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BE CONFIDENT MODEL PUBLIC EXAM – MARCH 2023

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

+2 ENGLISH

- Instructions :** (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
- (2) Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

Note :

20 x 1 = 20

- (i) Answer all the questions.
- (ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given **four** alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

[Turn over]

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. Anna would say with an impudent smile.

- a) innocent b) fake c) disrespectful d) decent

2. The liberties of everybody must be curtailed.

- a) reduced b) increased c) hinder d) desire

3. I could not bear to intrude upon this happy family party.

- a) anxious b) struggle c) enter without permission d) wide

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. From here the ridge narrowed to a knife edge.

- a) broadened b) opened c) closed d) pushed

5.not just something for pleasure, amusement, recreation.

- a) pleasure b) boredom c) cheerful d) timid

6. ...but they are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.

- a) enough b) suffocative c) submissive d) inadequate

7. 'Numismatics' is the study of _____

- a) scientific study of a language b) genes
c) processing data for storage and retrieval d) money and coins

8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'honour'.

- a) dis b) il c) en d) inter

[Turn over]

9. Fill in the blank with a suitable relative pronoun.

She is Mrs. Sheela _____ teaches English.

- a) whose b) who c) where d) whom

10. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.

There was a skirmish _____ my brother and sister.

- a) among b) since c) for d) between

11. Choose the correct compound word for the combination 'milk cow'.

- a) Noun + verb b) adjective + verb
c) adjective + Noun d) preposition + noun

12. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'frequent'.

- a) il b) ion c) ly d) ment

13. Choose the correct question tag for the following.

The children are very happy, _____?

- a) aren't it b) aren't they c) are they d) don't they

14. Fill in the blanks with appropriate article.

She bought _____ useful gadget.

- a) a b) an c) the d) no article

15. Choose the correct combination for the blended word 'camcorder'.

- a) camera + record b) camera + rewinder
c) camera + recorder d) camera + resistor

[Turn over]

16. Replace the underlined word with its polite form.

He is in jail.

- a) recreation centre b) mind centre
c) punishment centre d) rehabilitation centre

17. Choose the correct American English word for 'pull over'.

- a) line b) sweater
c) diaper d) truck

18. Choose the meaning of the idiom 'round the corner'.

- a) a narrow escape b) in great fear
c) very near d) prepare for a conflict

19. Fill in the blanks with the suitable prepositional phrase.

_____ Gandhiji, Ahimsa means infinite love.

- a) in case of b) according to
c) in favour of d) in spite of

20. Choose the meaning of the phrasal verb 'put off'.

- a) visited b) called
c) postpone d) start a journey

[Turn over]

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PART II

Section - 1

Read the following poetic line and answer any four from it.

4 × 2 = 8

21. Fear, trembling Hope, and Death, the skeleton

And Time the shadow, and though weak the verse

That would thy beauty fain, oh fain rehearse

May Love defend thee from oblivion's curse.

(a) What does the poet mean by the expression 'May love defend thee from oblivion's curse'?

(b) What does the expression 'fain' convey?

22. All through the summer at ease we lay

And daily from the turret wall.

(a) What does 'we' refer to?

(b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?

23. Tell him to be a fool ever so often

And to have no shame over having been a fool

Yet learning something out of every folly

Hoping to repeat none of the cheap follies.

(a) Is it shame to be a fool at times?

(b) What does one learn from every folly?

[Turn over]

24. With eyes severe and beard of formal cut

Full of wise saws and modern instances.

(a) How does he behave with the people around him?

(b) What does he do to show his wisdom?

25. You're wounded ! 'Nay' his soldier's pride

Touched to the quick, he said.

(a) Why did the boy contradict Napoleon's words?

(b) Why was his pride touched?

26. One equal temper of heroic hearts,

Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

(a) Though made weak time and fate, the hearts are heroic. Explain.

(b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.

Section - 2

Do as directed.

3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three questions.

27. Mani said to his coach, " I shall improve, if you guide me."

(Change into indirect speech)

28. Raman is known to me since childhood. (Change into other voice form)

29. Very few people in this town are as generous as Mr.Mohan.

(Change into superlative degree)

30. The mountain was steep but he was able to climb it.

(Rewrite as a complex sentence)

[Turn over]

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PART III

Section - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. $2 \times 3 = 6$

31. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech.
32. How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!

