



**SRI BHAGAWAN MAHAVEER JAIN COLLEGE**

Vishweshwarapuram, Bangalore.

**Mock Question Paper 1 – January 2020**

**Course:** II year PUC

**Subject:** English

**Max. Marks:** 100

**Duration:** 3hr 15 min

Instructions:

- Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.*
- Write the correct question number as appears on the question paper.*
- One mark questions attempted more than once will be awarded zero.*
- Answers to question number 24(a-j) and 25(i-iii) should be in sequence and at one place.*
- For multiple choice questions choose the correct answer and rewrite.*

**I. Answer the following in a word, phrase or a sentence each.**

**12 x 1 =12**

- How did Romeo attend the supper hosted by Lord Capulet?
- Why did the ministers suggest to the Prince to dismiss the guard in the story "Too Dear"?
- What do you mean by the phrase "Their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow"?
- Why did Tagore start a learning centre Shanthiniketan in West Bengal, India, as a forest school?
- What did Don Gonzalo take to hunt in one of his estates near Aravaca in the one act play "A Sunny Morning"?
- Why does the speaker's beloved feel sad in the poem "When you are old"?
- What word did Basaviah send to Tammanna in the short story "The Gardner"?
- How do the "petaled toes" look like in the poem "To the foot from its child"?
- What would the hostess think if a fearful noise is not made while eating soup, according to George Mikes?
- According to Borges a book is the extension of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- What was opposition, to Marcus Ibe, compared to?
- Why does Puddukottai remain unique among Indian districts according to P.Sainath?

**II. Answer any eight of the following (choosing at least two from poetry) in a paragraph of 80-100 words each.**

**8 x 4 =32**

- How is Romeo mesmerised by the beauty of Juliet?
- How did the criminal benefit from the pension he was offered in the short story "Too Dear"?
- What idea of Tagore inspired the author to start the Earth University?
- How does Tammanna take revenge on Basavaiah through invisible means?
- Bring out the irony in "Water", where the speaker remarks on the innocence of water?
- Borges says that the books will never disappear inspite of modern modes of communication. Explain.
- Describe how the poet visualizes heaven in nature in "Heaven, If you are not here on Earth"?
- Give an account of the crawling traffic in Brazil as mentioned by George Mikes?
- The Voter ridicules the power and selfishness of Marcus Ibe. Explain.
- What benefits, according to P.Sainath has cycling brought into the lives of rural women?

**III. Answer any one of the following in about 200 words.**

**6 X 1=6**

23. Trace the stages of the foot's transformations portrayed in "To the Foot from its Child".

OR

"Conservation of biodiversity sustains both the nature and the culture". Explain with reference to "Everything I Need to know I learnt in the Forest"

OR

"A Sunny Morning revolves around concealing and revealing Laura and Gonzalo's Identity". Elaborate.

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

**10 X 1=10**

The short story entitled "The Axe" by R.K.Narayan reveals his concern for Nature. The story revolves around Velan who lived in his ancestral village with his parents. An astrologer through the village predicted

that Velan would live in a bungalow surrounded by a garden. It was difficult, for Velan and his parents to believe this, as they were very poor.

“The ways of Providence are strange”. One day, Velan left his parental home in a huff and reached Malgudi. After a few days, he was employed by an old man to raise a garden around his mansion. Under Velan’s care and attention, trees, plants and flowers sprang up. He lived in a hut in a corner of the compound.

In the garden, a Margosa tree was particularly dear to him. It was the home for birds. The grand children and great grandchildren of the owner played under the shade. Soon things began to change. The owner died and his sons occupied the house for a time and, then, rented it out. No tenant, occupied it for a long time. The house, like Velan, showed signs of ageing. Velan’s hut started giving away. He shifted to the veranda of the bungalow. The prediction had come true. He was the sole occupant of the big house.

Years passed. No one came near the ghost house, as it came to be called. One day, some people came and asked him to open the doors and windows of the house. The ramshackle house, they said, was beyond repair. They had to pull it down. The garden so tenderly raised by Velan was of no use to the new owners. A week later Velan was told that the house had been sold to building promoters. They would soon start demolishing the house and would cut down all the trees, except a few. Velan was given notice to leave. Workers started demolishing the house and cutting the trees. One day, he was disturbed by the sound of an axe. He saw four men cutting down his Margosa tree. He could not bear that sight. With tears, he appealed to them, “This is my child. I planted it. I saw it grow. Don’t cut it down”. They said that they had been paid by their company to do their job. Velan pleaded with them to wait till he left the site. The workers stopped their work. Velan entreated them not to cut the Margosa tree till he had gone far, away. Even after Velan had gone a very long distance, the workers could hear him, “Don’t cut it yet. I am still within hearing circumference. Please wait till I go to a distance, where I don’t hear the sound of the axe”.

24. Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each.

