



## Standard 10

Time allowed: 3 hours

## ENGLISH

Maximum Marks: 100

## PART - I

14×1=14

i) Answer all the questions.

ii) Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words:

- 1) He was *delicious*.  
a) restlessness      b) calm      c) serene      d) short
- 2) She *whammed* a shoe through a pane of glass.  
a) lost      b) pulled      c) struck forcefully      d) tapped
- 3) You don't have to use any *auxiliary* means of repulsion.  
a) important      b) additional      c) chief      d) superior

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words:

- 4) Lessons were repeated in *unison*.  
a) together      b) disharmony      c) accordance      d) unity
- 5) His legs *sank* into it.  
a) drowned      b) floated      c) immersed      d) plunged
- 6) I was a little *curious*.  
a) eager      b) strange      c) incurious      d) unusual
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of '*radius*' from the following:  
a) radius      b) radiuses      c) radium      d) radii
- 8) Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word - '*literate*':  
a) ir      b) mis      c) il      d) do
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **RAM**:  
a) Random Advanced Memory      b) Random Access Memory  
c) Random Android Memory      d) Random Active Memory
- 10) Complete the sentence using appropriate connector:  
I forgot \_\_\_\_\_ I had to meet the principal.  
a) whether      b) while      c) that      d) if
- 11) Choose the suitable option to pair it with waiting to form a compound word:  
a) paper      b) house      c) note      d) room
- 12) Fill in the blank with appropriate phrasal verb:  
It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ good levels of strength and stamina.  
a) work out      b) build up      c) keep up      d) warm up
- 13) Complete the following sentence by using the most appropriate form of the tense given below:  
The Moon \_\_\_\_\_ around the Earth.  
a) revolves      b) revolved      c) revolve      d) is revolving
- 14) Choose the correct idiom that means 'extremely happy':  
a) once in a blue moon      b) on the ball  
c) over the moon      d) find one's voice

## PART - II

## SECTION - I [PROSE]

Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two: 3×2=6

- 15) Who mentored the crew?
- 16) What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?
- 17) How many people in India suffer with disability?
- 18) Write a few lines about the owner of the shop.

## SECTION - II [POETRY]

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following: 3×2=6

- 19) **Nothing goes right with the folks you meet  
Down on that gloomy complaining street.**  
a) What is the opinion about the folks you meet down the street?  
b) What does the word 'gloomy' mean here?
- 20) **Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear**  
a) Why do you think the poet is not in a hurry?  
b) What should one not mourn for?

- 21) **Despite the sighs and groans and moans,  
She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!**  
a) Is she complaining about the problems of life?  
b) Pick out the words that show her grief.
- 22) **I drive past the house almost everyday  
The house seems to be a bit brighter.**  
a) Whom does 'I' refer to?  
b) What does the poet say about the house?

**SECTION - III [GRAMMAR]**

3x2=6

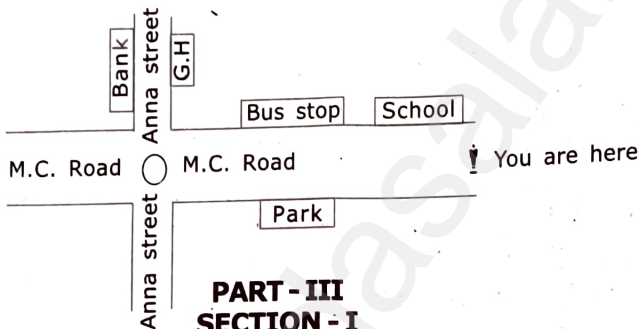
**Answer ANY THREE of the following:**

- 23) **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:**  
Malini had bought a colourful hat for her daughter.
- 24) **Combine the sentence using the appropriate connector:**  
Yusuf was running high temperature. He could not take part in the competition.
- 25) **Rewrite the following in reported form:**  
Shalini said, "I might come".
- 26) **Punctuate the following:**  
we had ghosts i said
- 27) **Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:**  
a) allergic / dogs / Rani / though / is / to / of / six she / them / has  
b) was / alone / The / seagull / young / his / on / ledge

1x2=2

**SECTION - IV [WRITING]**

- 28) A stranger wants to go to the bank. Guide him to reach his destination.



**PART - III  
SECTION - I**

2x5=10

**Answer ANY TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:**

- 29) Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the house.
- 30) 'Man does change with time' - What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?
- 31) How do we use technology in our day to day lives?
- 32) We appreciate the value of something only when we are about to lose it. Explain this with reference to the French language and M. Hamel.

**SECTION - II**

2x5=10

**Answer ANY TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:**

- 33) 'Some crickets have four legs and some have two'. Elucidate this statement from the poet's point of view.
- 34) If you were to live in the Complaining Street, how would you deal with the people who grumble?
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**  
But remember, please, the Law by which we live,  
We are not built to comprehend a lie,  
We can neither love nor pity nor forgive,  
If you make a slip in handling us you die!  
i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.  
ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.  
iii) Identify the figure of speech in the given stanza.  
iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the first line.

- 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**  
Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign  
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes  
Like ours; the land our brothers walk upon  
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

## SECTION - III

Answer ANY ONE of the following:

1×5=5

37) Rearrange the following sentence in coherent order:

- i) Prospero wanted to test Ferdinand and gave a severe task to perform.
- ii) Miranda was attracted by Ferdinand and had more concern towards him.
- iii) Ferdinand was the second human whom Miranda had seen after her father.
- iv) Prospero forgave them and restored his dukedom, Milan.
- v) The King of Naples, and Antonio the false brother, repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.

38) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

At last I hung the key on my watch-guard; but then it occurred to me that it might be lost or stolen. Dreading this, I hid it, fearful that someone might use it to open the box. This state of doubt and fear lasted for weeks, until I became nervous and began to dread that some accident might happen to that box. A burglar might come and boldly carry it away and force it open and find it was a wicked fraud of my uncle's. Even the rumble and vibration caused by the heavy vans in the street became at last a terror. Worst of all, my salary was reduced, and I saw that marriage was out of the question.

**Questions:**

- a) Where did he hang the key?
- b) Why did he hide the key afterwards?
- c) How long did this state of doubt and fear last?
- d) What was a terror for the author?
- e) What is the worst of all?

## SECTION - IV

Answer ANY FOUR of the following:

4×5=20

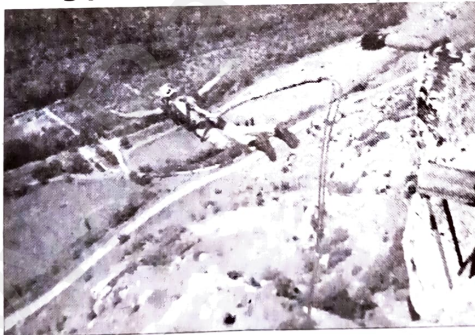
39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:

Footling footwear - shoes, chappals - imported foot wear - 20% discount - gents - ladies - kids.

40) You are Sanjay. Your colony utilizes solar energy to light the common areas. You find many friends of your colony forgetting to switch off the lights in the common area. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to a newspaper, echoing the importance to conserve and preserve solar energy.

41) Write an article in not more than 150 - 200 words for your school magazine stressing the importance of physical activities in a students' day to day life.

42) Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences:



43) Make notes or write summary of the following passage:

Public speaking is an art that can be mastered with practise and sincerity. Even good speakers get jitters before facing a group of people. It is an effective means of communication as it helps a person to express ideas, thoughts and views clearly. While speaking on any give topic one should first gather all the details, note them down in an organized manner and then think of a few examples or instances to support one's views. The speech should begin with an interesting introduction followed by details, examples, which the audience can relate to and end with an appropriate conclusion. One can also include good quotations and the language used should essentially be simple which the audience may easily understand. The speaker should remember the key-words and phrases and later expand on the same. In the beginning, one should practise well but later on, as confidence is gained, one will be able to present views clearly and easily. It has been observed that with practise while one thinks and speaks, on a topic ideas flow spontaneously and one does not encounter difficulty in expressing his / her own views.

- 44) **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly:**
- Sreena avoids to eat fruits.
  - My sister and friend have come.
  - He is angry on me.
  - If you listen carefully, you understand my point.
  - He is working in Netherlands.

**SECTION - V****1×5=5**

- 45) **Quote from memory:**  
O'er rough or smooth .....  
..... will be the best.

**PART - IV**

- 46) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:**  
**2×8=16**

a) Shining - cruel leader - decree - old - put to death - farmer - loved his mother - took to mountain - love - hid her in kitchen - leader - ask - rope of ashes - mother suggests - leader understands the wisdom - abolishes law.

**(OR)**

b) Dr. Ashok - entrusts his - pet bird - Dr. Krishnan - children excited of his entry - it can speak - 21 languages - Zigzag - sleeps endlessly - with heavy snore - no peace at - home - Mrs. Krishnan - not happy - shouts - and asks for solutions - Dr. Krishnan writes - to Ashok - finding solution - no reply - Dr. Krishnan - takes Zigzag to clinic - turn of event - Zigzag - takes - care of - the orderliness - clinic - very quiet - all surprised - Zigzag commands - sleeps - family is happy with his presence.

- 47) a) **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:**

JK Rowling is a British author who was born on 31st July 1865. She is best known as the creator of the Harry Potter fantasy series, the idea for which was conceived on a train trip from Manchester to London in 1990. The Potter books have gained worldwide attention, won multiple awards, sold more than 400 million copies and been the basis for a popular series of films, in which Rowling had overall approval on the scripts. Rowling is perhaps equally famous for her 'rags to riches' life story, in which she progressed from living on welfare to multi-millionaire status within five years. Time magazine named her as a runner-up for its 2007 Person of the year, noting the social, moral and political inspiration she has given her fans. In October 2010, JK Rowling was named the 'most influential women in Britain' by leading magazine editors. She is involved in social work and supports charities as Comic Relief, One Parent Families, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Lumos.

- When was JK Rowling born and what is famous for?
- When did she think of writing the famous series?
- Name any two charities that are supported by JK Rowling.
- Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the passage:**  
JK Rowling is famous for her \_\_\_\_\_ life story as she used to live on welfare long back. She was named as the first runner-up for \_\_\_\_\_ award in 2007 by Time magazine.

**(OR)**

- b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:**

Through the house what busy joy,  
Just because the infant boy  
Has a tiny tooth to show!  
I have got a double row  
All as white, and all as a small  
Yet no one cares for mine at all.  
He can say but half a word,  
Yet that single sound's preferred  
To all the words that I can say  
In the longest summer day.  
He cannot walk, yet if he put  
With mimic motion out his foot,  
As if he thought he were advancing,  
It's prized more than my best dancing.

**Questions:**

- Why was the house full of joy?
- What is the double row?
- Who cannot walk?
- Give a suitable title to this poem.