

## SUBJECT: FIRST LANGUAGE – ENGLISH

Time: 10-15 A.M. to 1-30 P.M.

Max Marks: 100

I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet:

$6 \times 1 = 6$

1. The girl did not understand his words, .....  
The appropriate question tag to be added is  
(A) didn't she?  
(B) does she?  
(C) did she?  
(D) doesn't she?
2. .... Mt. Everest is ..... tallest peak in the Himalayas.  
The appropriate articles to be filled in the blanks are  
(A) A, the  
(B) The, the  
(C) The, a  
(D) An, the
3. They presented him ..... a gold watch.  
The appropriate preposition to be filled in the blank is  
(A) with  
(B) for  
(C) in  
(D) at
4. To cut off a part of a person's infected body.  
Choose the correct one-word medical term:  
(A) anatomy  
(B) autopsy  
(C) antidote  
(D) amputate
5. The word that takes 'in' as a negative prefix is  
(A) proper  
(B) regular  
(C) civilized  
(D) curable.
6. My boat went heaving through the water like a swan.  
The figure of speech used here is  
(A) Alliteration  
(B) Metaphor  
(C) Simile  
(D) Personification.

**Solution:**

1. (C) did she?

2. (B) The, the
3. (B) for
4. (D) amputate
5. (C) civilized
6. (C) Simile

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

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

7. Silence : Silent :: Glory : .....
8. Meet : Meat :: Pray : .....
9. Menace : Threat :: Agile : .....
10. Happiness : Misery :: Arrival : .....

**Solution:**

7. Silence : Silent :: Glory : Glorious
8. Meet : Meat :: Pray : Prey
9. Menace : Threat :: Agile : Quick
10. Happiness : Misery :: Arrival : Departure

III. Rewrite as directed:

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$

11. Change the voice of the sentence:  
The hunter shot the tiger.
12. Frame a question to get the underlined word as answer:  
January is the first month of the year.
13. Rewrite the sentence into assertive :  
How sweet this rose smells!

**Solution:**

11. The tiger was shot by the hunter.
12. Which month is the first month of the year?
13. This rose smells very sweet.

IV. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

14. What did Della buy for Jim?
15. Why did the girl tell the narrator that her aunt was meeting her at Saharanpur?
16. Otto Frank decided to migrate to Netherlands. Give reason.
17. Why did Buttoo go to Dronacharya?

**Solution:**

14. Della bought a beautiful comb for Jim, using the money she saved by cutting and selling her hair.
15. The girl told the narrator that her aunt was meeting her at Saharanpur to avoid revealing that she was actually on a secret mission during the partition.

16. Otto Frank decided to migrate to the Netherlands to escape the anti-Semitic atmosphere in Germany and to provide a safer life for his family.
17. Buttoo went to Dronacharya to seek training in archery, hoping to become a skilled archer like him.

V. Answer the following questions in two to three sentences each:

$7 \times 2 = 14$

18. The elders of the Workers' Paradise became anxious. Why?
19. What were the reasons for Pierre to wish to eat the cranberry tart?
20. What was the male bird doing, when it was shot?
21. Compare the qualities of Lochinvar and the bridegroom.
22. How does John Masefield justify that he was born at the cost of his mother's life?
23. What made Kripacharya to object Karna joining in the battle?
24. How strong was the Greek wine brought by Ulysses?

**Solution:**

18. The elders of the Workers' Paradise became anxious because they feared the workers might be dissatisfied with their rewards and might cause trouble or revolt.
19. Pierre wished to eat the cranberry tart because he was hungry and found the tart to be a comforting, delicious treat that reminded him of simpler, happier times.
20. The male bird was sitting on a tree, singing, when it was shot.
21. Lochinvar was brave, daring, and full of romantic passion, while the bridegroom was portrayed as formal, conventional, and perhaps less bold. Lochinvar won the bride's heart through his adventurous nature, while the bridegroom was more reserved.
22. John Masefield justifies that he was born at the cost of his mother's life by acknowledging the sacrifice she made in giving birth to him, as it led to her death.
23. Kripacharya objected to Karna joining the battle because Karna, despite being a great warrior, was not fighting for the right cause and was aligned with the wrong side in the war.
24. The Greek wine brought by Ulysses was extremely strong, so much so that it could intoxicate even the gods, as mentioned in the story of "The Odyssey."

VI. Rewrite as directed:

$3 \times 2 = 6$

25. Change the following sentence to the other two degrees of comparison:  
Mumbai is one of the biggest cities in India.
26. Change the following sentence to reported speech:  
The doctor said to the students, "Take exercise regularly and sleep with the windows open."
27. Combine the sentences using:  
a) As soon as  
b) No sooner ..... than.  
He saw the warden. He ran away.

