

ENGLISH – 2024

Time: Three Hours 15 Minutes

Max. Marks: 70

PART - A

Multiple Choice Questions

(Questions No. 1-3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow: 1×3=3

When we enter New York harbour, the first thing we see is the Statue of Liberty. What impresses us most is its size and magnificence. Have you ever wondered how it came to be there? The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France to mark the one hundred year anniversary of American Independence. In 1869, sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi began to plan his concept for the monument. Bartholdi envisioned Liberty as a strong and proud figure, one who personified not only the majestic Greek goddesses of the past, but also the working men and women of the present. Finally in 1884, the work was finished.

1. When we enter New York harbour, the first thing we see is:

- (A) The Statue of Abraham Lincoln
- (B) The Statue of Goddess Venus
- (C) The Statue of Liberty
- (D) The Statue of Goddess Laxmi

2. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of

- (A) France
- (B) Japan
- (C) Greece
- (D) England

3. The Statue of Liberty personifies

- (A) The majestic Greek Goddesses of the past.
- (B) Working men and women of the present.
- (C) The Hindu Goddess Saraswati.
- (D) Both (A) and (B)

Solution:

1. When we enter New York harbour, the first thing we see is:

- (C) The Statue of Liberty

2. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of:

(A) France

3. The Statue of Liberty personifies:

(D) Both (A) and (B)

(Questions No. 4-8) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

1×4=4

4. Complete the following sentence:

I will not go to his party he invites me.

(A) until

(B) if

(C) unless

(D) but

5. Complete the following sentence:

This young man is true his word.

(A) of

(B) for

(C) at

(D) to

6. Rearrange the following words cluster to make a meaningful sentence:

last / raining / it / been / night / has / since

(A) It been since night last has raining.

(B) Night last been raining its since has.

(C) Been raining last night since it has.

(D) It has been raining since last night.

7. He spent a lot of money on purchasing costly clothes. (Identify the word 'spent')

(A) Noun

(B) Pronoun

(C) Verb

(D) Adverb

8. Which of the following words is misspelled?

- (A) Prayer
- (B) Mischief
- (C) Grammer
- (D) Attach

Solution:

4. I will not go to his party he invites me.

- (C) unless

5. This young man is true his word.

- (D) to

6. Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence:

- (D) It has been raining since last night.

7. Identify the word 'spent':

- (C) Verb

8. Which of the following words is misspelled?

- (C) Grammer (Correct spelling: Grammar)

(Questions No. 9-10) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow: 1×2=2

He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree, the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings.

9. Siddhartha Gautam wandered in search of enlightenment for

- (A) four years
- (B) seven years
- (C) five years
- (D) three years

10. Siddhartha Gautam got enlightenment sitting under

- (A) a banyan tree

- (B) a mango tree
- (C) a peepal tree
- (D) an oak tree

Solution:

9. Siddhartha Gautam wandered in search of enlightenment for

- (B) seven years

10. Siddhartha Gautam got enlightenment sitting under

- (C) a peepal tree

(Questions No. 11-13) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

11. Which quality of Lencho impressed the postmaster most ?

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- (A) His foolishness
- (B) His great faith in God
- (C) His simplicity
- (D) None of these

12. Who is the author of the lesson 'His First Flight'?

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- (A) Paulo Coelho
- (B) Liam O'Flaherty
- (C) Roald Dahl
- (D) Frederick Forsyth

13. Who had invited Rajvir to visit his home in Upper Assam?

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- (A) Pranjol's father
- (B) Pranjol
- (C) A tea vendor
- (D) A prominent leader of Assam

Solution:

11. (B) His great faith in God

12. (B) Liam O'Flaherty

13. (B) Pranjol

(Questions No. 14-15) Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

14. Who is the poet of the poem written above? 1

- (A) Carl Sandburg
- (B) William Butler Yeats
- (C) John Berryman
- (D) Robert Frost

15. The fog comes 1

- (A) loudly
- (B) hastily
- (C) silently
- (D) slowly

Solution:

14. Who is the poet of the poem written above?

- (A) Carl Sandburg

15. The fog comes

- (C) silently

(Questions No. 16-20) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

16. For how many days was Tricki given no food? 1

- (A) One day
- (B) Four days
- (C) Two days
- (D) Six days

17. How old was Hari Singh when he met Anil? 1
- (A) 15 years
 (B) 17 years
 (C) 20 years
 (D) 21 years
18. What was the evidence against Horace that got him arrested? 1
- (A) The keys
 (B) His gloves
 (C) His fingerprints
 (D) All of the above
19. Select the correct option to answer the following : 1
- Griffin was a
- (A) brilliant scientist
 (B) lawless person
 (C) Both (A) and (B)
 (D) None of the above
20. Who had invited Matilda's husband for the ball (party)? 1
- (A) The Prime Minister
 (B) The President
 (C) The Minister of Public Instruction
 (D) The Governor

Solution:

16. (C) Two days
 17. (A) 15 years
 18. (C) His fingerprints
 19. (C) Both (A) and (B)
 20. (C) The Minister of Public Instruction

PART - B
(Reading)

21. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Robin Hood was the leader of the company of outlaws who lived in Sherwood forest. His name was a terror to rich travellers, but he was loved by the poor, whom he saved from cruel landlords and often helped with money. The Sheriff of the nearby town was his bitter enemy. After many attempts to catch Robin Hood, the sheriff one day declared in the hearing of many people, "I am willing to give half of my wealth to anyone who will help me to catch Robin Hood."

- (a) Who was Robin Hood and where did he live? 2
- (b) Who did Robin Hood help with money? 2
- (c) Who was Robin Hood's bitter enemy? 2
- (d) Which word in the passage means 'to make known publicly or officially'? 1

Solution:

- (a) Robin Hood was the leader of a company of outlaws who lived in Sherwood Forest.
- (b) Robin Hood helped the poor with money.
- (c) Robin Hood's bitter enemy was the Sheriff of the nearby town.
- (d) The word in the passage that means 'to make known publicly or officially' is 'declared'.

Writing

22. Write an application to the Health Officer of your city requesting him to arrange for the cleanliness of your locality and spraying some insecticide to kill the mosquitoes. 4

Solution:

To

The Health Officer,
Municipal Corporation,
Guwahati

Subject: Request for Cleanliness and Mosquito Control Measures in Our Locality

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention the unhygienic conditions in our locality, Silpukhuri. The streets and drains are filled with garbage and stagnant water, which has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other harmful insects. Due to this, the residents are facing a serious health risk, with an increasing number of cases of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue and malaria.

I kindly request you to arrange for the immediate cleaning of our locality and to conduct a spraying of insecticide to eliminate the mosquito menace. Your prompt action in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the residents and will help in ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue. I hope for a swift response from your office.

Yours sincerely,

Sourav Borah

Sanjogi Path,

Silpukhuri

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23. Write an article for your college magazine in about 80-100 words telling the students the best ways to spend their vacation on the basis of the points given below.

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(going on a pleasure trip; going to meet your cousins; learning swimming; practising some art, like painting or some musical instrument)

Solution:

Best Ways to Spend Your Vacation

Vacations are the perfect time to relax, explore, and learn new things. One of the best ways to enjoy your holidays is by going on a pleasure trip to a new destination, experiencing different cultures, and making beautiful memories. Visiting cousins and relatives can also be fun, strengthening family bonds. Additionally, vacations provide an excellent opportunity to learn swimming, a valuable life skill. You can also utilize this time to practice an art form, such as painting or playing a musical instrument, which enhances creativity and relieves stress. Make your vacation productive and enjoyable!

24. (a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing it into Indirect Speech: 2

Rashmi said to the stranger, "What is your name and where do you live?"

(b) Change the following sentence into Passive Voice : 2

He has answered all the questions.

(c) Punctuate the following using capital letters also wherever necessary : 2

what is your name asked my senior i replied my name is prachi

(d) Translate the following into English : 4

पुस्तकें हमारी सबसे अच्छी मित्र हैं। एक अच्छी पुस्तक पढ़ते समय हम अपनी परेशानियाँ एवं चिन्ताएँ भूल जाते हैं। पुस्तकें हमें ज्ञान देने के साथ-साथ चरित्र का निर्माण करती हैं। पुस्तकें हम में साहस एवं आशा का संचार भी करती हैं।

Solution:

(a) Indirect Speech:

Rashmi asked the stranger what his name was and where he lived.

