

## Language - Part II – ENGLISH

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum marks: 100

### PART – I

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words.

14×1=14

1. The young bird kept calling her mother *plaintively*:

- (a) happily
- (b) sadly
- (c) rigorously
- (d) vainly

2. Mr. Sanyal stood up with eyes *dilated* and began to recite a poem by Tagore:

- (a) closed
- (b) moved
- (c) widened
- (d) shrunk

3. The doors and drawers were *yanked* open:

- (a) pushed
- (b) pulled
- (c) fixed
- (d) repulsed

4. I forgot all about Mr. Hamel's ruler and how *cranky* he was:

- (a) unusual
- (b) familiar
- (c) unfamiliar
- (d) strange

5. I had counted on the *commotion* to get to my desk without being seen:

- (a) confusion
- (b) disturbance

(c) unrest

(d) calmness

6. We witnessed the *bright* lights from the sea :

(a) famous

(b) superb

(c) night

(d) dull

7. Choose the correct plural form of 'formula' from the following:

(a) formulae

(b) formulas

(c) formii

(d) formules

8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word fail:

(a) en

(b) ure

(c) ment

(d) ion

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation " CD ".

(a) Compact Drive

(b) Condensed Display

(c) Compact Disc

(d) Common Drive

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.

The mother instructed the maid to \_\_\_\_\_ the child carefully.

(a) warm up

(b) shut down

(c) look after

(d) take off

11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'SUN' to form a compound word.

(a) thing

- (b) hole
- (c) glasses
- (d) hand

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.

Keep the books \_\_\_\_ the table.

- (a) on
- (b) to
- (c) into
- (d) with

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.

My parents \_\_\_\_ (return) from New York next month.

- (a) will return
- (b) are returning
- (c) will have returned
- (d) will have been returning

14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.

\_\_\_\_ you work hard, you cannot secure good marks.

- (a) when
- (b) but
- (c) unless
- (d) whenever

**Solution:**

1. (b) sadly
2. (c) widened
3. (b) pulled
4. (d) strange
5. (a) confusion
6. (d) dull
7. (a) formulae
8. (b) ure
9. (c) Compact Disc

- 10. (c) look after
- 11. (c) glasses
- 12. (a) on
- 13. (a) will return
- 14. (c) unless

## PART - II

### SECTION - 1

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.

3×2=6

- 15. What made the young seagull go mad?
- 16. What does INSV stand for?
- 17. How was Holmes able to look sick?
- 18. Which month is called as Magha?

#### **Solution:**

- 15. The young seagull went mad because it was hungry and wanted to fly but was too afraid to do so.
- 16. INSV stands for Indian Naval Sailing Vessel.
- 17. Holmes was able to look sick by using his acting skills, making himself appear pale and weak to deceive others.
- 18. Magha is the month that corresponds to January-February in the Indian calendar.

### SECTION - 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following.

3×2=6

- 19. My heart will keep the courage of the quest, And hope the road's last turn will be the best.
  - (a) What kind of quest does the poet seek here ?
  - (b) What is the poet's hope ?
- 20. There's a family nobody likes to meet;  
They live, it is said, on complaining street.

(a) Where does the family live ?

(b) Why do you think the street is named as "complaining street" ?

21. But we ants never borrow,

We ants never lend

(a) Why do you think ants neither borrow nor lend ?

(b) Who says these lines to whom ?

22. They, too, aware of sun and air and water, Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.

(a) What is common for all of us ?

(b) How are we fed ?

**Solution:**

19. (a) The poet seeks a quest for courage and adventure, aiming to find something meaningful or significant.

(b) The poet hopes that the final outcome of the journey or quest will be the best.

20. (a) The family lives on "complaining street."

(b) The street is named "complaining street" because the family is always unhappy and complains.

21. (a) Ants neither borrow nor lend because they are self-sufficient and do not rely on others.

(b) The speaker is likely an ant, addressing others in the context of their hardworking, self-reliant nature.

22. (a) What is common for all of us is our need for basic elements like sun, air, and water.

(b) We are fed by peaceful harvests, though war can lead to hunger and suffering.

### SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3×2=6

23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice:

That portrait was painted by my grandmother.

24. Rewrite the sentence in Reported Speech.

She asked, "When will you call me?"

