

# MARCH/APRIL 2024 EXAMINATION -1

## 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. We tried hard, .....

The appropriate question tag to be added is

- (A) did we ? (B) didn't we ?  
 (C) don't we ? (D) do we ?

2. .... Ganga is ..... sacred river.

The appropriate articles to be filled in the blanks are

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

3. Life is a dream.

The figure of speech used here is

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

4. The word that takes 'un' as a negative prefix is

- (A) logical (B) disciplined  
 (C) polite (D) educated

5. Give the noun form of the word 'confuse'.

- (A) confusingly (B) confusion  
 (C) confused (D) confusing

6. The plural of the word 'photo' is

- (A) Photos (B) Photoes  
 (C) Photo (D) Photoess

**Solution:**

(B) didn't we?

- (D) The, a
- (B) Metaphor
- (A) logical
- (B) confusion
- (A) Photos

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

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

- 7. Eye diseases : Oculist :: Nose diseases : .....
- 8. Ransack : Search :: Chronicle : .....
- 9. Mean : Meant :: Fight : .....
- 10. Hope : Hopeful :: Glory : .....

**Solution:**

- Rhinologist
- Record
- Fought
- Glorious

III. Rewrite as directed :

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$

- 11. Change the voice of the sentence:  
The mason is building the wall.
- 12. Frame a question to get the underlined word as answer:  
The milk turns sour by a thunderstorm.
- 13. Rewrite the following sentence using 'so ... that ... not' :  
The students were too tired to sit in the class.

**Solution:**

- 11. The wall is being built by the mason.
- 12. What turns sour by a thunderstorm?
- 13. The students were so tired that they could not sit in the class.

IV. Answer the following questions in a sentence each :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

14. According to the narrator, which is the best month to visit Mussoorie ?

15. Where did both the teams spend the evening after the cricket match ?

16. Why was Pierre pinched the previous month ?

17. What did Drona seek from Buttoo as recompense ?

**Solution:**

14. According to the narrator, the best month to visit Mussoorie is October.

15. After the cricket match, both teams spent the evening at the village inn.

16. Pierre was pinched the previous month for stealing apples from an orchard.

17. Drona sought Buttoo's right thumb as recompense.

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

$7 \times 2 = 14$

18. In the poem Sonnet 73, which are the four stages of man's life that the poet is speaking about? Where does the poet imagine himself?

19. Why does Drona bless, that men will link Buttoo's name to Self help, Truth and Modesty?

20. How do you know that the female crane was desperate to bring the male bird back to life?

21. According to Cheriyan Alexander, how can life be made meaningful and sustainable?

22. Why was Ben left marooned on the island?

23. Explain briefly to show that Cyclops were not civilized in the art of cultivation.

24. Why did the narrator remark that the girl had an interesting face?

**Solution:**

18. The poet refers to childhood, youth, old age, and death as the four stages of life. He imagines himself in the old age stage, symbolized by autumn, twilight, and a dying fire.

19. Drona blesses that Buttoo's name will be linked to self-help, truth, and modesty because of Buttoo's exemplary qualities. Despite being denied formal training, he taught himself archery and remained truthful and modest throughout.

20. The female crane was desperate as she circled the male's lifeless body and pecked at him repeatedly. She cried out in shrill, mournful tones, showing her anguish and futile attempts to bring him back to life.

21. Life can be made meaningful and sustainable by embracing simplicity and respecting nature. Cheriyan Alexander emphasizes balancing personal needs with ecological and communal well-being.
22. Ben was left marooned on the island as punishment for rebellious behavior. His crew abandoned him to serve as an example of the consequences of insubordination.
23. The Cyclops were uncivilized in the art of cultivation as they did not plant crops or till the land. They survived solely on wild vegetation and resources, showing a lack of agricultural knowledge.
24. The narrator remarked that the girl had an interesting face because her voice and mannerisms intrigued him. Though blind, he imagined her as attractive and engaging based on their conversation.

VI. Rewrite as directed:

$3 \times 2 = 6$

25. Change the following sentence to the other two degrees of comparison:

Samudragupta was one of the greatest Indian kings.

26. Change the following sentence into simple and complex:

I saw a girl and she was very beautiful.

27. Change the following sentence to reported speech:

The Prince said, "It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening."

**Solution:**

25. Positive Degree: Very few Indian kings were as great as Samudragupta.

Comparative Degree: Samudragupta was greater than most other Indian kings.

26. Simple: I saw a very beautiful girl.

Complex: I saw a girl who was very beautiful.

