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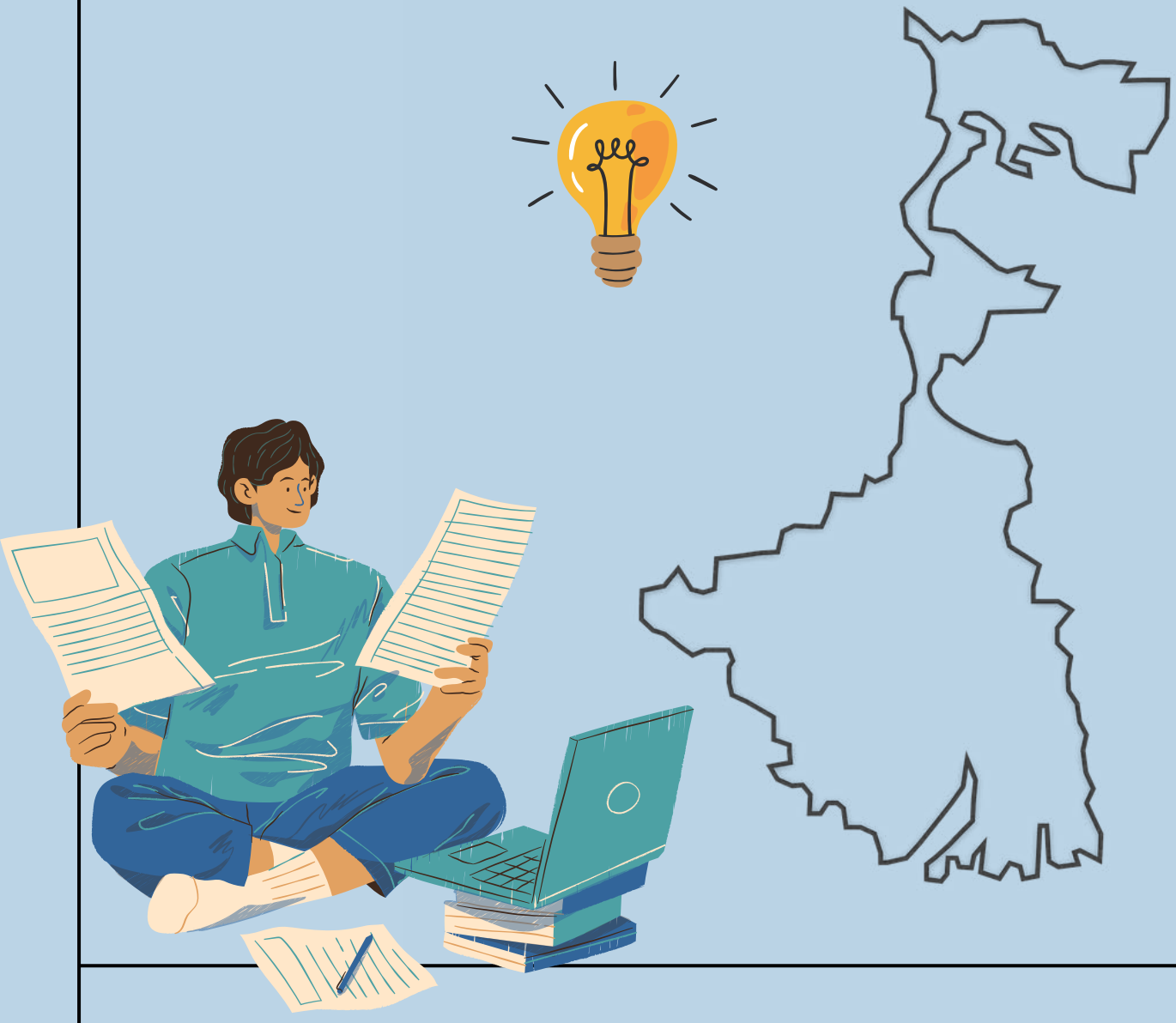

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CLASS XI EXAM-2024
SEMESTER–I
SUBJECT – ENGLISH

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TIME : 01 HOUR 15 MINS. FULL MARKS – 40

UNIT – 1 : PROSE

Choose the correct option from the given alternatives: 1X10 = 10

1. The piece of cloth the astrologer would use was-
(a) square in shape (b) rectangular in shape
(c) triangular in shape (d) oval in shape
2. The stranger wanted to know from the astrologer if he would succeed in his present
(a) business (b) job (c) search (d) investigation
3. The astrologer would sit under the boughs of a-
(a) peepul tree (c) mimosa tree
(b) tamarind tree (d) banyan tree
4. People were attracted to the astrologer as-
(a) birds are attracted to fruit trees (b) cats are attracted to fishermen
(c) bees are attracted to cosmos or dahlia stalks (d) dogs are attracted to kitchen halls
5. Match the columns:

Left	Right
(1) Chief disciple	(A) Goddess Kali
(II) Colonel Hay's poem	(B) Swamiji
(III) An Incarnation of Kali	(C) Ramakrishna Paramahamsa
(IV) The worship of the Indian future	(D) Guardian Angels

(a) (1)-(A), (II)-(D), (III)-(C), (IV)-(B) (b) (1)-(B), (II)-(D), (III)-(C), (IV)-(A)
(c) (1)-(D), (II)-(C), (III)-(B), (IV)-(A) (d) (1)-(C), (II)-(D), (III)-(B), (IV)-(A)
6. The only imperative of Swami was-
(a) the Vedas (b) the Upanishads
(c) the realisation of Brahman (d) Worshipping Mother
7. Swami had great contempt for-
(a) self-respect (b) boastfulness (c) adsmiration (d) mawkishness
8. Choose the correct option:
Assertion: The neighbourhood of the Tehsildar tended to form a social centre.
Reason: ?
(a) The tent of the Tehsildar was generally placed near some advantageous spot for the lighting of the evening fire.
(b) They carried a bazaar with them. (c) There were hundreds of monks.
(d) Two or three thousand people encamped in a field.
9. Pahigam was known as the village of :
(a) the shepherds (b) the monks (c) Lord Siva (d) the tulip flowers
10 . Swami and his followers, on their way to Amarnath, saw the last of human dwellings at/in-
(a) Achhabal (b) Islamabad (c) Pahlgam (d) Amarnath

UNIT – II : VERSE

Choose the correct option from the given alternatives: 1x10 = 10

11. 'Upon Westminster Bridge' is a/an-
(a) English sonnet (b) Shakespearean sonnet
(c) Italian sonnet (d) None of these

12. The mighty heart refers to-

(a) England (b) France (c) London (d) Russia

13. Match the columns:

Left	Right
(I)Ships, towers, domes theatres and temples	(A) Never illuminated so beautifully
(II) Earth	(B) Glides at his own sweet will
(III) The sun	(C) Lie open unto the fields and to the sky
(IV) The Thames	(D) Has not anything to show more fair

(a) (1)-(D),(II) (B),(III)-(C),(IV)-(A) (b) (1)-(A),(II)-(D), (III)-(B),(IV)-(C)

(c) (1)-(C), (II)-(D),(III)-(A),(IV)-(B) (d) (1)-(C),(II)-(D),(III) (B),(IV)-(A)

14. The poet William Wordsworth crossing the Westminster Bridge-

(a) at dawn (b) at noon

(c) at night (d) in the evening

15. Bangles are sold at the-

(a) village fair (b) temple (c) temple fair (d) market

16. Choose the true statement:

(i) The maiden has cradled her son on her breast.

(ii) A middle-aged woman worships God side by side with her husband.

(iii) A middle-aged woman serves household with reluctance. (iv) A middle-aged woman loves and cares the household.

(a) (i) and (ii) (b) (ii) (c) (ii) and (iv) (d) (iv)

17. In the last stanza, the poet describes the life of-

(a) a young girl (b) a woman after marraige

(c) an old woman (d) a sick woman

18. In the first stanza of 'The Second Coming' the poet describes-

(a) a world of chaos, confusion and pain (b) a world of peace

(c) a world of development (d) a world of cosmos

19. Choose the correct option:

Assertion: The world is turning in the widening gyre. **Reason**: The gaze of the rough beast is pitiless.

(a) Both assertion and reason are false. (b) The assertion is true but reason is false.

(c) The assertion is true but reason is not the correct explanation.

(d) The assertion is true and the reason is its correct explanation.

20. The line "A shape with lion body and the head of a man" indicates-

(a) Zeus (b) Achilles

(c) Hercules (d) Sphinx

*** UNIT – III : RAPID READER ***

Choose the correct option from the given alternatives: **1X10 = 10**

21. What did 'third witch' foretell Macbeth?

(a) Once he would be the 'thane of Cawdor' (b) One day he would be the duke of Portland

(c) Once he would be the king of Scotland (d) One day he would be the 'thane of Glamis'

22. Match the Columns:

Left	Right
(I) Macduff	(A) Elder son of Duncan
(II) Malcol	(B) Younger son of the king
(III) Donalbain	(C) Thane of Fife
(IV) Fleance	(D) Son of Banquo

(a) (1)-(D), (II) (B), (III)-(A), (IV)-(C)
(b)(1)-(A), (II)-(D), (III)-(C), (IV)-(B)
(c) (1)-(C), (II) (B), (III)-(D),(IV)-(A)
(d) (1)-(C), (II)-(A), (III)-(B), (IV)-(D)

23. The second spirit called Macbeth by name and advised him-
(a) had always fear of death
(b) to be bold, bloody and resolute
(c) to be alert of anything
(d) to love all people

