

SUBJECT: FIRST LANGUAGE – ENGLISH

Time: 9.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.

Max Marks: 100

PART - A (Prose, Poetry and Supplementary Reading)

I. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

$4 \times 1 = 4$

1. Why didn't the man fit in with the scheme of things in Workers' Paradise?
2. How, according to the author, is a bottle of coke harmful to our human body?
3. What is compared to dirty linen in the poem "To a Pair of Sarus Cranes"?
4. How did the female sarus crane try to bring its male partner back to life?

Solution:

1. The man didn't fit in with the scheme of things in Workers' Paradise because he spent his time creating useless art instead of engaging in productive work.
2. According to the author, a bottle of Coke is harmful to the human body because it contains chemicals and acids that can weaken bones and cause health issues.
3. In the poem To a Pair of Sarus Cranes, the scattered feathers of the dead male crane are compared to dirty linen thrown carelessly on the ground.
4. The female sarus crane tried to bring its male partner back to life by circling around him in grief and pecking at his lifeless body, refusing to accept his death.

II. Answer the following questions in two sentences each:

$8 \times 2 = 16$

5. What changes took place in the girl after the wrong man gave her the painted pitcher?
6. What does Anne's diary reveal about her father and her mother?
7. Why does the writer say that the model of development based on consumerism is suicidal?
8. How did Jean convince Pierre that he should go and get the tart?
9. Why didn't Ellen's father suspect Lochinvar's intentions?
10. How did Drona justify his unfair demand?
11. What was the condition laid by Indra while granting the boon to Karna?
12. How did the brave Greeks make the Cyclop blind?

Solution:

5. After the wrong man gave the girl the painted pitcher, she became restless and distracted from her usual work. She started admiring the pitcher and neglected her responsibilities, which was unusual in the Workers' Paradise.
6. Anne's diary reveals that she admired and loved her father deeply, considering him kind and understanding. However, she felt distant from her mother, believing that her mother did not understand her emotions and struggles.

7. The writer says that the model of development based on consumerism is suicidal because it leads to overexploitation of natural resources. This unsustainable approach harms the environment and threatens the survival of future generations.
8. Jean convinced Pierre to go and get the tart by telling him that a good boy should listen to his elders. He also reminded Pierre that his mother had asked him to obey, making Pierre feel obligated to fetch the tart.
9. Ellen's father did not suspect Lochinvar's intentions because Lochinvar arrived unarmed and claimed to be a peaceful guest. He also spoke respectfully and pretended to attend the wedding only as a friend.
10. Drona justified his unfair demand by arguing that loyalty to one's teacher is the highest duty of a student. He believed that Ekalavya's skill was dangerous for his favourite student, Arjuna, and demanded Ekalavya's thumb as a fee.
11. Indra laid the condition that Karna should give away his divine armour and earrings without hesitation. Karna, known for his generosity, agreed and willingly gave them up, making himself vulnerable in battle.
12. The brave Greeks made the Cyclops blind by heating a sharpened wooden stake in fire and driving it into his single eye. They worked together to execute the plan while the Cyclops was drunk and asleep.

III. Answer the following questions in four to five sentences each:

5 × 3 = 15

13. How does Sir C. V. Raman describe the rain-fed tanks?
14. Describe the experiment conducted by Pasteur to show the difference between pure and stale air.
15. Explain the message brought out by Basavanna in the poem 'The Temple and the Body'.
16. Explain the comparisons used by William Shakespeare to describe his ageing body.
17. How was Ben left marooned on the island?

Solution:

13. Sir C. V. Raman describes the rain-fed tanks as shimmering sheets of water that play a crucial role in irrigation, especially in South India. He highlights their beauty, comparing them to vast mirrors reflecting the sky. He also explains their importance in maintaining water supply for agriculture and local communities.

