

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 beggar extended his hands for (i) alms. Seeing the (ii) piteous expression on his face the boy had a (iii) profound surge of sympathy in his heart. He (iv) tendered a ten rupee note to the beggar and left with a (v) well - defined expression of satisfaction on his face.

(i) (a) handshake (b) gloves
(c) offerings (d) greeting

(ii) (a) hopeful (b) angry
(c) frank (d) sorrowful

(iii) (a) strong (b) prominent
(c) sincere (d) daring

(iv) (a) took (b) offered
(c) extracted (d) revealed

(v) (a) strongly spoken (b) well cultivated
(c) very stubborn (d) clearly marked

Solution:

(i) (c) offerings

(ii) (d) sorrowful

(iii) (a) strong

(iv) (b) offered

(v) (d) clearly marked

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

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The internal (i) riots within the country affected its economy. There was hostility (ii) and anger in many quarters. The situation grew worse (iii) day by day. The police intervened (iv) and arrested all the culprits. People were helpless and sought divine (v) help to redeem the situation and establish peace in the country.

(i) (a) superficial (b) exterior
(c) external (d) exemplary

(ii) (a) friendship (b) warmth
(c) enmity (d) playfulness

(iii) (a) bad (b) better
(c) poor (d) excellent

(iv) (a) ignored (b) involved
(c) intersected (d) instructed

(v) (a) heavenly (b) sacred
(c) desirable (d) mortal

Solution:

- (i) (c) external
- (ii) (a) friendship
- (iii) (d) better
- (iv) (a) ignored
- (v) (d) mortal

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following:

10×1=10

3. The common expansion of AIR is _____.

- (a) All India Railways
- (b) All India Rivers
- (c) All India Radio
- (d) All Indian Regions

4. Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning.

- (a) He wants to buy a flat.
- (b) He wants to by a flat.

5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word.

Bring water in the jug.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed after 'safe' to form a compound word?

- (a) chair
- (b) guard
- (c) shop
- (d) van

7. What is the plural form of aquarium?

- (a) aquariums
- (b) aquari

(c) aquaria

8. Attach a suffix to the word 'perform' from the list given below.

The chief guest appreciated his perform _____.

(a) - ion

(b) - ness

(c) - ance

(d) - i

9. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning.

The champion yielded to the strength of his opponent.

(a) gave on

(b) gave back

(c) gave in

(d) gave up

10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words.

(a) permanent

(b) guitarist

(c) barely

11. Choose the appropriate word.

They _____ clean drinking water for the party.

(a) prepare

(b) provide

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

(a) obedient

(b) obediently

(c) obedience

13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a verb.

His behaviour was that of a gentleman.

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

Any one can learn English easily.

(a) No one can learn English easily.

(b) Everyone can learn English easily.

Solution:

3. (c) All India Radio

4. (a) He wants to buy a flat.

5. Bring water in the pitcher.

6. (b) guard

7. (c) aquaria

8. (c) - ance

9. (c) gave in

10. per-ma-nent

11. (b) provide

12. "The obedient dog followed its owner everywhere."

13. "He behaved like a gentleman."

14. (b) Everyone can learn English easily.

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 you study well, _____.

- (a) you would pass the exam
- (b) you will pass the exam
- (c) you would have passed the exam

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.

He was going to school.

- (a) SVA
- (b) SVC
- (c) SVO

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

The flag has four colours on it, _____ ?

- (a) isn't it?
- (b) hasn't it?
- (c) has it?

18. Complete the sentence.

Ravi is _____ than Ramesh.

- (a) as tall as
- (b) the tallest
- (c) taller

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

Nothing is impossible in life.

- (a) Everything is possible in life.
- (b) Something is impossible in life.
- (c) Nothing is possible in life.

20. Complete the sentence with the correct prepositional phrase.

_____ Pongal, we have long holidays.

- (a) In spite of
- (b) Eventhough
- (c) On account of

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

Mani is too tired _____ the work.

- (a) finish
- (b) finishing

(c) to finish

22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

Show concern _____.

(a) for the poor

(b) on the poor

(c) with the poor

23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence.

He holds _____ M.A. Degree in History.

(a) an

(b) a

(c) the

24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence.

The cat hid _____ the door.

(a) behind

(b) under

(c) over

Solution:

15. (b) you will pass the exam

16. (a) SVA

17. (a) isn't it?

18. (c) taller

19. (a) Everything is possible in life.