25. Punctuate the following sentence.

were you not a good student i asked

26. Combine the following sentence into a simple sentence.

Raghav is sick but he attends the rehearsal.

27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.

(a) as/I/healthy/are/you/am/as

(b) speaks/Ruben/besides/German/languages/two

**Solution:**

23. My grandmother painted that portrait.

24. She asked when I would call her.

25. "Were you not a good student?" I asked.

26. Although Raghav is sick, he attends the rehearsal.

27. (a) I am as healthy as you are.

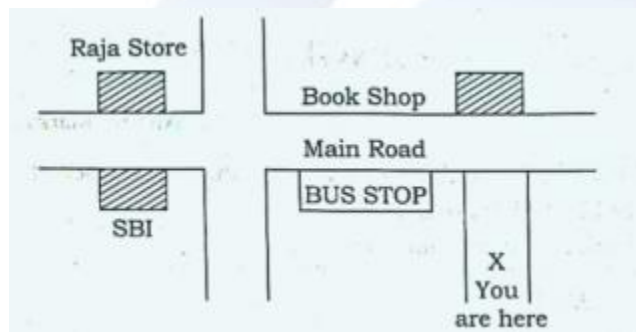
(b) Besides German, Ruben speaks two languages.

## SECTION - 4

Answer the following question.

1×2=2

28. A stranger asks you to direct him to Raja Store. Give instructions to help him.



**Solution:**

Go straight and turn left from the bus stop into the main road. Take the first right from the main road and Raja store will be on your left.

## PART - III

### SECTION - 1

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2×5=10

29. Give a detailed account of all thoughts and questions in the narrator's mind while accompanying Aditya from the tea shop to Sanyal's house.
30. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?
31. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
32. Give an account of the last day of Mr. Hamel in school.

#### **Solution:**

29. While accompanying Aditya from the tea shop to Sanyal's house, the narrator was filled with curiosity and anxiety. He wondered what the task was about, felt nervous about the unknowns, and was unsure if they would succeed or face obstacles. The narrator's mind was caught between hope and apprehension.

30. Watson assisted Holmes by gathering information, observing clues, and providing support during critical moments. His medical expertise helped in analyzing evidence, and he played a key role in executing the plan to capture the criminal, ensuring everything went smoothly.

31. The young seagull struggled with fear of flying, hesitant to leave the ground. Watching its family fly, it felt scared. But hunger forced it to try flying, and with encouragement from its mother and the realization that its wings could support it, the seagull overcame its fear and flew confidently.

32. On Mr. Hamel's last day, the atmosphere was emotional. The students regretted not taking their education seriously. Mr. Hamel passionately taught about the importance of language and culture. His farewell left a deep impact, reminding the students of the value of education and their beloved teacher.

### SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following.

2×5=10

33. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
34. What are the positive aspects mentioned in the poem 'Life' ?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

The weather is always too hot or cold;

Summer and winter alike they scold.  
 Nothing goes right with the folks you meet.  
 Down on that gloomy complaining street.

- (a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
- (b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
- (c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
- (d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

She's a lioness; don't mess with her.  
 She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.  
 Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.  
 She knows how to thaw you, saw you-so beware!

**Solution:**

33. The ant and the cricket in the poem *The Ant and the Cricket* have contrasting attitudes toward work and preparation. The ant is portrayed as diligent, hardworking, and always preparing for the future, storing food in the summer for the harsh winter. On the other hand, the cricket is carefree and spends the summer singing without thinking about the future. When winter arrives, the cricket regrets not preparing and seeks help from the ant. The ant, however, refuses, emphasizing the consequences of laziness. The ant represents responsibility and foresight, while the cricket symbolizes irresponsibility and a carefree attitude.

34. In the poem *Life*, the positive aspects highlighted are the resilience and strength needed to face challenges. The poem encourages an optimistic outlook on life, emphasizing the importance of living fully despite difficulties. It suggests that, despite obstacles and hardships, one should remain hopeful, push forward, and make the most of life. The attitude of perseverance and the understanding that life is a journey filled with both ups and downs are central to the poem's message.

### SECTION – 3

37. Answer any one of the following.

1×5=5

Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- (i) The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way to help her son return.
- (ii) Once in *Shining*, a cruel ruler declared that all old people must be put to death.



