

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 × 1 = 6

1. Ritesh reads lot of books,?

The appropriate question tag to be added is

- (A) does he?
- (B) doesn't he?
- (C) did he?
- (D) didn't he?

2. ____ Cauvery flows into ____ Bay of Bengal.

The appropriate articles to be filled in the blanks are

- (A) A , the
- (B) The, the
- (C) The, a
- (D) An, a

3. We ____ English since two years.

Choose the correct form of verb :

- (A) learn
- (B) learnt
- (C) learning
- (D) have been learning

4. The plural of the word 'Half' is

- (A) Halfs
- (B) Halves
- (C) Halfes
- (D) Halvies

5. The word that takes 'im' as a negative prefix is

- (A) regular
- (B) finished
- (C) legal
- (D) mortal

6. The plants in her house silently begged to be watered.

The figure of speech used here is

- (A) Simile
- (B) Metaphor
- (C) Personification
- (D) Alliteration

Solution:

1. (B) doesn't he?
2. (B) The, the
3. (D) have been learning
4. (B) Halves
5. (A) regular
6. (C) Personification

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

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

7. Fresh : Stale :: Expand :
8. Success : Triumph :: Stature :
9. Teach : Taught :: Feed :
10. Calm : Calmness :: Elegant:

Solution:

Contract
Reputation
Fed
Elegance

III. Rewrite as directed:

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$

11. Change the voice of the sentence:
The recitation pleased the judges.
12. Frame a question to get the underlined word as answer:
I met an actor in the park last night.
13. Rewrite the following sentence using 'so ... that ... not':
The news is too good to be true.

Solution:

11. The judges were pleased by the recitation.
12. Who did you meet in the park last night?
13. The news is so good that it cannot be true.

IV. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

14. Name the branch of Science founded by Pasteur.
15. Where was the girl going in the lesson 'The Eyes are not Here'?
16. What according to Pierre is a sure sign of starvation?
17. Why had Buttoo gone to Dronacharya?

Solution:

14. Microbiology
15. The girl was going to Saharanpur.
16. According to Pierre, a pale and thin face is a sure sign of starvation.
17. Buttoo had gone to Dronacharya to gain knowledge and learn the art of archery.

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

7 × 2 = 14

18. Describe the appearance of the 'girl of the silent torrent'.
19. Explain what the advertisers and marketing professionals are working at.
20. How does the poet explain the desperate act of the female bird to bring the male bird back to life?
21. What justification did Drona give for his unfair demand?
22. List out the four stages of a day which corresponds to four stages of man's life in the poem Sonnet 73.
23. Explain the encounter between Billy and the mysterious seafaring man.
24. How did Ulysses use rams to prove that "Manly wisdom excels british force"?

Solution:

18. The "girl of the silent torrent" is described as having a radiant and serene appearance, with her expressive eyes reflecting calmness and her hair flowing like a stream, enhancing her beauty.
19. Advertisers and marketing professionals work at creating appealing visuals, slogans, and persuasive messages to influence consumers and promote their products or services effectively.
20. The poet explains that the female bird performed a desperate act by fluttering her wings, crying mournfully, and trying to revive the male bird to show her deep affection and unwillingness to accept his death.
21. Drona justified his unfair demand by claiming that Ekalavya, being a tribal boy and not his formal disciple, was bound by the rules of dharma to repay him for the knowledge he had indirectly gained.
22. The four stages of a day corresponding to man's life in "Sonnet 73" are:
Morning: Youth
Afternoon: Adulthood
Evening: Old age
Night: Death
23. Billy encountered a mysterious seafaring man who had a peculiar appearance and behavior. The man intimidated Billy into keeping an eye out for a one-legged sailor, leaving Billy anxious and uneasy about the stranger's intentions.
24. Ulysses used rams to demonstrate that "manly wisdom excels brutish force" by cleverly tying himself and his men under the rams' bellies to escape the Cyclops' cave, outsmarting the brute force of their captor.

VI. Rewrite as directed:

3 × 2 = 6

25. Change the following sentence to the other two degrees of comparison:
Vivekananda was more popular than most other Indian saints.
26. Combine the following sentences using:
a) As soon as
b) No sooner than.
The driver saw the green signal. He started his car.
27. Change the following sentence to reported speech:

He said to him, "Please wait here till I return".

Solution:

25. Positive Degree: Very few Indian saints were as popular as Vivekananda.

Superlative Degree: Vivekananda was one of the most popular Indian saints.

26. a) As soon as the driver saw the green signal, he started his car.

b) No sooner did the driver see the green signal than he started his car.

