

**Instructions**

1. Answer the questions in all the sections.
2. Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
3. For multiple choice questions (MCQ's), choose the correct answer and rewrite it.
4. Answers to the question number 30 A (a-i) or 30 B (a-i) should be in sequence and at one place.
5. For question numbers 30, 31, 32 and 36, internal choices are there. Hence, answer either A or B.
6. For Part – A questions, only the first written answers will be considered for evaluation.

**PART – A****I. Answer the following questions by choosing the right option****10 x1 = 10**

1. In 'Romeo and Juliet', \_\_\_\_\_ is described as "gentle", "loving, black-browed".  
a. An Ethiope                      b. The night                      c. A crow                      d. A raven
2. The people of \_\_\_\_\_ forbade their rulers to make money from gaming houses.  
a. Germany                      b. France                      c. Italy                      d. Monaco
3. According to the Prophet, the parents should not seek to make their children like them because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. They do not entirely belong to their parents  
b. They live in the house of tomorrow  
c. They have their own thoughts  
d. All of the above
4. Match the following according to the play 'A Sunny Morning' and choose the right option from the given combinations.  

A	B
A. Laura	i. Valencia
B. Gonzalo	ii. wishes to chat with the guard
C. Petra	iii. Maricela

  
a. A - ii    B - iii    C - ii                      b. A - iii    B - ii    C - i  
c. A - iii    B - i    C - ii                      d. A - i    B - ii    C - iii
5. The old man had a spade in one hand and \_\_\_\_\_ tucked under his arm.  
a. a newspaper                      b. a coconut                      c. a book                      d. a few papers
6. According to Borges, who has already tried writing a book on the history of books?  
a. Emily Dickenson                      b. Spengler                      c. George Bernard Shaw                      d. Homer
7. Which attitude of the Japanese has double function?  
a. Privacy                      b. Courtesy                      c. Bowing                      Kissing
8. Identify **the false statement** with reference to the story by Chinua Achebe.  
a. Roof totally offered four shillings to vote for Marcus Ibe.  
b. Roof was offered five pounds to vote for Maduka.  
c. Marcus Ibe had worked as a mission school teacher before getting into politics.  
d. Roof was offered five pounds to vote for Marcus Ibe.

9. Who among the following is not an Arivoli activist, in 'Where There Is a Wheel'?
- a. S. Kannakarajan      b. Manormani      c. N. Kannammal      d. Jameela Bibi
10. The Panchama had to wait at the well until \_\_\_\_\_ arrived to draw water in the poem 'Water'.
- a. An untouchable      b. A kamma landlord      c. A shudra      d. A Pepsi man
11. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate passive form of the verb given in the brackets** **3 x 1 = 3**
- Marcus was doing things in a grand style. A highlife band for Umuru \_\_\_\_\_ (hire) by him and it \_\_\_\_\_ (station) at a distance from the voting booth. Marcus sat in his car while last-minute advice \_\_\_\_\_ (give) to voters by Roof.
12. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expressions given in brackets** **2 x 1 = 2**
- Borges says that it would be wonderful to write a history of book. He will \_\_\_\_\_.  
However, he says that an eighty-three-year-old man cannot \_\_\_\_\_ of this kind for himself.  
(set a project, keep it in mind, take for granted)
13. **Read the following paragraph and match the underlined pronouns in side A with the nouns/noun phrases in side B they refer to** **5 x 1 = 5**

Jeevith loves tennis. **He** (a) has taken **it** (b) as his profession. **His** (c) father accompanies him every day to the tennis academy **where** (d) a dozen of players practice the game. Mr. Ajith is **their** (e) coach.