33. Then off there flung in smiling joy,
And held himself erect.

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each. $2 \times 3 = 6$

34. How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?
35. What roles did the duo take up?
36. What was put on the family agenda?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following. $3 \times 3 = 9$

37. Complete the proverbs using the word given below.
- i) When in Rome _____ as Romans do. (do, act, behave)
- ii) A leopard can't change its _____ (tail, nature, spots)
- iii) A burnt child _____ fire. (fears, dreads, hates)
38. Describe the process of obtaining a demand draft from a bank.

[Turn over]

39. You are Priyanka. Your mother has not yet returned from office. You have to go to a friend's house to complete your social science project. You tried to inform your mother on her cell phone but there was no response. Write a message for your mother in not more than 50 words giving her the following information.
40. Build up a dialogue between a passenger and a railway staff regarding the cancellation of the reserved tickets.

PART IV

Answer the following.

7 × 5 = 35

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

(a) How was the family affected by the war?

OR

(b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the rule of the Road'?

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

(a) How according to the poet is it possible for his son to bring changes into a world that resents change?

OR

(b) Shakespeare has skillfully brought out the parallels between the life of man and actors on stage. Elaborate this statement.

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints.

(a) Ausable secret agent - important report new missiles fowler writer Max - Another secret agent threatens Ausable -to complain hotel authorities close balcony loud knocking - police Max asks Ausable send the police back - waits on the balcony Max jumps through the window - door opens waiter comes drinks Ausable to fowler - no police - Max could not return no balcony over there - Ausable outwits Max.

OR

[Turn over]

(b) Aksionov – made a trip to a fair – wife stopped him – bad dream – local police officer arrested – charged him murder – blood stained knife – Aksionov swore he had not done – imprisoned – wife met him in jail – saw her husband – fell down – reminded him her dream – asked for truth – suspected him – Aksionov wept – said good bye to his family.

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

(a) The Elephant is the largest and one of the most powerful and intelligent animals. Even though blue whales are the largest animals for they grow up to 30 meters, elephants top the list as far as land animals are concerned. A fully-grown elephant reaches a height of 4 meters and a weight of 6 metric tons. The most remarkable feature of the elephant is its tusks and trunk. The tusks, in fact, are two of its upper teeth that have grow on the outside and become enlarged. A tame or trained elephant uses its tusks to support heavy loads while wild elephants use them as weapons of attack. Tusks are made of ivory which is highly valuable. And it is for tusks that elephants are hunted down and killed. Even though articles made of ivory are banned in most countries, they are available in the black market, and this leads to elephant poaching. The trunk is another interesting feature of the elephants. It serves as an arm and a hand for picking up twigs and leaves and pushing them into its mouth.

OR

(b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on “The value of discipline”.

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45. (a) Write an application for the post of Personal Secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following details : Educational qualification, experience, various other qualifications required for the post.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the manager of Waves Furniture Company ordering furniture for a coaching centre. Include the following details: description of the furniture, number of pieces, mode of payment, time and delivery option.

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

- (i) This is one of the busier streets in our town.
(ii) My friends and I were sitting in a café and to talk.
(iii) After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped of complete recovery.
(iv) The pair of shoes near the door is not yours, are they?
(v) She enjoys to see horror movies.

OR

- (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) As your handwriting is _____ your essay is not _____ for full marks.
(illegible/ eligible)

- (ii) I _____ play hockey when I was a student. (Use a semi modal verb)

- (iii) I was angry that I _____ (make) such a mistake.

(Use the verb in correct tense form)

- (iv) I _____ never tell a lie. (Use a modal verb)

[Turn over]

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Humans have long been fascinated by fiction. We experience excitement in assigning supernatural power to imaginary characters in fictional stories – and so we have Spider man, Batman, He-man, Titans and many more. The ‘Cyborg’ was an offshoot of such wild imagination of humans to invest our species with superhuman powers. Today, the Cyborg is no more an imaginary organism. We are living in a world where a sizeable population of humans have merged their bodies with technological implants. The term ‘Cyborg’, short for ‘cybernetic organism’, was coined to describe a man, whose body is implanted with technological devices to supplement and substitute body functions.

