

English, Paper 1

Time: 2 hrs 45 mins

Marks: 40

PART-A

In the beginning it was difficult, but they soon gained confidence and they became very competent foresters. So I called them "Foresters without Diplomas".

(Environment)

Now, answer the following questions.

3×1=3

- (a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- (b) How did the foresters feel in the beginning?
- (c) What did the speaker call them?

Solution:

- (a) The speaker of the above lines is Richard St. Barbe Baker.
- (b) In the beginning, the foresters felt it was difficult and lacked confidence.
- (c) The speaker called them "Foresters without Diplomas."

2. Read the following passage.

'I realised why God had made us like this - to give hope to others. It was so inspirational to me that I decided to use my life to encourage other people and give them the courage that the article had given me'.

(Attitude Is Altitude)

Now, answer the following questions.

2×1=2

- (a) According to the speaker, why had God made them like this?
- (b) What did the speaker decide?

Solution:

- (a) According to the speaker, God made them like this to give hope to others.
- (b) The speaker decided to use their life to encourage people and give them courage.

3. Read the following passage.

It is a tribute to Telugu culture, language and customs of the land. The film was watched repeatedly soon after its release because people identified every character of the film with someone they knew in their immediate vicinity and the audience still do the same now.

(Maya Bazaar)

Now, answer the following questions.

3×1=3

- (a) What does 'It' refer to, in the above passage?
- (b) What is the film a tribute to?
- (c) Why was the film watched repeatedly?

Solution:

- (a) 'It' refers to the film Maya Bazaar.

- (b) The film is a tribute to Telugu culture, language, and customs.
 (c) The film was watched repeatedly because people identified its characters with someone they knew in their immediate surroundings.

4. Read the following lines.

Deep in Ocean South the whale swims
 Her song of birthing fills the seas
 Thousands of creatures wait the moment
 The solemn birth that they will see.
 (Or will the Dreamer Wake?)

Now, answer the following questions.

2×1=2

- (a) Which animal is mentioned above?
 (b) What is the moment that thousands of creatures wait for?

Solution:

- (a) The animal mentioned above is the whale.
 (b) Thousands of creatures wait for the solemn birth of the whale.

5. Read the following lines.

'Anna, I have passed the exam.'
 'Well done, my boy.'
 'I want to join IIT.'
 (I Will Do It)

Now, answer the following questions.

3×1=3

- (a) Who is 'Anna' in the above lines?
 (b) Who is the 'boy' mentioned in the above lines?
 (c) Which exam did he pass?

Solution:

- (a) 'Anna' in the above lines is Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's father.
 (b) The 'boy' mentioned in the above lines is Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
 (c) He passed the entrance exam to join IIT.

6. Read the following line.

Our scriptures are the storehouses of spiritual wisdom.
 (Unity in Diversity in India)

Now, answer the questions.

2×1=2

- (a) What are 'the storehouses' mentioned above?
 (b) What do we find in our scriptures?

Solution:

- (a) 'The storehouses' mentioned above are our scriptures.
 (b) We find spiritual wisdom in our scriptures.

7. You happened to be a co-passenger of Wangari Maathai on a flight. You had an opportunity to converse with her about her activities in promoting Green Belt Movement and also for fighting for equal rights for women in Africa. She conveyed not to cut the trees. She encouraged the rural women to plant more trees for the benefit of humankind. She thought that a tree is a wonderful symbol for environment and that when we plant a tree we plant a hope. Now, write a conversation between You and Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Prize winner.

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OR

You have read the lesson "Attitude is Altitude". You have known about the courageous, challenging, valiant, optimistic, sociable and self-motivated nature of Nick to overcome the hurdles he faced in his life. Now, imagine you were Kanae Miyahara, wife of Nick and write the description of Nick's nature.

Solution:

Conversation with Wangari Maathai

You: Hello, Dr. Maathai. It's an honour to meet you. I have heard a lot about your work for the environment. Can you tell me more about the Green Belt Movement?

Wangari Maathai: Thank you! The Green Belt Movement focuses on planting trees to restore the environment and empower rural women in Africa. It helps in soil conservation, water retention, and improving livelihoods.

