

Instructions:

- A. Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.**
B. Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
C. For multiple-choice questions, choose the correct answer and rewrite it.
D. Answer to the question number 25 (a to j) should be in sequence and at one place.

PART-A**I. Answer the following questions by choosing the right option. 10×1=10**

1. Who was appointed as the Secretary of the Commission?
a) Fox b) Lion c) Leopard. d) Buffalo.
2. In the lesson 'Around a Medicinal Creeper', Krishna was suffering from _____
a) Tuberculosis b) Piles c) Infection d) Fever
3. What was the author's life savings in 'Oru Manushyan'?'
a) Ten-pound b) Eleven annas c) Fifty paise d) Fourteen rupees
4. The speaker in 'Money Madness' is frightened of-
a) Money madness b) Eating dirt c) having no money d) regain sanity
5. The teaching staff of Babar Ali's school is made up of-
a) Appointed teachers b) high school student volunteers
c) illiterate educationalists d) teachers from other schools
6. 'sweet company' in 'The School Boy', refers to
a) Skylark b) huntsman's horn c) bird song d) all of the above
7. The poem 'The Farmer's Wife' ends with
a) an assertion b) a deep sense of failure and despondency. c) a will to serve against all odds
d) revengeful tone
8. Frederick Douglass' first master was-
a) Issac b) Captain Anthony c) Plummer d) Mr. Stewart
9. In the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona', the author did not speak to the boys on their return journey because he thought
a) The boys would prefer to keep their secret b) they wouldn't tell him the truth
c) the boys were ashamed of their sister's condition d) he was not interested in knowing
10. 'for there are other sorrows in the world than love', here 'sorrows' refers to miseries
a) generated by love
b) Caused by poverty and deprivation
c) Caused by jealousy and envy
d) Preoccupations with other issues in life than love

11. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles 2×1= 2

___ lion ordered a Commission of Enquiry to be appointed. The members of ___ Commission began to hear the evidence.

12. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given in brackets. 3×1=3

The cat jumped ___ the table ___ the floor. It hid ___ the sofa.

(from, under, with, to)

13. Match the expression under column 'A' with its corresponding language function under 'B' **5×1=5**

- A**
- Expressions
1. Hello, good morning
 2. It's very kind of you
 3. Sorry, I won't allow you inside
 4. I am really sorry for the mistake
 5. Meet my friend Rashmi.

- B**
- Functions
- a. Expressing gratitude.
 - b. Apologizing.
 - c. Introducing.
 - d. Greeting.
 - e. Refusing permission.

PART-B

II. Answer any three of the following in one or two sentences each. **3×2= 6**

14. What does the boy love about the summer morning?
15. Mention the curse about the medicinal plant
16. Why does the Goddess want a tank to be built in 'Watchman of the Lake'?
17. What series of contrasts does the speaker draw between herself and her husband in 'The Farmer's Wife'?

III. Answer any four of the following questions in about 60 words. **4×3= 12**

18. Describe the physical features of Mara's medicinal creeper.
19. 'What started as a game resulted in a much sought after school for the unprivileged.' Explain.
20. What are the advantages of being a tree as felt by the poet of 'If I was a Tree'?
21. How does the old woman's persistence affect the narrator's emotions in 'An Old Woman'?
22. How does the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' portray the boys' resilience in the face of war, poverty, and personal loss?
23. What transformation in the perception of love do you see in 'Do Not Ask of Me, My Love'?

IV. Answer any three of the following questions in about 100 words. **3×4= 12**

24. Comment on how the story 'The Gentlemen of the Jungle' can be read as a political satire on colonialism.
25. How did a stranger save the day for the narrator in 'Oru Manushyan'?
26. What, according to the poet, might happen if people do not regain sanity about money? What solution does he offer?
27. What motivated Babar Ali to start his own school?
28. How does the play 'Watchman of the Lake' show the transformation of Mara from a 'madman' to a revered guardian?
29. Why were most slaves kept ignorant of their ages, and what impact did this have on Frederick Douglass?

PART-C

V. 30. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it. **9×1=9**

Many great inventions are initially greeted with ridicule and disbelief. The invention of the airplane was no exception. Although many people who heard about the first powered flight on December 17, 1903 were excited and impressed, others reacted with peals of laughter. The idea of flying an aircraft was repulsive to some people. Such people called Wilbur and Orville Wright, the inventors of the first flying machine, impulsive fools. Negative reactions, however, did not stop the Wrights. Impelled by their desire to succeed, they continued their experiments in aviation.

Orville and Wilbur Wright had always had a compelling interest in aeronautics and mechanics. As young boys they earned money by making and selling kites and mechanical toys. Later, they designed a newspaper-folding

machine, built a printing press, and operated a bicycle-repair shop. In 1896, when they read about the death of Otto Lilienthal, the brothers' interest in flight grew into a compulsion.

Lilienthal, a pioneer in hang-gliding, had controlled his gliders by shifting his body in the desired direction. This idea was repellent to the Wright brothers, however, and they searched for more efficient methods to control the balance of airborne vehicles. In 1900 and 1901, the Wrights tested numerous gliders and developed control techniques. The brothers' inability to obtain enough lift power for the gliders almost led them to abandon their efforts.

