

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. Margie _____ the mechanical teacher very much.
A) hate B) hated C) hating D) has hate
2. Evelyn Glennie _____ profoundly deaf at the age of eleven.
A) is B) was C) has D) were
3. Bismillah Khan played the shehnai _____ the Red Fort on Independence Day in 1947.
A) at B) on C) into D) by
4. Einstein was _____ unusual child.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
5. "I am hungry," said the woman. The reported form is:
A) The woman said that she was hungry.
B) The woman said that I am hungry.
C) The woman said that she is hungry.
D) The woman told she had hungry.
6. The shehnai was played by Bismillah Khan. (Choose the active voice.)
A) Bismillah Khan plays the shehnai.
B) Bismillah Khan played the shehnai.
C) Bismillah Khan has played the shehnai.
D) The shehnai played Bismillah Khan.
7. Neither the boy nor his friends _____ ready.
A) was B) is C) were D) has
8. You _____ respect your elders. (Choose the modal that shows duty.)
A) may B) should C) can D) might
9. Choose the correct question tag: Kezia was afraid of her father, _____?
A) was she B) wasn't she C) isn't she D) did she
10. The synonym of 'nostalgic' is
A) longing for the past
B) angry
C) careless

D) afraid

11. The antonym of 'ancient' is

A) old B) modern C) famous D) huge

12. Choose the correctly spelt word.

A) melodious B) melodeous C) meloduos D) mellodious

13. The noun form of 'perform' is

A) performing B) performance C) performed D) performer's

14. The child could not _____ his parents in the crowd. (phrasal verb meaning 'find')

A) look after B) look for C) give up D) put off

15. If you work hard, you _____ pass the exam.

A) would B) will C) had D) were

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

Every Sunday morning, Ravi's grandfather took him to the small library near the bus stand in their village. The library had only two shelves of books and an old wooden table, but for Ravi it was a magic room. His grandfather could not read very well, because he had to leave school after the fourth class to help on the farm. Still, he never missed a Sunday. He would sit quietly near the window while Ravi read aloud stories of kings, travellers and inventors. Sometimes the old man asked Ravi to read a story twice. One day Ravi asked him why he came every week when he could hardly read. His grandfather smiled and said, "I never got the chance to learn. When I hear you read, I feel I am learning with you."

16. Where was the library?

A) near the school B) near the bus stand C) in the town D) in Ravi's house

17. Why did the grandfather leave school early?

A) He did not like studies.
B) He had to help on the farm.
C) The school was closed.
D) He fell ill.

18. For Ravi, the library was

A) a boring place B) a magic room C) a noisy room D) a place to play

19. What did the grandfather do in the library?

A) He read newspapers.
B) He slept near the window.
C) He listened while Ravi read aloud.
D) He arranged the books.

20. The grandfather's words show that he

A) wanted Ravi to stop reading
B) felt he was learning through Ravi
C) disliked stories
D) wanted to become a librarian

SECTION – B

4 × 2 = 8

21. In 'The Fun They Had', why did Margie hate school?

22. In 'The Little Girl', why was Kezia afraid of her father?

23. Combine the two sentences using 'who': Evelyn Glennie is a famous percussionist. She cannot hear well.

24. Change into reported speech: The teacher said to Tommy, "Bring your book tomorrow."

SECTION – C

5 × 4 = 20

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

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
(The Road Not Taken — Robert Frost)*

- i) Where did the two roads diverge?
- ii) Why was the poet sorry?
- iii) What did the poet do before choosing a road?
- iv) What does the 'yellow wood' tell us about the season?

26. Read the passage and answer the questions.

Ustad Bismillah Khan was born in a family of musicians in Dumraon, Bihar. As a young boy he went to Benaras to learn from his uncle, Ali Bux, who played the shehnai at the Vishnu temple. He practised for hours on the banks of the Ganga. Later he received many honours, including the Bharat Ratna. He was invited to settle in the USA, but he refused because he could not leave Benaras and the Ganga.

(Based on: The Sound of Music — Part II)

- i) Where was Bismillah Khan born?
- ii) Who was his teacher?
- iii) Where did he practise?
- iv) Why did he refuse to settle in the USA?

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

Einstein were (a) born in Ulm, Germany, in 1879. As a child he do not (b) like the strict rules of his school. He leave (c) school without a certificate, but later he study (d) physics in Switzerland.

28. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

Last Sunday, Tommy (a) _____ (find) a real book in his attic. The pages (b) _____ (be) yellow and crinkly. He and Margie (c) _____ (read) it together and they (d) _____ (laugh) at the idea of an old school.

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

- a) Why did the lost child stop wanting the toys and sweets he saw at the fair? (The Lost Child)
- b) What were Toto's naughty acts in the grandfather's house? (The Adventures of Toto)
- c) How did Iswaran keep Mahendra entertained? (Iswaran the Storyteller)

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 music or dance programme you watched at a school function.

(OR)

B) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to start a reading corner in every classroom.

31. A) Imagine you are Evelyn Glennie. Write a diary entry about the day you decided to become a musician in spite of your hearing problem.

(OR)

B) Describe the visit of a famous person to your school. Write about the person, the programme and what you learnt.

32. A) Write a conversation between Margie and her mother about the mechanical teacher and Tommy's real book.

(OR)

B) Write a short story in about 150 words using these hints: a poor boy — finds a purse — returns it to the owner — owner rewards him — lesson learnt.

33. A) Narrate the story 'The Lost Child' in your own words.

(OR)

B) Write a character sketch of Iswaran, the storyteller.

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