

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. Major Somnath Sharma _____ the first Param Vir Chakra.
A) receive B) received C) receiving D) receives
2. Kurien was _____ engineer before he worked with milk.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
3. The four young men were walking _____ Ujjain.
A) towards B) under C) over D) into
4. Look! The children _____ in the garden now.
A) play B) played C) are playing D) has played
5. "Where is the flower?" asked the poet. The reported form is:
A) The poet asked where the flower was.
B) The poet asked where is the flower.
C) The poet said where was the flower.
D) The poet asked that where the flower is.
6. The king rewarded Tenali Rama. (Choose the passive voice.)
A) Tenali Rama is rewarded by the king.
B) Tenali Rama was rewarded by the king.
C) Tenali Rama has rewarded the king.
D) The king was rewarded by Tenali Rama.
7. The Sundarbans is _____ than many other forests in India.
A) large B) larger C) largest D) most large
8. Choose the correct question tag: Gopi did not paint for the Zamindar, _____?
A) did she B) didn't she C) does she D) was she
9. The synonym of 'clever' is
A) foolish B) smart C) lazy D) weak
10. The antonym of 'arrive' is
A) reach B) come C) depart D) enter

11. Choose the correctly spelt word.
A) beautifull B) beautiful C) beutiful D) beatiful
12. The adjective form of 'danger' is
A) dangerously B) dangerous C) endanger D) dangers
13. Encyclopedia Brown _____ the case in just a few minutes. (phrasal verb meaning 'solved')
A) worked out B) gave up C) put off D) looked after
14. Mrs Jones's garden was full of stones, _____ she loved it.
A) but B) because C) so D) or
15. You _____ not cross the road when the signal is red. (prohibition)
A) must B) may C) can D) might

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

In many villages of Meghalaya, people do not build bridges with cement or steel. Instead, they grow them. The Khasi people guide the roots of the rubber fig tree across a stream, using hollow betel-nut trunks to show the roots the way. Slowly, over ten to fifteen years, the roots grow thick and strong enough to carry people. Unlike ordinary bridges, these living bridges grow stronger with age, and some are said to be more than a hundred years old. Today, tourists come from far away to walk on them, and the villagers take great care to protect the trees.

16. The living bridges are made from
A) cement and steel
B) the roots of rubber fig trees
C) bamboo poles
D) betel-nut leaves
17. The hollow betel-nut trunks are used to
A) cut the roots
B) guide the roots across the stream
C) build houses
D) carry water
18. How long does it take for the roots to become strong enough?
A) one or two years
B) about five years
C) ten to fifteen years
D) a hundred years
19. With age, the living bridges become
A) weaker B) stronger C) smaller D) dangerous
20. Which word in the passage means 'a small river'?
A) stream B) trunk C) bridge D) village

SECTION – B

4 × 2 = 8

21. In 'A Concrete Example', what was special about Mrs Jones's garden?
22. In 'Verghese Kurien – I Too Had a Dream', what was Kurien's dream for the farmers of India?
23. Combine the two sentences using 'which': Gopi got a magic brush. It could make paintings come alive.
24. Change into indirect speech: Encyclopedia said to his father, "I know where the jewels are."

SECTION – C**5 × 4 = 20**

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

*She stood at the crossing and waited long,
Alone, uncared for, amid the throng
Of human beings who passed her by
Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eye.*

- i) Where was the old woman standing?
- ii) Why was she waiting?
- iii) How did the people treat her?
- iv) What is the meaning of 'throng'?

26. Read the passage and answer the questions.

The king had read his new poem aloud for nearly an hour. The queen, who had not slept well the night before, could not stop herself from yawning. The king took it as an insult and stopped visiting her palace. Days passed, and the queen grew sad. At last she sent for Tenali Rama, the one man who could make the king laugh at himself.

- i) Why did the queen yawn?
- ii) How did the king react?
- iii) Whom did the queen send for?
- iv) Find a word in the passage that means 'disrespect'.

27. Edit the following passage. Correct the underlined errors.

Vergheese Kurien are (a) born in Kerala in 1921. He go (b) to Anand to work at a government creamery. There he meet (c) farmers who were cheated by traders. He helped them to build a (d) own cooperative.

28. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

Gopi lived (a) _____ a small village. She liked to draw pictures (b) _____ the sand. One day she sat (c) _____ a big banyan tree. A strange man came (d) _____ her and gave her a brush.

29. Answer any TWO of the following in 40 to 50 words each.

- a) How did the boy in 'Somebody's Mother' help the old woman? What did she pray for him?
- b) Why did Gopi refuse to paint for the Zamindar? (The Magic Brush of Dreams)
- c) Why do vehicles seem to move uphill on the Magnetic Hill in Ladakh? (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 grandfather telling him about your new school and your friends.

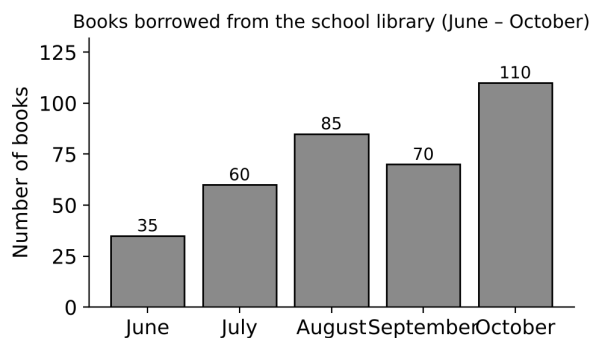
(OR)

B) Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner complaining about the poor condition of the road near your school.

31. A) Imagine you are Gopi. Write a diary entry about the day you received the magic brush.

(OR)

B) Study the bar graph and write a paragraph of about 100 words describing the number of books borrowed from the school library.



32. A) Write a conversation between you and your friend about a natural wonder of India you would like to visit.

(OR)

B) Write a speech to be delivered in the school assembly on 'Helping the elderly'.

33. A) Narrate the play 'Wisdom Paves the Way' in your own words.

(OR)

B) Write a character sketch of Verghese Kurien.

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