- 2. Bayaji was **frustrated** when he saw his new house on fire.
- 3. It's with your blessings that I have **embarked** on this storeyed house.
- 4. The Xerox copies are **endorsed** by Gazetted signature in the absence of originals.
- 5. The Apu Trilogy was Ray's first **portal** to West Bengal and its people.

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

4×0.5=2

- (a) Evil minds cannot think _____
- (b) Ramana is _____ but his wife looks **beautiful**.
- (c) Iyer's wife **refused** to serve food but later _____ to do it.
- (d) **Illiterate** people are looked down by _____ people.

Solution:

- (a) Evil minds cannot think **good**.
- (b) Ramana is **ugly** but his wife looks beautiful.
- (c) Iyer's wife refused to serve food but later **agreed** to do it.
- (d) Illiterate people are looked down by **educated** people.

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

4×0.5=2

- (a) Nick was **disabled** but his _____ did not become a hindrance to him.
- (b) The tiger **enters** the village and stands at the _____ of the house.
- (c) Our **emotions** should be balanced; If we are too _____ we lose control on ourselves.
- (d) It is an **honourable** occasion to _____ all our distinguished guests.

Solution:

- (a) Nick was disabled, but his **disability** did not become a hindrance to him.
- (b) The tiger enters the village and stands at the **portal** of the house.
- (c) Our emotions should be balanced; if we are too **emotional**, we lose control of ourselves.
- (d) It is an honourable occasion to **honour** all our distinguished guests.

25. Put the following words under the correct headings.

8×0.25=2

meticulous, obnoxious, stingy, idealistic, affable, logical, mean, nervous.

| Positive attitude | Negative attitude |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | 1. |
| 2. | 2. |
| 3. | 3. |
| 4. | 4. |

Solution:

| Positive attitude | Negative attitude |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Meticulous | 1. Obnoxious |
| 2. Idealistic | 2. Stingy |
| 3. Affable | 3. Mean |
| 4. Logical | 4. Nervous |

26. Complete the following words by using ei, ou, ie or au.

- (a) rec _ _ ve
- (b) thr _ _ gh

Solution:

- (a) receive
- (b) through

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

2×0.5=1

- (a) Cultiva.....(tion/sion)

(b) Lugg.....(age/ege)

Solution:

- (a) Cultivation
- (b) Luggage

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

2×0.5=1

- (a) accountant, programer, attend, depressed.
- (b) confident, iliterate, corrupt, public.

Solution:

- (a) programer: programmer
- (b) iliterate: illiterate

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) youth doubt should count
- (b) evil devil civil feeling

Solution:

- (a) doubt – count
- (b) evil – devil

30. Arrange the following words in alphabetical order.

4×0.5=2

Stimulus, Slavery, System, Society

Solution:

Slavery, Society, Stimulus, System

31. Your mother is feeling sick. Advise her to take rest.

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Solution:

You should take some rest, Mum. It will help you feel better.

32. What do the following sentences mean?

Put a (✓) mark against the right answer.

2×0.5=1

(i) He may take your advice.

- (a) giving permission. []
- (b) giving advice. []
- (c) expressing possibility. []
- (d) making a suggestion. []

(ii) Can I leave now?

- (a) offering help. []
- (b) asking for help. []
- (c) seeking permission. []
- (d) seeking advice. []

Solution:

(i) He may take your advice.
 ✓ (c) expressing possibility.

(ii) Can I leave now?
 ✓ (c) seeking permission.

33. Change the following into a polite request.

1

You to grandfather: Take your medicine.

Solution:

Grandfather, please take your medicine.

34. You told your father that you got a distinction in the school final examination.
 What would your father say? Put a (✓) mark against your choice.

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- (a) All the best! []
- (b) I'm sorry. []
- (c) I'm proud of you. []
- (d) Good luck! []

Solution:

(c) I'm proud of you. [✓]