

# English, Paper 1

Time: 2 hrs 45 mins

Marks: 40

## Section-A (Reading Comprehension)

Q.(1-7) Read the following passage given below.

My parents were truly proud of me.' It was through me that they had earned a greater degree of admiration and respect from the villagers. My father would not like to see me carrying a trunk on my back and would be very hurt if I did so. I concluded that it would be better to let him carry it. Father was used to carrying luggage anyway. He was stronger and more skilled than me in these matters. I had never got used to physical labour having stayed in hostels right from my childhood. So, inspite of my youth and strength, I was physically useless. I continued walking silently with father. We rested at two places on the way and had our tiffin but we hardly talked. Finally we reached Dirang. The bus from Tawang had not yet reached Dirang and so we had sometime in hand. We entered a tea shop and sat facing each other. Father appeared tired. I felt sorry for him but couldn't bring myself to say anything. I asked the waiter to get us two cups of tea. Just as I was going to take my first sip, I heard father's voice, "Do you have a pair of old shoes?" Why I asked. "The road is uneven and full of pebbles. It hurts while walking".

(The Journey)

Q.(1-4) Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

4×1=4

1. Father wanted an old pair of shoes because .....

- (A) The road was long and narrow.
- (B) He did not want to get tired.
- (C) The road was uneven with pebbles.
- (D) He did not want his legs to become dirty.

2. They went to a tea shop because .....

- (A) They were in a happy mood.
- (B) The bus had not yet arrived.
- (C) They were thirsty.
- (D) Father wanted a pair of old shoes.

3. I was physically useless. The word 'useless' refers to .....

- (A) purposeful
- (B) effective
- (C) beneficial
- (D) incapable

4. According to the passage, the results of adverse effects of education could be seen in .....

- (A) the narrator.
- (B) the father.
- (C) the villagers.

(D) the narrator's wife.

Q.(5-7) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each.

$$3 \times 2 = 6$$

5. How did the narrator justify his guilt in his mind?

6. Why do you think the narrator and his father hardly spoke to each other?

7. What would you do if you were in the narrator's place?

**Solution:**

1. (C) The road was uneven with pebbles.

2. (B) The bus had not yet arrived.

3. (D) incapable

4. (A) the narrator.

5. The narrator justified his guilt by convincing himself that his father was more used to carrying luggage, stronger, and more skilled. He believed that since he had stayed in hostels and was not accustomed to physical labour, it was better for his father to carry the trunk.

6. The narrator and his father hardly spoke to each other because there was an emotional distance between them. The narrator felt guilty for letting his father carry the luggage but could not express his feelings. His father, too, seemed tired and preoccupied with his thoughts.

7. If I were in the narrator's place, I would have carried the trunk myself or at least shared the burden with my father. I would have acknowledged his efforts and expressed gratitude for his sacrifices instead of staying silent.

Q.(8-12) Read the following passage.

Outside Mr. Nana's front are three large empty drums, the bright red paint now flaking away, but the skull and crossbones symbol clearly visible on each. And in a clearing 200 m way from the village, next to a stream that the villagers get their drinking water from, is an enormous pyramid of identical drums, reaching to the sky. Some of them are badly corroded, their slimy contents of various colours - grey, dark green, bright orange, etc. leaking out down on to the baked African earth and into the stream. Some have fallen down and rolled or been rolled by playful children - into the bush. Some are smoking in the midday heat. Some are swelling, as if their contents are bursting out. Some have already burst.

"They came on a Wednesday", said Sunday, "Many, many big lorries. They took all day unloading them. No one told us what was in them. They gave the chief a brown paper bag - I saw him smiling as the lorries drove away. This was five years ago. Then three months ago, one of the brightest boy in the village - Thomas Agony - started university in Lagos. He came home one weekend with a new Chemistry book, and spent all day looking at the drums and writing things down and talking to himself and shaking his head. We all thought he had gone mad. Then he called a meeting of the village and told us that the drums contained poisonous chemicals. He said they had come from Italy. But I don't know where that is. Is it in Europe"?

