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FIRST SEMESTER
ENGLISH (for Marathi and Urdu Medium)

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Total No. of Questions: 59

Maximum Marks: 80

INSTRUCTIONS: **PART 1:** Questions 1 – 40 (MCQ)

PART 2: Questions 41 – 59 (Subjective questions)

PART 1: MCQ

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

A legend tells us that it was a Buddhist monk named Bodhidharma who was the first to use tea as a drink. He was keen to find a herb or a medicinal plant which would help him stay awake and alert for long periods of time in prayer and meditation. After considerable search and trial, he found that chewing leaves from the tea shrub acted as a stimulant, helping him stay awake. It was he who introduced tea among his disciples in China.

It is said that Japanese priests studying under Buddhist teachers in China carried tea seeds and leaves back home with them. Turkish traders also began to bargain for tea on the border of Mongolia.

In fact, the story goes that the Chinese Emperor Hui Tsung was so taken up with tea that he set up a research into the best tea- whisking methods and also hosted tea-making and tea-tasting tournaments in the court. So 'tea minded' was he, that he failed to notice that Mongolia had actually taken over his empire.

With reference to the passage, choose and write the correct alternative:

1. The word opposite in meaning to 'last' is _____. (1)
A. long B. from C. first D. failed
2. The word similar in meaning to 'followers' is _____. (1)
A. traders B. priests C. disciples D. monks
3. The meaning of the phrase 'so taken up' is _____. (1)
A. bargain a lot B. completely absorbed
C. failed completely D. introduced
4. The word opposite in meaning to 'asleep' is _____. (1)
A. search B. stimulant C. alert D. awake

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

5. Turkish traders began to bargain for tea on the _____ border. (1)
A. Indian B. Mongolian C. Chinese D. Japanese
6. Japanese priests in China carried _____ and leaves back home with them. (1)
A. life lessons B. tea shrubs C. tea seeds D. tea

7. Chinese Emperor set research into the best tea _____ methods. (1)
 A. whisking B. making C. tasting D. drinking
8. Mongolia _____ Chinese Empire. (1)
 A. found B. looted C. took over D. introduced

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

Vaibhav was struggling to find his place in the new school. He had moved to a new city over the summer and was still getting used to his new surroundings. On his first day, he got lost on the way to his classroom and was late for his first period. The teacher, Mrs. Kumar, introduced him to the class, but Vaibhav was too nervous to make eye contact with his new classmates.

At lunchtime, Vaibhav sat alone at a table, unsure of what to do. But then, a boy with messy brown hair and a warm smile approached him. "Hey, I'm Rohan," he said. "Welcome to our school. I saw you were struggling to find your classroom earlier. Do you need help finding your way around?"

Vaibhav smiled, feeling a sense of relief. "Yeah, that would be great. Thanks." Rohan showed Vaibhav to his next class and introduced him to some of their classmates. Over the next few days, Vaibhav and Rohan became fast friends, exploring the school and getting to know each other.

Vaibhav was grateful for Rohan's friendship and began to feel more at home in his new school. He realized that sometimes, all it takes is one person to make a difference in your life.

With reference to the passage, choose and write the correct alternative:

9. The word opposite in meaning to 'sure' is _____. (1)
 A. harmful B. beneficial C. unsure D. unsafe
10. The word similar in meaning to 'messy' is _____. (1)
 A. untidy B. light C. thick D. dark
11. The meaning of the phrase 'moved to' is _____. (1)
 A. refused B. turned to C. went D. evaded
12. The word opposite in meaning to 'many' is _____. (1)
 A. extra B. few C. first D. usual

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

13. Rohan helped Vaibhav find his way _____. (1)
 A. back home B. around the school.
 C. explore the world. D. to get the things he lost.
14. Vaibhav was grateful for Rohan's _____. (1)
 A. warm smile B. lunch C. friendship D. company
15. Vaibhav learned that sometimes, all it takes is one person to _____. (1)

- A. change schools comfortably. B. make eye contact with others.
C. feel nervous about. D. make a difference in your life.
16. Vaibhav was _____ because he got lost on the way to his classroom. (1)
A. struggling B. crying C. trembling D. exploring

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

"Today Tommy found a real book!"

17. What does Margie mean by 'a real book'? (1)
A. printed paper book. B. published book.
C. hidden book D. lost book
18. What books did Tommy and Margie use? (1)
A. long books B. telebooks C. logbooks D. table books

"Let's see Mathilde. How much would a suitable dress cost?"