You: That's wonderful! How do you encourage people to plant trees?

Wangari Maathai: I explain to them that a tree is a symbol of life. By planting a tree, we are planting hope for the future. I also educate women on sustainable farming and the importance of conserving nature.

You: That's inspiring! What message would you like to share with the world?

Wangari Maathai: Never cut trees unnecessarily. Instead, plant more trees and protect the environment. When we care for nature, we care for humanity.

You: Thank you for your inspiring words. I will surely spread this message.

8. In the lesson "My Childhood", Kalam's teacher Sivasubramania Iyer invited him to his house for a meal. His wife was horrified at the idea of a Muslim boy being invited to dine in her ritually pure kitchen. She refused to serve him. Sivasubramania Iyer was neither perturbed nor did he get angry with wife but he served him with his own hands and sat beside him to eat his meal. Now, imagine you were Kalam and write a diary entry about that incident which influenced you the most.

5

(OR)

In the lesson 'The Dear Departed,' you have read that Abel Merryweather realized that both his daughters did not have any love and affection for him. They liked only his money.

Write a script for a speech on the occasion of "Senior Citizens' Day" in your school.

Solution:

Speech on Senior Citizens' Day

Respected Principal, teachers, and dear friends,
 Good morning! Today, on the occasion of Senior Citizens' Day, I would like to speak about the importance of respecting and caring for our elders.
 Our grandparents and elderly family members have spent their lives guiding, supporting, and nurturing us. They deserve our love, respect, and care in return. Unfortunately, in today's fast-paced world, many elderly people feel neglected and unwanted, just as Abel Merryweather did in The Dear Departed. His daughters cared only for his money, not for him. This is a harsh reality that we must change. Let us not forget that we, too, will grow old one day. Instead of ignoring or mistreating our elders, let us appreciate their wisdom, cherish their presence, and support them in every way we can. A kind word, a little time, and genuine affection can make their lives happier.
 Let us pledge today to respect and care for our elders, making their lives dignified and joyful. Thank you!

PART-B

9. Edit the following passage, correcting the underlined parts.

5×0.5=2.5

Taj Mahal was (a) situated in Agra in (b) the banks of the river, Yamuna. It is built in the memory off (c) Mumtaz. It is an (d) rare example of architecture (e) beauty.

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

Solution:

- (a) is
- (b) on
- (c) of
- (d) a
- (e) architectural

10. Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the correct options given against the number of blanks.

5×0.5=2.5

Environmental pollution is a product of modernisation. It (1) in metropolitan cities. There (2) a lot of vehicles running (3) the roads. They consume petrol or diesel (4) gives out toxic smoke (5) burning.

- 1. (A) exists (B) had existed (C) has been existed (D) existed

2. (A) are (B) is (C) were (D) was
3. (A) beside (B) along (C) besides (D) in front of
4. (A) who (B) which (C) when (D) where
5. (A) in (B) at (C) on (D) of

Solution:

- (1) (A) exists
- (2) (A) are
- (3) (B) along
- (4) (B) which
- (5) (C) on

11. Combine the following sentences using 'Who'.

1

Thomas had only three months of formal schooling. He was partially deaf.

Solution:

Thomas, who was partially deaf, had only three months of formal schooling.

12. Change the following sentence into Passive Voice.

1

I heard father's voice.

Solution:

Father's voice was heard by me.

13. Change the following into Reported Speech.

1

Victoria said, "Grandpa is getting up".

Solution:

Victoria said that Grandpa was getting up.

14. Rewrite the sentences using 'either-or'.

1

Nick can play golf. Nick can play football.

Solution:

Nick can play either golf or football.

15. Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions given in brackets.

2×0.5=1

(a) Sravani goes to school (alongwith/ahead of) Sudha daily.

(b) Ray was even shy (off/of) receiving compliments.

Solution:

- (a) alongwith
- (b) of

16. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of Verbs given in brackets.

2×0.5=1

I (see) that the road we (come) by looked like a giant motionless rope.

Solution:

I **saw** that the road we **had come** by looked like a giant motionless rope.

17. "Your neighbour borrowed your dictionary."