A	B
(Pronouns) (Nouns / Noun phrases)	
a. He	i. Players'
b. It	ii. Academy
c. His	iii. Jeevith
d. Where	iv. Tennis
e. Their	v. Father
	vi. Jeevith's

### PART - B

- II. Answer any three of the following questions in one or two sentences each** **3 x 2 = 6**
14. Mention any two qualities of night according to Juliet in 'Romeo and Juliet'.
15. Who sees the mark upon the path of the infinite? Why does he bend the bows with his might?
16. What did biodiversity teach Vandana Shiva?
17. Name any two qualities of poetry according to Borges.
- III. Answer any four of the following questions in about 60 words each** **4 x 3 = 12**
18. Write a short note on Cormac Cullinan's thoughts on separateness.
19. How does Don Gonzalo recall the beauty of 'The Silver Maiden'?
20. How is the 'one man' different from many others who loved the lady in 'When You Are Old'?
21. Explain the life of the foot in the shoe in the poem 'To the Foot from Its Child'.
22. How does the poem 'Heaven, If You Are Not Here on Earth' visualize heaven?
23. Write a note on the observations of George Mikes on the number of motor cars in Brazil.
- IV. Answer any three of the following questions in about 100 words each** **3 x 4 = 12**
24. Even after several attempts to carry out death sentence, the Prince of Monaco was not successful. Give reasons.
25. Do you agree that the play 'A Sunny Morning' deals with the human weakness for lying? Elucidate with suitable examples.

26. “Man lives for some kind of vengefulness. Without it, there would be no reason for his existence.” Evaluate this statement in the light of the story 'The Gardener'.
27. Describe the day of elections in Umuofia.
28. How did the women of Pudukkottai prove that ‘where there is a wheel’, there could be many ways of liberating themselves?
29. Water can give life and can devour lives. Examine the significance of this statement in the light of the poem 'Water'.

### PART - C

V.

**30. A. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it**

**9 x 1 = 9**

Ratan Tata is a prominent Indian business person and philanthropist who is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in the Indian business world. He was born on December 28, 1937 in Mumbai. Tata comes from a family with a long history of entrepreneurship and business success. He is the great grandson of Jamsetji Tata, the founder of Tata Group. Tata completed his education in India and the United States, earning a degree in architecture from Cornell University and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School. He joined Tata Group in 1962 and steadily rose through ranks, eventually becoming the Chairman of the company in 1991. He is known for his hands-on approach to management. One of Tata's most significant achievements, as Chairman of the Tata Group was the acquisition of Jaguar Land Rover in 2008. Another landmark achievement was the launch of the Tata Nano in 2008 marked as the world's cheapest car. Ratan Tata has received numerous awards and honours for his contributions to business and society. He received Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (2014) – a prestigious honour from the British government and many more awards. He retired as Chairman of Tata Sons in 2012 but continues to be involved in philanthropic initiatives. He passed away on 9th October 2024 at the age of 86.

- Who was the founder of Tata Group?
- Where was Ratan Tata born?
- Where did he acquire his master's degree from?
- When did he become The Chairman of Tata Group?
- Which is the most significant achievement of Tata Group?
- Name the prestigious honour conferred on Tata from the British government.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was the world's cheapest car launched by Tata Group.
- Which expression is used here to indicate 'death'?
- Make the antonym of the word 'successful' using the appropriate prefix.

**OR**

**B. Read the following poem and answer the questions set on it**

**9 x 1 = 9**

Seven years I could not walk a step.  
When I to the great physician came  
He demanded: Why the crutches?  
And I told him: I am lame.

He replied: That's not surprising.  
Be so good and try once more.  
If you're lame, it's these contraptions.  
Fall then! Crawl across the floor!

And he took my lovely crutches  
Laughing with a fiend's grimace  
Broke them both across my back and  
Threw them in the fireplace.

Well, I'm cured now: I can walk.  
Cured by nothing more than laughter.  
Sometimes, though, when I see sticks  
I walk worse for some hours after.

- a. How did the physician laugh?
- b. Why couldn't the speaker walk?
- c. The physician asked the speaker to \_\_\_\_\_ the floor.
- d. For how long could the speaker not walk?
- e. Which adjective describes the crutches?
- f. Where did the physician throw the broken crutches?
- g. What cured the speaker?
- h. What happens when the speaker sees sticks?
- i. **Complete the analogy:** came: lame :: grimace : \_\_\_\_\_.

