2024 II 29 **0930** **Seat No.** | | | | | |

Time : 3 Hours **ENGLISH LANGUAGE I**

Subject Code

H	4	4	1	1

Total No. of Questions : 39 **(Printed Pages : 12)** **Maximum Marks : 80**

***INSTRUCTIONS* :** (*i*) The question paper is divided into *four* sections : (A), (B), (C) and (D). All questions are compulsory.

(*ii*) Write the number of each question clearly.

(*iii*) Q. Nos. **4** to **13** and **19** to **24** are MCQ type and have four alternatives of which only one is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.

(*iv*) Q. Nos. **15** to **18**, **29**, **30**, **35**, **36**, **38** and **39** have an internal choice.

(*v*) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

(*vi*) Figures to the right indicate marks.

(Section A)

(Reading Skills)

Read the following passage :

A bedtime story is a traditional form of storytelling, where a story is told to a child at bedtime to prepare the child for sleep. The bedtime story has long been considered "a definite institution in many families".

Reading bedtime stories yields multiple benefits for parents and children alike. The fixed routine of a bedtime story benefits the child by improving the child's brain development, language mastery, and logical thinking skills. The storyteller-listener relationship creates an emotional bond between the parent and the child. Due to "the strength of the imitative instinct" of a child, the parent and the stories that they tell act as a model for the child to follow.

Bedtime stories are also useful for teaching the child abstract virtues such as sympathy, selflessness, and self-control, as most children are said to be "naturally sympathetic when they have experienced or can imagine the feelings of others". Thus, bedtime stories can be used to discuss darker subjects such as death and racism. As the bedtime stories broaden in theme, the child "will broaden in their conception of the lives and feelings of others".

For adults, however, bedtime stories serve a different purpose. According to Dr. Christine Won, associate professor of medicine at Yale School of Medicine and the medical director of Yale Centre for Sleep Medicine, "A bedtime story works by detracting the mind from self-sabotaging thoughts and worries, which allows the body's adrenaline to come down so the brain can transition into the sleep state". (247 words) (Source : https://kids.kiddle.co/Bedtime story)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer questions **1**, **2** and **3** briefly in about **10-15** words each and questions **4** to 8 by choosing the best alternative from those provided :

1. What is a bedtime story ? 1

2. What are the benefits of a fixed storytelling routine for children ? 1

3 What useful qualities do bedtime stories teach children ? 1

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative from those given below :

4. For an adult, a bedtime story helps to 1

- Detract the mind from self-sabotaging thoughts and worries.
- Broaden their conception of lives and feelings.
- Develop abstract qualities like self-confidence.
- Strengthen emotional bonds with parents.

Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below :

5 Virtues : 1

- theme
- serve
- development
- capabilities

6. Transition : 1

- change
- strength
- emotion
- purpose

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below :

7. Concern more with the needs and wishes of others than with one's own : 1

- sympathy
- self-control
- selflessness
- mastery

8. The act or habit of behaving in a way that harms one's own goals, well-being, relationships, etc : 1

- self-sabotaging
- racism
- traditional
- feelings

Read the following passage carefully :

Seaweeds, the primitive, marine non-flowering algae are medium-sized algae that grows along the seashores. Most come in colours like red, green, brown, and black, and randomly wash up on beaches and shorelines. Seaweeds are generally anchored to the sea bottom or other solid structures by rootlike "holdfasts," which perform the sole function of attachment and do not extract nutrients as do the roots of higher plants. Some types of seaweeds are

microscopic, such as the phytoplankton that live suspended in the water column and provide the base for most marine food chains. And some types are enormous, like the giant kelp that grow in abundant "forests" and tower like underwater redwoods from their roots at the bottom of the sea.