- (iii) Filled with dread, he hid his mother in his home.
- (iv) A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain.
- (v) The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Many years ago, China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a far away village of China, heard the news when she was outside, washing clothes. Mulan ran into the house. Her father was sitting on a chair, carving a piece of wood. "Father!" she said. "Did you hear what the Emperor says each family must do?" "Yes," said her old father, "I heard about it in town. Well, I may as well go pack up". He put down his carving, stood up and walked very slowly to his room.

Questions :

- (a) What did the Emperor say ?
- (b) Who was Mulan ?
- (c) When did she hear the news ?
- (d) What was her father doing ?
- (e) Where was her father when he heard the news ?2

**Solution:**

37. Rearranged sentences in coherent order:

- (ii) Once in Shining, a cruel ruler declared that all old people must be put to death.
- (iv) A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain.
- (iii) Filled with dread, he hid his mother in his home.
- (i) The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way to help her son return.
- (v) The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.

38. (a) The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army.

- (b) Mulan was a teenage girl who lived in a faraway village in China.
- (c) She heard the news when she was outside, washing clothes.
- (d) Her father was sitting on a chair, carving a piece of wood.
- (e) Her father was at home when he heard the news.

## SECTION - 4

Answer any four of the following.

4×5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Mobile Galaxy - Smart phones - accessories - SIM cards - Recharge - Free power banks on Mobile purchase - No.1, Toll Gate, Trichy.

40. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper suggesting measures to upgrade the standard about the bad influence of TV channels.

41. You are the coordinator of the Science forum of your school. An event had been organized on account of National Science Day for the members of the forum. Now write a report on the observance of "National Science Day" at your school.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Our blood consists of three types of blood cells: red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped. They are composed of an iron containing component called haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs each haemoglobin molecule picks up four oxygen molecules and supplies them to the body's tissues. Red blood cells also transport the carbon-dioxide from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and few compared to red cells, numbering only one for every 700 red cells. They are body's defenders, the soldiers that fight bacteria and

other enemies. One kind, for instance destroys dead cells. Other kinds produce antibodies against viruses. Some others consume and digest bacteria.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

(a) Many students has turned up for the seminar.

(b) one of the boys are missing.

(c) I bought an book this morning.

(d) Sreena avoids to eat fruits.

(e) The deer runs fastly.

**Solution:**

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Advertisement

 Mobile Galaxy - Your One-stop Destination for Smart Phones & More!

Latest Smart Phones

Accessories for all brands

SIM Cards & Recharge services

FREE Power Banks with every Mobile Purchase!

Visit us today at:

 No.1, Toll Gate, Trichy

Get the best deals & offers only at Mobile Galaxy!

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To

The Editor,

Times of India,

MG Road, Bengaluru,

22<sup>nd</sup> January

Subject: Suggestion to Upgrade the Standard of TV Channels

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to bring to your attention the increasing bad influence of TV channels, particularly on younger audiences. Many channels, instead of providing informative or educational content, are focused on sensationalism and irrelevant material, which negatively impacts viewers' mindset.

To upgrade the standard of TV channels, I suggest the following measures:

Encourage channels to prioritize educational, health-related, and socially responsible content.

Implement strict regulations on the type of advertisements targeted at children.

Award incentives to channels that focus on promoting good values, creativity, and learning.

Encourage media literacy programs to help viewers discern credible content.

By taking these steps, we can make TV a more constructive medium for all age groups.

Thank you for considering this suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

Abhishek

#### 41. Report on National Science Day Observance

##### National Science Day Observed at St. Francis School

On the occasion of National Science Day, the Science Forum of our school organized a special event to celebrate the contributions of scientists and promote the importance of science in our daily lives. The event was held in the school auditorium, with enthusiastic participation from all members of the forum.

The event began with a brief speech by the Science Forum Coordinator, highlighting the significance of National Science Day and its relevance to scientific advancements. Students conducted several interactive experiments to demonstrate the wonders of science. There was also a presentation on the history of Science Day, explaining how Dr. C.V. Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect led to the establishment of this day.

The event concluded with an inspiring talk by the principal, encouraging students to pursue careers in science and contribute to the progress of society. The event was a huge success and left everyone with a renewed sense of curiosity and appreciation for science.

44.

(a) Error: Many students has turned up for the seminar.

Corrected: Many students have turned up for the seminar.

(b) Error: One of the boys are missing.

