

Language - Part II – ENGLISH – Paper 1

Time Allowed: 2.5 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

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

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

5×1=5

The children stared at the Taj Mahal which was an amazing (i) structure and one among the Seven Wonders of the world. It was an architectural marvel of immense glory (ii). It exhibits the diligence (iii) of those who worked day in and day out to create this rare (iv) piece of magic. All the children jostled (v) for their positions to get photographed in front of the Taj Mahal.

(i) (a) a superior (b) wonderful (c) bright (d) alarming

(ii) (a) beauty (b) strength (c) splendour (d) popularity

(iii) (a) sincerity (b) carefulness (c) intelligence (d) struggle

(iv) (a) common (b) uncommon (c) important (d) different

(v) (a) fought (b) turned out (c) pushed roughly (d) quarrelled

Solution:

(i) (b) wonderful

(ii) (c) splendour

(iii) (a) sincerity

(iv) (b) uncommon

(v) (c) pushed roughly

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

5×1=5

There are people with inability (i) to compete. Sometimes eagerly (ii) sought for their identification. The irreverent (iii) people sometimes humiliate them. But they prosecute (iv) their day-to-day activities without panic (v).

(i) (a) ability (b) nobility (c) mobility (d) anxiety

(ii) (a) indifferently (b) differently (c) actively (d) closely

(iii) (a) relevant (b) release (c) reverent (d) reluctance

(iv) (a) start (b) stop (c) proceed (d) process

(v) (a) joy (b) tear (c) bold (d) happy

Solution:

(i) (a) ability

(ii) (a) indifferently

(iii) (c) reverent

(iv) (b) stop

(v) (c) bold

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following:

10×1=10

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of PIN?
 - (a) Population Index Number
 - (b) Postal Index Number
 - (c) Poor Identification Notice
 - (d) Physics Internal Note
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning:
 - (a) Gold is measured in carat.
 - (b) Gold is measured in carrot.
5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word:
My mother put my baby sister in the cot.
6. Which of the words given below can be placed before 'gazing' to form a compound word?
 - (a) goat
 - (b) star
 - (c) boy
 - (d) land
7. What is the plural form of thief?
 - (a) thieves
 - (b) thiefes
 - (c) thieves
8. Add a suffix to the word beautiful from the list given below.
Guru plays the Piano beautiful_____
 - (a) ly
 - (b) er
 - (c) less
 - (d) ness
9. The meeting was postponed due to bad weather.
 - (a) put off
 - (b) put in
 - (c) put up
 - (d) put on
10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words:
 - (a) monument
 - (b) glum
 - (c) queue
11. Many people want to _____ a flat.
 - (a) buy
 - (b) by
12. Construct a sentence using any one of the words given below:

- (a) life
- (b) live
- (c) lively

13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as adverb:

Please handle the glasses with care.

14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning? He never listens to me.

- (a) He hardly listens to me.
- (b) He seldom listens to me.

Solution:

- 3. (b) Postal Index Number
- 4. (a) Gold is measured in carat.
- 5. My mother put my baby sister in the crib.
- 6. (b) star (stargazing)
- 7. (c) thieves
- 8. (a) ly (beautifully)
- 9. (a) put off
- 10. mon-u-ment
- 11. (a) buy
- 12. Life is precious.
- 13. Please handle the glasses carefully.
- 14. (b) He seldom listens to me.

SECTION - B (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 met him,

- (a) I will speak to him
- (b) I would speak to him
- (c) I would have spoken to him

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:

He sang me a song melodiously.

- (a) SVOC
- (b) SVOA
- (c) SVIDOAO

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

They were climbing the trees,

- (a) were they

(b) weren't they

(c) weren't it

18. Complete the sentence:

Very few buildings in this street are this one.

(a) taller than

(b) as tall as

(c) the tallest of

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

We did not meet any other friend at the party.

(a) We met no friends at the party.

(b) We met only one friend at the party.

(c) We did not meet all our friends at the party.

20. Complete the sentence with a correct prepositional phrase :

..... his riches, he is not happy.

(a) Because of

(b) In spite of

(c) Owing to

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

The society has nothing with entertainment.

(a) do

(b) to do

(c) doing

22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence:

The child started crying its way.

(a) lost

(b) on losing

(c) in losing

23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence:

This is book that I had been looking for in all the book shops.

(a) an

(b) a

(c) the

24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence:

The work will be over this evening.

(a) on

(b) by

(c) in

Solution:

15. (b) I would speak to him

16. (c) SVIODOA

17. (b) weren't they?

18. (b) as tall as

19. (b) We met only one friend at the party.

20. (b) In spite of

- 21. (b) to do
- 22. (b) on losing
- 23. (c) the
- 24. (b) by

PART - II

Answer all the following.
Rewrite as directed.