19. Why did Mathilde need a new dress? (1)
A. to attend a wedding B. to wear for the party
C. to go marketing D. to give as a gift.
20. What amount did she ask for? (1)
A. a thousand francs. B. four hundred sous
C. asked no money. D. four hundred francs.

"The morning after my teacher came, she led me into her room."

21. What did teacher give her then? (1)
A. an ice cream. B. a mug and water C. a doll D. a rag doll
22. Who had sent it for her? (1)
A. little blind children from Perkins B. friends from Perkins
C. aunt from the school for blind D. Laura Bridgman.

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

'Hope' is the thing with feathers.'

23. What is 'hope' compared with? (1)
A. a gale B. a bread crumb C. a storm D. a bird
24. Where does it perch? (1)
A. chilliest lands B. warm lands C. the soul D. the strongest sea.

'Sometimes your steps are very fast'.

25. Whose steps are being referred to? (1)
A. parents' B. father's C. brother's D. friend's
26. 'Very fast' means; (1)

- A. too quick to follow
C. Untraceable

- B. easy to follow
D. sometimes slow

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

27. She told me ____ happened yesterday. (1)
A. who B. what C. when D. where
28. She is ____ graduate in Chemistry. (1)
A. a B. an C. the D. some
29. You may sit on ____ chair. (1)
A. every B. any C. those D. which
30. The assignment wasn't submitted on time by ____ students. (1)
A. every B. some C. a D. much
31. What is the plural form of "child"? (1)
A. child B. children C. childs D. childrens
32. What is the singular form of "people"? (1)
A. pupil B. man C. person D. public
33. Vikram said to his boss: ____ I leave early today? (1)
A. Can B. May C. Must D. Might
34. When I was a little girl, I ____ easily climb trees. (1)
A. must B. may C. could D. should

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

35. The ball was thrown by Rita. (Change to Active form) (1)
A. The ball will be thrown by Rita. B. Rita will throw the ball.
C. Rita threw the ball. D. The ball is thrown by Rita.
36. Neha is selling fruits. (Change to Passive form) (1)
A. Fruits were sold by Neha. B. Fruits are sold by Neha.
C. Neha sells fruits. D. Fruits are being sold by Neha.
37. She is a doctor. (Add a question tag) (1)
A. She is a doctor, is she? B. She is a doctor, was she?
C. She is a doctor, isn't she? D. Is she a doctor?
38. They are moving to a new house. (Add a question tag) (1)
A. They aren't moving to a new house, are they?
B. They are moving to a new house, aren't they?
C. They are moving to a new house, will they?
D. They are moving to a new house, don't they?
39. I ____ (read) the novel. (Use Present Perfect Tense) (1)
A. had read B. have read C. am reading D. will read
40. She ____ (bake) a delicious cake for all. (Use Simple Past Tense) (1)
A. bakes B. shall bake C. has baked D. baked

PART 2 (Subjective Questions):

Complete the following with reference to the prose in about 10 words each: (3)

41. The County Inspector was a round little man with _____.
42. Mathilde dressed plainly because _____.
43. Her mother's signs and the hurrying to and fro, made Helen Keller guess that _____

Answer the following questions in about 20 words each: (Any Five) (10)

44. What does Helen Keller compare herself to?
45. Why did young Helen feel repentance and sorrow?
46. What is meant by the horrible life of the poor?
47. Which part of the machine did Margie hate the most?
48. Why did Mathilde weep with misery after visiting her schoolmate?
49. What was wrong with Margie's mechanical teacher?

Complete the following with reference to the poem in about 10 words each: (3)

50. The child does not wish to _____.
51. Hope sings the tune without _____.
52. Irrational feelings make sense _____.

Answer the following questions in about 20 words each: (Any Three) (6)

53. Why does the poet remark that advice is cheap?
54. According to the poet, how does God help people when they pray to him for help?
55. Why does 'Hope' continue to exist in humans?
56. What would happen if the child tried to walk fast?

57. Look at the given picture of a park and write a description in two paragraphs. You must add your own ideas /comments: (about 80 words) (5)



58. Write a paragraph of about 80 words on any one of the following: (6)

- Monsoon in Goa

OR

- Children's Day Celebration in your school.

OR

- My favourite subject

59. You are Amesha Dias, residing at Rose Villa, Miramar, Panaji, Goa. Your father has been transferred to another city and soon your family will be moving there. **Write a letter** to your best friend, Neha to come and spend some days with you, before you leave. **(7)**