24. The conflicts of Macbeth before killing Duncan were-
(a) offended and hesitated
(b) struggles with morality
(c) he had been fair to him
(d) all of these

25. The death of Othello had a sorrowful impact on the people of-
(a) Illyria (b) Scotland (c) French (d) Venice

26. Cassio was a ..... soldier.
(a) Venetian (b) Florentine (c) English (d) trish

27. Othello killed himself because-
(a) he killed his wife with his own hands from doubts
(b) but he learnt her innocence then
(c) he enacted a punishment for his crime of killing her
(d) all the above

28. Choose the correct option:
Assertion: Orlando believes that he is insignificant and that the world would be better off without him.
Reason: Orlando expresses his belief by stating that he is just filling up space and that vacating his space would be beneficial.
(a) The assertion is true but the reason is not.
(b) The reason is true but the assertion is false.
(c) Both the assertion and reason statements are false.
(d) Both the assertion and reason are true but the reason which is provided is not correct and does not apply to the assertion.

29. Choose the appropriate option to fill in the blanks:
The duke Frederick, on hearing ..... was very much displeased with Orlando.
(a) Orlando's courage and skill to defeat the royal wrestler
(b) Orlando, the younger son of Sir Rowland de Boys
(c) Rosalind gave Orlando a gold chain after his winning
(d) none of these

30. Adam, a faithful servant, disclosed the conspiracy of Oliver-
(a) to kill Orlando by burning at his sleeping
(b) to drive Orlando by cursing him violently
(c) to kill Adam by stabbing at his sleeping
(d) to banish Rosalind from the court palace

* UNIT – IV : TEXTUAL GRAMMER *

Choose the correct option from the given alternatives: 1X5 =05

31. He took out a pinch of sacred ash and help it out to him. (Identify the simple sentence)
(a) He took out a pinch of sacred ash to held it out to him.
(b) Taking out a pinch of sacred ash he held it out to him.
(c) He took out a pinch of sacred ash holding it out to him.
(d) Taking out a pinch of sacred ash he hold it out to him.

32. Then he said dreamily, "I can well imagine how the Cave was first discovered" (Identify the indirect speech)
(a) Then he said dreamily that he can well imagine how this Cave was first discovered.
(b) Then he said dreamily that he can well imagine how that Cave had been first discovered.
(c) Then he said dreamily that he could well imagine how this Cave was first discovered.

(d) Then he said dreamily that he could well imagine how that Cave had been first discovered.
33. For my own part the conversation I have related marked an epoch. (Change the voice)
(a) For my own part, an epoch has been marked by the conversation I have related.
(b) For my own part, an epoch was marked by the conversation I have related,
(c) For my own part, an epoch is marked by the conversation I have related.
(d) For my own part, an epoch had been marked by the conversation, related by me.
34. The very houses seem asleep. (Identify the complex sentence)
(a) The very houses which seem asleep. (b) The very houses seem that are asleep.
(c) The very houses seem as if they are asleep. (d) The very houses seems as if it is asleep.
35. Bangle sellers are we who bear our shining loads to the temple fair. (Identify the compound sentence)
(a) We are bangle sellers who bear our shining loads to the temple fair.
(b) We are bangle sellers and we bear our shining loads to the temple fair.
(c) We are bangle sellers as we bear our shining loads to the temple fair.
(d) We are bangle sellers and we bore our shining loads to the temple fair.

* UNIT – V : READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN) *

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Water is crucial for all components of life which makes it a necessary resource for day-to-day activities. We use water for domestic activities like cooking, bathing, drinking, washing, etc. So, ultimately the consumption of water is very high. This makes it necessary to conserve water. Just as air, water is also important for life. Besides, water consumption, water pollution, and water scarcity are also some of the major water-related issues that need attention so that we can conserve water.

Every year we celebrate World Water Day on 22 March. This day is celebrated to spread awareness about the importance of water and run campaigns to conserve water on earth. There are several ways to conserve water such as switching to showers, turning off taps when not in use, don't pollute water bodies, storing rain-water, etc.

Choose the correct option from the given alternatives: **1X 5 = 05**

36. World Water Day is celebrated on-
(a) 22 May (b) 22 March (c) 22 April (d) 5 June
37. Which of the following is not a major water-related issues?
(a) Water consumption (b) Water pollution
(c) Water scarcity (d) Water conservation
38. Which of the following is not a way to conserve water?
(a) Switching to showers (b) Turning off taps not in use
(c) Making water dams (d) Storing rain-water
39. For domestic activities like cooking, bathing, washing etc. ..... is indispensable-
(a) air (b) water (c) taps (d) attention
40. World Water Day is celebrated to-
(a) spread awareness about the importance of water
(b) run campaigns to conserve water on earth
(c) none of these
(d) both (a) and (b).

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