14. Pasteur conducted an experiment using two flasks containing nutrient broth—one with a curved neck (allowing only pure air) and another open to the air. The broth in the curved-neck flask remained fresh, while the one exposed to stale air spoiled, proving that microorganisms in the air cause decay and not spontaneous generation.

15. In The Temple and the Body, Basavanna conveys that true worship lies in respecting and caring for the human body rather than building stone temples. He emphasises that kindness, good deeds, and devotion are more important than mere rituals, reinforcing the idea of spiritual purity through righteous living.

16. William Shakespeare compares his ageing body to several fading images in nature. He likens himself to a tree in autumn with few leaves, a sunset slowly fading into night, and a dying fire with only embers left. These comparisons symbolise the gradual decline of strength and vitality in old age.

17. Ben was left marooned on the island by his shipmates, who abandoned him after a conflict. He survived alone by hunting goats, gathering food, and staying hidden from pirates. His resourcefulness and resilience helped him endure the harsh conditions until he was rescued.

IV. Explain with reference to the context:

4 × 3 = 12

18. "It'll grow out again — you won't mind, will you?"

19. "Have you noticed that the trees seem to be moving while we seem to be standing still?"

20. He moves in darkness as it seems to me.

21. What woman's happier life repays

Her for those months of wretched days?

Solution:

18. "It'll grow out again — you won't mind, will you?"

Reference: These words are spoken by Anne Frank in *The Diary of a Young Girl*.

Context: Anne is trying to comfort her father after she cuts her hair short. She asks him if he minds, showing her affectionate and playful nature.

Explanation: This line reflects Anne's innocence and optimism even in difficult times. It also highlights her close relationship with her father, as she seeks his approval.

19. "Have you noticed that the trees seem to be moving while we seem to be standing still?"

Reference: This line is from *The Eyes Are Not Here* by Ruskin Bond.

Context: The blind narrator speaks these words while conversing with a girl on a train.

Explanation: The narrator describes how the movement of trees outside gives an illusion that they are moving while the train remains still. This metaphor symbolises the fleeting nature of life and perception.

20. "He moves in darkness as it seems to me."

Reference: This line is from Robert Frost's poem *Mending Wall*.

Context: The poet speaks about his neighbour, who insists on maintaining a wall between their properties.

Explanation: The poet feels that his neighbour is stuck in old traditions and ignorance by blindly following customs without questioning them. The phrase "moves in darkness" suggests his closed-mindedness and unwillingness to change.

21. "What woman's happier life repays / Her for those months of wretched days?"

Reference: These lines are from *The Toys* by Coventry Patmore.

Context: The poet reflects on a mother's unconditional love and the hardships she endures for her child.

Explanation: The poet questions whether a mother is ever truly compensated for the pain and suffering she goes through. It highlights the sacrifices mothers make and the deep emotional struggles they experience.

V. Answer the following questions in six to eight sentences each:

4 × 4 = 16

22. Explain the five criteria considered by Gandhi to decide an action as moral.

OR

What glimpses of Nazi cruelty did the Frank family experience? Explain.

23. Narrate any three humorous situations that took place in the village cricket match.

OR

Explain the views expressed by the writer on the tragic comedy of development.

24. What precautions does Abraham Lincoln want his son to learn in school, while dealing with different kinds of people in the society?

OR

How does the poet bring out the intense love of the female sarus crane towards its partner?

25. What were the effects of moving the boat, without the owner's permission, on the mind of the poet?

OR

How is the sense of guilt and ingratitude of the son brought out in the poem C.L.M.?

Solution:

22. The five criteria considered by Gandhi to decide an action as moral:

- a) Welfare of All: A moral action should benefit everyone, not just an individual.
- b) Selflessness: It must be free from selfish motives or personal gains.
- c) Absence of Fear: A moral action should be done without fear of consequences.
- d) Truthfulness: It should be based on truth and honesty.
- e) Non-violence: A moral action must not cause harm to others.