Suggest him to return it as early as possible.

1

Solution:

It would be great if you could return my dictionary as soon as possible. Thank you!

18. Change the following into a polite request.

1

You to a stranger in a packed bus: "Move a bit".

Solution:

Excuse me, could you please move a bit?

19. Your friend met with an accident. What would you say to him/her?

1

Put a (✓) mark against the right answer.

(a) Wish you a speedy recovery. []

(b) Wish you a happy journey. []

(c) Wish you best of luck. []

(d) Wish you good luck. []

Solution:

(d) Wish you a speedy recovery. [✓]

20. What do the following sentences mean?

2×0.5=1

Put a tick (✓) mark against the right answer.

(i) I wish you were a little more helpful.

(a) Ordering []

(b) Hoping []

(c) Inviting []

(d) Thanking []

(ii) How about going for a walk?

(a) Suggesting []

(b) Showing ability []

(c) Criticising []

(d) Congratulating []

Solution:

(i) (b) Hoping [✓]

(ii) (a) Suggesting [✓]

English, Paper 2

Time: 2 hrs 45 mins

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PART-A

Q.1. Study the following table carefully.
The marks obtained by seven students in six different subjects in an examination are given below.

Name of the Student	Botany	Zoology	Physics	Chemistry	Maths	Computer Science	Total
Aruna	80	50	80	60	65	60	395
Kavya	80	82	85	40	70	55	412
Rama	85	65	70	50	67	80	417
Kalyan	90	60	60	85	80	55	430
Raju	75	65	80	60	55	65	400
Ravi	80	88	93	80	100	95	536
Vamsi	100	85	85	84	93	90	537

5×1=5

- (a) What does the table show?
 (b) Who got the same marks in Zoology?
 (c) is the lowest mark in Chemistry?
 (i) 40
 (ii) 85
 (iii) 80
 (d) got the highest mark in Maths?
 (i) Aruna
 (ii) Kalyan
 (iii) Ravi
 (e) Which is the correct statement among the following sentences?
 (i) Kalyan is the first among all.
 (ii) Vamsi is the first among all.
 (iii) Ravi got the highest total in his class.

Solution:

- (a) The table shows the marks obtained by seven students in six different subjects in an examination, along with their total marks.
- (b) Rama and Raju got the same marks in Zoology (65).
- (c) (i) 40 is the lowest mark in Chemistry.
- (d) (iii) Ravi got the highest mark in Maths (100).
- (e) (ii) Vamsi is the first among all

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully.

Kalpana Chawla was born in a small town in the state of Haryana. She had a great passion for space travel. Fired by the intense passion for space travel, she chose Aeronautical Engineering and ignored the advice of her college principal to opt for the more lucrative engineering branches, like mechanical or electrical engineering. She braved all the challenges ahead and achieved her dream of space travel as a mission specialist and prime robotic arm operator on the Space Shuttle Mission, STS - 87. This 'Mission' lasted for 15 days, 16 hours and 34 minutes. On the completion of her first Mission, Kalpana Chawla travelled 65 lakh miles in 252 orbits of the earth and logged 376 hours and 34 minutes.

The success of Kalpana Chawla demonstrates that nothing can stop us from achieving success if the passion and the vision align and integrate with each other. Hence, while deciding on a vision, students must ensure that it is aligned with their passion and core competence.

Now, answer the following questions.

5×1=5

- (a) What should the students learn from the success of Kalpana Chawla?
- (b) What was her dream?
- (c) Kalpana Chawla has chosen
 - (i) Mechanical Engineering.
 - (ii). Aeronautical Engineering.
 - (iii) Civil Engineering.
- (d) Kalpana Chawla was born in
 - (i) Himachal Pradesh
 - (ii) Haryana
 - (iii) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Identify the correct statement from the following.
 - (i) She followed the advice of her college principal.
 - (ii) Her mission lasted for 15 years, 16 months and 34 days.
 - (iii) She is a great inspiration to the students.

