

ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2024-25
PRACTICE QUESTION PAPER
ENGLISH

Time :2:30Hrs**STD IX****Score : 80**

Questions 1-5. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (1x5=5)

In a deeply moving ceremony on the Republic Day of 1987, Neerja Bhanot was posthumously conferred India's highest peacetime gallantry award, the Ashoka Chakra. Neerja was the brave flight attendant who had sacrificed her life to save passengers on a hijacked aeroplane. The ceremony, attended by dignitaries, family and friends, was a fitting tribute to Neerja's legacy. The Ashoka Chakra, presented by Giani Zail Singh, the then President of India, was received by Neerja's mother, Rama Bhanot. Neerja's father Harish Bhanot and her brothers were present to witness the ceremony.

1. Why was Ashoka Chakra conferred to Neerja Bhanot?
2. Who received the Ashoka Chakra award on behalf of Neerja Bhanot?
3. What idea do you get about the character of Neerja from the passage?
4. Pick out the word from the passage that means 'an act/statement to express gratitude, respect, or admiration'.
5. Construct a sentence using the word 'witness' as noun.

Questions 6-10. Read the excerpt from the song 'Let It Go' and answer the questions that follow. (1x5=5)

The snow glows white on the mountain tonight
Not a footprint to be seen
A kingdom of isolation
And it looks like I'm the queen
The wind is howling like this swirling storm inside
Couldn't keep it in, Heaven knows I tried.

Don't let them in, don't let them see
Be the good girl you always have to be
Conceal, don't feel, don't let them know
Well, now they know.

6. "And it looks like I'm the queen". Who is the queen referred to here?
7. How does the singer express her inner turmoil?
8. What does the singer imply about the societal expectations when she says "Be the good girl you always have to be"?
9. Which line in the song suggests a shift in tone?
10. "Heaven knows I tried." What does the singer mean by this expression?

11. Read the following lines from the poem 'Walk Alone' and prepare an appreciation focussing on its theme, imagery and poetic devices. (5x1=5)

If no one listens to your call-
Then you must walk on alone.
Move on alone, move on alone, and move on alone.
If no one speaks to you - oh, oh my hapless one,
If everyone turns the other way; if everyone is afraid,
Then open your heart and speak out your mind alone.

Questions 12-16. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x5=5)

The name of Alexander the Great still lives in the legends of the East, and traces of his swift conquest are still stamped upon the fabric of Western Asia. His name is famous as a conqueror and as the King of Macedonia. He was born on July 20, 356 B.C., to King Philip II of Macedon and Queen Olympia. This young, dark-eyed and curly-haired prince was tutored by the great philosopher, Aristotle. Alexander the Great conquered half the known world in thirteen years. He was far more than a general and a leader of armies. Alexander, after conquering many kingdoms, was returning home.

On the way, he fell ill. Knowing that his death was nearing, he longed to see his mother's face. However, he realized that his sinking health would not permit him to reach his mother as he was far from his homeland. He realized that all his wealth and his conquests, his great army, his sharp sword would not help him to save his life.

12. Alexander the Great was born to
13. Who was Alexander tutored by?
14. Which sentence in the passage gives the clue that Alexander the Great still lives in the minds of people?
15. Why did Alexander feel that his last wish would not be fulfilled?
16. What was Alexander's final realization??

Questions 17-18. Answer any ONE of the following. (1x7=7)

17. The lesson 'Toys to Teens' highlights the impact that advertisements have on shaping consumer mindsets. Prepare a **write-up** elaborating the adverse effects of advertisements on teenagers.

18. Bethany Hamilton met with a fatal shark attack while surfing in the waters of Hawaii. Her determination, courage, and ambition made her a world champion in surfing. Based on her story, prepare a **speech** on the significance of keeping a positive attitude and resilience in one's life to be delivered on *Motivation Day* on January 2nd.

Questions 19-21. Answer any TWO of the following questions. (5x2=10)

19. After the shark attack, Bethany Hamilton was doubtful about pursuing her passion for surfing. Her father encourages her with his inspiring and soothing words. Prepare the likely **conversation** between them.