Several seaweed species are edible and used for human consumption. They are full of vitamins, minerals, and fibre, and can be tasty. The Japanese use the nori seaweed to make sushi rolls. Alternatively, many are also used commercially in manufacturing. For instance, seaweeds are used as fertilizers or as sources of polysaccharides. They are also used as effective binding agents in such commercial goods as toothpaste and fruit jelly, and popular softeners in organic cosmetics and skin care products. (Words 198)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose a suitable title and choose the para-wise main topics and sub-topics, from the alternatives provided, using the format given below :

Title : ..... 9 .....

I : ..... 10 .....

II : ..... 11 .....

A : ..... 12 .....

B : ..... 13 .....

9. 1

- Seaweed— a non-flowering algae.
- Japanese seaweed.
- Primitive roots.
- Giant kelp.

10. 1

- Solid structures.
- Types of seaweed.
- Importance of seaweed.
- Phytoplankton.

11. 1

- Species of seaweed.
- Uses of seaweed.
- Classification of seaweed.
- Structures of seaweed.

12. 1

- Used for consumption & in making sushi rolls.
- Used as fertilizers.
- Binding agents.
- Popular softeners.

13. 1

- Sustains marine food chain.
- Making sushi rolls.
- Used as fertilizers and in organic cosmetics.
- Source of polysaccharides.

14. Write a summary of the above passage in about **65** words using the topic sentences of the paragraph. 3

(Section B)

(Writing Skills)

Attempt any *one* of the following : 3

15. The Students' Council of Arya Vidya Mandir Higher Secondary School, Ponda is organising an Inter-Class Quiz Competition on the topic 'History of Goa'. Draft a suitable notice inviting students to participate in the Competition giving relevant details. You are Rusham/Rushal Wadkar, the General Secretary of the school. (**30-40** words)

Or

15. The Wizard Industries, Pvt.. Ltd needs a security guard for their Corlim Unit in Panjim. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local daily giving necessary details. You are Sean/Siena Barnes, Manager, Wizard Industries, Pvt. Ltd., Panjim, Goa. Ph. No. 8908778878. E-mail : seebarnes@gmail.com. (**30-40** words)

Attempt any *one* of the following : 5

16. Recently, the N.S.S. Unit of your school organised a Tree Plantation Drive under Meri Mati, Mera Desh programme. As the secretary of the N.S.S. Unit write a report about the event for the school magazine. You are Amit/Amita D'Souza, Secretary of the N.S.S. Unit of Holy Trinity Higher Secondary School, Margao. (**70-80** words)

Or

16. The Leo Club of Clova organised an All-Goa Football Tournament for the senior citizens on 27 February at Fatorda Stadium. As a Staff Reporter of a local newspaper, write a report of the event to be published in the newspaper. (**70-80** words)

Attempt any *one* of the following : 8

17. The increasing number of stray animals have been a problem to the people and the society at large. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily highlighting the importance and need to construct more rescue shelters to protect these animals. You are Vilda/Victor Pereira. Your address is House No. 123/A, Vista do Rio Colony, Velsao, Goa. (**100-150** words)

Or

17. The state receives abundant rainfall every year however during summers many areas are severely impacted because of water scarcity. Write a letter requesting the Sarpanch of Chandor to construct water tanks to help in rainwater harvesting in your village. You are Nikhil/Naila Cotta, Flat No. 12/C, Verdo Campos Apartments, Chandor, Goa. (**100-150** words)

18. Write an essay in about **200-250** words on any *one* of the following topics : 10

- Importance of Sleep.
- Waste Management—The need of the hour.
- The future of Artificial Intelligence.
- Advantages of Organic Farming.
- India in 2047.

(Section C)

(Grammar)

Rewrite the sentence by selecting the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given in the brackets :

19. Last Saturday, I ..... (go) to a restaurant in Panjim and .....(lose) my wallet there. 1

(To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below and rewrite the sentence.)

- will be going/lost
- had been going/had lost
- had gone/lost
- gone/had lost

20. I ..... run 100 metres in 10 seconds when I was younger. 1

(Rewrite the sentence by selecting a modal of past ability from the alternatives provided below)

- can
- could
- will
- may

21. The tourists admired the view at the beach. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence in Passive Voice.)