Corrected: One of the boys is missing.

(c) Error: I bought an book this morning.

Corrected: I bought a book this morning.

(d) Error: Sreena avoids to eat fruits.

Corrected: Sreena avoids eating fruits.

(e) Error: The deer runs fastly.

Corrected: The deer runs fast.

## SECTION - 5

45. Quote from memory.

1×5=5

We were taken from .....

..... oil is all we ask.

### Solution:

The quote you're referred to is:

"We were taken from **the fields, and the only** oil is all we ask."

## PART - IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

2×8=16

(a) Uncle Philip - Cunning - living alone - interest collecting stones - death bed calls - Tom - sole heir - hands over iron box - gems - warns - opening dynamite - headache - Tom - reads books - consults technicians - doctors priests - salary reduce - afraid tax - failure - donates - human vivisection centre.

OR

(b) Holland - dikes - lie below sea level - Peter - prevent sea water - walks besides the canal - small hole in the dike - put his finger - Holland - drowned while I am here. The little fellow - and screamed - next morning - a man notice Peter - alarm - people mended - brave hero.

### Solution:

46. (a) Uncle Philip was a cunning old man who lived alone in a small cottage. He had a peculiar interest in collecting rare stones and gems, which he meticulously kept in an iron box. One day, while lying on his deathbed, he called his nephew Tom, the sole heir to his possessions. With his last breath, Uncle Philip handed over the iron box and warned Tom not to open it carelessly, as it contained dangerous gems

that could cause a catastrophic explosion, like dynamite. Tom, a curious and intelligent young man, had always been a bookworm and had spent most of his time reading. He consulted various technicians, doctors, and even priests to find out more about the box and its contents. Unfortunately, his salary was reduced, and he was afraid of the taxes that might burden him. In the end, unable to bear the pressure and with no proper solution in sight, Tom decided to donate the gems to a human vivisection center, hoping it would be put to better use.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

(a)

The term 'Junk food' means foods that do not do good to the body's health in any way. It is less nutritional and harmful to the body systems. Most of junk foods contain high level of saturated fats, sugar, salt and bad cholesterol which are toxic to the health. They lack dietary fibres; so, easily get involved in causing constipation and other digestive disorders. Junk food has gained so much popularity because of the nice taste and 'easy to cook' method. There are many ready-made junk foods available in the market; packed in polybags. Most of the people are dependent on such ready-made foods because of their busy schedule or they do not know to cook food at home. The consumption of junk food all over the world is increasing day by day which is not good for the future. People of all age groups like to eat junk food and they generally choose to eat whenever they enjoy special time with family like birthday party, marriage anniversary etc. They easily become used to taking soft drinks. Wafers, Chips, Noodles, Burgers, Pizza, French fries, Chinese dishes and other varieties of fast food available in the market fall under the category of junk food.

Questions :

- (i) What is the meaning of the term "Junk food" ?
- (ii) What does junk food contain ?
- (iii) When do people prefer junk food?
- (iv) List some of the junk food you like.

OR

(b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

A Bird, came down the walk -  
 He did not know I saw  
 He bit an Angel worm in halves  
 And ate the fellow, raw,  
 And then, he drank a Dew  
 From a convenient Grass -

And then hopped sidewise to the wall  
 To let a Beetle pass -  
 He glanced with rapid eyes,  
 That hurried all abroad -  
 They looked like frightened Beads, I thought, He stirred his Velvet Head, -

Questions :

- (i) What did the poet see ?
- (ii) How did the bird eat the worm ?
- (iii) Did the bird drink water ? How ?
- (iv) What are the eyes compared to ?

**Solution:**

47. (a)

- (i) The term "Junk food" refers to foods that do not benefit the body's health and are less nutritious. They are harmful to the body systems.
- (ii) Junk food contains high levels of saturated fats, sugar, salt, and bad cholesterol, which are toxic to health.
- (iii) People prefer junk food during special occasions like birthday parties, marriage anniversaries, or when spending quality time with family.
- (iv) Some of the junk food I like include pizza, burgers, chips, and noodles.

47. (b)

- (i) The poet saw a bird coming down the walk.
- (ii) The bird bit the angel worm in halves and ate it raw.
- (iii) Yes, the bird drank water. It drank dew from a convenient grass.
- (iv) The bird's eyes are compared to frightened beads.