**Solution:**

25. Comparative degree: Mumbai is bigger than most cities in India.

Superlative degree: Mumbai is the biggest city in India.

26. The doctor advised the students to take exercise regularly and sleep with the windows open.

27. a) As soon as: As soon as he saw the warden, he ran away.

b) No sooner ... than: No sooner did he see the warden than he ran away.

VII. Answer the following questions in five to six sentences each:

6 × 3 = 18

28. How did Anne describe her life in Annexe?

29. According to Abraham Lincoln what should his son know regarding books and nature?

30. How are the ideas of spirituality explained in the poem 'Vachana'?

31. Explain why and how Buttoo learnt archery by himself.

32. Describe how and why did Indra approach Karna.

33. Explain the opinion of Mother Theresa about heaven and hell.

OR

How was the 70th birthday of Louis Pasteur celebrated in Paris?

**Solution:**

28. Anne described her life in the Annexe as both challenging and reflective. She expressed feeling isolated, constantly afraid of discovery, but also found solace in writing her diary. The confined life led to a mixture of tension, hope, and personal growth.

29. According to Abraham Lincoln, his son should know that books are the means to acquiring knowledge and wisdom, while nature is a source of deep understanding, peace, and a healthy lifestyle. He stressed balancing both to grow as a well-rounded individual.

30. In the poem 'Vachana,' spirituality is explained through simple, direct expressions of devotion and inner awakening. The poet emphasizes the importance of self-realization, the search for the divine within, and a life of humility, purity, and truth.

31. Buttoo learned archery by himself due to his strong desire to excel. Despite facing difficulties and not having formal training, he practiced tirelessly and developed skills through sheer determination and persistence, honing his ability to shoot with great precision.

32. Indra approached Karna to offer him a divine weapon in exchange for his promise. He wanted Karna to use it against Arjuna in the battle, knowing that Karna's strength could be a crucial factor in the war.

33. Mother Teresa believed that heaven and hell were not just physical places but states of mind. She felt that heaven was the peace found in service to others, while hell was a life of selfishness and indifference to the suffering of others.

VIII. Explain with reference to the context:

5 × 3 = 15

34. "Wait a moment ! I shall come with you."

35. "Aunts are usually formidable creatures."

36. "I really don't see the necessity."  
 37. "I long woo'd your daughter, my suit you denied ; —"  
 38. "Beware! Rash promise ever ends in strife."

**Solution:**

34. **"Wait a moment! I shall come with you."**

This line reflects a moment where someone is about to leave, and the speaker is asking for a brief pause to join them. The speaker is conveying a sense of readiness and willingness to accompany the other person, indicating either a sense of urgency or an attempt to not let the other person go alone.

35. **"Aunts are usually formidable creatures."**

This statement is a playful comment on the intimidating nature of aunts, often portrayed as strict or serious figures in a family. The line humorously exaggerates the power and control aunts can have in the family dynamic, especially in relation to younger members who may be cautious or afraid of them.

36. **"I really don't see the necessity."**

This remark expresses the speaker's lack of understanding or agreement with a particular action or situation. The speaker does not see the need or importance for whatever is being suggested, perhaps implying that the action or request seems unnecessary or excessive in their view.

37. **"I long woo'd your daughter, my suit you denied; —"**

In this line, the speaker confesses that he has been trying to win the affection of the listener's daughter for a long time, but his attempts have been rejected. The phrase "long woo'd" suggests persistent courting or proposals, while "my suit you denied" indicates that the listener's daughter has turned down these advances.

38. **"Beware! Rash promise ever ends in strife."**

This line serves as a warning about making promises impulsively or without careful thought. It suggests that hasty promises often lead to conflict, regret, or misunderstanding. The speaker cautions the listener to think carefully before making commitments, as rash promises can cause more harm than good.

IX. Quote from memory:

1 × 4 = 4

39. My legs .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 ..... stay.

OR

I was .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 ..... grow.

**Solution:**

My legs are pillars,  
 the body the shrine,  
 the head a cupola of gold.

Listen, O Lord of the meeting rivers,  
things standing shall fall,  
but the moving ever shall stay.

OR

I was angry with my friend:  
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.  
I was angry with my foe:  
I told it not, my wrath did grow.

X. Answer the following questions in seven to eight sentences each:

3 × 4 = 12

40. Explain how the narrator was haunted by a mysterious presence within him after the stolen boat experience.

41. Mention the causes and prevention of soil erosion as described by C. V. Raman.

OR

How did Della try to fix her hair before Jim got home?

42. Describe the experiment conducted by Louis Pasteur to show the difference between pure and stale air.

OR

Why does Gandhi say that a moral act should be done without fear and compulsion?