27. Reported Speech: The Prince said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.

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

$6 \times 3 = 18$

28. Summarise Basavanna's opinion and message in the poem 'Vachana'.

29. How did the speaker and his neighbour mend the wall?

30. Explain how Lord Krishna recounts the acts of Karna and the Kauravas which violated fair play and chivalry. (Any three)
31. The narrator was haunted by a mysterious presence within him after the stolen boat experience. Justify.
32. How did the young people and students respond to a Hamburg student in March 1957?
33. Louis Pasteur had a very busy and interesting life. Explain.

**Solution:**

28. Basavanna's 'Vachana' emphasizes inner devotion over external rituals. He criticizes the building of grand temples for Shiva while ignoring self-purification. For him, the human body itself is a temple. True spirituality lies in personal transformation, not material offerings. The message is that devotion is an inner process, not about outward symbols.

29. In "Mending Wall," the speaker and his neighbor meet annually to repair the wall between their properties. The speaker questions the need for the wall, while the neighbor insists it's necessary for good relationships. The act of mending symbolizes maintaining physical and emotional boundaries despite questioning their necessity.

30. Lord Krishna recounts Karna's actions that violate fair play, including humiliating Draupadi, killing Abhimanyu unfairly, and supporting underhanded tactics in battle. These actions break the moral codes of war and chivalry. Krishna uses these examples to show the Kauravas' disregard for honor.

31. After stealing the boat, the narrator experiences guilt and fear, haunted by the image of a dark, towering mountain. The sight overwhelms him, filling him with internal conflict. This haunting experience reflects his moral transformation and the lasting impact on his conscience.

32. In March 1957, after the shooting of Benno Ohnesorg, students in Hamburg responded with protests demanding justice. The incident sparked widespread demonstrations against police brutality. It inspired a student movement calling for social and political change in post-war Germany.

33. Louis Pasteur was a pioneering scientist who developed the germ theory of disease and the process of pasteurization. He created vaccines for rabies and anthrax, greatly improving public health. His discoveries revolutionized microbiology, making his life both busy and impactful in the medical field.

VIII. Explain with reference to the context:

5 × 3 = 15

34. "What do you want of me?"
35. "Please God, make him think I am still pretty."

36. "Thief, dog, cut-purse, reptile, rascalion, slubberdegullion! What have you done with my pie?"

37. "She is won ! We are gone, over bank, bush, and scaur."

38. "My mother's life made me a man."

**Solution:**

34. "What do you want of me?" In Rabindranath Tagore's "A Wrong Man in Workers' Paradise," the girl, having found a new purpose, faces the painter and asks, "What do you want of me?" This question shows her confusion as she transitions from a life of routine to one filled with new emotions. It represents her awakening and the uncertainty of her newly discovered self.

35. "Please God, make him think I am still pretty." In O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi," Della silently prays, hoping that her husband Jim will still find her beautiful despite the sacrifice she has made. She sold her long hair to buy him a gift, and her concern for how he perceives her highlights her deep love and the sacrifices she made for him.

36. "Thief, dog, cut-purse, reptile, rascalion, slubberdegullion! What have you done with my pie?" In Hugh Chesterman's "The Pie and the Tart," Gaultier, in an angry outburst, accuses Jean of stealing his pie using various insults. This phrase emphasizes Gaultier's frustration and the importance he places on the missing pie, revealing his intense emotional reaction to the loss.

37. "She is won! We are gone, over bank, bush, and scaur." In Sir Walter Scott's "Lochinvar," the character Lochinvar exclaims after successfully eloping with Helen. The phrase indicates their escape and their journey together, with "over bank, bush, and scaur" poetically describing the physical obstacles they face during their flight.

38. "My mother's life made me a man." In John Masefield's poem "C.L.M.," the poet reflects on his mother's selfless sacrifice, acknowledging that her life gave him his own. This line highlights the deep impact of his mother's love and the profound influence her sacrifices had on shaping his existence.

IX. Quote from memory :

1 × 4 = 4

39. My legs are .....

.....

.....

..... shall stay.

**Solution:**

"My legs are weary with wandering,

My head is heavy with dreams,  
But my soul shall stay."

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

3 × 4 = 12

40. List the values which the poet-father wants the teacher to teach his son. (Any eight)

41. "Water is the basis of all life." Substantiate.

42. Gandhiji says that it is not enough for a moral act to be done with a good intention, but it should have been done without compulsion. Explain with examples.

### Solution:

40. The poet-father in the poem "A Letter to His Son's Teacher" by Abraham Lincoln wants the teacher to teach his son the following values:

- To listen to all, but filter information through the screen of truth and accept only what is good.
- To trust in his own abilities, as self-reliance breeds confidence in people and God.
- To be gentle with the gentle and tough with those who are tough.
- To sell his brawn and brain for a fair price, but never compromise his heart and soul.
- To ignore the howling mob and stand firm when he believes he is right.
- To be kind and courteous to everyone but have the courage to stand alone if necessary.
- To be gracious in both victory and defeat.
- To be a man among men, embodying strength and dignity.