20. On January 30th, your school organizes an exhibition of Mahatma Gandhi's books and a collection of rare photographs capturing his life and contributions. Prepare a **notice** informing the public about the exhibition.

21. Read the following passage and prepare five questions based on it.

In the year 1890, an old Parsi lady in the suburb of Dadar spoke to Mahadu Iwhaji Bacha. She wanted him to help her to get a tiffin carrier across to her husband who worked in the commercial heart of Bombay, as the city was called then. That was the start of the *dabbawalas*. From those humble beginnings, this self-made Indian organisation has grown into a huge network whose incredible efficiency has won the admiration of international business schools and even of Prince (now King) Charles of England.

Questions 22 -25. Answer any THREE of the following questions (3x6=18)

22. The meeting between Joseph Barbera and Michael Jackson became the talk of the town. The details of their meeting captured the newspaper headlines the following day. Imagine yourself as a reporter and draft a detailed **news report** of the meeting between the two legends.

23. The English club of your school plans to honour K. Jayakumar, the recipient of Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award in 2024. As the secretary of the English club, you are tasked with writing a letter to him to inquire about his availability for the event. Prepare the likely **letter**.

24. The selfless act of Neerja Bhanot that saved the lives of passengers in Pan Am flight 73 serves as a powerful example of courage and sacrifice. Based on your understanding of her inspiring story, prepare a detailed **character sketch** that showcases the qualities that made her a genuine hero.

25. Prepare a short profile of Michael Jackson from the given data.

Birth: 29th August 1958

Nationality: American

Famous as: singer, song writer, dancer

Famous works: Rock with you, Billie Jean, Thriller, Beat it

Humanitarian works: Heal the World, We are the World

Death: 25th June 2009

Questions 26-30. An advertisement published in a newspaper is given below. Read the advertisement and answer the questions that follow. (5x1=5)

VACANCY

New Star Sports Club is looking for a cricket coach for the senior cricket team with following qualifications:-

- Should possess more than 12 years of experience in a similar capacity.
- Should be an energetic person with a proven track record.

He will be paid an attractive remuneration.

Walk-in interview on 15th March 2025 from 8 am to 2 pm at Maharaja's Sports Complex building.

Call Anirudh – 0178244444 or email: newstar.club@emails.com for more information.

Secretary
New Star Sports Club

26. What is the advertisement about?

27. How many years of experience in similar capacity is expected for the post?

28. Which is the venue for the interview?
29. Who should be contacted for further information?
30. When is the interview scheduled?

31. Complete the paragraph using appropriate forms of phrasal verbs given in brackets. (4x1=4)

One Thursday afternoon, Mholo returned home earlier than usual and she was(a)..... a magazine. Suddenly a pack of dogs(b)..... at her, barking loudly. Then, the Madam of the house(c)..... there. Mholo(d)..... that she just arrived there to meet her sister.

[spring up, turn up, go through, put across, come across]

32. Edit the passage given below. (4x1=4)

The boy's father shake(a) him by the hand and went off. He proceeded few(b) steps, then came to a startled halt. A line of trucks carry(c) central security troops crawled magestically(d) by.

33. Read the following conversation and report it. (2x1=2)

Grace's mom : How do you know about these dolls?

Grace: Maddi told me about them.

- a. What did Grace's mom ask?
b. What was her response?

34. Read the following conversation between a dabbawala and a lady and complete it suitably. (5x1=5)

Dabbawala: Good morning madam.(a).....?

Lady : Good morning. My husband works in Income tax office
at Bandra East. I need his lunch box to be delivered
to him at his office.

Dabbawala:(b).....?

Lady : We reside in Horizon apartments at Worli.

Dabbawala : Would you mind(c).....?

Lady : **Sure. I will write down the details.**

Dabbawala : We usually collect the lunch boxes from the customers at 8am in the morning. If you fail to hand over the boxes on time,(d).....

Lady : Okay. I'll see to it. You'll come to pick up lunch tomorrow onwards,(e).....?

Dabbawala : Sure.

35. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from those given in brackets. (3x1=3)

I wondered what the young men(a)..... northern India, almost all of them(b)..... the uniform of the guest worker thought(c)..... this turbulent return to their workplace.

[in, of, from, at]

36. Pick out the noun phrase in the subject position and verb phrase from the following sentences. (1x2=2)

a. Children's spending power has steadily risen over the years.

b. The use of a celebrity or a popular character to endorse a product in an ad is an extremely effective source of persuasion.

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ANSWER KEY

Question Number	Scoring Indicators	Score	Total score
1	Neerja was posthumously awarded Ashoka Chakra as she saved many passengers in the flight, sacrificing her own life.	1	1
2	Neerja's mother ,Rama Bhanot	1	1
3	Neerja was a woman of exceptional courage and selflessness who showed remarkable presence of mind.	1	1
4	Tribute	1	1
5	She was the sole <i>witness</i> to the incident.	1	1
6	Elsa	1	1
7	The singer expresses her inner turmoil by comparing it to the howling wind	1	1
8	The society has fixed certain norms on the people so that they are compelled to behave accordingly. Elsa had been told to conceal her emotions and magical powers to maintain the image of a composed princess.	1	1
9	Well, now they know.	1	1
10	This lines shows the intensity of Elsa's emotional conflict and struggle in suppressing her true self.	1	1

11	Appreciation of the poem		5
	Idea conveyed	2	
	Use of poetic craft explained	2	
	The language used	1	
12	Alexander the Great was born to King Philip II of Macedon and Queen Olympia.	1	1
13	Aristotle	1	1
14	The name of Alexander the Great still lives in the legends of the East, and traces of his swift conquest are still stamped upon the fabric of Western Asia.	1	1
15	He felt that his last wish would not be fulfilled due to his ill-health.	1	1
16	He realised that his wealth, fame or achievements would not be capable of saving our life.	1	1
17	Write up		
	Suitable title	1	
	Begin with a striking idea	1	
	Organisation of ideas in a sequential manner	2	
	Language and style	2	
	Appropriate conclusion	1	
18	Speech		1 x 7 = 7
	Introduces the topic well	2	
	Develops the topic with supporting ideas	2	
	Organises the ideas well	1	
	Concludes effectively	2	
19	Conversation		
	Proper beginning	1	
	Relevant to the context	2	
	Use of conversational expressions	1	
	Appropriate conclusion	1	

20	Notice		2 x 5 = 10
	Identify the event	1	
	Message conveyed	2	
	Use of appropriate lay out and format	1	
	Language used	1	
21	Five Questions		6 x 3 = 18
	Any five questions based on the passage	5	
22	News report		
	Message conveyed	1	
	Organisation of ideas	1	
	Appropriate use of linkers	2	
	Language and style	2	
23	Letter		
	Keeps the format of the letter	2	
	Organises the idea well	2	
	Concludes effectively	1	
	Language and style	1	
24	Character sketch		
	Identify the role and significance of the character	1	
	Describe the personality traits, physique/appearance	2	
	Includes the development of the character	2	
	Ideas sequenced	1	
25	Profile		
	Interpretation of the given data	2	
	Use of cohesive ideas	1	
	Sequencing of ideas	1	
	Precise and concise language	2	

26	About the requirement for a cricket coach	1	5
27	More than 12 years of experience as a cricket coach	1	
28	at Maharaja's Sports Complex building.	1	
29	Anirudh	1	
30	On 15 th March 2025 from 8 am to 2 pm	1	
31	a) going through b) sprang up c) turned up d) put across	1 1 1 1	4
32	a. shook b. a few c. carrying d. majestically	4	4
33	a) Grace's mom asked her how she knew about those dolls. b) Grace replied that Maddi had told her about them.	1 1	2
34	a) What can I do for you? b) Where do you live? c) Would you mind giving me your details? d) we will not continue our service. e) won't you?	1 1 1 1 1	5
35	a) from b) in c) of	1 1 1	3
36	a.Children's spending power b.The use of a celebrity or a popular character to endorse a product in an ad	1 1	2
Total			80