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Time : 3 Hours**ENGLISH****Subject Code**

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Total No. of Questions : 59 (Printed Pages : 16)**Maximum Marks : 80****Instructions :**

- (i) PART 1 : Questions 1-40 (MCQ).
- (ii) PART 2 : Questions 41-59 (Subjective questions)

PART 1 : (MCQ)**Read the following passage and answer the questions set below it :**

One night, Mahendra was woken up from his sleep by a low moan close to his window. At first he put it down to a cat prowling around for mice, but the sound was too guttural for a cat. He resisted the curiosity to look out lest he should behold a sight which would stop his heart, but the wailing became louder and less feline. He could not resist the temptation any more. Lowering himself to the level of the windowsill, he looked out. There, not too far away, was a dark cloudy form clutching a bundle. Mahendra broke into a cold sweat and fell back on the pillow, panting. As he gradually recovered from the ghastly experience, he began to reason with himself and finally concluded that it must have been some trick that his subconscious had played on him.

By the time he had got up in the morning, had a bath and come out to have his breakfast, the horror of the previous night had faded from his memory. Ishwaran greeted him at the door with his lunch packet and his bag. Just as Mahendra was stepping out Ishwaran grinned and said, "Sir, remember the other day when I was

telling you about the female ghost with a foetus in its arms, you were so angry with me for imagining things ? Well, you saw her yourself last night. I came running hearing the sound of moaning that was coming from your room....”

With reference to the passage do as directed :

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1. Choose and write the phrase similar in meaning to “broke into cold sweat”.
(A) shivering from cold (B) extremely scared
(C) relieved and relaxed (D) a sudden fever
2. Choose and write the word opposite in meaning to “curiosity”.
(A) disinterest (B) eagerness
(C) inquiry (D) fascination
3. Choose and write a word opposite in meaning to ‘ghastly’.
(A) pleasing (B) horrifying
(C) bright (D) calm
4. Choose and write the word similar in meaning to “faded”.
(A) lost (B) remained
(C) disappeared (D) increased

With reference to the passage choose and write the correct alternatives to complete each of the following statements :

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5. Initially Mahendra woke up from his sleep when

- (A) he saw a cloudy form
- (B) he heard a low moan near his window
- (C) Ishwaran called him
- (D) there was a knock on the door

6. Mahendra thought the noise outside was due to

- (A) a moving ghost
- (B) the strong wind
- (C) a cat prowling for mice
- (D) Ishwaran strolling

7. The next morning, Ishwaran reminded Mahendra about

- (A) the female ghost with a foetus in its arms
- (B) the cat prowling around
- (C) his lunch packet and his bag
- (D) the mice moving around

8. On listening to Ishwaran's stories, Mahendra would be

- (A) upset
- (B) normal
- (C) angry
- (D) lost in thought

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Read the following passage and answer the questions set below it :

Using technology in education is always a debatable issue. On one side, technology offers students easy access to many resources and tools for learning. Hence, information is easily available. For example, online courses and educational apps provide personalized learning experiences, catering to individual students' needs. This makes learning more personalized. In present times, digital literacy and use of technology in the classroom prepares them for future jobs.

On the other hand, there are significant drawbacks. Excessive screen time can lead to health issues such as eye strain and poor posture. It can reduce students' critical thinking skills, as they depend on technology for answers. Besides, not all students have equal access to devices and high-speed internet, which can lead to educational inequality.

While technology can enhance education, it is essential to use it judiciously. Schools and educators should balance the benefits of digital tools with the need for critical thinking and make sure all students have equal access. Technology should support, and not replace, traditional teaching methods.

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9. Choose and write the word similar in meaning to "significant."

(A) obscure

(B) available

(C) important

(D) complicated

10. Choose and write the word that is opposite in meaning to 'enhance.'

(A) improve

(B) increase.