Q.(8-10) Now, answer the following questions. Each of the questions has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

$3 \times 1 = 3$

8. I saw him smiling as the lorries drove away. 'I' refers to .....

- (A) Thomas Agonyo
- (B) Mr. Sunday
- (C) Mr. Wednesday
- (D) The chief of the village

9. Which of the following statements is not in accordance with the passage?

- (A) The drums had symbol of skull and crossbones.
- (B) The drums were badly corroded.
- (C) The drums had come from Nigeria.
- (D) The drums contained poisonous chemicals.

10. Pyramid of identical drums, reaching to the sky. The underlined phrase means

- (A) reaching to the stars.
- (B) very short.
- (C) very large.
- (D) piled up to a great height.

Q.(11-12) Now, answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

$2 \times 1 = 2$

11. In what way was Thomas Agonyo's education useful?

12. The chief of the village was given a brown cover. Why was it given to him? Explain.

**Solution:**

- 8. (B) Mr. Sunday
- 9. (C) The drums had come from Nigeria.
- 10. (D) piled up to a great height.

11. Thomas Agonyo's education was useful because he was able to identify the poisonous chemicals in the drums. His knowledge of chemistry helped him warn the villagers about the danger posed by the toxic waste.

12. The chief of the village was given a brown cover, likely containing money, as a bribe to allow the disposal of poisonous chemicals in the village. The outsiders used this tactic to dump hazardous waste without informing the villagers of its dangers.

## Section-B (Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.(13-17) Read the following passage given below. Five sentences in the passage are numbered from 13-17 at the beginning. Each of these sentences has an error. Correct and rewrite the sentences in your answer booklet.

$5 \times 1 = 5$

He told me as if thinking aloud, "Abul, I know you have to go away to grow. (13) Does the seagull not flies across the sun, alone and without a nest ?" (14) He quoted Khalil Gibran my hesitant mother, "Your children are not your children. (15) They are sons and daughters of life's longing for myself. (16) They coming through you but not from you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts. (17) For they have own their thoughts."

**Solution:**

13. Does the seagull not fly across the sun, alone and without a nest?
14. He quoted Khalil Gibran to my hesitant mother, "Your children are not your children."
15. They are sons and daughters of life's longing for itself.
16. They come through you but not from you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts.
17. For they have their own thoughts.

Q.(18-22) Complete the passage choosing right words from the given below box. Each blank is numbered. Write the correct word in your answer booklet.

$$5 \times 0.5 = 2.5$$

establishment, constructed, communication, founded, friendship, invented, governing.

One important fallout of this friendship was the ..... (18) of Chitrabani, a ..... (19) and film institute, the first of its kind in West Bengal, which Roberge ..... (20) in 1970 and to which Ray, as a token of ..... (21) lent his name as co-founder. Ray was in the first ..... (22) body and after a few terms readily agreed to be the institute's advisor.

**Solution:**

18. establishment
19. communication
20. founded
21. friendship
22. governing

Q.(23-27) Some words in the given passage are underlined. Rewrite them as directed, in your answer booklet.

$$5 \times 0.5 = 2.5$$

In 1914, Thomas Edison at age 67, lose (23) his factory, which was worth a few million dollars, on fire. It had very little (24) insurance. No longer a youngman, Edison watched his lifetime effort go up in smoke and said, "There is great value in disaster (25). All our mistakes are burnt up (26). Thank God we can start anew." Inspite of the disaster, three weeks later, she (27) invented the Phonograph. What an attitude!

23. Rewrite the correct form of the underlined word.
24. Give the Antonym of the underlined word.
25. Give the meaning of the underlined word.
26. Give the meaning of the underlined expression.

27. Replace the underlined word with a suitable one.

**Solution:**

- 23. lost
- 24. much
- 25. catastrophe or misfortune
- 26. destroyed completely
- 27. he

### **Section-C (Creative Writing - Discourse)**

Q.28. In the reading text 'Attitude is Altitude', you have read about Nick's disability.