20. (c) On account of

21. (c) to finish

22. (a) for the poor

23. (a) an

24. (a) behind

PART - II

Answer the following.

Rewrite as directed.

5×2=10

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence.

Kiran is very ill. She cannot go to school today.

26. Rewrite the sentence using the passive voice.

Santa Claus gave sweets to all the children and they thanked him profusely.

27. Rewrite the sentence in reported speech.

The teacher said to the students, "We are going on an excursion to Kerala next week."

28. From the context of the two sentences given below frame a single sentence using the 'If' clause.

They evade taxation. They will be punished.

29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.

- (a) Ravi's income is ₹40,000/- P.M.
- (b) Raju's income is ₹20,000/- P.M.
- (c) Kumar's income is ₹10,000/- P.M.
- (d) Arun's income is ₹15,000/- P.M.

Solution:

- 25. Kiran is very ill, so she cannot go to school today.
- 26. Sweets were given to all the children by Santa Claus, and they thanked him profusely.
- 27. The teacher told the students that they were going on an excursion to Kerala next week.
- 28. If they evade taxation, they will be punished.
- 29. Ravi has the highest income among his friends, earning ₹40,000/- P.M.

PART - III

30. Punctuate the following sentence:
what a pretty girl you are exclaimed Rashmi.

5×1=5

Solution:

What a pretty girl you are! exclaimed Rashmi.

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 did Hughie wish to apologise to the Baron?
- 32. Why isn't music an extravaganza or a hobby?
- 33. What are the two valuable qualities to be practised by students?
- 34. What can lead the world to violence?
- 35. What are the causes for the increase in domestic workers?
- 36. What do birds do every year during autumn and early winter?
- 37. List out the specialities of Thanjavur.

Solution:

- 31. Hughie wished to apologise to the Baron because he had unintentionally insulted him by not recognising his true identity as a pauper.
- 32. Music isn't an extravaganza or hobby because it's an art that requires dedication, practice, and skill, rather than being a mere pastime.

33. The two valuable qualities for students are discipline and respect for others, which help in personal growth and academic success.
34. Greed and hatred can lead the world to violence by inciting conflict and destruction among people and nations.
35. The increase in domestic workers is due to urbanisation, higher demand for services, and working parents needing help with household tasks.
36. Every year, during autumn and early winter, birds migrate to warmer regions in search of food and better living conditions.
37. Thanjavur is known for its rich cultural heritage, temples, classical dance (Bharatanatyam), Tanjore paintings, and its agricultural significance.

PART - II

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

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

OR

(b) What makes the Brihadeesvarar temple unique and outstanding?

OR

(c) Describe the courageous way the Americans overcame the 'Fall of the Twin Towers'.

Solution:

(a) Hughie, a young and kind-hearted man, mistook the Baron for a beggar and didn't offer him any help, even though the Baron was in need. He simply gave him a cold shoulder, thinking he was just a poor man asking for alms. Later, when Hughie learns that the beggar was actually a wealthy and influential Baron, he feels deeply guilty for not recognising the man's true worth. This incident teaches Hughie the lesson that appearances can be deceptive, and true kindness should be shown to all, irrespective of their outward appearance.

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: If you can

To: and sinew

OR

(b) Five lines of the poem, "Migrant Bird"

From: No flags,

To: unknown lands.

Solution:

(b) No flags, **no machine guns that blast
Citizens of those border states-
Brothers of her brother's sons.
No maps, no boundaries to block
My sojourn into** unknown lands.

PART - II

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

5×1=5

40. Perhaps a beautiful heart
What does the poet mean by a 'beautiful heart'?
41. We ran as if to meet the moon
Whom does 'we' refer to?
42. Or, all day we drive the wheels of iron
In the factories, round and round.
What do the children do all the day?
43. 'Taking me back down the vista of years',
What do you mean by 'vista'?
44. And treat those two impostors just the same;
Who are called impostors?

Solution:

40. A beautiful heart refers to a heart that is full of kindness, goodness, and love, symbolising purity and sincerity in one's emotions and actions.
41. 'We' refers to the children, who are the ones running with excitement, possibly in a moment of joy or anticipation.
42. The children work in the factories all day, continuously operating machinery, symbolised by "the wheels of iron," indicating repetitive and strenuous labour.
43. 'Vista' means a wide view or perspective, usually of a long stretch of time or a scenic landscape. Here, it refers to the poet's reflection on the past years, looking back through time.
44. The two impostors are 'triumph and disaster', as mentioned in Rudyard Kipling's poem "If". They are called impostors because they are not permanent, and one should not be overly swayed by either success or failure.