Cyborgs include people with cardiac pacemakers, contact lenses, bionic ears and eyes, prosthetics and so on. In other words, a cyborg is partly human and partly machine. The technological innovations in the field of medicine and healthcare augment humans with machines, producing a beta version of the human body. The advent of brain machine interfaces is certain to blur the boundary between humans and machines. Scientists are working hard to find a technique for age reversal too. People do not want to die, so mankind is striving to get to the final frontier, which is development of machines and devices that would accord man immortality.

The needs of humans are not limited. As time passes, food habits change, thinking patterns change, and even appearances change. We are about to travel by driverless, fully automated vehicles. Computers and smart phones have become our masters.

[Turn over]

The more we depend and merge with technological advancements, the more the humanness in us slowly erodes. Intelligence is sought to be infused into machines and robotics are designed in such a way to give man a virtual human companion. The field of artificial intelligence is overtaking the human brain and many fear that it could even harm the human race. Despite certain limitations and potential threats, many believe that cyborgs will be the next step in the evolution of mankind. The amalgamation of man and machine is sure to add a new dimension to the life of mankind and this will prove to be the 'biggest evolution in Biology' since the emergence of life, four billion years ago.

- i) Who is referred to as a 'Cyborg'?
- ii) Identify the word in para 2 which means 'everlasting life'.
- iii) Which of the following words is synonymous with 'amalgamation'?
 - a) recreation
 - b) integration
 - c) exploration
 - d) proposition
- iv) Which of the following options is the antonym of the word 'advent'?
 - a) drawback
 - b) dispute
 - c) departure
 - d) danger
- v) Find out the word which is the antonym of 'natural' in para 3.

OR

(b) Read the following poem and answer questions that follow.

What is this life is full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare,
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass.

[Turn over]

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Where squirrels hide their nuts in the grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,

Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,

And watch her feet how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can

Enrich the smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare.

Questions :

- i) What does the modern man not have?
- ii) Whose life is better than human beings?
- iii) Whose life is full of cares and worries?
- iv) For what does modern man not have time?
- v) ' Life is not worth living if we have not time to stand and stare'.

Pick out the words in alliteration.

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2121**(BE CONFIDENT****MODEL PUBLIC EXAM - 1)****STD : XII (ENGLISH – SCORING KEY)**

PART - I		
1.	Answer all the questions:	20 x 1 = 20
	Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given.	
01	(c) disrespectful	3 Marks
02	(a) reduced	
03	(c) enter without permission	
	Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.	
04	(a) broadened	3 Marks
05	(b) boredom	
06	(d) inadequate	
07	(a) scientific study of a language	1 Mark
08	(a) dis	1 Mark
09	(b) who	1 Mark
10	(d) between	1 Mark
11	(c) adjective + noun	1 Mark
12	(c) ly	1 Mark
13	(b) aren't they	1 Mark
14	(a) a	1 Mark
15	(c) camera + recorder	1 Mark
16	(d) rehabilitation centre	1 Mark
17	(b) sweater	1 Mark
18	(c) very near	1 Mark
19	(b) according to	1 Mark
20	(c) postpone	1 Mark

PART - II		
SECTION - 1		
	Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.	4 x 2 = 8
21	(a) The poet expresses her wish that love should shield her tree against the curse of forgetfulness. (b) Fain' means willingness, eagerness and joy. The poet is eager to make the tree holy.	1 Mark 1 Mark
22	(a) soldiers (b) stress free and relaxed / at ease	1 Mark 1 Mark
23	(a) No, it is not a shame to be a fool at times. But follies should not be repeated. (b) One learns some lessons from every folly and hopes not to repeat anyone of the follies.	1 Mark 1 Mark
24	(a) He behaves with the people around him as a learned and wise man. (b) To show his wisdom he quotes many proverbs and modern instances.	1 Mark 1 Mark
25	(a) The boy felt proud to die for his country. So he contradicted Napoleon's words by saying that he was killed and not wounded. (b) His pride was touched to the quick when Napoleon said that he was wounded. He did not want his chief to treat sympathetically, instead he expected him to praise him for acting heroically.	1 Mark 1 Mark
26	(a) Ulysses and the sailors may be weak due to the age and their fate but they all have a very strong will. (b) heroic - hearts; weak - will; strive - seek	1 Mark 1 Mark
	SECTION - 2	3 x 2 = 6
	Answer any three questions.	
27	Mani told his coach that he would improve if he guided him.	2 Marks
28	I know Raman since childhood.	2 Marks
29	Mr. Mohan is one of the most generous people in this town.	2 Marks
30	Though/ Although / Even though the mountain was steep he was able to climb it.	2 Marks

