

Language - Part B – ENGLISH – Paper 1

Time Allowed: 2.5 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Section-I (Vocabulary: 20 Marks) PART – I

1. Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words.

5×1=5

We were denied (i) permission to enter the drive way. Our house had caught fire while we were away and had erupted (ii) into flames. The firemen who were fighting the flames were staunch (iii) in their task of quenching (iv) the fire. We stood forlorn (v) watching them and wondering where we would sleep that night.

- (i) (a) debarred (b) discharged (c) refused (d) renewed
- (ii) (a) burst (b) spread (c) kindled (d) grew
- (iii) (a) alert (b) fast (c) rapid (d) steadfast
- (iv) (a) filling (b) satisfying (c) extinguishing (d) wetting
- (v) (a) forsaken (b) longing (c) angry (d) afar

Solution:

- (i) (c) refused
- (ii) (a) burst
- (iii) (d) steadfast
- (iv) (c) extinguishing
- (v) (a) forsaken

2. Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words.

5×1=5

A popular (i) film star driving his car rashly at top speed was chased by the traffic police, captured (ii) and put in jail. His fans felt that this act of the police was invidious (iii) and went on a riot, breaking up shop windows and attacking buses in an act of brutality (iv). Seldom (v) had the city seen such violence.

- (i) (a) famous (b) unpopular (c) happy (d) gentle
- (ii) (a) released (b) arrested (c) arrived (d) returned
- (iii) (a) pleasant (b) fair (c) unjust (d) reasonable
- (iv) (a) violence (b) kindness (c) perfection (d) cruelty
- (v) (a) always (b) rarely (c) later (d) often

Solution:

- (i) (b) unpopular
- (ii) (a) released
- (iii) (b) fair
- (iv) (b) kindness

(v) (a) always

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following:

10×1=10

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of ILO?
 - (a) International Law and Order
 - (b) International Labour Organisation
 - (c) Indian Legal Orientation
 - (d) Inter-state Lawful Ordinance
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in meaning:
 - (a) The colour of your hair is black.
 - (b) The colour of your hare is black.
5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word:
He washed his hands in the wash basin.
6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word 'fast' to form a compound word?
 - (a) play
 - (b) food
 - (c) run
 - (d) cycle
7. What is the plural form of the word 'stratum'?
 - (a) stratas
 - (b) stratii
 - (c) strata
8. Attach a prefix to the word 'violet' from the list given below to complete the sentence.
Some times _____ violet rays are harmful.
 - (a) trans
 - (b) inter
 - (c) ultra
 - (d) over
9. Replace the underlined words in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning:
Students should have a friendly relationship with their peers.
 - (a) get off
 - (b) get on
 - (c) get up
 - (d) get in
10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words:
 - (a) beautiful
 - (b) astronomy
 - (c) application

11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence:

As the car passed, it _____ the rainwater.

- (a) shook
- (b) spattered

12. Construct a sentence using one of the words given below.

- (a) popular
- (b) popularly
- (c) popularity

13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as noun.

You performed gracefully.

14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning?

We will always remember those happy days.

- (a) Will we forever remember those happy days?
- (b) Will we ever forget those happy days?

Solution:

3. (b) International Labour Organisation

4. (a) The colour of your hair is black.

5. He washed his hands in the sink.

6. (b) food (fast food)

7. (c) strata

8. (c) ultra (ultraviolet rays)

9. (b) get on (Students should get on with their peers.)

10. beau-ti-ful / as-tron-o-my / ap-pli-ca-tion (Any one)

11. (b) spattered (As the car passed, it spattered the rainwater.)

12. The actor is very popular among youngsters.

13. Your performance was graceful.

14. (b) Will we ever forget those happy days?

SECTION - II (GRAMMAR - 25 MARKS) PART - I

Answer the following.

10×1=10

Respond to the following as directed.

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence?

If I won a lottery, _____.

- (a) I will buy a BMW car.
- (b) I would buy a BMW car.
- (c) I would have bought a BMW car.

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:

His father gave him his school bag.

- (a) SVOC

(b) SVIODO

(c) SVOA

17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.

I'm not late, _____?

(a) aren't I

(b) am I

(c) have I

18. Complete the sentence.

Very few toys in this shop are _____ as this one.