After he was born, his parents were worried about his future. They decided to make him independent despite his disability.

Now, write a possible conversation between Nick's parents.

You may use the following ideas;

- Shocked to see an abnormal child.
- Cursed their fate.
- Decided to grow him up to live independently.

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OR

Once upon a time, son,  
they used to laugh with their hearts  
and laugh with their eyes:  
but now they only laugh with their teeth,  
while their ice - block - cold eyes  
search behind my shadow.

There was a time indeed  
they used to shake hands with their hearts :  
but that's gone, son.  
Now they shake hands without hearts :  
while their left hands search  
my empty pockets.

Feel at home ! come again :  
they say, and when I come  
again and feel  
at home, once, twice,  
there will be no thrice -  
for then I find doors shut on me.

Now, write choreography script of the above poem using the details such as :-

- Title
- Theme / Sub themes
- Instances of the theme.
- Characters
- Sequence of actions.
- Stage settings and directions

**Solution:**

**Father:** I can't believe this... Why did this happen to our child? How will he live without arms and legs?

**Mother:** I know... It feels so unfair. I keep asking myself—why us? What will his future be like?

**Father:** Life will be so difficult for him. How will he manage daily tasks? How will society treat him?

**Mother:** We cannot let our sorrow define his future. He is our son, and we must raise him with strength and confidence.

**Father:** You're right. We should focus on making him independent. He must learn to do things on his own, no matter how hard it seems.

**Mother:** Yes, we'll support him but won't overprotect him. We'll teach him to overcome challenges so that he can live a fulfilling life.

**Father:** Agreed. Our love and guidance will shape his future. He deserves to be happy and successful, just like any other child.

Q.29. In the reading text, 'The Brave Potter' - the Potter was lucky enough in driving away the enemy from his country. The pleased king decided to felicitate the Potter.

Now, imagine that you are the king. You have decided to felicitate the Potter for his bravery.

Draft a notice in this regard addressing the public.

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- Date
- Time
- Venue
- Purpose of the programme.
- Other details of the programme.

**Solution:**

Kingdom of Pragjyotishpur  
Royal Notice

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 10 a.m.

Venue: Royal Court, Pragjyotishpur

It is hereby announced that a grand felicitation ceremony will be held in honour of the brave Potter, who displayed remarkable courage in driving away the enemy and safeguarding our land.

The event will include:

- A speech by His Majesty, the King.
- A reward and honorary title for the Potter.
- A cultural performance celebrating bravery.

All citizens are invited to witness this special occasion and join in honouring our hero.

By Order of the King  
Bishwa Singha, King of Pragjyotishpur

## **English, Paper 2**

Time: 2 hrs 45 mins

Marks: 40

### **Section-A (Reading Comprehension)**

Q.1-5. Read the following passage carefully.

With the slogan of women empowerment the question arises that "Are women becoming really strong ?" and "is long term struggle has ended". Many programmes have, been implemented and run by the government such as International Women's Day, Mother's Day, etc., in order to bring awareness in society about the true rights and values of the women in the development of the nation. Women need to be progressed in a number of spheres. There is a high level of gender inequality in India where women are ill treated by their family members and outsiders. The percentage of illiterate population in India is mostly covered by women. The real meaning of the women empowerment is to make them well educated and leave them free so that they can be capable of taking their own decisions in any field.

Women in India are always subjected to the honour killings and they are never given their basic rights for their proper education and freedom. They are the victims who face violence and abuse in the male dominated country.

According to the National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) launched by Government of India, the step has sown some improvement in 2011 Census. The ratio of female sex and female illiteracy both have increased. According to Global Gender Gap Index, India needs to take some advance steps to improve the women position in the society through health and hygiene, higher education and economic participation. Women empowerment needs to take full speed in right direction instead of being in nascent stage.