PART - III

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

5×1=5

45. In spite of myself, the insidious mastery of song
Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong

To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside
And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling piano our guide.

Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

46. With sixty seconds' worth of distance run.

Identify the words which make this sentence an example of Alliteration.

47. my manhood is cast

Down in the flood of remembrance,

Find out the figure of speech employed in this line.

48. The well was dry beside the door,

And so we went with pail and can

Across the fields behind the house

To seek the brook if still it ran;

Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.

49. Have you noticed how some people,

May seem plain as plain can be?

Identify the figure of speech used here.

Solution:

45. The rhyming words are "belong" and "song", and "home" and "guide".

46. The words "sixty" and "seconds" in "sixty seconds' worth", and "worth" and "run" all contribute to alliteration, where the repetition of consonant sounds is observed.

47. The figure of speech employed in the line "my manhood is cast down in the flood of remembrance" is Metaphor, where 'manhood' and 'remembrance' are symbolically represented.

48. The rhyme scheme used in these lines is ABAB, where "door" rhymes with "ran", and "can" rhymes with "house".

49. The figure of speech used in "plain as plain can be" is Simile, where the comparison of someone's appearance to "plain" is made using "as."

PART- IV

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

1x5=5

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

OR

(b) How does the bird's life differ from the life of human beings?

OR

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

Solution:

(c) The children set out on a journey across the fields to find water, as the well beside the door was dry. Their path was not easy; they had to carry a pail and a can with them. As they walked through the fields behind the house, they eagerly hoped the brook would still be running. The scene described is both peaceful and laborious, as they make their way across the open fields in search of a reliable water

source. The journey reflects the innocence and simplicity of rural life, where even small tasks like fetching water become adventures full of hope and expectation.

SECTION - E (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 20 MARKS)

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

5×2=10

Discipline is the most essential virtue you should acquire when you are young. It is a complex quality. It shapes your mind to religious, social and economic patterns when you grow up to be an active citizen. At a young age, we do not realize the value of discipline, as children, we merely long for unlimited freedom, without understanding the meaning of discipline. An athlete disciplines himself and keeps himself fit. He refrains from smoking, observes good food habits and keeps good health. Discipline increases the human energy and implies control, resistance and adjustment. Our energy is saved and made vital for a good output.

Questions:

- (a) The word 'essential' means:
 - (i) necessary (ii) important (iii) compulsory
- (b) How does discipline aid a citizen?
- (c) Why don't children want discipline?
- (d) Mention some ways in which an athlete maintains discipline.
- (e) How is discipline beneficial to human beings?

Solution:

- (a) The word 'essential' means:
 - (i) necessary
- (b) Discipline aids a citizen by shaping their mind to religious, social, and economic patterns, preparing them to be responsible and active members of society.
- (c) Children don't want discipline because they long for unlimited freedom and do not yet understand its value.
- (d) An athlete maintains discipline by refraining from smoking, observing good food habits, and keeping himself fit to ensure good health and performance.
- (e) Discipline is beneficial to human beings as it increases energy, saves it for important tasks, and improves productivity by promoting control, resistance, and adjustment.

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

5×1=5

- (a) As the child fell down so it started crying.
- (b) He is a honest man.
- (c) Neither the secretary nor the manager were available.
- (d) The cat drink milk.
- (e) One of the chairs are broken.

Solution:

(a) As the child fell down so it started crying.

Corrected: As the child fell down, it started crying.

(b) He is a honest man.

Corrected: He is an honest man.

(c) Neither the secretary nor the manager were available.

Corrected: Neither the secretary nor the manager was available.

(d) The cat drink milk.

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(e) One of the chairs are broken.

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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 is the name of this folk dance?

(b) Where can you see this dance performance?

(c) What do the dancers have on their head?

(d) What is the significance of this dance?

(e) Mention any one of the folk dances other than this dance.

Solution:

(a) The name of this folk dance is Karagram.

(b) We can see this dance performance in temple festivals, school functions, rural areas, villages, National festivals, etc.

(c) The dancers have karagram/pot/decorated pot on their head.

(d) This folk dance signifies the art/culture/custom/tradition, balancing the pot on the head.

(e) Kollattam