After further study, the Wright brothers concluded that the published tables of air pressure on curved surfaces must be wrong. They set up a wind tunnel and began a series of experiments with model wings. Because of their efforts, the old tables were repealed in time and replaced by the first reliable figures for air pressure on curved surfaces. This work, in turn, made it possible for the brothers to design a machine that would fly. In 1903 the Wrights built their first airplane, which cost less than \$1,000. They even designed and built their own source of propulsion—a lightweight gasoline engine. When they started the engine on December 17, the airplane pulsed wildly before taking off. The plane managed to stay aloft for 12 seconds, however, and it flew 120 feet.

By 1905, the Wrights had perfected the first airplane that could turn, circle, and remain airborne for half an hour at a time. Others had flown in balloons and hang gliders, but the Wright brothers were the first to build a full-size machine that could fly under its own power. As the contributors of one of the most outstanding engineering achievements in history, the Wright brothers are accurately called the fathers of aviation.

- (a) How did the Wright brothers earn money as young boys?
- (b) Which pioneer in hang-gliding influenced the Wright brothers?
- (c) What did the Wright brothers do after finding the old air pressure tables were wrong?
- (d) By 1905, what could the Wright brothers' perfected airplane do?
- (e) How long did the first flight of the Wright brothers' airplane last?
- (f) What was the public reaction to the idea of flying an aircraft initially?
- (g) Why are the Wright brothers called the fathers of aviation?
- (h) They developed new control techniques, ___ (CRUCIAL / CRUCIALLY) improving the maneuverability of their gliders.
- (i) Give a synonym for '*aloft*' in the context of the passage

PART- D

VI. 31. A. Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject. 4×1=4

The morning assembly ___ (begin / begins) with a prayer. A group of teachers ___ (stand / stands) near the stage. The calm atmosphere ___ (set / sets) the tone for the day, and every student ___ (listen / listens) attentively.

Or

B. Fill in the blanks with suitable form of verbs given in the brackets. 4×1=4

My mother ___ (be) named Harriet Bailey, but I ___ (see) her only a few times in my life, and each visit ___ (be) very short. She ___ (travel) long distances on foot after her day's work to see me at night, and we ___ (have) very little communication.

32. Rearrange the segments to form a meaningful sentence. 1×1=1

A. he / competition / results / by / when / were / announced / did?

Or

B. yesterday / gathered / to watch / a / in the stadium / huge / the final match / crowd

33. A. Correct the following sentences and rewrite them. 4×1=4

- (i) This is the most easiest way to solve the problem.
- (ii) Did she went to the market yesterday
- (iii) I am knowing the answer to your question.
- (iv) You are coming to the party?

Or

B. Rewrite as directed.

4×1=4

- (i) They always complete their assignments on time. (Change into a question beginning with right for of 'do')
- (ii) The Prime Minister inaugurated the new hospital yesterday.
(Frame a question so as to get the underlined word as the answer.)
- (iii) You don't like spicy food, ____? (Add a question tag)
- (iv) The committee meets every Monday, ____? (Add a question tag)

34. A. Refer to the following list of events and answer the question set on it.

3×1=3

SI No	Event	Time	Venue
1	Inter-school debate	11.30 AM	School Auditorium
2	Science Exhibition	2.00 PM	Science Lab
3	Annual Sports Meet	7.45 AM	School Playground

- (i) At what time is the Inter-school Debate scheduled?
- (ii) Which event will be held in the School Auditorium?
- (iii) Name the event that is taking place in the afternoon.

Or

B. Refer to the following extract from a dictionary and answer the following questions:

3×1=3

Discreet /di'skri:t/ adj (more discreet, most discreet) Careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially to avoid causing offense or revealing private information: Be discreet when discussing confidential matters. Subtle and unobtrusive: She made a discreet gesture to indicate agreement. adv discreetly: He discreetly left the room without drawing attention. n [U] discreetness: Discreetness is essential for a successful diplomat.

- i. What part of speech is the given word?
- ii. What is the noun form of the given word?
- iii. He handled the matter _____ so that no one noticed the mistake.
(Fill in the blank with the correct form of the word)

35. Write a letter to the editor on the problem of traffic congestion in your town.

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To Include:

1. Causes of Traffic Congestion
2. Problems Caused by Congestion
3. Suggested Solutions

PART E

VII. 36. A. Anup goes to play badminton. There he meets his friend Raju. Raju introduces his neighbour Manoj to Anup. Write the dialogues among them.

4×1=4

Or

B. Complete the following conversation:

4×1=4

Student: Sir, can I leave the college early today?

Principal: _____ (Refuses permission)

Student: It's an emergency, sir. My younger brother is unwell.

Principal: _____ (Grants permission)

Student: Thank you very much, sir. I really appreciate it.

Principal: _____ (Advice)

Student: _____ (Expressing gratitude)

Or

C. Rearrange the following dialogues between two friends to make a meaningful conversation and rewrite it.

4×1=4

Deepa: Hello Geeta. You look so fresh and lively. What's the matter?

Geeta: I must be leaving now. See you later. Bye.

Geeta: Hi Deepa, I am practicing yoga. It makes you feel light and fresh.

Deepa: Wonderful Geeta.