(C) support

(D) diminish

11. Choose and write the phrase similar in meaning to "catering to".

(A) providing with

(B) supporting with

(C) allowing to

(D) agreeing to

12. Choose and write the word that is opposite in meaning to "judiciously."

(A) thoughtlessly

(B) wisely

(C) cautiously

(D) thoughtfully

With reference to the passage choose and write the correct alternatives to complete each of the following statements :

13. One advantage of using technology in education is

(A) it completely replaces traditional teaching methods.

(B) it provides equal access to all students.

(C) it offers personalized learning experiences.

(D) it reduces the need for teachers.

14. Excessive screen time leads to
- (A) improved posture (B) health issues like eye strain
- (C) enhanced critical thinking skills (D) making students more social
15. Non-availability of devices and high-speed internet will lead to
- (A) digital divide (B) information gap
- (C) educational inequality (D) technological barrier
16. The passage suggests that technology in education should be
- (A) the only teaching-learning method
- (B) used only in advanced classes
- (C) used without any restrictions
- (D) a supplement to traditional teaching methods.

Read the following extract from prose and answer the questions that follow by choosing and writing the correct alternatives : 2

"It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones."

17. What was the problem with the Geography sector ?
- (A) It was flashing on and off (B) It was geared a little too quick
- (C) It was too slow (D) All of these

18. Who tried to resolve the problem ?

(A) Mother

(B) Teacher

(C) County Inspector

(D) Tommy

Choose and write the correct alternatives similar in meaning to the underlined words/phrases in the given sentences :

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19. Simon performed the song flawlessly hitting every note perfectly.

(A) clumsily

(B) imperfectly

(C) slowly

(D) without any mistakes

20. He was taken with the new game, spending hours playing it.

(A) removed from

(B) captivated by

(C) uninterested in

(D) returned to

Read the following extracts from the poems and choose and write the correct alternatives to answer the questions that follow :

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'Now in memory comes my mother.

As she used to years ago.

To regard the darling dreamers

Ere she left them till the dawn.'

21. The 'darling dreamers' refer to the poet's

(A) parents

(B) grandparents

(C) cousins

(D) siblings

22. Where is the poet ?

(A) on a cottage chamber bed

(B) on the roof

(C) in the attic

(D) under the tree

'Then took the other, just as fair,

And having perhaps a better claim,

Because it was grassy and wanted wear.

Though as for that the passing there.

Had worn them really the same.'

23. What was the problem faced by Robert Frost ?

(A) the trodden grass

(B) the black leaves

(C) the yellow wood

(D) the two roads

24. Identify the figure of speech underlined in the above extract :

(A) Simile

(B) Personification

(C) Alliteration

(D) Metaphor

Choose and write the correct words to complete the following sentences :

25. A musician discovers joy when plays the right note. 1

(A) they

(B) he

(C) it

(D) all

26. Charan Singh was awarded prestigious Bharat Ratna for his agrarian reforms. 1

(A) the

(B) most

(C) a

(D) some

27. Seema could not complete the exercise she lost the map. 1

(A) but

(B) yet

(C) hence

(D) because

28. You can play games your studies. 1

(A) under

(B) after

(C) on

(D) near

Change the following sentences as directed by choosing and writing the correct alternatives :

29. As soon as the shopkeeper arrives, the gate opens automatically. (Use 'No sooner') 1
- (A) No sooner did the shopkeeper arrive than the gate opened automatically.
 - (B) No sooner did the shopkeeper arrive then the gate opens automatically.
 - (C) No sooner does the shopkeeper arrive than the gate opens automatically.
 - (D) No sooner does the shopkeeper arrive, the gate opens automatically.

30. No sooner did the race start than we began cheering. (Use 'As soon as') 1

- (A) As soon as the race starts, we begin cheering.
- (B) As soon as the race started, we began cheering.
- (C) As soon as the race started, than we began cheering.
- (D) As soon as the race starts, we began cheering.

31. Suzan can't swim. (Add a question tag) :

- (A) Suzan can't swim, can she ?
- (B) Suzan can swim, can't she ?
- (C) Suzan can't swim, doesn't she ?
- (D) Can Suzan swim ?