23. Three humorous situations that took place in the village cricket match:

- a) Strange Fielding: One player mistook a dog for the ball and chased it.
- b) Umpire's Confusion: The umpire gave a player out but later realised he had been counting something else.
- c) Unexpected Victory: A player accidentally hit the ball into a passing cart, scoring unexpected runs.

24. The precautions that Abraham Lincoln wanted his son to learn in school, while dealing with different kinds of people in society are:

- a) Honesty: Teach him to always tell the truth.
- b) Hard Work: Help him understand the value of effort.
- c) Self-Respect: Teach him to stand up for himself and not be influenced by others.
- d) Compassion: Make him realise the importance of kindness and humility.

25. The effects of moving the boat, without the owner's permission, on the mind of the poet are:

- a) Excitement: At first, the poet enjoyed the adventure.
- b) Realisation: He felt guilty for taking the boat.

- c) Fear of Punishment: He imagined being caught and scolded.
- d) Lifelong Impact: The event left a lasting sense of morality and responsibility in him.

VI. Quote from memory:

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26. He staid

 came late.

OR

And it grew

 it was mine.

Solution:

26. He staid **not for brake, and he stopp'd not for stone,**
He swam the Eske river where ford there was none;
But ere he alighted at Netherby gate,
The bride had consented, the gallant came late:

PART - B
(Grammar and Vocabulary)

VII. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet:

10 × 1 = 10

27. The package containing books and records last week.

The correct words to be used here to fill in the blanks are

- (A) is delivered (B) was delivered
- (C) are delivered (D) were delivered.

28. Vijay said, "I did my homework."

The reported form of this sentence is

- (A) Vijay said that he was doing his homework.
- (B) Vijay said that he had done his homework.
- (C) Vijay said that he has done his homework.
- (D) Vijay said that he did his homework.

29. You either send SMS or give me call after you reach your place.

The correct set of articles to be used here is

- (A) a, an (B) the, the
- (C) an, the (D) an, a.

30. Let's go cycling,
The appropriate question tag to be used here is
(A) can we ? (B) should we ?
(C) shall we ? (D) could we ?
31. My apple tree will never get across.
The figure of speech used here is
(A) Personification (B) Metaphor
(C) Simile (D) Synecdoche.
32. Identify the correct pair of homophones in the following :
(A) Pain — Gain (B) Meat — Meet
(C) Size — Seize (D) Feet — Fate.
33. Solar energy is one of the cheapest forms of energy.
The comparative form of the above sentence is
(A) Solar energy is cheaper than any other form of energy.
(B) No other form of energy is as cheap as solar energy.
(C) Solar energy is cheaper than most other forms of energy.
(D) Very few forms of energy are as cheap as solar energy.
34. Researchers are desperately searching for a cure for many deadly diseases.
The passive form of the above sentence is
(A) A cure for many deadly diseases is being desperately searched by researchers.
(B) A cure for many deadly diseases is searched desperately by researchers.
(C) A cure for many deadly diseases are being desperately searched by researchers.
(D) A cure for many deadly diseases can be searched desperately by researchers.
35. She sat up all the night nursing her mother.
The appropriate preposition to be used here is
(A) during (B) through
(C) from (D) after.
36. Youngsters find it difficult to the criticism in the peer group.
The appropriate phrasal verb to be used here is
(A) take in (B) make over
(C) put through (D) put across.

Solution:

27. (B) was delivered
28. (B) Vijay said that he had done his homework.
29. (D) an, a
30. (C) shall we?
31. (A) Personification
32. (B) Meat — Meet
33. (C) Solar energy is cheaper than most other forms of energy.
34. (A) A cure for many deadly diseases is being desperately searched by researchers.
35. (B) through

36. (A) take in

VIII. Observe the relationship in the first pair of words and complete the second pair accordingly in the following:

4 × 1 = 4

37. Dentist : Teeth ; Dermatologist :
 38. Gallant : Brave ; Stature :
 39. Decide : Decision ; Prefer :
 40. Literate : Illiterate ; Perturbable :

Solution:

Skin
 Height
 Preference
 Imperturbable

IX. Rewrite as directed:

41. Change the following sentence into compound and complex:

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Your absence disappointed us.

