



8. The famous and fast Tokaido line runs between Tokyo and \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Hiroshima                      b) Osaka                              c) Nagasaki                              d) Kyushu

9. Umuofia Mansions was opened by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the Mayor                      b) the Minister of Culture                      c) the Archbishop                      d) a Bishop

10. Sheela Rani Chunkath, the district collector, promoted \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the empowerment of women                                              b) the cycling race  
c) the freedom movement                                              d) social and political movement

**11. Fill in the blanks by using the right form of the verb given in the bracket.                      2×1=2**

A letter \_\_\_\_\_ (send) to the French government. A prompt reply \_\_\_\_\_ (receive). It said that a machine and an expert \_\_\_\_\_ (could supply) but the cost would be 16,000 francs.

**12. Fill in the blanks with the right linker.                      3×1=3**

(because, finally, gradually, that)

Rivalry between Tammanna and Basavaiah looked like healthy competition in the beginning.

\_\_\_\_\_ it rose to such a pitch \_\_\_\_\_ they started competing in buying each acre of land in the village. \_\_\_\_\_ no land in the village was left for buying. Even then Basavaiah was not happy \_\_\_\_\_ he had 200 acres less than Tammanna.

**13. Match the column 'A' with column 'B':                      5×1=5**

**A**

i. Don Gonzalo.

ii. Dona Laura.

iii. Petra.

a) i -- c, ii -- b, iii -- a

c) i -- a, ii -- b, iii -- c

**B**

a. Maid

b. A gallant lover

c. The Silver Maiden

b) i -- b, ii -- c, iii -- a

d) i -- b, ii -- a, iii -- c

**II. Answer any SIX of the following [choosing at least two from poetry] in a paragraph of 80 -100 words.                      6×4=24**

14. Juliet's beauty was too rich for use. How does Romeo describe it?

15. How does the poem, 'On Children' bring out the relationship of parents and children?

16. Explain the instances that make the child's foot aware of the obstacles and hardships in 'To The Foot From its Child'.

17. What image of heaven does the poem, 'Heaven, If You Are Not Here On Earth' create?

18. What made the king of Monaco alter his decisions in dealing with the criminal in 'Too Dear!'?

19. Write a note on 'Navdanya Farm' and 'Navdanya Movement'.

20. How did the plantation owner's life style change after the arrival of the old man in 'The Gardener'?

21. How does Borges look upon his blindness?

22. Explain the change that had come into the thinking of Umuofia in 'The Voter'.

23. How has cycling become a metaphor for freedom in Pudukkottai? Explain.

**III. Answer the following in about 200 words.**

**6×1=6**

24. Laura and Gonzalo recognize each other but conceal their identity. How does 'A Sunny Morning' present this?

OR

Water is a luxury for one class and a struggle for another in our society. How does the poem 'Water' present this contrast?

**IV. 25. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.**

**10×1=10**

Over a hundred years ago, the carrying of mail was a hazardous venture; and the mail runner or 'hirkara' as he was called, had to be armed with a sword or spear. That was before railways and air services made the delivery of mail a routine affair. Though the first public postal service was introduced in India by Warren Hastings in 1774, the kings and emperors of India had always maintained their own personal postal system. Their rule was effective partly due to excellent means of communication by which dispatches were passed on from hand to hand either by runners or horsemen. When Ibna Batuta was travelling in India, in the middle of the 14th century, he found an organised system of couriers established throughout the country by Mohammed Bin Tughlak. "There is a foot courier at a distance of every mile", wrote Ibna Batuta, "and at every three miles there is an inhabited village, and outside it three sentry boxes, where the couriers sit. In the hands of each is a whip about two cubits long, and upon the head of this are small bells. Whenever one of the couriers leaves any city, he takes his dispatches in one hand and the whip, which he keeps constantly shaking, in the other. In this manner he proceeds to the nearest foot-courier and as he approaches, shakes his whip, upon this comes another man who takes the dispatches and proceeds to the next. It is for this reason that the Sultan receives his dispatches in so short a time." This system was of course established for the convenience of the Emperor and was continued with various innovations by successive Moghul emperors in the 18th century. The East India Company established a postal system of its own to facilitate the conveyance of letters between different offices; but it was only during Warren Hastings' administration that a

post master General was appointed and the general public could avail of the service, paying a fee on their letter.