32. He works selflessly. (Add a question tag) 1

(A) Does he work selflessly ?

(B) He works selflessly, hadn't he ?

(C) He works selflessly, does he ?

(D) He works selflessly, doesn't he?

Report the following by choosing and writing the correct alternative given below each sentence : 4

33. Tom to Harry : "Please give this parcel to my sister."

(A) Tom said to Harry that give that parcel to his sister.

(B) Tom asked Harry to give that parcel to my sister.

(C) Tom requested Hari to give that parcel to his sister.

(D) Tom told Harry to give that parcel to his sister.

34. Teacher to students : "Complete the assignment and submit it tomorrow."

(A) The teacher instructed the students to complete the assignment and submit it the next day.

(B) The teacher asked the students to complete the assignment and submit.

(C) The teacher requested the students to complete the assignment and submit the following day.

(D) The teacher ordered the students to complete and submit the assignment the next day.

35. Police to Rider : "Next time your license will be suspended !"

- (A) The Police told the Rider that his license will be suspended the next time.
- (B) The Police requested the Rider that your license would be suspended the next time.
- (C) The Police warned the Rider that his license would be suspended the next time.
- (D) The Police enquired with the Rider that his license would be suspended the next time.

36. Grandma to little Johny : "How did you answer your exam today ?"

- (A) Grandma asked little Johny about his exam today.
- (B) Grandma enquired with little Johny how he had answered his exam that day.
- (C) Grandma told little Johny how his exam was that day.
- (D) Grandma said to little Johny how he answered his exam that day.

Fill in the blanks by choosing and writing the correct verb forms, from the alternatives given below each sentence :

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37. The earth around the sun.

- (A) rotated
- (B) rotating
- (C) rotate
- (D) rotates

38. Tonight, we for our hometown.

(A) left

(B) were leaving

(C) are leaving

(D) leaves

39. Last year, we all in class VIII.

(A) studied

(B) studies

(C) had study

(D) will study

40. Recently, Manju to Delhi for further studies.

(A) was going

(B) has gone

(C) will go

(D) goes

PART 2 : (Subjective)

Complete the following in about ten words each :

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41. Margie was disappointed and had been hoping that

42. Everything suddenly looked black to Evelyn when

43. Kezia's grandmother gave her a silk cloth to

44. The doctor thought of marrying a fat lady doctor because

Answer any four of the following questions in about 20 words each : 8

45. Why did Margie hate her school ?

46. How does Evelyn try to listen to music ?

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47. Why did the doctor feel the need to write "O God" outside his little heart ?
48. What made Kezia to change her opinion about her father ?
49. Why did Bismillah like to practice on the banks of the Ganga and the temple of Balaji and Mangala Maya ?
50. How has God gifted Evelyn with 'something extraordinary' ?

Answer the following questions with reference to poems in about 20 words each :

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51. In the poem "The Road Not Taken", why was Robert Frost confused ?
52. What does the poet wish to do at Innisfree ?
53. What destruction did the wind bring about in the poem 'Wind' ?

Answer the following questions in about 50 words each (any two) : 6

54. How did the little boy enjoy himself on the way to the fair ?
55. How would Toto have his bath ?

56. Why did grandfather add Toto to his zoo ?

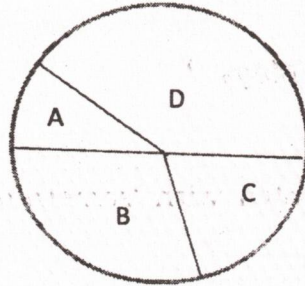
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C-October

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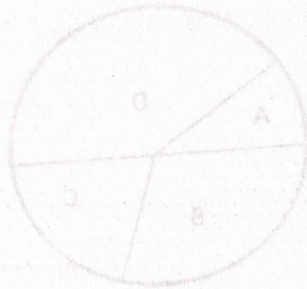
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