42. Frame a question to get the underlined words as answer:

1

Dr. Radhakrishnan pursued his education with his father's assistance.

43. Rewrite the following sentences as a third conditional:

1

You did not give me advance intimation. I did not attend your wedding.

Solution:

41. Compound: You were absent, and it disappointed us.

Complex: We were disappointed because you were absent.

42. Who assisted Dr. Radhakrishnan in pursuing his education?

43. If you had given me advance intimation, I would have attended your wedding.

PART - C
(Composition and Comprehension)

X. 44. Imagine you are Deeksha / Deekshith studying in Government High School, Madhugiri.

Write a letter to your elder brother congratulating him on his winning a gold medal in the recent State Athletic Meet.

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OR

Write a letter to the local government authorities to construct a well equipped market building in your area.

Solution:

Government High School,
Madhugiri.
14th February 2025.

Dear Brother,

I am overjoyed to hear about your incredible achievement in the recent State Athletic Meet. Congratulations on winning the gold medal! Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have truly paid off, and I am so proud of you. Your victory is an inspiration to me and everyone in our family. I can only imagine the effort you put into your training to reach this level. Keep up the spirit, and I am sure you will achieve even greater heights in the future.

Looking forward to celebrating your success when you return home. Once again, congratulations!

Yours lovingly,
Deeksha

XI. 45. Write an essay (in about 15-20 sentences) on any one of the following topics:

$1 \times 5 = 5$

- a) Need and Importance of School Parliament
- b) Water is precious — Save it
- c) Role of mass media in promoting National Integration.

Solution:

Water is Precious – Save It

Water is essential for life, yet fresh water is limited. Overuse and pollution have led to severe shortages in many areas. To conserve water, we must adopt simple habits like turning off taps, fixing leaks, and using efficient irrigation methods. Rainwater harvesting and wastewater treatment can help replenish supplies.

Industries and governments should promote awareness and enforce strict regulations. If we continue wasting water, we risk droughts, food shortages, and environmental crises. Saving water is not just a choice but a necessity. By making small efforts today, we can secure a better future for generations to come. Let's pledge to use water wisely!

XII. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

$5 \times 1 = 5$

The success of a major operation depends in large part on the intensive post-operative care of the patient. Because of prolonged anaesthesia and extensive surgical trauma, the patient is often in worse shape after the operation than before. The first few days after an operation are the most dangerous. During this critical period, the patient is under constant surveillance in the post-anesthetic recovery room or in an intensive care unit. Specially trained nurses and doctors use electronic monitoring devices to detect deviations in the patient's vital functions. The medical staff is also alert to signs of lung complications that

frequently follow major surgery. Venous stenosis, or the slow-up of blood flow in the veins — a consequence of bed confinement — is prevented by exercising the patient's limbs and varying his position in bed. Closed circuit television cameras allow constant observation of the patient and monitoring devices linked with computers sound a warning when dangerous complications occur, but the keen senses of a skilled nurse are still required to ensure the best after care of the sick.

Questions:

46. What does the success of a major operation depend on?
47. How are the vital functions of the patient detected after the surgery?
48. What is venous stenosis?
49. Why is the patient often in worse shape after the operation than before?
50. Find one word for the following from the passage:

Close watch kept on someone.

Solution:

46. The success of a major operation depends on intensive post-operative care.
47. Vital functions are detected using electronic monitoring devices.
48. Venous stenosis is the slow-up of blood flow in the veins due to bed confinement.
49. The patient is often in worse shape due to prolonged anaesthesia and extensive surgical trauma.
50. Surveillance.