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QUESTION PAPER

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Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours] [Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions : (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

(2) Use **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline.

PART - I

Note : (i) Answer **all** the questions. **14x1=14**

(ii) Choose the **most appropriate** answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate **synonym** for the italicised words.

1. The young bird kept calling her mother *plaintively* :
(a) happily (b) sadly (c) rigorously (d) vainly

2. Mr. Sanyal stood up with eyes *dilated* and began to recite a poem by Tagore :
(a) closed (b) moved (c) widened (d) shrinked

3. The doors and drawers were *yanked* open :
(a) pushed (b) pulled (c) fixed (d) repulsed

4. I forgot all about Mr. Hamel's ruler and how *cranky* he was :
(a) unusal (b) familiar (c) unfamiliar (d) strange

5. I had counted on the *commotion* to get to my desk without being seen :
(a) confusion (b) disturbance (c) unrest (d) calmness

6. We witnessed the *bright* lights from the sea :
(a) famous (b) superb (c) night (d) dull

7. Choose the correct plural form of 'formula' from the following :
(a) formulae (b) formulas (c) formii (d) formules

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8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word *fail* :
(a) en (b) ure (c) ment (d) ion

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "CD".
(a) Compact Drive (b) Condensed Display
(c) Compact Disc (d) Common Drive

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
The mother instructed the maid to _____ the child carefully.
(a) warm up (b) shut down (c) look after (d) take off

11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'SUN' to form a compound word.
(a) thing (b) hole (c) glasses (d) hand

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
Keep the books _____ the table.
(a) on (b) to (c) into (d) with

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
My parents _____ (return) from New York next month.
(a) will return (b) are returning
(c) will have returned (d) will have been returning

14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
_____ you work hard, you cannot secure good marks.
(a) when (b) but (c) unless (d) whenever

PART - II
SECTION - 1

Answer **any three** of the following questions in a sentence or two. **3x2=6**

15. What made the young seagull go mad ?

16. What does INSV stand for ?

17. How was Holmes able to look sick ?

18. Which month is called as Magha ?

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SECTION - 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer **any three** of the following. **3x2=6**

19. My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.
(a) What kind of quest does the poet seek here ?
(b) What is the poet's hope ?

20. There's a family nobody likes to meet;
They live, it is said, on complaining street.
(a) Where does the family live ?
(b) Why do you think the street is named as "complaining street" ?

21. But we ants never borrow,
We ants never lend
(a) Why do you think ants neither borrow nor lend ?
(b) Who says these lines to whom ?

22. They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.
(a) What is common for all of us ?
(b) How are we fed ?

SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following. **3x2=6**

23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice :
That portrait was painted by my grandmother.

24. Rewrite the sentence in Reported Speech.
She asked, "When will you call me ?"

25. Punctuate the following sentence.
were you not a good student i asked

26. Combine the following sentence into a simple sentence.
Raghav is sick but he attends the rehearsal.

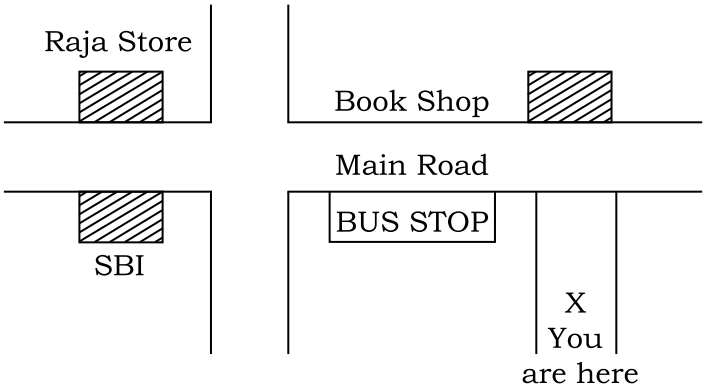
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
(a) as/I/healthy/are/you/am/as
(b) speaks/Ruben/besides/German/languages/two

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SECTION - 4

Answer the following question. **1x2=2**

28. A stranger asks you to direct him to Raja Store. Give instructions to help him.



PART - III
SECTION - 1

Answer **any two** of the following in a paragraph. **2x5=10**

29. Give a detailed account of all thoughts and questions in the narrator's mind while accompanying Aditya from the tea shop to Sanyal's house.

30. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal ?

31. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

32. Give an account of the last day of Mr. Hamel in school.

SECTION - 2

Answer **any two** of the following. **2x5=10**

33. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.

34. What are the positive aspects mentioned in the poem 'Life' ?

35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

The weather is always too hot or cold;
Summer and winter alike they scold.
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet.
Down on that gloomy complaining street.

