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**INSTRUCTIONS: PART 1: Questions 1 - 40 are MCQ****PART 2: Questions 41 - 59 are subjective**

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

High above the city, on a tall column, stood the statue of the Happy Prince. He was gilded all over with thin leaves of fine gold, for eyes he had two bright sapphires, and a large red ruby glowed on his sword-hilt. One night there flew over the city a little Swallow. His friends had gone away to Egypt six weeks before, but he had stayed behind. Then, he saw the statue on the tall column. 'I will put up there,' he cried; 'it is a fine position with plenty of fresh air.' So, he alighted just between the feet of the Happy Prince.

'I have a golden bedroom,' he said softly to himself as he looked round, and he prepared to go to sleep; but just as he was putting his head under his wing, a large drop of water fell on him. 'What a curious thing!' he cried, 'there is not a single cloud in the sky, the stars are quite clear and bright, and yet it is raining. Then another drop fell.

'What is the use of a statue if it cannot keep the rain off?' he said; 'I must look for a good chimney-pot,' and he determined to fly away. But before he had opened his wings, a third drop fell, and he looked up, and saw - Ah! what did he see? The eyes of the Happy Prince were filled with tears, and tears were running down his golden cheeks. His face was so beautiful in the moonlight that the little Swallow was filled with pity.

With reference to the passage do as directed:

(4)

1. Choose the phrase similar in meaning to 'gilded all over'
  - A. built strongly
  - B. covered in gold
  - C. painted beautifully
  - D. decorated nicely
2. Choose the words opposite in meaning to 'alighted'.
  - A. jumped off
  - B. came down
  - C. stayed on
  - D. flew off
3. Choose the word similar in meaning to 'column'.
  - A. pillar
  - B. wall
  - C. pole
  - D. stick
4. Choose the word opposite in meaning to 'bright'.
  - A. beautiful
  - B. shining
  - C. dull
  - D. dirty

With reference to the passage, choose the correct alternatives to complete each of the following statements: (4)

5. The Swallow chose to rest between the feet of the statue because .....
  - A. it had a lot of space.
  - B. it was a comfortable place.
  - C. it had plenty of fresh air.
  - D. it was clean.
6. The Swallow said 'What is the use of a statue?' because .....
  - A. it was built on a tall column.
  - B. it was huge.
  - C. it couldn't keep the rain off.
  - D. it was bright.
7. 'I must look for a good chimney-pot,' said the Swallow when .....
  - A. the rain started.
  - B. the statue began to cry.
  - C. the wind became stronger.
  - D. the second tear drop fell.
8. 'The eyes of the Happy Prince were filled with tears.' The effect on the Swallow was ....
  - A. he felt sorry for the Prince.
  - B. he too cried with the Prince.
  - C. he looked up at the Prince.
  - D. he was unhappy.

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

There is nothing better than the emotions and feelings one can receive from setting out on an adventure. Journeys help us to forget about our everyday issues. I was excited because my parents and I were going to Thailand. When we got out of the plane to enter Thailand wet, hot air permeated the environment. Beauty seemed to be all around us. On one side of the road was the lush greenery of the tropical forest and on the other, there were turquoise waves of the Andaman Sea. We decided to spend our first days on a cozy seacoast and take a rest from a tiresome trip.

We were enjoying every minute of our rest. The days were changing from one to another with new, bright, unforgettable emotions and impressions. We spent one day on motorbikes, studying the island. The traffic in Thailand is extremely busy and noisy. A lot of people ride motorbikes, which is a distinguishing feature of Thailand. We took breaks to taste the delicacies of the local cuisine in snack bars. I enjoyed Thai food immensely with its extraordinary combination of sweet, sour, and spicy flavours.

We also decided to go to the less touristic parts of the island. Our island was covered by steep hills. The picturesque view of the tropical jungles and endless spaces of the sea with many adjoining islands, and the beauty and splendour of local nature was opened to us. I was overfilled with the sense of infinite freedom and peace of mind.

With reference to the passage do as directed: (4)

9. Choose the word similar in meaning to 'distinguishing'
  - A. confusing
  - B. classifying
  - C. characteristic
  - D. chaotic

10. Choose the word opposite in meaning to 'lush'.
- A. barren
  - B. dense
  - C. grand
  - D. beautiful
11. Choose the phrase similar in meaning to 'peace of mind'.
- A. calmness
  - B. unhappiness
  - C. confidence
  - D. excitement
12. Choose the word opposite in meaning to 'picturesque'.
- A. beautiful
  - B. unattractive
  - C. scenic
  - D. dirty

With reference to the passage, choose the correct alternatives to complete each of the following statements: (4)

13. The writer was excited because .....
- A. he was going for a holiday to Thailand.
  - B. his parents were going on an adventure trip.
  - C. his parents and he were going to Thailand.
  - D. his friends and he were going to Thailand.
14. The writer and his family decided to spend the first day by .....
- A. enjoying Thailand's tasty cuisine.
  - B. resting on a cosy seacoast.
  - C. studying the island on motorbikes.
  - D. discovering Thailand's beauty.
15. In Thailand, a distinguishing feature is to .....
- A. travel on motorbikes.
  - B. visit snack bars.
  - C. to be very busy.
  - D. to be very noisy.
16. According to the passage travelling to new places helps to .....
- A. be adventurous and emotional.
  - B. enjoy the splendour of the local nature.
  - C. forget about our everyday issues.
  - D. take rest from our tired life.