- a. What does the short story “The Axe” reveal?
- b. Where did Velan live?
- c. What was the astrologer’s prediction?
- d. Why did the old man employ Velan?
- e. Among all the trees \_\_\_\_ was particularly dear to Velan?
- f. Who occupied the house after owner’s death?
- g. Why did Velan shift to the veranda of the bungalow?
- h. For the new owners of the bungalow, the garden tenderly raised by Velan
  - i. Was very valuable
  - ii. Was of no use
  - iii. Was very beautiful.
- i. What disturbed Velan?
- j. What did Velan plead with the workers?

25. Read the following lines and answer the questions.

3 X 1=3

The merry mice stay in their holes.

And hide there all the day;

But when the house is still at night,

The rogues come out and play.

- a. Where do merry mice stay?
- b. For how much time do they stay there?
- c. What do they do at mid night?

26. Complete the following by filling in the blanks using the right form of the verb given in brackets.

3X1=3

Baba Amte \_\_\_\_\_ (move) by the miserable condition of Tulsiram, a leprosy patient. So, Warora Maharogi Seva Samiti \_\_\_\_\_ (found) to help leprosy patients help themselves. Many crippled social outcasts \_\_\_\_\_ (give) shelter.

**27. Report the following conversation.**

**5X 1 =5**

(Sunil and Ram meet at Sunil’s flat).

Sunil: I have a party here tomorrow evening .would you like to come?

Ram: Thanks, I would love to.

(Ram meets Sham next day at a different place)

Ram: I met Sunil at his flat yesterday. He said he has a party there this evening.

Sham: Just now I heard about it, Vinay told me.

**28. Complete the following dialogue.**

**4X1= 4**

Mala: \_\_\_\_\_. (Greeting)

Mary: I’m fine. What about you?

Mala: Fine. I learnt that you have got a special scholarship.\_\_\_\_ (congratulating)

Mary: Yes, Mala, Thank you. My contribution to theatrical activities, have been taken into consideration.

Mala: Don’t you feel that theatre has lost its relevance?

Mary :\_\_\_\_\_ ( Disagreeing).

Mala: Any way, your achievements are unmatched.

Mary: Thank you.\_\_\_\_\_ (leave taking)

**29. Fill in the blanks with appropriate expression given in the brackets.**

**2x1=2**

(to get hold of, squared his broad shoulders, split in two)

Blandford felt as though he were being \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw the woman well past forty. But he felt friendship was more precious than love. So he \_\_\_\_ and saluted the woman holding the book “Of Human Bondage”.

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

**4X 1=4**

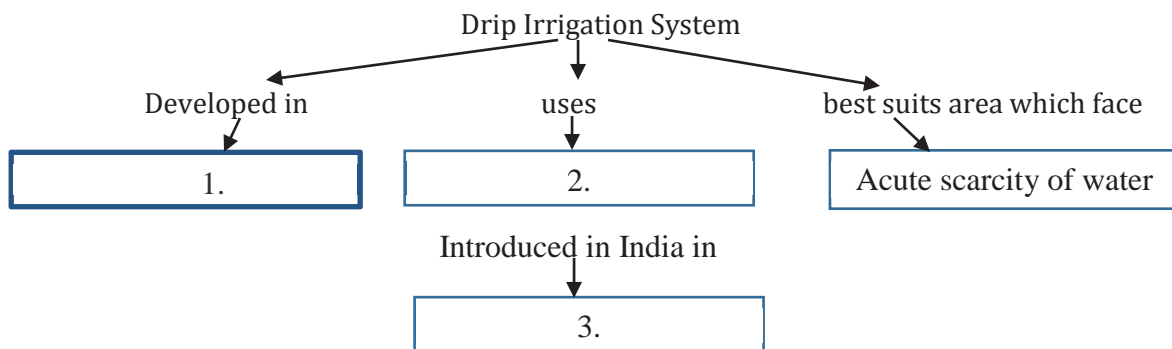
(But, eventually, so, then)