(1-3) Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

$3 \times 1 = 3$

1. Women need to be empowered because
  - (A) male are empowered.
  - (B) males dominate women.
  - (C) empowered mother makes the bright future of any nation.
  - (D) to celebrate International Women's day.
2. According to the passage, an educated woman is given freedom can resolve issues and take decisions in her life. This is ....
  - (A) a statement
  - (B) an argument
  - (C) a prediction
  - (D) an explanation
3. True rights of women and value of women in the development of any nation is realised by celebrating
  - (A) International Women's Day
  - (B) Mothers' Day
  - (C) Only B
  - (D) Both A and B

(4 & 5) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

$2 \times 1 = 2$

4. Who is an 'empowered woman' in your opinion?
5. How can women be empowered?

**Solution:**

1. (C) empowered mother makes the bright future of any nation.
2. (A) a statement
3. (D) Both A and B

4. An empowered woman is one who is educated, independent, and capable of making her own decisions in all aspects of life, including education, career, and personal choices.

5. Women can be empowered through education, equal job opportunities, legal rights, financial independence, and social awareness. Providing a safe and supportive environment also helps in their empowerment.

Q.(6-10) Read the following poem.

My country India  
 The golden bird of Asia  
 With a crown of Himalayas  
 Her feet washed by the Arabian  
 Is my country India.  
 A land of philosophy and sacred lore  
 The vedic seers and the vedic core  
 A place of holy pilgrimage  
 Is my country India  
 Since ages her holy lands  
 Have held sages and saints alike

Birth place of a pure language  
 Is my country India  
 The mighty river Ganges  
 Flows through her varied lands  
 A unity in diversity  
 Is my country India.  
 Religion of every colour  
 Flower on her breast  
 And are watered with tolerance  
 Is my country India  
 When her freedom faces dangers  
 Her children unite as one  
 A land of the origin of zero  
 Is my country India

Tahera Mannan

**Glossary**

lore : traditional knowledge

seer : a person with great insight.

(6-7) Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

$2 \times 1 = 2$

6. What is described in the poem?

- (A) A country's greatness
- (B) Poet's greatness
- (C) India's greatness
- (D) World's greatness

7. Who is the golden bird according to the poem ?

- (A) Asia
- (B) Himalayas
- (C) Arabian
- (D) India

(8-10) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

$3 \times 1 = 3$

8. Did you like reading the poem? Why (or) Why not?

9. What is the central idea of this poem?

10. Who does the word 'Children' in the poem refer to? What do they do?

**Solution:**

- 6. (C) India's greatness
- 7. (D) India

8. Yes, I liked reading the poem because it beautifully describes India's rich culture, unity in diversity, and historical significance.

9. The central idea of the poem is to highlight India's greatness, cultural heritage, spiritual wisdom, and the unity of its people despite its diversity.

10. The word 'Children' refers to the people of India. They unite as one whenever the country's freedom is in danger.

**Q.(11-15)** Read the following passage carefully.

Sometimes too much of a good thing can become a very bad thing indeed. In an earnest attempt to consume a healthy diet, dietary supplement enthusiasts have been known to overdose. Vitamin C for example, long thought to help people ward off Cold viruses, is currently being studied for its possible role in warding off cancer and other diseases that cause tissue degeneration. Unfortunately, an overdose of Vitamin C - more than 10,000mg - on a daily basis can cause Nausea and Diarrhoea.

Calcium supplements, commonly taken by women are helpful in warding off Osteoporosis. More than just a few grams a day however can lead to stomach upset and even kidney or bladder stones. Niacin proven useful in reducing Cholesterol levels can be dangerous in large doses to those who suffer from Heart problems, Asthma or Ulcers.

**(11-13)** Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

$3 \times 1 = 3$

11. What point is the writer making in this paragraph?

- (A) Supplements taken in excess can be a bad thing indeed.
- (B) Dietary supplement enthusiasts have been known to overdose.
- (C) Vitamins can cause nausea, diarrhoea and kidney or bladder stones.
- (D) People who take supplements are preoccupied with their health.

12. Osteoporosis can be prevented in women by taking

- (A) Niacin
- (B) Calcium
- (C) Calcium and vitamin C.
- (D) Vitamin C only.