(b) Passive Voice:

All the questions have been answered by him.

(c) Punctuated Sentence:

"What is your name?" asked my senior. I replied, "My name is Prachi."

(d) Translation into English:

Books are our best friends. While reading a good book, we forget our worries and troubles. Books not only provide us with knowledge but also help in building character. They also instill courage and hope in us.

Literature

25. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

(a) Why did Nelson Mandela thank the international leaders?

What did Kisa Gotami learn from the flickering of lights?

(b) Why was the young seagull afraid of flying?

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OR

How did Natalya react when she came to know that Lomov had come with the proposal of marriage?

26. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words :

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(a) How did the rain change into disaster? How did it affect Lencho's fields ?

(b) What did Rajvir see on the way during his car journey to Dhekiabari?

27. What type of life does Amanda wish for? Explain giving an example.

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OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

28. Write 'The Central Idea' of any one of the following poems in about 40-50 words:

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(a) Dust of Snow

(b) The Trees

(c) The Tale of Custard the Dragon

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words:

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(a) Why did Hari Singh return to Anil?

(b) Why was Ausable confident that Max would never return?

30. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words:

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(a) Why did Bholi at first agree to an unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage?

(b) How did a nursery book 'Mother Goose' save the Earth from a Martian invasion?

Solution:

25.

(a) Nelson Mandela thanked the international leaders for recognizing and supporting the struggle against apartheid. Their presence at his inauguration symbolized global solidarity and commitment to justice and equality.

OR

Kisa Gotami realized the impermanence of life. The flickering lights symbolized the transient nature of human existence. She understood that death is inevitable and a shared reality for all living beings.

(b) The young seagull was afraid of flying because he feared falling into the vast sea below. Despite his family's encouragement, he lacked confidence in his wings and hesitated to take the first step.

OR

Natalya was shocked and regretful when she learned about Lomov's marriage proposal. She asked her father to bring Lomov back immediately, feeling embarrassed for having argued with him earlier.

26.

(a) The rain turned into a hailstorm, destroying Lencho's crops completely. The storm left his fields barren, dashing all hopes of a harvest. Lencho and his family were devastated, as their entire livelihood was ruined.

(b) During the journey, Rajvir saw vast tea plantations spreading like a green sea. He noticed women plucking tea leaves and learned interesting facts about tea. The beautiful scenery and the rich cultural connection of tea fascinated him.

27.

Amanda wishes for a free and carefree life, unburdened by restrictions or responsibilities. She dreams of being a mermaid swimming freely in the sea or living alone like Rapunzel, away from the world's demands and constraints.

OR

He glanced with rapid eyes

That hurried all abroad—

They looked like frightened beads, I thought;

He stirred his velvet head.

28.

(a) The poem highlights the transformative power of nature. A simple act, like snow falling on the poet, changes his mood and brightens his day, teaching us to find joy in small, unexpected moments.

(b) The poem symbolizes freedom and liberation. It portrays the trees breaking free from human captivity, reclaiming their natural space. It underscores the need to live in harmony with nature.

(c) This poem humorously explores bravery and self-acceptance. Custard, though mocked for his timidity, proves to be the true hero in times of crisis, showing that courage lies within, regardless of outward appearance.

29.

(a) Hari Singh returned to Anil because he felt guilty for betraying his trust. Anil's kindness and faith in him made Hari reconsider his actions, leading him to choose honesty over dishonesty.

(b) Ausable was confident because Max fell to his death through the window, which Ausable cleverly presented as a means of escape. This quick thinking eliminated the threat Max posed.

30.

(a) Bholi initially agreed to the unequal match due to societal pressure and her parents' wishes. However, she rejected the marriage when the groom demanded dowry, realizing her worth and standing up against injustice.

(b) The nursery book 'Mother Goose' helped humans understand the Martians' weakness. When exposed to rhymes, the Martians found them irresistible and lost their focus. This distracted and disarmed them, saving Earth from the invasion.