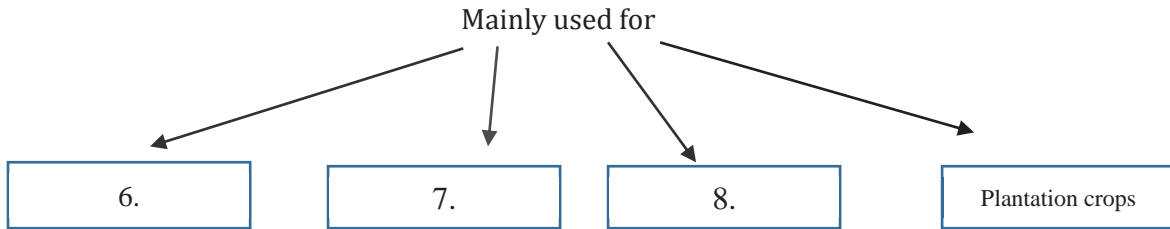
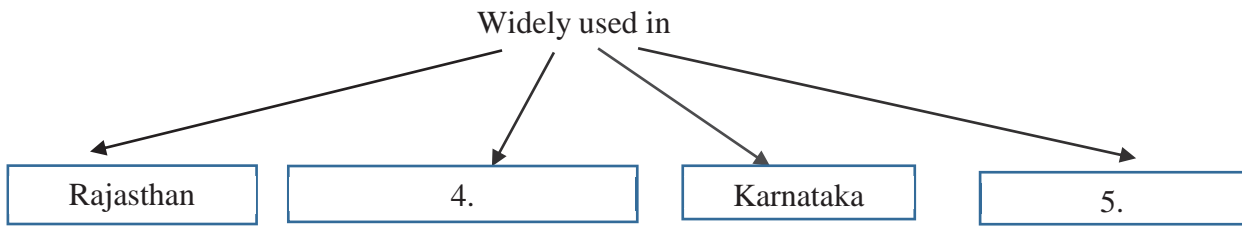
The kingdom of Monaco was peaceful and a peace loving country.\_\_\_\_\_ they did not feel the need to keep an army or police force. \_\_\_\_\_once, a murder was committed there.\_\_\_\_\_ they were forced to look for ways to try and punish the criminal. \_\_\_\_\_they decided to give him a pension and send him away.

**31. Read the following passage and make notes by drawing and filling the boxes given below.**

**8x1/2=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 1970. It was widely used by farmers in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. It is mainly used for coconut, grapes, vegetables and plantation crops. It is estimated that 6.3 lakh hectares of land in India is irrigated under this system.





**32. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement which appeared in ‘THE HINDU’ dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019. 5marks**

**WANTED**  
**DRAWING TEACHERS**

Maria Montessori invites applications for qualified artists. Candidate should be fluent in English and Hindi with a Diploma or equivalent Degree in Fine Arts.

---

Apply within 10 days to:  
The Principal  
Maria Montessori  
Shanthinikethan Arts faculty  
8, Camac St, Elgin, Kolkata,  
West Bengal 700017.

**33. Imagine that you are the secretary of your College Union. On your College Union Day you have to introduce your chief guest whose profile is given below. Write a speech in about 100 words using the points given in the profile. 5 marks**

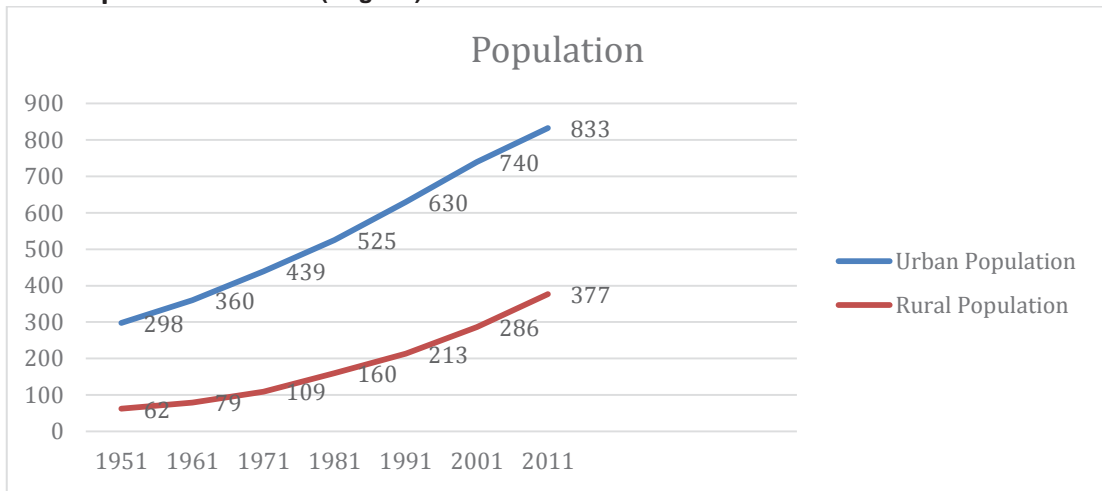
NAME: Major Parneetha Sinha

OCCUPATION: Head of Parachute Regiment at Army Base, Jammu

Profile: M.Sc. in nuclear physics-participated in RD parade for five consecutive years-worked at different army bases across India-trained innumerable military personnel-instrumental in leading combats against terrorists in Sikkim, Kashmir.

OR

The following line graph represents the growth of urban and rural population from 1951 to 2011 in India. Use the information to write a report in 100 words.



34. What do the underlined words in the following paragraph refer to? 4X4=4

The king was upset and sad to see his wife heartbroken. He was finding ways to make her laugh. On the day of Gai Jatra, a procession passed in front of the palace and the queen stood watching it. The participants began ridiculing the important people and the social system. Seeing them, the queen could not hold her laughter.

His: \_\_\_\_\_ her: \_\_\_\_\_  
 it: \_\_\_\_\_ them: \_\_\_\_\_

35. Rewrite the jumbled segments to form a meaningful sentence. 1 mark

Centuries /books/the greatest/memory/are/of all

\*\*\*\*\*