





- a. SVIDODOA                      b. ASVIDODOA                      c. ASVDOIOA                      d. SVOCA
19. Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the sentence given below. The people are in panic mode.  
a. happy                              b. peaceful                              c. careful                              d. anxious
20. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition. The child has been admitted \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday  
a. for                                      b. at                                      c. in                                      d. since

**PART - II SECTION - 1**

(4x2=8)

**I. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets.**

21. Comes at the last, and with a little pin  
Bores through his castle wall, a farewell king!  
a. What does the poet refer to 'come at the last'?  
b. Identify the figure of speech
22. For my laugh in the mirror  
shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs  
a. What is the meaning of fangs?  
b. Pick out the alliteration words
23. Our nature it is that whatever we try  
We do with devotion deep and true  
a. Who does 'we' refer to?  
b. How should we carry out our duties?
24. When official demands  
Is there a doctor in the stands?  
a. Why are doctors called from stands by the sponsors?  
b. Write the rhyming words in the above line.
25. Macavity's a Mystery Cat: he's called the Hidden Paw  
a. Does the poet talk about a real cat?  
b. Why is he called the Hidden paw?
26. Have I not reason to lament  
What Man has made of Man?  
a. Whom does 'I' refer to here?  
b. Identify the figure of speech.

**SECTION - 2**

**II. Do as directed. Answer any three questions.**

(3x2=6)

27. Kavin said to Sukumar, "Please drop me at the station tonight". (Change into indirect speech)
28. Magdalene is singing the prayer. (Change into the other voice)
29. Having resigned his job, he started a political party (Rewrite as a complex sentence)
30. If I were you, I would accept the challenge. (Begin with 'Were')

**PART - III SECTION - 1**

**I. A. Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.**

(2x3=6)

31. Is this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan,
32. A life that knows no kneeling and bending

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33. I have also learned to say, 'Goodbye'  
When I mean 'Good-riddance'

**SECTION - 2**

**B. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words. (2x3=6)**

34. Why did she call herself 'lucky'?
35. What kind of absent-mindedness is regarded as a virtue by Lynd?
36. Who does the speaker claim to represent?

**SECTION - 3**

**C. Answer any three of the following. (3x3=9)**

37. Describe the process of preparing vegetable salad.
38. Write a notice about the inauguration of English Literary Club in your school.
39. Complete the proverbs choosing the suitable words given in brackets.
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ is the best medicine. (Exercise, Fruit, Laughter)
- ii) Haste makes \_\_\_\_\_ (fast, waste, boast)
- iii) One man's poison is another man's \_\_\_\_\_ (meat, sweet, hate)
40. Expand the following news headlines in a sentence each.
- i. ATMs without security guard to close.
- ii) Heavy rains lash Salem and Dharmapuri
- iii) NEET classes for Government School students begin in January.

**PART - IV**

**Answer the following. (7x5=35)**

**41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

- a) Describe Mary Kom's personal experiences during her first International Championship match from the time of selection to winning the medal. (OR)
- b) Narrate the circumstances that led the narrator to getting into a tight corner, by his own folly?

**42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

- a) The poem 'Once Upon a Time' is nothing but a criticism of modern life. Justify this statement. (OR)
- b) Write an appreciation of the poem "The Hollow Crown?"

**43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.**

- a) Jack and Jill - couple call - house - little nest. Like birds - couple made - nests - wires - fibres - leaves and grass. But - bought everything - new villa - radiogram - piano - fridge, car - and - first baby - in installment - scheme - They hope - wise. play - emphasizes - fact - purchase system - enables - low income group - things - ready cash. Never - Never Nest (OR)

- b) Leacock - goes to studio - the photographer dislikes Leacock's face - passes several comments - Leacock gets irritated - the photo - taken - wants to see the proof - visits the studio again - the photo is edited - help of technology - Leacock upset over the changes - calls it worthless - leaves in anger.

**44. a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.**

The greatest enemy of mankind, as people have discovered, is not science, but war. Science merely reflects the social forces by which it is surrounded. It is found that when there is peace,

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sciences constructive, when there is war, science is perverted to destructive ends. The weapons which science gives us don't necessarily create war, these make war increasingly more terrible. Until now it has brought us to the doorstep of doom. Our main problem, therefore, is not to curb science but to stop war. The hour is late and our work has scarcely begun. Now we are face to face with this urgent question : "Can education and tolerance, understanding and creative intelligence run fast enough to keep us abreast with our own mounting capacity to destroy?" This is the question which we will have to answer one way or the other in this generation.  
(OR)

b) Write a paragraph about your role model in about 150 words.

45. a) Write a letter to the commissioner of the corporation complaining about the poor facility of street light in your locality. (OR)

b) Write a letter to your teacher asking career guidance after your higher secondary school.

46. a. Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- (i) The teacher along with the students attend the function
- (ii) I bought a blue colour shirt and a tie
- (iii) I am not understanding the problem
- (iv) The trains often are late
- (v) He said that he can drive a car

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(OR)

b. Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- i. His \_\_\_\_\_ daughter \_\_\_\_\_ well to the new situation (adopted / adapted)
- ii. It \_\_\_\_\_ rains today (Use a modal verb)
- iii. They \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a solution tomorrow evening (Use the suitable tense form).
- iv) Darkness sets in \_\_\_\_\_ the sun sets (Use a suitable link word)

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

Kabbadi is contact team sport that originated in Tamil Nadu. It is the national sport of Bangladesh. Kabbadi is played between two teams of seven players, the objective of the game is for a single player on offence referred to as a 'raider' to run into the opposite teams half of a court, tag out as many of their defenders as possible, and return to their own half of the court-all without being tackled by the defenders. Points are scored for each player tagged by the raider, while the opposing team earns a point for stopping the raider. Players are taken out of the game, if they are tagged or tackled, but can be revived for each point scored by their team from a tag or tackle. The raider should hold his breath and utter the words like "Kabbadi, Kabbadi" "hututu hututu", "chadu kudu", etc., while the opponents try to catch him. If he stops uttering those words, he is considered out.