	PART – III - Section - 1	
(i)	Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.	2 x 3 = 6
	Name of the poem Name of the poet Explanation	1 Mark 1 Mark 1 Mark
31	Poem : Our Casuarina Tree Poet : Toru Dutt	
32	Poem : Ulysses Poet : Alfred Lord Tennyson	
33	Poem : Incident of the French camp Poet : Robert Browning	

	SECTION - 2	
	Answer any two of the following in not more than 30 words.	2 x 3 = 6
34	On every Sunday the boys used to travel to a village Poleta, 30 kilometres from their place. They usually hired cycles to go there. Jacopo asked the narrator to take them to Poleta in his car. He readily accepted and took them to Poleta in his car.	3 Marks
35	The unattended trolley was commandeered by intrepid crew of two boys – a driver and a mechanic. The blind boy was the mechanic and the boy with one arm was the driver.	3 Marks
36	Getting a chair for the family.	3 Marks

	SECTION - 3	
	Answer any three of the following.	3 x 3 = 9
37	Complete the proverbs. a) do b) spots c) dreads	3 Marks
38	Describe the process of obtaining a demand draft from a bank. ❖ Go to the bank. ❖ Collect a DD application. ❖ Fill all the details. ❖ Mention the mode of payment either in cash or by cheque. ❖ Affix your signature and hand over the form to the clerk. ❖ Enquire about the handling charges. ❖ Pay the necessary fee. ❖ Get the Demand Draft in a short while.	3 Marks
39	Message Writing.	3 Marks

40	Build up a dialogue between a passenger and a railway staff regarding the cancellation of the reserved tickets.	3 Marks
	PART - IV	
	Answer the following:	7 x 5 = 35
41 (a) or (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%) ➤ Exceptionally good paragraph ➤ Correct answer with all points with no mistakes ➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes ➤ Answer with a few points ➤ Answer with a few points and many mistakes 	5 Marks 4 Marks 3 Marks 2 Marks 1 Mark
42 (a) or (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%) ➤ Exceptionally good paragraph ➤ Correct answer with all points with no mistakes ➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes ➤ Answer with a few points ➤ Answer with a few points and many mistakes 	5 Marks 4 Marks 3 Marks 2 Marks 1 Mark
43 (a) or (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%) ➤ Exceptionally good paragraph ➤ Correct answer with all points with no mistakes ➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes ➤ Answer with a few points ➤ Answer with a few points and many mistakes 	5 Marks 4 Marks 3 Marks 2 Marks 1 Mark
44 (a)	<p>Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.</p> <p>Summarising - Format Rough copy / Rough Draft / First copy / First Draft Fair copy / Fair Draft / Final copy / Final Draft Suitable title (An exceptional summary can be awarded Maximum marks. The number of words in the Fair Draft need not be taken into account)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(or)</p> <p>Note making : Format Title Sub-titles Key points under each sub-titles</p>	1 mark 3 Marks 1 Mark 1 Mark 2 Marks 2 Marks

45 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From • To • Salutation • Subject • Body of the letter • Subscription • Superscription / Address on the envelope 	<p>1/2 mark 1/2 mark 1/2 mark 1/2 mark 2 marks 1/2 mark 1/2 mark</p>
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From • To • Salutation • Subject • Body of the letter • Subscription • Superscription / Address on the envelope 	<p>1/2 mark 1/2 mark 1/2 mark 1/2 mark 2 marks 1/2 mark 1/2 mark</p>

46	<p>i) Spot the errors and correct them.</p> <p>a) This is one of the busiest streets in our town.</p> <p>b) My friends and I were sitting in a cafe to talk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(AUGUST 2021)</p> <p>c) After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped for complete recovery.</p> <p>d) The pair of shoes near the door is not yours, is it?</p> <p>e) She enjoys watching horror movies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(or)</p> <p>a) illegible / eligible</p> <p>b) used to</p> <p>c) made</p> <p>d) will / shall</p>	<p>1 Mark</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>
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47 a	Comprehension passage. a) The term 'Cyborg' refers to a person whose body is implanted with technological devices to supplement and substitute body function. b) Immortality c) Integration d) departure e) artificial	1 Mark 1 Mark 1 Mark 1 Mark 1 Mark

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