5×2=10

- 25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence.
The tea is very hot. He cannot drink it.
- 26. Rewrite the sentence using the passive voice.
The Florist delivers flowers to my office everyday.
- 27. Rewrite the sentence in direct speech.
Guru told Mukhil that he had completed his assignment and he needed to take rest for sometime.
- 28. From the context of the two sentences given below frame a single sentence using the 'If' clause.
Work hard. You will succeed in life.
- 29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.
 - (a) Chandrika is 5 feet tall
 - (b) Deepa is 6 feet tall
 - (c) Revathy is 5.6 feet tall
 - (d) Suba is 5.2 feet tall

Solution:

- 25. The tea is too hot for him to drink.
- 26. Flowers are delivered to my office every day by the florist.
- 27. Guru said to Mukhil, "I have completed my assignment, and I need to take rest for some time."
- 28. If you work hard, you will succeed in life.
- 29. Deepa is the tallest among them. (Superlative degree)

PART - III

- 30. Punctuate the following sentence:
We are facing an unsustainable situation says dinesh.

5×1=5

Solution:

"We are facing an unsustainable situation," says Dinesh.

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

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

5×2=10

31. Who are the brave little voyagers?
32. What was their first meal of the day for Chaya's children?
33. What is the twofold duty to be acquired by students?
34. Why would Hughie wish to apologize to the Baron?
35. How is music different from astronomy?
36. How are some domestic worker's lives similar to those of slaves?
37. What is the speciality of the Vimanam?

Solution:

31. The brave little voyagers are the tiny red ants that set out on a journey to find food, facing many dangers along the way.
32. Chaya's children's first meal of the day was a cup of tea and a piece of leftover roti, as they could not afford a proper breakfast.
33. Students have a two-fold duty: to acquire knowledge and to develop good character, which helps them become responsible citizens of society.
34. Hughie wished to apologize to the Baron because he mistakenly pitied him as a poor beggar, not knowing that he was actually a wealthy man in disguise.
35. Music expresses emotions and feelings, while astronomy is a scientific study of celestial bodies, based on calculations and observations.
36. Some domestic workers' lives are similar to those of slaves because they work long hours, receive low wages, and often face mistreatment without any legal protection.
37. The speciality of the Vimanam is its intricate architecture, with beautifully sculpted designs and a majestic tower that showcases the rich heritage of temple construction.

PART - II

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

1×5=5

38. (a) What were the contributions of the Cholas to art and culture?
OR
- (b) Describe the courageous way the Americans overcame the "Fall of Twin Towers".
OR
- (c) How is character important in life?

Solution:

- (c) Character is the foundation of a person's identity and plays a crucial role in shaping their success and relationships. A person with good character is honest,

kind, and responsible, earning trust and respect from others. Integrity ensures that one makes ethical choices, even in difficult situations. Strong character helps in overcoming challenges with courage and determination. It also fosters discipline and self-control, guiding individuals towards their goals without compromising values. In society, people with good character contribute to harmony and progress, setting an example for others. Ultimately, wealth and talent may bring temporary success, but only strong character ensures lasting happiness, honour, and a meaningful life.

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, "Manliness".

From: "Except the will

To: my son".

OR

(b) The first five lines of the poem "Migrant Bird".

From: "The Globe's

To: Vigil gates".

Solution:

Except the will which says to them, "Hold on".

If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds' worth of distant run,

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

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

PART - II

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

5×1=5

40. Then, what gems would we see?

What do gems refer to?

41. Virgin rock takes form

Ruggled lines melt.

What is meant by Virgin rock?

42. To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside

And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling Piano our guide

What is meant by 'Cosy Parlour'?

43. 'O ye wheels' breaking out in a mad moaning

'Stop! be silent for to - day!

What is their prayer?

44. If you can meet with triumph and disaster.
Give the meaning of 'triumph'.

Solution:

40. Gems refer to valuable and beautiful things, possibly ideas, wisdom, or natural beauty.
41. Virgin rock means untouched or uncarved natural rock.
42. Cosy parlour refers to a warm and comfortable room in a house.
43. Their prayer is for the wheels to stop moving and be silent for the day.
44. Triumph means victory or great success.

PART - III

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

5×1=5

45. With speed of wings I hasten past
And close my eyes against the sun
To dream my dreams and make them last.
Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.
46. My manhood is castdown in the flood of remembrance.
Identify the figure of speech employed here.
47. "For all day, the wheels are droning, turning
Their wind comes in our faces
Till our hearts turn, Our head, with pulses burning,
And the walls turn in their places."
Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
48. Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears.
Find out the figure of speech employed in this line.
49. If you can dream and not make dreams your master.
Identify the words which make this sentence an example of Alliteration.

Solution:

45. The rhyming words are "past" and "last."
46. The figure of speech is Metaphor (comparing manhood to an object being cast down in a flood).
47. The rhyme scheme is ABAB.
48. The figure of speech is Oxymoron (harmonic and cacophony are contradictory terms).
49. The words "dream" and "dreams" make this sentence an example of Alliteration.