- The view at the beach was admired by the tourists.
- The view at the beach had been admired by the tourists.
- The view at the beach was being admired by the tourists.
- The view at the beach will be admired by the tourist.

22. The lawn was too big to be mowed. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by replacing 'too' and using 'so ... that').

- The lawn was so big that it was not mowed.
- The lawn was so big that it couldn't be mowed.
- The lawn is so big that it cannot be mowed.
- The lawn is so big that it will not be mowed.

23. No other country in the world is as populated as India. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using Superlative Degree of comparison.)

- India is most populated country in the world.
- India is more populated than any other country in the world.
- India is the most populated country in the world.
- India is very populated country in the world.

24. lf you don't repair the roof, it will leak. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using 'Unless') :

- Unless you repair the roof, it will leak.
- Unless you don't repair the roof, it will not leak.
- Unless you repair the roof, it will stop leaking.
- Unless you repair the roof, it will not leak.

(Section D)

(Textual)

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences of about **10-15** words each :

"*Driving from my parent's*

home to Cochin last Friday

morning, I saw my mother, beside me,

doze, open mouthed, her face

ashen like that of a corpse."

25. What did Kamala Das notice about her mother when she sat beside her ? 1

26. Name and explain the figure of speech in the last line. 1

Perhaps the earth can teach us

as when everything seems dead

And later proves to be alive

Now I'll count upto twelve

and you keep quiet and I will go.

27. What is the importance of 'Keeping Quiet' ? 1

28. Name and explain the figure of speech in line one. 1

Answer the following questions in about **25-30** words each :

29. Why is a thing of beauty a joy forever ? 2

Or

29. What problems did Aunt Jennifer face in her married life and how did it affect her ?

30. Why are the things put up on the classroom wall meaningless for the slum children ? 2

Or

30. What was the plea of the poor farmer who had put up a roadside stand ?

Answer the following questions in about **25-30** words :

31. Why did M. Hamel blame himself for the children of Alsace not learning French ? 2

32. Which are the two distinct worlds the bangle-makers of Firozabad live in ? 2

33. How did the instructor build a swimmer out of Douglas ? 2

34. What did Edla promise the rattrap peddler when he came to thank her after the Christmas Eve dinner ? 2

35. How did Gandhiji bring about a social and cultural change in Champaran ? 2

Or

35. Why did the 'office boy' join the Gemini studios ?

36. According to Umberto Eco what are interstices ? 2

Or

36. How did Sophie include her brother Geoff in her fantasy of her future ?

Answer the following questions in about **50-60** words :

37. The history of Antarctica reveals the history of mankind. Explain with reference to the lesson, 'Journey to the end of the Earth'. 4

38. There are moments in life when we must make difficult choices between our roles as individuals with personal choices and those as a citizen with a sense of national loyalty. What makes Dr. Sadao rise about the narrow prejudices and act the way did. Discuss with reference to the lesson, 'The Enemy'. 4

Or

38. Why is an adult's perspective on life different from that of a child's ? Explain with reference to the lesson, 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy ?'

39. The two stories in the lesson, Memories of Childhood, speak of discrimination that exists in our society. How can we help to remove such discriminations ? 4

Or

39. The Tiger King indiscriminately killed ninety-nine tigers to protect himself and disprove the prophecy. As the King of Pratibandapuram, how did the Tiger King fail in his responsibility towards his kingdom ?

2024 III 13 **0930** **Seat No.** | | | | | |

Time : 3 Hours **ENGLISH LANGUAGE-II**

Subject Code

H	4	4	2	1

Total No. of Questions : 60 (Printed Pages : 15) **Maximum Marks : 80**

INSTRUCTIONS : (*i*) The question paper is divided into four sections A, B, C & D. All questions are compulsory.