41. **"Water is the basis of all life."**

Water is essential for all forms of life on Earth, as it is a fundamental component of the biological processes that sustain life. All living organisms, from plants to animals to humans, rely on water for hydration, digestion, transportation of nutrients, and the removal of waste products. Without water, cells cannot perform their functions, and biological systems would cease to operate. Water is also crucial in regulating temperature, facilitating chemical reactions, and supporting ecosystems. This is why it is rightly said that water is the basis of all life.

42. Gandhiji believed that moral actions must come from genuine intention, not from any form of compulsion. A truly moral act is one done voluntarily, out of inner

conviction and without external pressure. For example, a person who donates money to charity out of a sense of genuine compassion and desire to help others is performing a moral act. On the other hand, if the person donates only because of social pressure or to gain recognition, the act lacks true moral value. Gandhiji emphasized that actions driven by pure intent and free from any external coercion are what define true morality.

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

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

43. Many of us believe that science is something 'modern', though the truth is that man has been using science for a very very long time. However, it has probably had a greater affect on human lives in the last 25 or 30 years than in the hundreds of years since the invention of the plough or the wheel. The marvellous gifts of science, which make modern life so comfortable as well as exciting, are there for everyone to see. But what cannot always be clearly seen are the problems that science has brought us, which were unknown to man a few years ago. Science is certainly very modern if we consider some of the problems it has created for us today.

One of these problems, which may become worse in the years to come, is that of 'Jet lag'. With the coming of modern jets, flying at more than 900 kilometres an hour, the world has become very small indeed. Today you can leave New Delhi at 6.00 in the morning, eat an early breakfast in the sky, over Kabul and be in London in time for lunch, by about 1.00 p.m.

Questions:

- a) What is the false belief and truth about science?
- b) How has the world become very small?

**Solution:**

a) The false belief about science is that it is something entirely 'modern', while the truth is that science has been used by mankind for a very long time. Though modern science has had a significant impact on human lives in recent decades, science in some form has been influencing life since the invention of basic tools like the plough or the wheel.

b) The world has become very small due to the development of modern jets, which can travel at speeds of over 900 kilometers per hour. This advancement in air travel allows people to fly across vast distances in a very short amount of time, making it possible to leave one city and reach another on the opposite side of the world within a matter of hours, drastically shrinking the perceived size of the world.

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



following topics :

1 × 5 = 5

44. a) Noise pollution — A growing concern.

b) Internet — Advantages and disadvantages.

**Solution:**

(a)

**Noise pollution — A growing concern.**

Noise pollution is becoming an increasing issue in urban areas due to human activities such as transportation, construction, and industrial operations. The rise in population and urbanization has led to higher noise levels, causing various health problems. Prolonged exposure to loud noise can result in hearing loss, sleep disturbances, stress, and high blood pressure. Constant noise from vehicles and construction sites disrupts daily life, making it difficult to relax or concentrate.

In addition to physical health problems, noise pollution affects mental well-being, causing anxiety, irritability, and depression. Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable, as they are more sensitive to noise. Furthermore, noise pollution harms wildlife by disturbing their habitats and affecting their behavior.

To combat this issue, stricter regulations should be implemented on noise levels from industries and transportation. Urban planning should focus on reducing noise by creating green spaces and using sound barriers. Public awareness about the harmful effects of noise pollution should be promoted, encouraging quieter lifestyles. Technological innovations, such as quieter machinery and vehicles, can also help.

In conclusion, noise pollution is a growing concern that needs immediate action. By adopting preventive measures, we can create a healthier and more peaceful environment for everyone.

XIII. 45. Imagine you are Abhin / Aditi of Government High School, Kolar.

Write a letter to your father seeking permission to go on a trip arranged by the school and informing him of the expenditure involved.

1 × 5 = 5

**Solution:**

Government High School

Kolar, Karnataka

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2025

Dear Father,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I am writing to seek your permission for an exciting opportunity that has come my way. Our school has arranged a trip to [destination] as part of our educational excursion, and I would like to participate in it.

The trip is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> February, and it will be an enriching experience for all of us. The teachers have planned visits to various historical and cultural sites, which will help enhance our learning. The total expenditure for the trip is around Rs 5000 which covers travel, accommodation, meals, and entry fees for the visits. I assure you that I will manage the funds responsibly.

I believe this trip will not only be educational but also provide an opportunity to bond with my classmates. It would be a great learning experience, and I am eager to be a part of it. I would be very grateful if you could grant me permission to attend this trip.

Looking forward to your kind approval.

With love and regards,

Abhin