(a) more expensive

(b) as expensive

(c) most expensive

19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below.

Seldom do buses stop here.

(a) Buses do stop here often

(b) Buses never stop here

(c) Buses do not stop here often

20. Complete the sentence with a correct prepositional phrase:

_____ the rains, the teams continued to play the match.

(a) On account of

(b) In the event of

(c) In spite of

21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence.

I enjoy _____ stories for children.

(a) write

(b) to write

(c) writing

22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

The Principal wanted to discuss _____ with the teachers.

(a) on the matter

(b) about the matter

(c) the matter

23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence.

Every child jumps with joy at the sight of _____ elephant.

(a) an

(b) a

(c) the

24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence.

My Uncle will visit me _____ May.

(a) at

(b) in

(c) on

Solution:

15. (b) I would buy a BMW car.

16. (b) SVIODO
17. (b) am I
18. (b) as expensive
19. (c) Buses do not stop here often
20. (c) Inspite of
21. (c) writing
22. (c) the matter
23. (a) an
24. (b) in

PART - II

Answer all the following.

Rewrite as directed.

5×2=10

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence:
Maran is very tired. He cannot finish the work.
26. Rewrite the sentence in the other voice.
Children enjoy cartoon serials very much and they watch these programmes for a long time.
27. Rewrite the sentence in direct speech.
The teacher asked me whether I was going to join the Medical course or the Engineering course.
28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using the 'If' clause.
The bus breaks down. I won't be able to attend the class.
29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.
Neethu's ribbon is 10 cm long.
Neela's ribbon is 12 cm long.
Nirmala's ribbon is 13 cm long.
Nirupama's ribbon is 9 cm long.
Nivetha's ribbon is 15 cm long.

Solution:

25. Maran is too tired to finish the work.
26. Cartoon serials are very much enjoyed by children, and these programmes are watched by them for a long time.
27. The teacher asked me, "Are you going to join the Medical course or the Engineering course?"
28. If the bus breaks down, I won't be able to attend the class.
29. Nivetha's ribbon is the longest among them.

PART – III

30. Punctuate the following sentence:
Oh For this i get two thousand pounds

5×1=5

Solution:

Oh! For this, I get two thousand pounds.

SECTION - C (PROSE : 15 MARKS) PART - I

Answer briefly any five of the following questions, not exceeding 30 words each.

5×2=10

31. Why was Hughie upset?
32. What is the significance of art?
33. What kind of character should you acquire while you are a student?
34. What will be the future if the Himalayan glaciers become ice - free?
35. Why is the world of domestic workers invisible?
36. Which is the smallest of all birds?
37. What did the author see at the Royal Museum?

Solution:

31. Hughie was upset because he had no money and could not marry Laura until he became wealthy.
32. Art is significant as it expresses creativity, emotions, and culture, inspiring people and preserving history.
33. As a student, one should acquire honesty, discipline, perseverance, and a strong sense of responsibility for a bright future.
34. If the Himalayan glaciers become ice-free, there will be severe water shortages, ecological imbalances, and increased natural disasters.
35. The world of domestic workers is invisible because their work is undervalued, unregulated, and often done behind closed doors.
36. The smallest of all birds is the bee hummingbird, found in Cuba, measuring about 5.5 cm in length.
37. The author saw rare exhibits, historical artifacts, and artistic masterpieces at the Royal Museum.

PART – II

Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph not exceeding 120 words.

1×5=5

38. (a) Briefly describe the scene from the arrival of the water - tanker till its departure.

OR

(b) Describe briefly how birds migrate.

OR

(c) What was the result of Hughie's mistaking the Baron for a beggar?

Solution:

(c) Hughie mistook the Baron for a beggar because of his shabby appearance while posing for a painting. Feeling pity, Hughie secretly gave him a sovereign. Later, when Hughie learned from his friend Alan Trevor that the "beggar" was actually Baron Hausberg, a wealthy man, he was embarrassed. However, the Baron was amused and impressed by Hughie's generosity. As a result, the Baron sent Hughie a cheque for ten thousand pounds as a wedding gift, enabling him to marry Laura. This unexpected generosity changed Hughie's life and proved that kindness and goodwill do not go unrewarded.

**SECTION - D
(POETRY - 20 MARKS)
PART - I**

Quote from memory any one of the following extracts:

1×5=5

39. (a) Five lines of the poem. "Going for water".