Solution:

- (a) Students should learn from Kalpana Chawla's success that nothing can stop them from achieving their goals if their passion and vision align with each other.
- (b) Her dream was to travel in space.
- (c) Kalpana Chawla has chosen (ii) Aeronautical Engineering.
- (d) Kalpana Chawla was born in (ii) Haryana.
- (e) The correct statement is (iii) She is a great inspiration to the students.

Q.3. Read the following passage carefully.

Once a footwear company sent two sales executives to an island to carry out a market research for promoting its footwear. The first one immediately reported back: "No one is wearing footwear in the island. There is no market for footwear here and I am returning by next flight."

The second sales executive under the same situation felt very happy. That there was no one wearing shoes, he saw immense opportunity to make them use his footwear.

He wrote back: "No body is wearing shoes on this island. So send all the shoes, all models and all sizes. There is plenty of market here." In due course, he established a number of shoe production units for his company and went on to become its Vice-President. The first sales executive is still working as a marketing executive in the same company.

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

5×1=5

- (a) The second sales executive thought it was the right place to improve his business.
- (b) Both the sales executives went to an island.
- (c) The first one is still working as a marketing executive.
- (d) The second one developed his company business on a large scale.
- (e) The first one returned to his place after finding no market for his footwear there.

Solution:

The correct order of the sentences is:

- (b) Both the sales executives went to an island.
- (e) The first one returned to his place after finding no market for his footwear there.
- (a) The second sales executive thought it was the right place to improve his business.
- (d) The second one developed his company business on a large scale.
- (c) The first one is still working as a marketing executive.

Q.4. (a) There is an increase in the number of accidents in your locality due to bad road conditions. There are large pits in roads. The street lights are not functioning properly. Another problem is that of garbage lying on the road sides which attract flies and mosquitoes. During the monsoon season, the water gets clogged in the road pits. You have lodged complaints several times but in vain.

So, you decided to focus the situation through an esteemed newspaper to the public as well as authorities concerned.

Now, write a letter to the editor about the bad condition of roads and the uncleanliness in your locality.

OR

(b) Now, imagine you are a journalist of a newspaper. Write a news report about the condition of the roads, uncleanliness, etc. with the help of the information given above.

Solution:

(a)
 Madhapur
 Hyderabad, 500081
 12th February, 2025

The Editor,
 Deccan Chronicle,
 Hyderabad

Subject: Poor Road Conditions and Uncleanliness in Our Locality

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities and the general public to the worsening condition of the roads and the growing problem of uncleanliness in our locality. Despite repeated complaints, no action has been taken so far.

The roads in our area are in a deplorable state with large pits that have been left unattended for a long time. This has resulted in frequent accidents, posing a severe risk to the safety of commuters. Additionally, the street lights are not functioning properly, making it hazardous for people, especially during the night.

Another major concern is the heaps of garbage lying on the roadside, which attract flies and mosquitoes. This is not only unhygienic but also a breeding ground for diseases. During the monsoon season, the water gets clogged in the road pits, further exacerbating the problem of waterlogging.

I urge the authorities to take immediate action to repair the roads, ensure the proper functioning of street lights, and address the garbage issue to make our locality a safer and cleaner place to live.

I hope my letter will be published, as it is crucial for spreading awareness and encouraging prompt action.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours sincerely,
 Mohan Reddy

Q.5. (a) Write a biographical sketch of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on the basis of the notes given below.

Name	APJ Abdul Kalam
Popularly known as	Missile Man
Famous as	11 th President of India

Born on	15.10.1931
Place of birth	Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu
Died on	27.07.2015, in Shillong, Meghalaya
Parents	Jainulabdeen (Father), Ashiamma (Mother)
Awards	Bharat Ratna (1997), Padma Vibhushan (1990), Padma Bhushan (1981)
Achievements	Evolution of ISRO's launch vehicle programme, operationalisation of AGNI, PRITHVI missiles.
Literary Pursuits	<p>Wings of fire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - India 2020 – A vision for the new millenium - My journey - Ignited minds

OR

(b) A king and a monkey - good friends - king keeps the monkey in his own chamber - king goes to bed - monkey, pet of the king - appointed as an attendant - sees a housefly - sits on the king's nose - drives it away - but again - the fly rests on the king's nose - monkey gets angry - takes a sword - strikes at the fly - moves away hunting - half of the king's nose - missing.