PART- IV

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

50. (a) Describe the experiences of the children on their way to the brook to seek water.

OR

(b) What are D.H. Lawrence's reminiscences about his childhood days?

OR

(c) Describe the condition of the children working in factories.

Solution:

(c) Children working in factories face terrible conditions, often enduring long hours in unsafe environments. They are deprived of education, forced to work in hazardous situations with little to no protection. Many suffer from health issues due to exposure to dust, chemicals, and heavy machinery. Their wages are minimal, and they are often exploited by employers who take advantage of their vulnerability. The lack of proper rest and nutrition weakens their physical and mental well-being. Child labour robs them of a happy childhood, making them victims of poverty and social injustice. Strict laws and awareness campaigns are necessary to protect these children and ensure their right to education and a better future.

SECTION - E
(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 20 MARKS)

51. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

5×2=10

Speech is a great blessing but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to others, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different words, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may create the impression to an uneducated listener that he was showing off with his skill: Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to a man of his own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling: Only a fool would express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of people and situations.

Questions:

- (a) In what way is speech a blessing to mankind?
- (b) Describe how words could make an enemy out of someone you would like to be a friend?
- (c) Why is an educated man's speech considered boastful by an uneducated listener?
- (d) How should speech be used?
- (e) How does one prove himself a fool through his use of language?

Solution:

(a) Speech is a blessing as it helps us express our intentions and desires to others, making communication and understanding possible.

- (b) A careless slip of the tongue, an unusual or ambiguous word, may be misunderstood and offend someone, turning a potential friend into an enemy.
- (c) An uneducated listener may feel that an educated man's choice of words is an attempt to show off his knowledge, making him seem boastful.
- (d) Speech should be used thoughtfully and carefully, considering the listener's background and understanding to avoid misunderstandings.
- (e) A person proves himself a fool by speaking the same way to all people and in all situations without considering their background or circumstances.

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

5×1=5

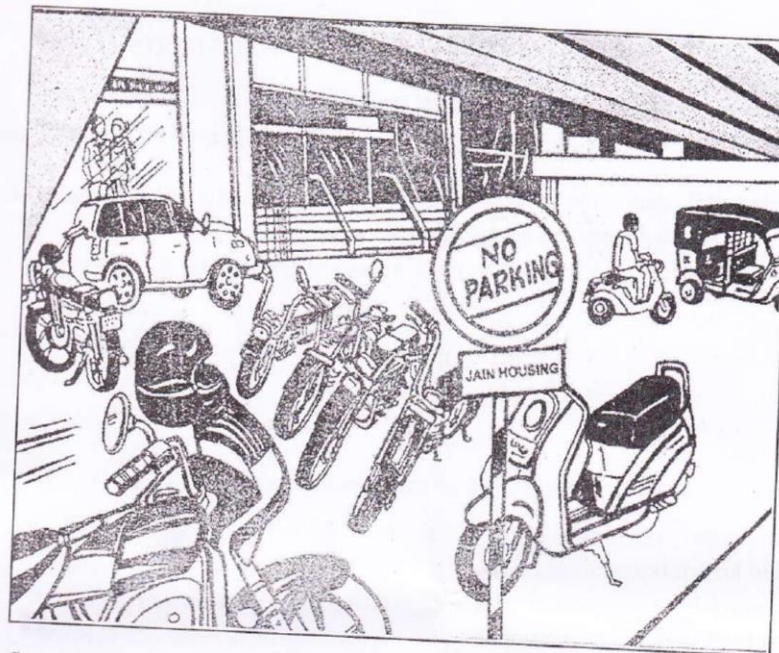
- (a) He has grey hairs.
- (b) The view were enchanting.
- (c) I took a umbrella with me.
- (d) As the child fell down so it started crying.
- (e) Suba is the tallest girls in the class.

Solution:

- (a) He has grey hair.
- (b) The view was enchanting.
- (c) I took an umbrella with me.
- (d) As the child fell down, it started crying.
- (e) Suba is the tallest girl in the class.

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) How many types of vehicles are seen in the picture?
- (b) Where is the helmet kept?
- (c) Write any one traffic rule other than 'No Parking'.
- (d) What will happen if you park the vehicle in 'No parking' area?
- (e) Do you follow traffic rules?

Solution:

- (a) There are four types of vehicles: Motorcycles, Scooters, Cars, Auto-Rickshaw.
- (b) The helmet kept on a bike's rear-view mirror.
- (c) Stop at red signals and proceed only when the light turns green.
- (d) If we park your vehicle in a 'No Parking' area, we may face a fine, our vehicle could be towed away by authorities, or we might cause traffic congestion.
- (e) Yes, I always follow traffic rules.