27. He requested him to wait there till he returned.

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

6 × 3 = 18

28. The preservation and utilisation of water is fundamental for human life. Explain.

29. Differentiate between a mechanical act and an intentional act.

30. Give reasons to prove that 'only the test of fire makes fine steel' according to Lincoln.

31. Explain the following lines with reference to the poem 'Vachana': My legs are pillars, the body the shrine, the head a cupola of gold.

32. Summarise John Masefield's sense of guilt in the poem C.L.M.

33. How does the writer introduce Karna to the assembly?

OR

What was Pasteur's message to young students on the occasion of his 70th birthday celebration?

Solution:

28. The preservation and utilization of water is fundamental for human life as water is essential for drinking, agriculture, sanitation, and industry. Without proper preservation, water scarcity can lead to health crises, reduced agricultural productivity, and environmental degradation, making it vital for sustaining life and development.

29. A mechanical act is performed habitually or instinctively without conscious thought, while an intentional act is performed deliberately with purpose and awareness, reflecting careful consideration.

30. According to Lincoln, "only the test of fire makes fine steel" emphasizes that hardships and challenges shape and strengthen a person's character, just as fire refines steel, making individuals resilient and capable of overcoming adversity.

31. In the poem "Vachana," the lines "My legs are pillars, the body the shrine, the head a cupola of gold" metaphorically describe the human body as a temple. The legs represent the strong foundation, the body symbolizes the sacred inner space, and the head is portrayed as a golden dome, indicating divine essence and spirituality.

32. In the poem "C.L.M.," John Masefield expresses a deep sense of guilt and remorse for not acknowledging the sacrifices made by his mother. He regrets not being able to repay her for the pain and struggles she endured to bring him into the world and raise him, highlighting his inner conflict and gratitude.

33. The writer introduces Karna to the assembly as a brave and skilled warrior with unparalleled archery skills. Despite his humble origins as a charioteer's son, Karna demonstrates extraordinary talent and courage, earning admiration and respect.

OR

On his 70th birthday, Pasteur encouraged young students to dedicate themselves to science and research for the betterment of humanity. He highlighted the importance of hard work, perseverance, and the pursuit of knowledge to improve lives and contribute to society.

VIII. Explain with reference to the context:

5 × 3 = 15

34. "... don't look at me that way. I had my hair cutoff and sold ..."

35. "Never again among our people must such a diseased and inhuman hatred arise."

36. "Paris should be proud of us."

37. "O come ye in peace here, or come ye in war,"

38. "With trembling oars I turned,
And through the silent water stole my way"

Solution:

34. In "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry, Della says this line to her husband, Jim, to explain why her hair is so short. She had cut and sold her long, beautiful hair to buy Jim a thoughtful gift—a chain for his prized watch. This act symbolizes her selflessness and deep love for her husband, showing how love often involves personal sacrifices.

35. In "The Story of My Life", Helen Keller stresses the importance of eradicating hatred and prejudice that can lead to destructive consequences like war. By stating that such "diseased and inhuman hatred" must not arise again, she calls for compassion, tolerance, and mutual respect to build a peaceful society.

36. In "A Hero of the Hour", the speaker reflects on the sacrifices and dedication shown by those who risked their lives for the welfare of others. Saying "Paris should be proud of us" highlights their courage and determination, symbolizing the honor and recognition deserved by such selfless acts for the greater good.

37. This line is from the ballad "Sir Patrick Spens", where Sir Patrick is confronted with a question about the visitor's intention—whether they come in peace or for war. This line conveys themes of trust, conflict, and loyalty, emphasizing the uncertainties faced by the hero as he navigates his duties with courage and honor.

38. In "The Prelude" by William Wordsworth, this line describes the poet's retreat after taking a boat without permission. His "trembling oars" and stealthy movements through the silent water reflect his guilt and fear. The moment marks a significant realization about the power and grandeur of nature, as well as the poet's growing awareness of his moral consciousness.

IX. Quote from memory:

1 × 4 = 4

39. I was angry

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..... did grow.

Solution:

"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. What argument does the speaker give to convince his neighbour that they do not need the wall?

41. How did the Pasteur develop the idea of immunity?

OR

The approach of the Sexton, the Postman, the Blacksmith and the Baker to the game is typical of their profession. Explain.

42. Man today is an unstoppable buying machine. Explain with examples.

OR

Give instances to show that the blind girl's parents were very concerned about her.

Solution:

40. In "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost, the speaker argues that nature itself does not require a wall, as trees and animals don't need boundaries. He questions the necessity of the wall, suggesting that it is an outdated idea and that true friendship doesn't require physical separation. The speaker believes that the wall is an unnecessary symbol of division and that people can live in harmony without it.