- a. What was the mail runner called?
- b. Who introduced the first postal service in India?
- c. Whom did the kings and emperors prefer to deliver their dispatches?
- d. When did Ibna Batuta travel in India?
- e. What did Mommmed Bin Tughlak establish?
- f. Where do the couriers sit?
- g. Which word in the passage means 'new ideas or techniques'?
- h. As the courier approaches the nearest foot-courier near an inhabited village/city he

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| a) shouts out loudly.  | b) shakes the whip.                           |
| c) whistles and sings. | i. Kings and emperors would successfully..... |
- (communication/communicate) with each other through couriers.
- j. When was the postmaster General appointed?

**26. What do the underlined words in the following paragraph refer to? 4×1=4**

Whenever one of the couriers leaves any city, he takes his dispatches in one hand and the whip with bells in the other, which he keeps shaking. Upon hearing the sound, another man comes out in the next city and takes these dispatches so that he can deliver them to the next city. As a result the Sultan receives his dispatches in a very short a time.

he : ..... which :..... them :..... his :.....

**V. 27. Complete the following dialogue. 3×1=3**

(Two friends at a hotel)

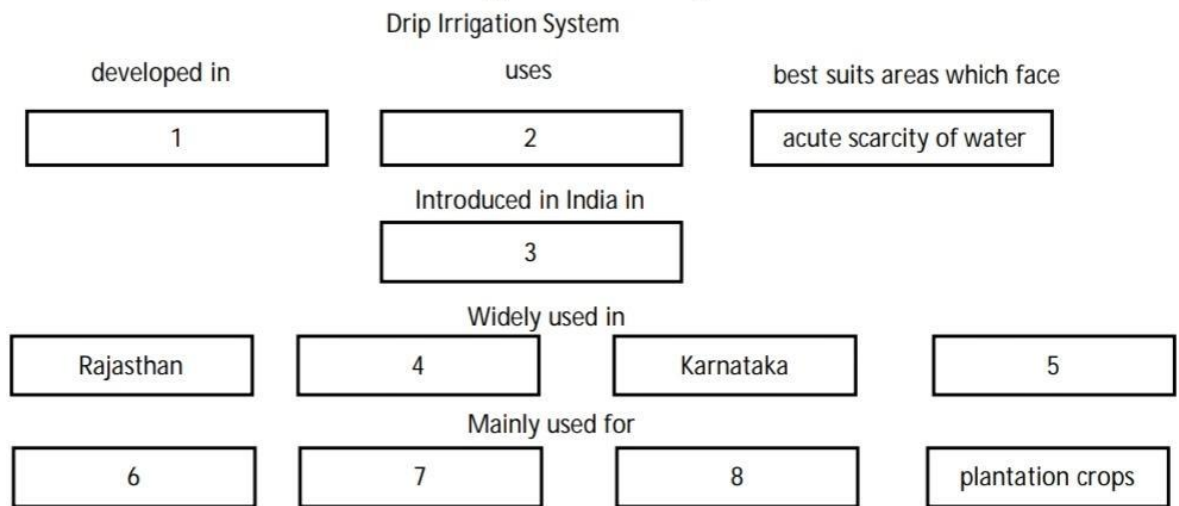
Ravi : John, \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast? (Enquiring)  
 John : What \_\_\_\_\_ ? (Asking for preference)  
 Ravi : I prefer dosa. Shall \_\_\_\_\_ ? (Offering choices)  
 John : I don't like masala dosa. I would prefer set dosa.  
 Ravi : Alright. I will order set dosa.

**28. Report the following conversation. 4×1=4**

Don Gonzalo : Do you mind my reading aloud?  
 Dona Laura : You can read as loud as you please.  
 Don Gonzalo : Can you read without glasses?  
 Dona Laura : I can.  
 Don Gonzalo : I envy your wonderful eyesight.

**VI. 29. Read the following passage and make notes by filling the boxes given below. 8×1/2= 4**

. Drip irrigation system was developed in Israel. This system uses a small amount of water for irrigating crops. It is best suited in the areas that face acute scarcity of water. It was introduced in India in the 1970s. It is widely used by farmers in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. It is mainly used for coconut, grape, vegetables and plantation crops. It is estimated that 6.3 lakh hectares of land in India is irrigated under this system.



30. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement

which appeared in "The Hindu" dated 10th March 2024.

**1×5=5**

[Write XXX for name and YYY for address].

**WANTED**

Computer Operator

Qualification : Any Degree

Candidates should know Kannada and English typing,

Excel, Tally, Basics, etc.,

**Apply to:**

The Manager

Nidhima Finance Private Limited

Vishwa Complex

Plot no. 1176

Bhavish Nagar,

Bengaluru .520741.

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