13. The best possible title for the passage:

- (A) Too much is too bad.
- (B) Be cautious of food supplements.
- (C) Vitamin C and its effects.
- (D) Dietary supplements.

**Q.(14-15)** Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

$2 \times 1 = 2$

14. Why does the writer say too much of good thing can become a very bad thing?

15. Why should we take vitamin C in our diet?

**Solution:**

- 11. (A) Supplements taken in excess can be a bad thing indeed.
- 12. (B) Calcium
- 13. (A) Too much is too bad.
- 14. The writer says this because excessive consumption of dietary supplements, which are usually beneficial, can lead to harmful effects such as nausea, diarrhoea, kidney stones, or other health issues.

15. We should take vitamin C in our diet because it helps boost immunity, prevents tissue degeneration, and may play a role in warding off diseases like cancer and colds.

## SECTION - B (Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.(16-18) Read the following passage focussing on the parts that are underlined and numbered.

Sheila has a spiritual bent of mind and she believes in working sincerely for social causes. (16) It is an inner calling. She is blessed and it is all a waste if she doesn't extend a helping hand to the less privileged and the needy. So she set up the Zenith Charitable Trust in 2000 and started an orphanage. (17) The trust runs three schools in nearby villages. (18) To empower rural women living below poverty line, self-help groups have been formed. Each group is given loans and grants from banks.

Now, complete the following sentences and write them in your answer booklet.

$3 \times 1 = 3$

16. Sheila who .....

17. Sheila not only but also .....

18. Three schools .....

**Solution:**

16. Sheila, who has a spiritual bent of mind, believes in working sincerely for social causes.

17. Sheila not only set up the Zenith Charitable Trust in 2000 but also started an orphanage.

18. Three schools in nearby villages are run by the trust.

Q.(19-22) Complete the passage choosing the right words from those given below. Each blank is numbered and has four choices (A),(B),(C) and (D). Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

$4 \times 0.5 = 2$

Several low-lying areas of Dehradun ..... (19) inundated after heavy rains lashed the city on Tuesday evening and normal life came ..... (20) a standstill.

According to the State Meteorological Centre, the 165 mm rainfall recorded in the valley yesterday is ..... (21) normal in the area. The ..... (22) was mainly due to a large number of houses coming up on the natural drainage of the city blocking the systems completely, said an official at the centre. Such abuse of natural drainage would result in more areas getting flooded in future, he warned.

19.

(A) are

(B) were

(C) was

(D) is

20.

(A) by

(B) to

(C) with

(D) for

21.

(A) quiet

(B) quite

(C) queit

(D) quit

22.

(A) floods

(B) flooded

(C) flooding

(D) flood

**Solution:**

19. (B) were

20. (B) to

21. (B) quite

22. (C) flooding

Q.(23-28) Read the following passage and fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in brackets. Write the answers in your answer booklet.

$$6 \times 0.5 = 3$$

A mega medical camp received a huge response with more than 560 persons being ..... (23) (scanned/screened) and given medicines for a variety of ..... (24) (ailments/elements).

The doctors performed blood sugar tests and haemoglobin tests. They found many persons ..... (25) (anaemic / enemic) and were given ..... (26) (special / speciality) medicines. In the ..... (27) (wake/awake) of different fevers in the district the doctors educated the ..... (28) (patience/patients) about the importance of sanitation and protection against mosquitoes.

**Solution:**

23. screened

24. ailments

25. anaemic

26. special

27. wake

28. patients

Q.(29-32) Complete the following passage with the right forms of words given in the brackets. Write the answers in your answer booklet.

$$4 \times 0.5 = 2$$

Mother Teresa was born in Yugoslavia in 1910 in a simple religious family. She was twelve when she first ..... (29) (feel) the wish to help the poor. One day in 1946, when she was ..... (30) (travel) on a train what seemed to her a clear call from God, to ..... (31) (gave) up everything and serve the poor. She soon got ..... (32) (permit) to leave the order and become a nun. She opened a school where she taught the children to read and keep themselves clean.