Solution:

(a) Biographical Sketch of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, known as the Missile Man, was born on October 15, 1931, in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. He served as the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. A distinguished scientist, he played a key role in the development of India's missile program and the ISRO's satellite launch vehicle program.

He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1997, Padma Vibhushan in 1990, and Padma Bhushan in 1981. Dr. Kalam was also a renowned author, with books like Wings of Fire and India 2020. He passed away on July 27, 2015, while delivering a lecture, leaving behind a legacy of inspiration.

PART - B

Q.6. Read the following paragraph and write the 'synonyms' of the underlined words choosing from the words given in the box.

famous, documents, noticed, friends, upset, search
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4×0.5=2

One Sunday morning, Roberge found (a) Ray in a disturbed (b) mood. A few well-known (c) personalities of the city had visited him earlier to go through some of his manuscripts (d).

Solution:

- (a) noticed
- (b) upset
- (c) famous
- (d) documents

Q.7. Read the paragraph and write the 'antonyms' of the underlined words.

4×0.5=2

'It was so hard (a) for them but right from the start (b) they did their best (c) to make me independent' (d).

Solution:

- (a) easy
- (b) end
- (c) worst
- (d) dependent

Q.8. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the words given in brackets.

4×0.5=2

However, all (necessities/necessity) (a) were (provided/provide) (b) for, in terms of food, medicine or clothes. In fact, I would say mine was a very (securely/secure) (c) childhood, both (materially/material) (d) and emotionally.

Solution:

- (a) necessities
- (b) provided
- (c) secure
- (d) materially

Q.9. Complete the spelling of the words with ' ee^', ' ei ', ' ae^' or ' ea '.

2×0.5=1

We'll see if he's locked the rec __ pt up in the bur __ u.

Solution:

We'll see if he's locked the receipt up in the bureau.

Q.10. Complete the words with correct suffixes given in brackets.

2×0.5=1

(a) How do you think you can influ (ance/ence) the rest of Africa?

(b) I think that a tree is a wonder (full/ful) symbol for the environment.

Solution:

- (a) influence
- (b) wonderful

Q.11. Find the wrongly spelt word and write its correct spelling.

2×0.5=1

- (a) adversity, insurence, dissuade, aesthetics.
 (b) indigenious, ancestral, pristine, complacent.

Solution:

- (a) insurence – insurance
 (b) indigenious - indigenious

Q.12. Arrange the following words under correct headings.

8×0.25=2

haughty, stingy, exuberant, malicious, idealistic, mean, meticulous, logical

Positive qualities	Negative qualities
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

Solution:

Positive qualities	Negative qualities
1. Exuberant	1. Haughty
2. Idealistic	2. Stingy
3. Meticulous	3. Malicious
4. Logical	4. Mean

Q.13. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own.

- (a) Phrasal Verb: go through
 (b) Idiomatic expression: get rid of
 (c) Binomial expression: heart and soul
 (d) Foreign expression: bona fide

Solution:

(a) **Phrasal Verb: go through**

I had to go through several documents before I found the information I was looking for.

(b) **Idiomatic expression: get rid of**

I need to get rid of all the old clothes in my wardrobe to make space for new ones.

(c) **Binomial expression: heart and soul**

She put her heart and soul into preparing the presentation for the conference.

(d) **Foreign expression: bona fide**

The company provided a bona fide certificate to confirm the authenticity of the product.

Q.14. Match the following one word substitutes with their meanings.

4×0.5=2

Part - A	Part -B
1. Ambiguous	(A) one who is present everywhere.
2. Inimitable	(B) one who cannot be corrected.
3. Omnipresent	(C) that which cannot be imitated.
4. Verbose	(D) a sentence whose meaning is unclear.
	(E) a person who brings out new books.
	(F) using more words than needed.

Solution:

1. Ambiguous - (D) a sentence whose meaning is unclear.
2. Inimitable - (C) that which cannot be imitated.
3. Omnipresent - (A) one who is present everywhere.
4. Verbose - (F) using more words than needed.