**PART – D**

**31. .A. Rewrite as directed**

**4 x 1 = 4**

- i. Anand got \_\_\_\_\_ from the car.  
(Use the appropriate preposition)
- ii. defend/ helps/ blood/ to/against/ the/ body/infection.  
(Rewrite the above segments into a meaningful sentence)
- iii. The Chief Minister and his cabinet \_\_\_\_\_ (approves / approve) the budget in January every year.  
(Use the appropriate verb that agrees with the subject)
- iv. The doorbell \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) every day at 9 in the morning.  
(Use the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets)

**OR**

**B. Fill in the blanks with the right linker**

**4 x 1 = 4**

**(then, because, if, moreover)**

People who live in overcrowded cities have to respect everyone's civil rights. One needs to respect civil rights \_\_\_\_\_ they ensure comfortable living to all. \_\_\_\_\_ respecting civil rights ensures a healthy environment in the cities. \_\_\_\_\_ everyone honours each other's rights, \_\_\_\_\_, cities become heavenly abodes for their citizens.

**32. .A. Rewrite as directed**

**2 x 1 = 2**

- i. This machine rarely works, \_\_\_\_\_? (Add a question tag)
- ii. Gonzalo and Laura spoke to each other.  
(Change into a question using the right form of 'Do')

**OR**

**B. Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them**

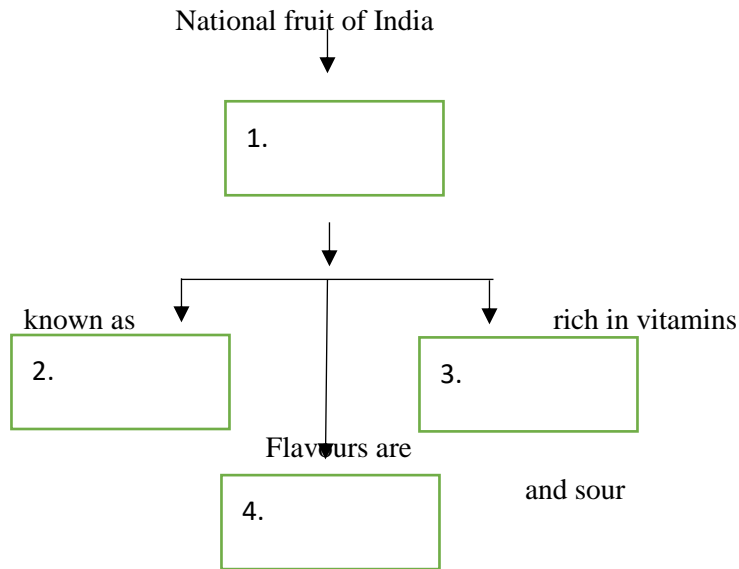
**2 x 1 = 2**

- i. This house is belonging to the minister.
- ii. When you will complete notes?

33. Read the following passage and make notes by filling in the boxes given below

4 x ½ = 2

Mango is the national fruit of India. It is known as the king of fruits. It is rich in vitamins and minerals. Mangoes are sweet and sour flavoured.



34. Report the following conversation

5 x 1 = 5

Roof: Do not forget. Our sign is the motorcar.

Woman: Is it like Marcus's car?

Roof: It is the same car. Don't look at the other with the man's head.

35. Complete the following dialogue

3 x 1 = 3

Mayura: Hi Madhura, you are \_\_\_\_\_ (complementing)

Madhura: \_\_\_\_\_ (expressing gratitude)

Mayura: Is today a special day for you?

Madhura: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ (responding)

Mayura: Many more happy returns of the day Madhura.

Madhura: Thank you, Mayura.

**PART – E**

36. A. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement, which appeared in 'The Deccan Herald', dated 17th December 2024.

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**WANTED**

Data Entry Operators

**Qualification:** II PUC with First Class

Basic Computer Knowledge Essential

Fluency in Kannada and English

**Apply within 10 days to:** The Managing Director

Abhaya Digital Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Chitradurga

Write XXXX for name and YYYY for address

(Write XXXX for name and YYYY for address)

**OR**

**Imagine that you have been invited by a local science club to speak about superstitions.**

**Prepare a speech in about 100 words based on the points given below:**

Meaning of superstition –irrational – feeble minds.

Reasons for superstition – ignorance -illiteracy – lack of scientific thinking

Measure to eradicate - literacy drive – create awareness

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