

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instructions:

1. The question paper has 4 sections and 33 questions. Answer all the questions.
2. Section A: 20 multiple choice questions of 1 mark each (Q 1–15 grammar and vocabulary; Q 16–20 reading).
3. Section B: 4 questions of 2 marks each. Section C: 5 questions of 4 marks each.
4. Section D: 4 questions of 8 marks each, with internal choice.
5. Answer the grammar questions in the same order at one place in your answer book.

SECTION – A

20 × 1 = 20

Choose the correct answer and write its letter.

1. The queen _____ while the king was reading his poem.
A) yawn B) yawned C) yawning D) has yawn
2. Tenali Rama was _____ clever poet in the court of Krishnadeva Raya.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
3. Mrs Jones grew tiny plants _____ the stones in her garden.
A) between B) on C) into D) by
4. Verghese Kurien _____ in Anand for most of his working life.
A) work B) works C) worked D) working
5. "I will help you," said the boy to the old woman. The reported form is:
A) The boy told the old woman that he would help her.
B) The boy told the old woman that I will help you.
C) The boy said the old woman he will help her.
D) The boy told that he helps her.
6. The camel was found by the merchant. (Choose the active voice.)
A) The merchant finds the camel.
B) The merchant found the camel.
C) The merchant has found the camel.
D) The camel found the merchant.
7. The Valley of Flowers is one of the _____ places in India.
A) beautiful B) more beautiful C) most beautiful D) beautifullest
8. Choose the correct question tag: Major Somnath Sharma was very brave, _____?
A) was he B) wasn't he C) isn't he D) did he
9. The synonym of 'courage' is
A) fear B) bravery C) anger D) laziness
10. The antonym of 'generous' is
A) kind B) selfish C) rich D) humble

11. Choose the correctly spelt word.
A) neccessary B) necessary C) necessary D) nesessary
12. The noun form of 'decide' is
A) decided B) decision C) deciding D) decisive
13. The boy stopped to _____ the old woman across the street. (help her to cross)
A) help B) helps C) helped D) helping
14. Gopi ran away _____ the Zamindar was sleeping.
A) because B) while C) unless D) although
15. If you _____ carefully, you will find the clue.
A) look B) looked C) will look D) had looked

Read the following passage and answer Questions 16 – 20 by choosing the correct option.

Lakshmi lives in a small village near Ongole. Every morning, before school, she helps her mother collect milk from their two buffaloes. They take the milk to the village dairy society, where it is tested and weighed. The society pays them every ten days. Lakshmi's mother says that before the society was formed, a trader bought milk from the villagers at a very low price and often cheated them on the weight. Now the farmers own the society together and share its profit. Lakshmi keeps a small notebook in which she writes down the quantity of milk they give every day. 'One day,' she says, 'I want to study dairy science and help farmers like my mother.'

16. Where does Lakshmi live?
A) in Ongole town
B) in a village near Ongole
C) near a dairy factory
D) in a city
17. What does Lakshmi do every morning before school?
A) She milks the cows alone.
B) She helps her mother collect milk.
C) She sells milk to a trader.
D) She studies dairy science.
18. How often does the society pay the farmers?
A) every day B) every week C) every ten days D) every month
19. Before the society was formed, the trader
A) paid a fair price
B) cheated the villagers
C) helped the farmers
D) owned the buffaloes
20. Lakshmi writes in her notebook
A) stories
B) the quantity of milk given daily
C) the price of buffaloes
D) her school homework

SECTION – B

4 × 2 = 8

21. In 'The Wit that Won Hearts', why was King Krishnadeva Raya angry with the queen?

22. In 'A Tale of Valour', why is Major Somnath Sharma remembered by the nation?
23. Combine the two sentences using 'who': Verghese Kurien is called the Father of the White Revolution. He built the Amul cooperative.
24. Change into reported speech: The merchant said to the king, "These men have stolen my camel."

SECTION – C

5 × 4 = 20

25. Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow.

*The woman was old and ragged and gray
And bent with the chill of the Winter's day.
The street was wet with a recent snow
And the woman's feet were aged and slow.*

- Describe the old woman in your own words.
 - What was the weather like?
 - Pick out two pairs of rhyming words.
 - Name the poem and the poet.
26. Read the passage and answer the questions.
- Chief Brown was worried. Tim Nolan, who was suspected of a jewel robbery five years ago, had died and left everything to his friend Daniel Davenport, including a palm-tree nursery. Clipped to the will was a calendar page with four strange words: Nom, Utes, Sweden and Hurts. Encyclopedia Brown looked at the words for a while and smiled. He knew where the jewels were.
- Who was Chief Brown?
 - What did Tim Nolan leave to Davenport?
 - What was clipped to the will?
 - What do you think the four words stand for?
27. Edit the following passage. Correct the underlined errors.
- Gopi were (a) a poor village girl who loved to draw. One day a strange man give (b) her a magic brush. Whatever she painted become (c) real. She used the brush only on (d) help the poor.
28. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.
- Last week our class (a) _____ (visit) the dairy in our village. The manager (b) _____ (show) us how milk is tested. We (c) _____ (see) large tanks of milk. Everyone (d) _____ (enjoy) the visit.
29. Answer any TWO of the following in 40 to 50 words each.
- How did Tenali Rama show the king that yawning is natural? (The Wit that Won Hearts)
 - How did the young men describe the lost camel without seeing it? (Wisdom Paves the Way)
 - Why is the Lonar lake in Maharashtra special? (Spectacular Wonders)

SECTION – D

4 × 8 = 32

Each question has an internal choice. Answer either (A) or (B).

30. A) Write a letter to your friend describing a visit to a place of natural beauty.

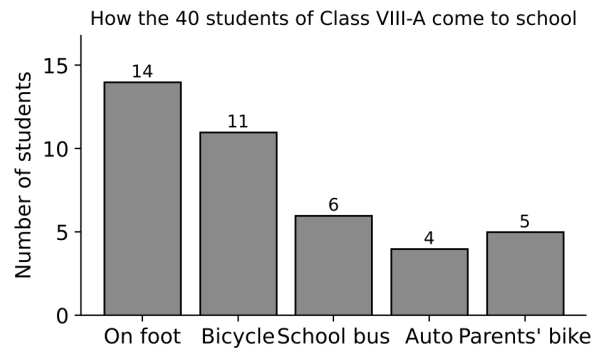
(OR)

- B) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to arrange a visit to a dairy cooperative or a farm.

31. A) Imagine you are the boy in 'Somebody's Mother'. Write a diary entry about the day you helped the old woman cross the street.

(OR)

B) Study the bar graph and write a paragraph of about 100 words describing how the students of Class VIII-A come to school.



32. A) Write a conversation between Tenali Rama and the queen when she asks him for help.

(OR)

B) Write a short story in about 150 words using these hints: a boy finds a wallet in the bus — no one claims it — he notices an ID card — returns it to the owner — lesson learnt.

33. A) Narrate the story of Major Somnath Sharma and the Battle of Badgam in your own words.

(OR)

B) Narrate the story 'The Case of the Fifth Word' in your own words and explain how the mystery was solved.

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