(a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
(b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
(c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
(d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.

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36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

She's a lioness; don't mess with her.

She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.

Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.

She knows how to thaw you, saw you-so beware!

SECTION - 3

37. Answer **any one** of the following. **1x5=5**

Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

(i) The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way to help her son return.

(ii) Once in Shining, a cruel ruler declared that all old people must be put to death.

(iii) Filled with dread, he hid his mother in his home.

(iv) A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain.

(v) The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Many years ago, China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a far away village of China, heard the news when she was outside, washing clothes. Mulan ran into the house. Her father was sitting on a chair, carving a piece of wood. "Father!" she said. "Did you hear what the Emperor says each family must do ?" "Yes," said her old father, "I heard about it in town. Well, I may as well go pack up". He put down his carving, stood up and walked very slowly to his room.

Questions :

(a) What did the Emperor say ?

(b) Who was Mulan ?

(c) When did she hear the news ?

(d) What was her father doing ?

(e) Where was her father when he heard the news ?

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SECTION - 4

Answer **any four** of the following. **4x5=20**

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Mobile Galaxy - Smart phones - accessories - SIM cards - Recharge - Free power banks on Mobile purchase - No.1, Toll Gate, Trichy.

40. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper suggesting measures to upgrade the standard about the bad influence of TV channels.

41. You are the coordinator of the Science forum of your school. An event had been organized on account of National Science Day for the members of the forum. Now write a report on the observance of " National Science Day" at your school.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



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43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Our blood consists of three types of blood cells : red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped. They are composed of an iron containing component called haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs each haemoglobin molecule picks up four oxygen molecules and supplies them to the body's tissues. Red blood cells also transport the carbon-di-oxide from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and few compared to red cells, numbering only one for every 700 red cells. They are body's defenders, the soldiers that fight bacteria and other enemies. One kind, for instance destroys dead cells. Other kinds produce antibodies against viruses. Some others consume and digest bacteria.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

(a) Many students has turned up for the seminar.

(b) one of the boys are missing.

(c) I bought an book this morning.

(d) Sreena avoids to eat fruits.

(e) The deer runs fastly.

SECTION - 5

45. Quote from memory. **1x5=5**

We were taken from .....

..... oil is all we ask.

PART - IV

46. Write a paragraph of about **150** words by developing the following hints. **2x8=16**

(a) Uncle Philip - Cunning - living alone - interest collecting stones - death bed calls - Tom - sole heir - hands over iron box - gems - warns - opening - dynamite - headache - Tom - reads books - consults technicians - doctors - priests - salary reduce - afraid tax - failure - donates - human vivisection centre.

OR

(b) Holland - dikes - lie below sea level - Peter - prevent sea water - walks - besides the canal - small hole in the dike - put his finger - Holland - drowned while I am here. The little fellow - and screamed - next morning - a man - notice Peter - alarm - people mended - brave hero.

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47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

(a) The term 'Junk food' means foods that do not do good to the body's health in any way. It is less nutritional and harmful to the body systems. Most of junk foods contain high level of saturated fats, sugar, salt and bad cholesterol which are toxic to the health. They lack dietary fibres; so, easily get involved in causing constipation and other digestive disorders. Junk food has gained so much popularity because of the nice taste and 'easy to cook' method. There are many ready-made junk foods available in the market, packed in polybags. Most of the people are dependent on such ready-made foods because of their busy schedule or they do not know to cook food at home. The consumption of junk food all over the world is increasing day by day which is not good for the future. People of all age groups like to eat junk food and they generally choose to eat whenever they enjoy special time with family like birthday party, marriage anniversary etc. They easily become used to taking soft drinks. Wafers, Chips, Noodles, Burgers, Pizza, French fries, Chinese dishes and other varieties of fast food available in the market fall under the category of junk food.

Questions :

(i) What is the meaning of the term "Junk food" ?

(ii) What does junk food contain ?

(iii) When do people prefer junk food ?

(iv) List some of the junk food you like.

OR

(b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

A Bird, came down the walk -
He did not know I saw
He bit an Angel worm in halves
And ate the fellow, raw,
And then, he drank a Dew
From a convenient Grass -
And then hopped sidewise to the wall
To let a Beetle pass -
He glanced with rapid eyes,
That hurried all abroad -
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,
He stirred his Velvet Head, -

Questions :

(i) What did the poet see ?

(ii) How did the bird eat the worm ?

(iii) Did the bird drink water ? How ?

(iv) What are the eyes compared to ?

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