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

"I made another earth-shaking decision."

17. What was the earth- shaking decision made by the doctor?
- A. To shave daily.
  - B. To grow a thin moustache.
  - C. To look in the mirror daily.
  - D. To keep that attractive smile.

18. What did the doctor make the earth-shaking decision?

- A. To look more handsome.
- B. To pass is time.
- C. To earn more money.
- D. To impress his patients.

**Choose the correct alternative similar in meaning to the underlined words / phrases in the given sentences:**

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19. Sam walked nonchalantly to his seat.

- A. freely
- B. simply
- C. casually
- D. proudly

20. A terrific hue and cry was raised against the new tax rules.

- A. angry protest
- B. murmur
- C. rumble
- D. rumour

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

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'Wind come softly,

Don't break the shutters of the windows,

Don't scatter the papers.

Don't throw down the books on the shelf.

There, look what you did -----you threw them all down.'

21. What does the poet ask the wind to do?

- A. not to blow.
- B. to blow softly.
- C. to scatter things.
- D. to be his friend

22. Identify the figure of speech underlined in the above extract.

- A. Alliteration
- B. Personification
- C. Simile
- D. Metaphor

'What a bliss to press the pillow  
Of a cottage –chamber bed  
And lie listening to the patter  
Of the soft rain overhead!'

23. What does the poet like to do on a rainy day?

- A. run out in the rain.
- B. lie in his cottage chamber bed.
- C. work quietly in his library room.
- D. sing along with the rain.

24. What gives the poet a bliss?

- A. the cottage chamber bed.
- B. the sound of the falling rain.
- C. the falling rain.
- D. his mother's refrain.

**Choose the correct words to complete the following sentences.**

25. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ was in a hurry, extended her hand to help the beggar. 1

- A. which
- B. who
- C. whom
- D. that

26. Olive oil helps calcification during \_\_\_\_ growth period of childhood. 1

- A. a
- B. the
- C. an
- D. of

27. Trees give shade \_\_\_\_\_ the benefit of others. 1

- A. for
- B. in
- C. through
- D. to

28. The old man was anxiously hoping that at least \_\_\_\_\_ would assist him. 1

- A. everyone
- B. someone
- C. nobody
- D. everybody

**Change the following sentences as directed by choosing the correct alternatives.**

**Write your answer with the corresponding number.**

29. As soon as they declared the winner, the audience clapped. (Use 'No sooner') 1

- A. No sooner did they declare the winner then the audience clapped.
- B. No sooner did they declare the winner when the audience clapped.
- C. No sooner did they declare the winner than the audience clapped.
- D. No sooner did they declare the winner, the audience clapped.

30. No sooner does she eat her food than she watches T.V. (Use 'As soon as') 1

- A. As soon as the food was eaten, she watched T.V.
- B. As soon as she eats her food, she watches T.V.
- C. As soon as she eats her food than she watches T.V.
- D. As soon as she ate her food, she watches T.V.

31. Anil was feeding the birds. (Add a question tag) 1

- A. Anil was feeding the birds, wasn't he?
- B. Anil was feeding the birds, is he?
- C. Anil was feeding the birds?
- D. Anil was feeding the birds, isn't he?

32. She doesn't go to work these days. (Add a question tag) 1
- A. She doesn't go to work these days, doesn't she?
  - B. She doesn't go to work these days, does she?
  - C. She doesn't go to work these days, didn't she?
  - D. Doesn't she go to work these days?

**Report the following by choosing the correct alternative given below each sentence:**

33. Maya to teacher: "I wrote this poem yesterday." 1
- A. Maya said to teacher that I wrote that poem the previous day.
  - B. Maya told the teacher that she had written that poem the previous day.
  - C. Maya told the teacher that she had written this poem yesterday.
  - D. Maya requested the teacher that she had written that poem the previous day.
34. Mother to Sanjay: "Please help me to carry the bags." 1
- A. Mother requested Sanjay to help her to carry the bags.
  - B. Mother instructed Sanjay to help her to carry the bags.
  - C. Mother ordered Sanjay to help her to carry the bags.
  - D. Mother told Sanjay to help her to carry the bags.
35. The doctor to patient: "Do you go for morning walks?" 1
- A. The doctor asked the patient whether he went for morning walks.
  - B. The doctor asked the patient do you go for morning walks.
  - C. The doctor asked the patient if he go for morning walks.
  - D. The doctor enquired the patient do you go for morning walks
36. Reema to Alisha: "I will submit my assignment tomorrow." 1
- A. Reema told Alisha that she will submit her assignment the next day.
  - B. Reema said to Alisha that she would submit her assignment tomorrow.
  - C. Reema told Alisha that she would submit her assignment the next day.
  - D. Reema told Alisha that she would submit her assignment the previous day.

**Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct verb forms, from the alternatives given below each sentence:** 4

37. My sister always .....up at 5 o'clock.
- A. get
  - B. gets
  - C. got
  - D. is getting
38. The children..... a seminar this evening.
- A. is attending
  - B. were attending
  - C. are attending
  - D. would attend
39. Mahesh..... a new car.
- A. has bought
  - B. have bought
  - C. had bought
  - D. has buy

40. We.....to visit the Central Library in Panaji.
- A. will like
  - B. would like
  - C. have like
  - D. are liking

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## PART 2:

**Complete the following with reference to the text in not more than 10 words each: 4**

41. Margie was surprised that the teacher mentioned in the book was a man as \_\_\_\_\_.
42. While waiting on the underground train platform, Evelyn was excited and nervous since \_\_\_\_\_.
43. Looking at her neighbour, Mr. Macdonald playing with his kids, Kezia felt that \_\_\_\_\_.
44. Emperor Aurangzeb banned the playing of the pungi in his court because \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer the following questions in about 20 words each: (Any Four)**

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45. What was wrong with Margie's mechanical teacher?
46. Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shehnai school in the U.S. A.?
47. What made Kezia realise that her father loved her?
48. How did the doctor react when the snake fell on him?
49. How did Bismillah display his love for his native place?
50. What does Ann Richlin have to say about Evelyn?

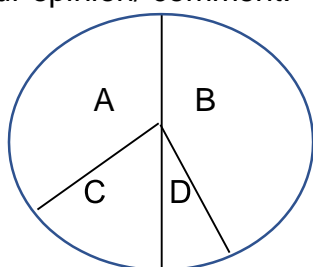
**Answer each of the following questions with reference to poems in about 20 words: 6**

51. Why does Robert Frost sigh when telling about his choice?
52. What does the poet see in the evening at Innisfree?
53. How can we make friends with the Wind?

**Answer the following questions in about 50 words each: (Any Two)**

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54. How did the Child react when he came to know that he was lost in the fair?
55. Why was Toto sold back to the Tonga- driver?
56. What moral values does the Child in the lesson 'The Lost Child' display?
57. Recently a survey was conducted among the villagers. The following question was asked" Why should we celebrate Vanamahotsava?" The responses of the parents are shown in the Pie chart below. Write a short summary on the result in about 80 words. You must add your opinion/ comment: 4



- A- to grow more trees
- B- to create awareness of the importance of forests
- C- to increase the food items
- D- to save the environment

58. You are Bharti D'Souza, a resident of Flat-9, Siddharth Apartments., Margao. The area surrounding the market has become a dumping ground for garbage posing a health risk to the residents. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily voicing the problems. Suggest means to overcome the same. (about 100 words): 6

59. Write an essay of about 150 words on ANY ONE of the following: 6

- Indian Festivals  
OR
- Importance of Tree Plantation  
OR
- Should Plastic be banned?

### FORMATS FOR NOTICE, REPORT AND FORMAL LETTER

**NOTE:** The formats of 'Notice' and 'Report' have to be changed with effect from June 2020, to keep in par with those followed by the Higher Secondary Schools.

**NOTICE WRITING: Student writes a notice in a prescribed format containing necessary details relating to the given topic.**

#### FORMAT

<b>NAME OF THE SCHOOL, PLACE</b> (IN CAPITAL AND ON ONE LINE) _____ LEAVE A LINE _____	
<b>NOTICE (in capital)</b> _____ LEAVE A LINE _____	
<b>Title of the Notice</b> (first letter of each word in capital) _____ LEAVE A LINE _____	
<b>-----CONTENT-----</b> _____ _____ _____	
Name Designation  Date:	_____ LEAVE A LINE _____  _____ LEAVE A LINE _____  _____ LEAVE A LINE _____
	<b>Head of the school</b>

**NOTE:** \*The date must be written thus: **Date:12 March 2024**

\*The words 'Name and Designation' not to be written

**\*Notice to be written in a box.**

**\*CRITERIA FOR MARKING:**

**Format: 2 marks**

**Content: 2 marks**



## REPORT WRITING

### Title

(must be centred on the page, with first letter of each word in capitals)

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

----- CONTENT-----  
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\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Designation

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

**NOTE:** \* The words 'Name and Designation' not to be written

**\*Assessment Criteria:**

**Format: 2 marks**

**Content: 2 marks**

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## FORMAL LETTER WRITING

\*Formal language to be used

\*Full Block Format to be used

### FORMAT

\*Sender's Name

Address

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

\*D M Y

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

\*Receiver's Designation

Address

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** (The subject topic is to be written briefly.)

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

**Salutation:** (Sir/Madam)

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph-1: Introduction

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 2: Main body

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 3: Conclusion

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You (Note: not 'Thanking you')

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE A LINE \_\_\_\_\_

Yours sincerely

Signature

Name and surname

### **NOTE:**

\*Signature should be written thus: R.Dias for Rasesh Dias

\*Name and surname to be written below signature

\*Punctuation marks only within address and content.

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