From : "But once within

To: a staying hand".

(b) The first five lines of the poem, "The cry of the children".

From: "For oh,"

To: stooping.

Solution:

But once within the wood, we paused
Like gnomes that hid us from the moon,
Ready to run to hiding new
With laughter when she found us soon.

Each laid on other a staying hand

PART - II

Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions given below:

5×1=5

40. "A Geode can split to reveal

A dazzling sight to view!"

What do you mean by "Geode" ?

41. "A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling strings;

And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings".

Whom does 'she' refer to ?

42. "If you can meet with triumph and disaster;

And treat those two impostors just the same".

Who are the two impostors ?

43. "I breed my brood where'r I will".

Whom does 'I' refer to?

44. "Only bloodshot eyes betray

Deep pride, then reverence".

Why are the eyes bloodshot?

Solution:

40. A "Geode" is a hollow rock that contains crystals inside.

41. 'She' refers to the child's mother.

42. The two impostors are "triumph" (success) and "disaster" (failure).

43. 'I' refers to the bird (in the poem about birds and their freedom).

44. The eyes are bloodshot due to deep emotions of pride and reverence, possibly from tears or exhaustion.

PART - III

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below:

5×1=5

45. "The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin

I care not where the skies begin;

I spread my wings through all the din;"

Pick out the words that rhyme in these lines.

46. Sinews taut yet steady.

Pick out the words in alliteration.

47. "If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds worth of distance run,

Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,

And what is more, you'll be a man, my son".

Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.

48. "Have you noticed how some people.

May seem plain as plain can be?"

Identify the figure of speech employed here.

49. Like pearls, and now a silver blade.

Choose the figure of speech used here.

(a) Simile

(b) Oxymoron

(c) Personification

Solution:

45. The rhyming words are "kin", "begin", and "din".
46. The alliterative words are "Sinews" and "Steady".
47. The rhyme scheme used in these lines is ABAB.
48. The figure of speech employed here is Simile (comparison using "as plain as plain can be").
49. The figure of speech used is (a) Simile (comparison of something to pearls using "like").

PART- IV

Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph not exceeding 120 words:
1x5=5

50. (a) Describe the various qualities of manliness.
OR
(b) According to Paul Holmes what is "inner beauty"?
OR
(c) Describe how the Shilpi gradually changes a virgin rock into a statue of a God.

Solution:

(a) Describe the various qualities of manliness.

Manliness, as described in the poem If by Rudyard Kipling, consists of several essential qualities. A true man remains calm in both success and failure, treating them as impostors. He possesses patience, perseverance, and self-confidence, even when others doubt him. He is humble, truthful, and maintains his integrity. A man should be able to face adversity with courage, never giving up despite challenges. He must also remain kind and just, showing respect for others while standing firm in his beliefs. A real man is responsible, hardworking, and willing to take risks without fear of loss. Finally, he should be emotionally strong, controlling his impulses and always striving for self-improvement.

SECTION - E (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 20 MARKS)

51. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
5×2=10

Our Earth is the only planet with a variety of plants, animals and the micro organisms living either in the aquatic or the terrestrial habitats. An environment with rich biological diversity is the basis for human existence. The equilibrium status of living and non living factors in an environment is known as balance in nature. It is disturbed at times due to natural calamities like storm, flood, pests, outbreak of diseases and fire. Rapid population growth, industrialization and urbanization are the causes for deforestation exploiting fauna and flora against eco system. The Indian Parliament has passed the Wild life Protection Act in 1980 to preserve and protect our natural wealth.

Questions:

- (a) Which is the basis for human existence?
- (b) How is balance in nature established?
- (c) Mention some natural calamities that disturb the balance in nature.
- (d) Which Act has been passed in our country to protect the forests? When was it passed?
- (e) The fauna and flora are affected due to:
 - (i) the plants of a particular environment
 - (ii) the animals living in a particular area
 - (iii) deforestation

Solution:

- (a) An environment with rich biological diversity is the basis for human existence.
- (b) Balance in nature is established by maintaining equilibrium between living and non-living factors in an environment.
- (c) Some natural calamities that disturb the balance in nature are storms, floods, pests, outbreaks of diseases, and fires.
- (d) The Wildlife Protection Act was passed in India in 1980 to preserve and protect natural wealth.
- (e) The fauna and flora are affected due to:
 - (iii) deforestation.