(*ii*) Write the number of each question clearly.

(*iii*) Questions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28 have four alternatives. Only one of them is the correct answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.

(*iv*) Questions 21,22,38,39,52,53,54 & 55 have an internal choice.

(*v*) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

(*vi*) Figures to the right indicate marks.

SECTION-A (Reading Skills)

Read the following article carefully :

The most characteristic feature of spiders is their ability to produce silk threads. Spiders normally have six finger-shaped silk glands, called spinnerets, located under their abdomen. To spin a web, the spider draws silk from its body through two small holes. Liquid silk is thicker than water and dries into a fine thread as soon as it comes into contact with air. Spider silk is much stronger than steel and resists breaking due to its elasticity. It can stretch up to 140 percent of its original length. The diameter of these silk threads is about 10,000 of an inch. Spiders use this silk to make webs to catch their prey. The egg sacs of some spiders are also made of silk which pretreats the unborn progeny. Sometimes the spider may also use its silk as a security measure. A certain species of spider 'phidippus apacheanecs' drags a safety line of fine silk while jumping. He uses the silk line to recover if he misses his target.

'Naphils Spider' silk is the strongest natural fiber known.

The spinning of spider webs is a remarkable example of instinctive behaviour. A spider does not have to learn how to make a web, although spinning can be adapted to unique circumstances. For ezample, 'orb' networks are circular in shape and take an hour to build. Funnel spiders weave a web-like entrance to their homes, which helps catch food. Similarly, trapdoor spiders dig their homes and spin a trapdoor with their silk to catch insects. As integral

components of our biosphere, spiders have intrinsic existence value. They are efficient predators that play an important role in controlling cotton pests. They are also a food source for other creatures, such as birds and wasps. Therefore, the presence of spiders is an ecological indicator that indicates the health of the natural ecosystem. (298 words, Wikipedia)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in complete sentences of about **10-15** words each :

1. What are Spinnerets ? 1

2. Which spider produces the strongest silk fibre ? 1

3. What important role do spiders play as a predator ? 1

4. Why are spiders important for birds and wasps ? 1

Give the correct meaning of the words given below, from the alternatives provided :

5. Elasticity 1

- Flexibility
- Rigidity
- Commonality
- Uniqueness

6. Instinctive 1

- Learned
- Voluntary
- Natural
- Conscious

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below :

7. Set of situation 1

- remarkable
- resists
- circumstances
- source

8. Go round 1

- Network
- Spin
- Indicator
- Glands

Read the following passage carefully :

Papaya is the healthiest fruit with a list of properties that is long and exhaustive. Papaya favours digestion as well as cures skin irritation and sun burns. You can munch on it as a salad, have it cooked or boiled or just drink it up as milkshake or juice. The most important of these virtues is the protein-digesting enzyme in the milky juice or latex, The enzyme is similar to pepsin in its digestive action and is said to be so powerful that it can digest 200 times its own weight in protein. It assists the body in assimilating the

maximum nutritional value from food to provide energy and body building materials. Papain in raw papaya makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice and fights excess of unhealthy mucus in the stomach, dyspepsia and intestinal irritation. The ripe fruit, if eaten regularly corrects habitual constipation, bleeding piles and chronic diarrhoea.

The juice of the papaya seeds also assists in the above-mentioned ailments. The juice, used as a cosmetic, removes freckles or brown spots due to exposure to sunlight and makes the skin smooth and delicate. A paste of papaya seeds is applied in skin diseases like those caused by ringworm. The black seeds of the papaya are highly beneficial in the treatment of cirrhosis of the liver caused by alcoholism, malnutrition, etc.