**Questions:**

- a. Kabbadi is a national sport of
- b. Kabbadi is played between two teams of players.
- c. How does a raider score points for his team?
- d. When does a raider concede a point to the opponent team?
- e. Can a player be revived when he/she is out of the game?

(OR)

b) Build a dialogue with a minimum of five exchanges between a reporter and politician.



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<b>PART – I</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Answer all the questions:</b>	<b>20 x 1 = 20</b>
	<b>Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given.</b>	
<b>01</b>	<b>(a) cut</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>02</b>	<b>(c) steadfastness</b>	
<b>03</b>	<b>(d) refill</b>	
	<b>Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.</b>	
<b>04</b>	<b>(b) to be forgotten</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>05</b>	<b>(a) fake</b>	
<b>06</b>	<b>(c) unnecessary</b>	
<b>07</b>	<b>(c) Local Area Network</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>(b) sociologist</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>09</b>	<b>(b) groom</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>(a) wheel</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>(c) y</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>(c) some</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>(c) run over</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>(d) special</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>(b) who</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>(a) lecture + demonstration</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>(c) don't they</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>(b) ASVIODOA</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>(d) anxious</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>(d) since</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>

	<b>PART - II</b>	
	<b>SECTION - 1</b>	
	<b>Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.</b>	<b>4 x 2 = 8</b>
<b>21</b>	(a) death (b) personification	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
<b>22</b>	(a) a long sharp tooth of a snake (b) shows, snake; my, mirror	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
<b>23</b>	(a) people (b) with sincerity and honesty	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
<b>24</b>	(a) when players get injured (b) demands, stands	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
<b>25</b>	(a) No (b) Master criminal	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
<b>26</b>	(a) poet (b) Rhetorical question and Alliteration.	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
	<b>SECTION - 2</b>	
	<b>Answer any three questions.</b>	<b>3 x 2 = 6</b>
<b>27</b>	Kavin requested Sukumar to drop him at the station that night.	<b>2 Marks</b>
<b>28</b>	The prayer is being sung by Magdalene.	<b>2 Marks</b>
<b>29</b>	After he had resigned his job, he started a political party.	<b>2 Marks</b>
<b>30</b>	Were I you, I would accept the challenge.	<b>2 Marks</b>
	<b>PART - III</b>	
	<b>Section - 1</b>	
<b>(i)</b>	<b>Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.</b>	<b>2 x 3 = 6</b>
	<b>Name of the poem</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
	<b>Name of the poet</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Poem : Lines written in early spring Poet : William Wordsworth</b>	
<b>32</b>	<b>Poem : Everest is not the only peak Poet : Kulothungan</b>	
<b>33</b>	<b>Poem : Once upon a time Poet : Gabriel Okara</b>	



<b>SECTION - 2</b>		
	<b>Answer any two of the following in not more than 30 words.</b>	<b>2 x 3 = 6</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>She did not have any match that day.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>The angler may forget to take his fishing rod due to over pleasure of getting fish. A poet may forget to post the letter since his mind is filled with more glorious matter. Such a kind of absentmindedness is regarded as a virtue by Lynd.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>The speaker claims to represent the common man.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>SECTION - 3</b>		
	<b>Answer any three of the following.</b>	<b>3 x 3 = 9</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Describe the process of preparing vegetable salad.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Notice writing.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Complete the proverbs.</b> a) Laughter b) waste c) meat	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Expand the headlines.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>PART - IV</b>		
	<b>Answer the following:</b>	<b>7 x 5 = 35</b>
<b>41</b> (a) or (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Exceptionally good paragraph</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Correct answer with all points with no mistakes</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Correct answer with a few mistakes</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Answer with a few points</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Answer with a few points and many mistakes</b></li> </ul>	<b>5 Marks</b> <b>4 Marks</b> <b>3 Marks</b>  <b>2 Marks</b> <b>1 Mark</b>
<b>42</b> (a) or (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Exceptionally good paragraph</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Correct answer with all points with no mistakes</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Correct answer with a few mistakes</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Answer with a few points</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Answer with a few points and many mistakes</b></li> </ul>	<b>5 Marks</b> <b>4 Marks</b>  <b>3 Marks</b> <b>2 Marks</b> <b>1 Mark</b>







46	<p>i) <b>Spot the errors and correct them.</b></p> <p>a) The teacher along with the students attends the function.</p> <p>b) I bought a blue shirt and a tie.</p> <p>c) I don't understand the problem.</p> <p>d) The trains are often late.</p> <p>e) He said that he could drive a car.</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>a) adopted, adapted</p> <p>b) may</p> <p>c) will find</p> <p>d) when</p>	<p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>2 Marks</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p>
47.	<p><b>Comprehension passage.</b></p> <p>a) a) Bangladesh</p> <p>b) seven</p> <p>c) A raider scores points for his team when he tags the players of the opposing teams, in their court.</p> <p>d) A raider concedes a point to the opponent team when he is tackled by them, in their court.</p> <p>e) Yes. A player can be revived when he/she is out of the game.</p>	<p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p>

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