52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

5×1=5

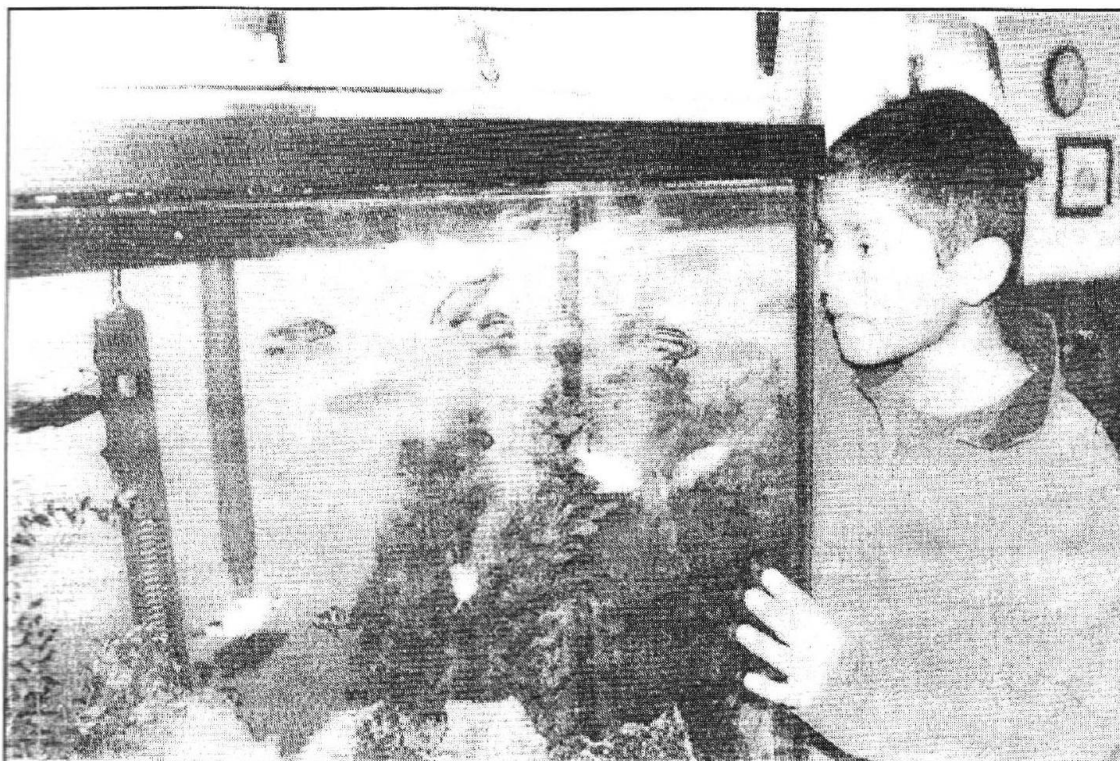
- (a) Neither the doctor nor the nurse are available.
- (b) The dog fell along the river.
- (c) Apples are not sweet as mangoes.
- (d) Helen is junior than me.
- (e) I have two brother-in-laws.

Solution:

- (a) Neither the doctor nor the nurse **is** available.
- (b) The dog fell **into** the river.
- (c) Apples are not **as** sweet as mangoes.
- (d) Helen is junior **to** me.
- (e) I have two **brothers**-in-law.

53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences of your own.

5×1=5



Questions:

- (a) What do you see in the picture?
- (b) Would you like to have a fish tank in your house? Why?
- (c) How would you feed the fish in the fish tank?
- (d) Usually where do you find fish?
- (e) What would happen to your fish if you take it out of the fish tank?

Solution:

- (a) We see a boy staring at a fish tank in the picture.
- (b) Yes, I would like to have a fish tank in my house because watching fish swim is relaxing, and it adds beauty to the home.
- (c) I would feed the fish in the tank by giving them fish food, such as flakes or pellets, in small amounts once or twice a day.
- (d) Fish are usually found in water bodies like rivers, lakes, ponds, seas, and oceans.
- (e) If I take the fish out of the fish tank, it would not be able to breathe and would eventually die.