A tablespoonful of its juice, combined with a hint of fresh lime juice, should be consumed once or twice daily for a month. The fresh juice of raw papaya mixed with honey can be applied over inflamed tonsils, for diphtheria and other throat disorders. It dissolves the membrane and prevents infection from spreading. (**290 words** Vedantu)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following statements :

9. The papaya juice, used as a cosmetic 1

- makes the skin rough and painful
- make the skin oily and sensitive.
- makes the skin smooth and delicate.
- makes the skin shiny and oily.

10. A paste of ..... is applied in skin diseases like those caused by ringworm. 1

- papaya flowers
- papaya seeds
- papaya leaves
- papaya pulp

11. The ripe papaya fruit, if eaten regularly corrects 1

- habitual constipation, bleeding piles and chronic diarrhoea.
- habitual itching, bleeding nose and chronic malaria.
- habitual joint pain, bleeding teeth and chronic diabetes.
- habitual rash formation, bleeding nails and chronic typhoid.

12. The fresh juice of ..... can be applied over inflamed tonsils. 1

- raw papaya mixed with milk
- raw papaya mixed with honey
- raw papaya mixed with water
- raw papaya mixed with coffee

Read the following summary of the passage and fill in each blank with their corresponding numbers by choosing the correct alternatives provided below : 6

Papaya is the ..... 13 ..... fruit with a long list of properties. The ..... 14 ..... in papaya provides energy to the human body. The

papain in raw fruit fights excess unhealthy ..... 15 ..... in the stomach. Diseases of skin caused by ..... 16 ..... is cured by a paste of papaya seeds. The cirrhosis of the ..... 17 ..... is treated by the black seeds of the papaya. The fresh juice of raw papaya mixed with honey can be applied over inflamed ..... 18 .....

13. 1

- strong
- healthiest
- tonic
- vigorous

14. 1

- zinc
- minerals
- carbohydrates
- enzyme

15. 1

- mucus
- fructose
- acid
- fibre

16. 1

- Psoriasis
- Rosacea
- Vitiligo
- Ringworm

17. 1

- liver
- kidney
- skull
- toe

18. 1

- tonsils
- nails
- nose
- fingers

SECTION-B (Writing Skills)

19. Attempt the following : 4

You are Ajay/Ankita Gawas, the General Secretary of Lok Manya Higher Secondary School, Ponda, Goa. Your school is organizing an 'Inter Class Folk Dance Competition'. Draft a notice inviting students to participate in the competition giving the necessary details. (About **50** words)

20. Attempt the following : 4

You are Sharon/Sandra Furtado. Your address is Near St Xavier Chapel, Margao, Goa. Draft an invitation inviting your friend for the Inaugural function of your newly constructed restaurant. (About **50** words)

21. Attempt any *one* of the following : 8

Garbage is dumped along the roads in your locality creating an unhygienic environment for the citizens. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Herald' drawing attention of the concerned authorities towards this problem. You are Nazir/Nazira Khan residing at H. No. 134, Opposite Inox, Cuchelim, Mapusa, Goa. (Use full block format)

OR

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on his/her success in class 12th Board Examination. You are Maya/Manohar Gaitonde. Your address is Moonlight Apartments, Near Gymkhana, Ponda, Goa. (Use full block format)

22. Write an essay of about **150-200** words on any *one* of the following topics : 8

- My Pleasant Childhood Memories.
- Healthy Life is a Happy Life.
- Plastic Waste – A Major Environmental Concern.
- Education – A Tool for Empowerment.
- A Visit to a Mall.

SECTION-C (Grammar)

Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given in the bracket :

23. My grandmother is eighty five, but she ..... still read and write without glasses. (Insert a suitable modal auxiliary of 'ability' by choosing the correct alternative given below) 1

- can
- should
- must
- may

24. The trains are never on time. (Rephrase the sentence adding a question tag) 1

- The trains are never on time, will it ?
- The trains are never on time, aren't they ?
- The trains are never on time, are they ?
- The trains are never on time, do they ?

25. Esha is singing a song. (Rephrase the sentence using passive voice) 1

- Esha sings a song.
- A song sung by Esha.
- A song is being sung by Esha.
- Esha sung a song.