**Solution:**

- 29. felt
- 30. travelling
- 31. give
- 32. permission

### **SECTION - C (Creative Writing)**

Q.33. Read the information gathered by an English newspaper reporter.

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- Date 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018
- TSRTC bus of Jagityal depot fell into a gorge.
- 57 died and 32 injured, driver also died.
- 88 passengers total in bus.
- Returning from Kondagattu temple.
- Driver lost control.
- Break failure.
- Local people helped.
- Victims rushed to the hospital, Jagityal.

Now write a newspaper report using the above information. Write in separate paragraphs and give a headline.

**OR**

Read the following information given in the table:

Write a biographical sketch of the famous film actor Mr. Amitabh Bachchan. Write each event in a separate paragraph.

Sl. No.	Points to be covered	Details of the person
01.	Actual name	Amitabh Harivansh Bachchan
02.	Date and place of birth	Oct 11, 1942 Allahabad; Uttar Pradesh

03.	Nick names	Big B, Munna, AB Sir, Bollywood Shahenshah
04.	Important events in life	Debut / First Movie - Saat Hindustani, Acted in more than 180 Indian films. - Worked as a playback singer. - Film producer - TV presenter. - Entered politics in 1984 from Allahabad. - Won in Lok Sabha General Election by a big margin.
05.	Awards, Prizes and Honours	- National Film Awards as Best actor - 3 times. - 14 Filmfare Awards - Screen Awards - IIFA Awards - Stardust Awards - Zee Cine Awards - Apsara Film and Television Producers' Guild Award. - Big Star Entertainment Awards and Bollywood Movie Awards.
06.	His popular and noted movies	Chupke Chupke; Dostana; Silsila; Naseeb; Yaarana; Nastik, etc.
07.	Movies produced by him	Paa; Tere Mere Sapne; Saptapadii, etc.
08.	Contribution to society	- Launched and organised KBC on TV. - Encouraged his fans to participate in Swachchta Campaign called Cleanliness Drive to make clean India.

**Solution:**

Tragic Bus Accident Near Kondagattu Temple Claims 57 Lives

By Mohan D

Jagityal, Telangana; 12th September 2018 — In a devastating incident, a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) bus from the Jagityal depot plunged into a gorge near the Kondagattu temple, resulting in the loss of 57 lives, including the driver, and leaving 32 others injured.

The ill-fated bus was transporting 88 passengers returning from a pilgrimage to the renowned Kondagattu temple when the driver reportedly lost control, leading to the tragic descent into the gorge. Preliminary investigations suggest that brake failure may have been a contributing factor to the accident.

Local residents promptly responded to the calamity, assisting in rescue operations and transporting the injured to the Jagityal district hospital for immediate medical attention. Authorities have initiated a thorough investigation to ascertain the exact cause of the accident and to implement measures to prevent such tragedies in the future.

The state government has announced ex-gratia compensation for the families of the deceased and assured that the injured will receive the best possible medical care. This tragic event has cast a pall over the region, with communities mourning the significant loss of life.

For further updates, stay tuned to our news portal.

Q.34. Imagine your parents bought a new house. Your family decided to celebrate house warming ceremony on Friday, 21st April, 2019 at 4.00 a.m. Prepare an attractive invitation card on behalf of your father to invite relatives and friends to the auspicious house-warming ceremony. Include the necessary details.

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### **Solution:**

#### ✿ Housewarming Ceremony Invitation ✿

With great joy and gratitude,  
We invite you to the Gruhapravesam (Housewarming Ceremony) of our new home!

- 🕒 Date: Friday, 21st February 2019
- 🕒 Time: 4:00 a.m. (Auspicious Muhurat)
- 📍 Venue: Alpine Housing complex, Bengaluru - 68

Your presence and blessings will make this occasion even more special. Please join us for the rituals, followed by a delightful breakfast.

With warm regards,  
Mr. Anil Basava & Family  
RSVP: 86CC42ZZY