**Solution:**

40. The narrator was haunted by a mysterious presence after the stolen boat experience.

After stealing the boat, the narrator felt immense guilt, which haunted him psychologically. The experience disturbed his conscience, and he couldn't rid himself of the feeling of wrongdoing. The guilt and regret lingered, symbolising his moral conflict and making him reflect on his actions.

41. C. V. Raman mentioned the causes and prevention of soil erosion.

Soil erosion is caused by deforestation, overgrazing, and improper farming practices. Prevention includes planting trees, contour farming, terracing, and reducing overgrazing, all of which help maintain soil stability and prevent it from being washed or blown away.

OR

Della tried to fix her hair before Jim got home.

Della combed her short hair and tried to arrange it as neatly as possible after selling her long hair to buy Jim a gift. She wanted to look presentable for him despite the change, focusing on the joy of giving rather than her appearance.

42. Louis Pasteur's experiment to show the difference between pure and stale air.

Pasteur placed nutrient liquid in two flasks: one open to air and the other sealed. The open flask developed microorganisms, proving air carries them, while the sealed flask remained free of growth, showing that pure air doesn't contain microorganisms.

OR

Gandhi said that a moral act should be done without fear and compulsion.

Gandhi believed true morality comes from inner conviction, not fear or external pressure. He emphasized that moral actions should be guided by truth, self-discipline, and love, not by avoiding consequences or seeking rewards. This leads to a just and ethical society.

XI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

$$1 \times 4 = 4 \quad (2 \times 2)$$

Life is not the aggregate of days and months. It is the aggregate of lofty ideals and noble deeds. There is joy when you meet the demands you make and quench your thirst ; greater is the joy when we meet the need of others and quench their thirst. Lucky you are if you have no cause to shed tears of your own. Luckier you should be if you can wipe the tears of the poor and the suffering, the forsaken and the forlorn. Blind and ignorant we are, we try to seek fame in conquering nations, in giving false promises, uttering sugar coated words and fanning religious riots in order to perpetuate our position and power. We think we make history and therefore prefer a claim to fame. We do not realise that our names do not enter even the pages of children's story books. The moment we go away, we go away once for all even from the memories of the people.

Questions :

43. a) When will you be luckier?  
b) Why are we considered to be blind and ignorant?

**Solution:**

- a) You will be luckier if you can wipe the tears of the poor and suffering, the forsaken and the forlorn.  
b) We are considered blind and ignorant because we seek fame through selfish means, such as conquering nations, making false promises, and spreading religious riots, instead of doing noble deeds for the welfare of others.

XII. Write an essay of about 18-20 sentences on any one of the following topics:

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

44. a) Travelling — a learning experience  
b) Population explosion.

**Solution:**

### **Travelling — A Learning Experience**

Travelling is a wonderful way to learn about the world around us. It is an opportunity to experience new cultures, traditions, and environments. Each trip teaches us valuable lessons that cannot be gained from books alone.

When we travel, we often discover different ways of life. We learn about new customs, languages, and people. For example, a visit to a rural area might teach us about local farming techniques, while a city tour can offer insights into modern architecture and lifestyle.

Travelling also exposes us to nature's wonders. Exploring forests, mountains, or beaches can deepen our appreciation for the environment. We learn how to respect and protect our planet by witnessing its beauty firsthand.

Moreover, travel helps us develop important life skills. Navigating new places improves our problem-solving abilities and adaptability. It teaches us to manage our time, money, and resources effectively.

In conclusion, travelling is a valuable learning experience that enriches our knowledge and broadens our horizons. It helps us grow as individuals and creates memories that last a lifetime.

XIII. Imagine you are Veena / Venugopal of Government High School, Mysore.

45. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her what you want to be when you grow up and why. 1 × 5 = 5

OR

Imagine you are Chaithra / Chirag of Government High School, Bangalore.

Write a letter to the Commissioner, BBMP, highlighting the need of a public park in your locality.

**Solution:**

Veena  
Government High School, Mysore  
31<sup>st</sup> January, 2025

Dear Anita,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to share with you what I want to be when I grow up and the reasons behind my choice.

I want to become a doctor. Ever since I was young, I have been fascinated by the human body and how it functions. What excites me most is the idea of being able to help people, especially those in pain or suffering. I believe that being a doctor will not only allow me to make a real difference in people's lives but will also give me the chance to continuously learn and grow.

The medical field is always evolving, and the thought of contributing to advances in healthcare is something that inspires me. Additionally, I want to work in rural areas, where medical help is often limited. I want to make healthcare accessible to all, regardless of their location or background.

I hope you're doing well and pursuing your own dreams too. Let's talk soon.

Take care!

Yours sincerely,  
Veena