26. Sanskrit is the oldest language in the world. (Rephrase the sentence using the comparative degree of comparison) 1

- Sanskrit is one of the most older language in the world.
- Sanskrit is old language than the other language in the world.
- Sanskrit is older than any other language in the world.
- Sanskrit is older language in the world.

27. She burst into tears as soon as she met her mother. (Rephrase the sentence using 'no sooner..... than) 1

- No sooner she meet her mother than she burst into tears.
- No sooner she met her mother than she burst into tears.
- No sooner did she meet her mother than she burst into tears.
- No sooner she meet her mother than tears burst.

28. I am too busy to attend the marriage ceremony. (Rephrase the sentence by removing 'too' and using 'so ..... that') 1

- I am so busy that I cannot attend the marriage ceremony.
- I was so busy that I cannot attend the marriage ceremony.
- I am so busy that I could not attend the marriage ceremony.
- I was so busy that I wouldn't attend the marriage ceremony.

SECTION-D (Textual)

Read the following stanzas and answer the questions given below. Answers should be brief, to the point and in complete sentences :

And I watered it in fears,

Night and morning with my tears;

And I sunned it with smiles,

And soft deceitful wiles.

29. Who is the speaker in the above lines ? 1

30. Name and explain the figure of speech in line 2. 1

31. How did the speaker hide his true feelings ? 1

In fair round belly with good capon lined

With eyes severe and beard of formal cuts

Full of wise saws and modern instances;

And so he plays his part.

32. Whose eventful history is described in the above lines ? 1

33. What does the speaker mean by 'belly with good capon lined'. ? 1

34. Name the poem in which the above lines occur. 1

He is a creature mild and vicious,

Practical minded and capricious,

Loving and brutal, sane and mad,

The good as puzzling as the bad.

35. Whose nature is being described above ? 1

36. What does the word 'brutal mean' ? 1

37. Who is the speaker in the above lines ? 1

Answer **ANY ONE** of the following questions in about **25** to **30** words : 2

38. What do the merchants sell in the poem 'In the Bazaars of Hyderabad' ?

39. What is the theme of the poem 'Unfolding Bud' ?

Read the following passages and answer the questions given below. Answers should be brief, to the point and in complete sentences :

From time to time, when I raised my eyes from my paper, I saw Monsieur Hamel sitting in his chair and staring at the objects about him.

40. Who was Monsieur Hamel ? 1

41. Why was he staring at the objects ? 1

42. Who noticed it ? 1

“All right! It's simply horrible. Mr. Allan, don't try to eat it. Anne, taste it yourself. What flavouring did you use ?”

43. What does ‘it’ refer to ? 1

44. Who was Anne ? 1

45. What flavouring had she used ? 1

We would try to get our blessings as quickly as possible because the approaching city called for our full attention.

46. Who does the word ‘we’ refer to ? 1

47. Whose blessings would they take ? 1

48. Where were they heading to ? 1

Albert took his script in his hand and opened the door. She smiled brightly up at him. “Everything all right ?” She gave him an appraising look.

49. Who was Albert ? 1

50. Who was at the door ? 1

51. Explain appraising look. 1

Answer **ANY TWO** of the following questions in about **25** to **30** words each : 4

52. In the lesson ‘Can Animals Reason’ which animal goes beyond logic to show judgement ? What does it judge ?

53. What does female gharial do after winning the war ?

54. How did the Department of Tourism and the travel agent respond to the author's decision to go to Darjeeling by train ?

55. How did Gogol's parents try to remove the boy's fear ?

Read the following sentences and rewrite them in the correct order as in the lesson : 5

56. Patil took away the machine.

57. Patil, the sub inspector, came in to warn the family.

58. The police came to search the house.

59. After dinner, Suman came in with a boy who was carrying a cyclostyling machine.

60. The college students held a procession from their college to the collector's office.