41. Pasteur and Immunity:

Louis Pasteur developed the concept of immunity through his work with diseases caused by microorganisms. He discovered that exposing animals to weakened forms of bacteria could make them immune to the disease. This led to the development of vaccines, including the rabies vaccine, and revolutionized medicine by focusing on prevention through immunization.

OR

The Approach of the Professionals in the Game:

In "The Ballad of Reading Gaol", each professional approaches the game based on their occupation. The Sexton plays seriously, reflecting his solemn duties; the Postman approaches methodically, due to his routine-driven job; the Blacksmith plays forcefully, showing his physical nature; and the Baker plays pragmatically, focusing on results. Their professional traits influence how they approach the game.

42. Man as an Unstoppable Buying Machine:

Today, consumerism drives people to buy beyond their needs. With easy access to online shopping, constant advertisements, and new product releases, individuals feel compelled to purchase regularly. For example, the rise of e-commerce platforms and installment plans makes it easy to buy items impulsively, contributing to an "unstoppable" buying culture.

OR

The Blind Girl's Parents' Concern:

The blind girl's parents show deep concern by providing special education and emotional support. They hire a trained tutor and make sure she is safe, cared for, and encouraged to live independently despite her disability. Their actions reflect their dedication to her well-being and future.

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

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

A newspaper at first was nothing more than a paper which gave news. In its infancy, it had no other aim. But as it developed, it began to be used for various other purposes and served several ends. Today, it has become a tremendous force for good and evil in the world. It not only continues, as before, to give news but also comments on them, criticises the people and the government, deals with social, political, industrial and religious questions, reviews books and periodicals, ventilates grievances and does many other things. Newspapers also wield a tremendous influence to break down barriers between nations and help in framing themselves into a great brotherhood of nations. It knits up the different parts of a vast continent and teaches them to feel for one another. But it not only fosters international feelings, it teaches us to embrace the whole world as our kith and kin.

A sense of fraternity is fostered by the spread of knowledge through the columns of the newspaper.

Questions:

43. a) What work does the newspaper do today?

b) How does the newspaper foster international feelings?

Solution:

a) Today, newspapers not only provide news but also comment on and critique events. They cover social, political, industrial, and religious issues, review books and periodicals, address grievances, and fulfill many other functions, making them a powerful tool for shaping public opinion.

b) Newspapers foster international feelings by bridging gaps between nations. They promote a sense of brotherhood by connecting different parts of the world, helping readers to feel a sense of unity and fraternity with people across the globe.

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

$1 \times 5 = 5$

44. a) Pollution - the invisible enemy

b) National integration

Solution:

(b)

National Integration

National integration is the process of uniting people from diverse cultural, linguistic, and religious backgrounds into a harmonious society. In countries like India, where there is great diversity, it is crucial for stability and progress. National integration fosters a sense of belonging, helping people work towards common goals for the nation's welfare.

Understanding and respecting diversity is essential for promoting national integration. Celebrating various festivals and traditions helps individuals appreciate each other's cultures. The idea of "unity in diversity" emphasizes that despite differences, all citizens share a common identity.

Education plays a significant role by teaching students the importance of tolerance and respect. Media also helps spread positive messages about unity, discouraging divisiveness. The government must address economic disparities and ensure equal opportunities, reducing regional alienation.

National integration is achievable when every citizen contributes by promoting peace and understanding. By embracing diversity and working together, the country can progress towards a unified, prosperous future.

XIII. Imagine you are Rohan / Raksha of Government High School, Kalaburagi.
45. Write a letter to your friend explaining how the Sports Day was organised in your school.

1×5=5

OR

Imagine you are Bharat / Bhagya of Government High School, Yadgir.
Write a letter to the Executive Engineer of Electricity Board of your locality, highlighting the irregularity of electricity in your area.

Solution:

Government High School, Kalaburagi

Date: 24th January 2025

Dear Mohan,

I hope you're doing well. I wanted to share with you how our Sports Day was organized at school. It was an amazing event full of excitement and fun!

The preparations started a week before, with everyone working together to decorate the ground and set up stalls. On the event day, the entire school gathered on the sports ground. The day began with an opening ceremony where our principal gave an inspiring speech, and then the torch relay and oath-taking ceremony took place.

There were a variety of events, including races, long jump, shot put, and fun activities like the sack race and tug-of-war. Everyone participated enthusiastically, and there was a great sense of camaraderie. After a short break for snacks, the final events took place, and the winners were awarded medals and certificates.

It was an unforgettable day, and I wish you could have been there to enjoy it with us!

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Rohan/Raksha