



Standard 9

ENGLISH

PART - I

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 100

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words: 14×1=14

- 1) She was tired of pruning rose bushes
a) adding b) punching c) trimming d) decorating
- 2) Winning the one - rupee coin used to give me immense satisfaction.
a) small b) trivial c) great d) immediate
- 3) Clem looked at Pongo furiously.
a) politely b) surplus c) angrily d) calmly

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

- 4) I served on the junior Red Cross emergency squad during the war!
a) normalcy b) urgency c) necessity d) emergence
- 5) He speaks to his daughter on a wide range of topics.
a) large b) broad c) narrow d) vast
- 6) Pongo locked the narrator inside the cabin.
a) closed b) sealed c) released d) chocked
- 7) **Add a prefix to the word 'national'**
a) co b) sub c) inter d) hyper

8) Choose the most appropriate preposition:

Vimal generally goes to his workplace bus.

- a) on b) in c) by d) over

9) Choose the correct idiom for the underlined words.She is in deep waters.

- a) fool's errand b) in big trouble c) in tears d) in a ship

10) Fill in the blank with suitable phrasal verb:

Children are chocolates.

- a) bring up b) figure out c) lock up d) fond of

11) Fill in the blank with the suitable verb form.

I (watch) a movie when she called.

- a) watches b) will watch c) will be watched d) was watching

12) Choose the suitable modal verb for the given sentence.

Students be quiet when they write the exam.

- a) must b) ought to c) dare d) might

13) Choose the most appropriate connectors.

We could go to the library the park.

- a) nor b) neither c) or d) because

14) Fill in the blank with the suitable determiner:

..... Earth revolves around the sun.

- a) A b) An c) THE

PART - II

SECTION- I [PROSE]

Answer any three:**3×2=6**

- 15) Where had he left his childhood treasures?
- 16) Why was the narrator carrying in his pockets?
- 17) Why was Ramanujan sent back to India?
- 18) Why could not Nehru send any presents to Indira?

SECTION- II [POETRY]

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:**3×2=6****19) I was angry with my friend****I told my wrath, my wrath did end.**

- a) Whom does 'I' refer to?
- b) How did the anger of the poet come to an end?

- 20) The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep
a) How are the woods?
b) Whom does 'I' refer to?
- 21) It takes much time to kill a tree.
Will do it. It has grown
a) Why does it take much time to kill a tree?
b) How does the tree grown?
- 22) Rampaging through the heavens
Never stopping day or night.
a) How does the comet travel?
b) Which word could you replace 'rampaging' with?

SECTION- III [GRAMMAR]

3×2=6

Answer any three of the following:

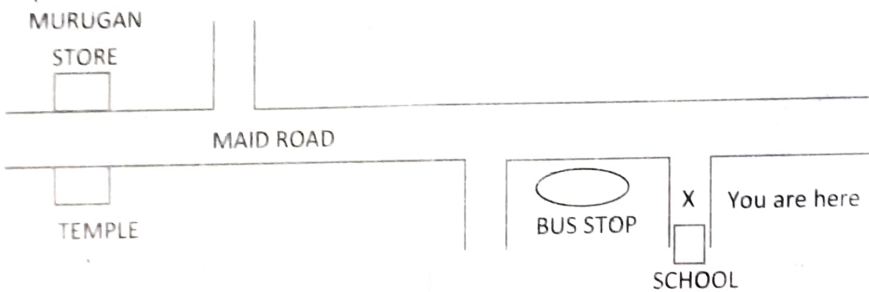
- 23) Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.
The team leader presented the report
- 24) Rewrite using Reported speech.
Radha said, "We watched a film yesterday".
- 25) Punctuate the following sentence
Banu said do not spoil the eco system.
- 26) Rewrite the following sentence as directed.
Rose is more beautiful than any other flowers. (Into Superlative Degree)
- 27) Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:
a) the first cricket / cup in 1983 / world / India won
b) is a / pollution / in India / major issue.

SECTION- IV [COMPULSORY]

1×2=2

Answer the following question:

- 28) You are in your school. A man approaches you to guide him to the nearby temple. Give three instructions using the following road map.



PART - III

SECTION- I [PROSE]

Answer any two in utmost 10 lines:

2×5=10

- 29) How did Amy manage the situation at home?
- 30) Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.
- 31) Narrate the association of Ramanujan with G.H. Hardy.
- 32) Explain the important elements of Nehrus letter.

SECTION- II [POEM]

Answer any two in utmost 10 lines:

2×5=10

- 33) Write a short paragraph by stopping by woods on a snowy evening.
- 34) Write a character sketch of the spider.
- 35) Read the stanza and answer the questions below:
I was angry with my friend
I told my wrath my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe.
I told it not, my wrath did grow
i) Identify the figure of speech in the above lines.
ii) Pick out the words that are alliterated in the third line.

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- iii) Pick out the rhyming words.
 iv) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza.**
 So hack and chop
 But this alone won't do it.
 Not so much pain will do it.
 The bleeding bark will heal.

SECTION- III [SUPPLEMENTARY]

1×5=5

Answer any one of the following:

- 37) **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**
 1. The cat started to jump around the room.
 2. Tom admitted that he gave the medicine to Peter.
 3. She felt sorry for experimenting Tom with tear eyes.
 4. Tom gave the pain killer to peter
 5. Aunt Polly came to know about the effects of the pain killer.

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

Little Czar, a very saucy but good natured European brown bear cut walked up and aimed a sample blow at cyclone's left ear. Cyclone met every attack, real or feigned that was made upon him. In less than an hour it was understood by every bear in the Nursery that queer looking gray fellow with the broad head and short nose could strike quick and hard and that he could fight any other bear on three second's notice from that time on Cyclones position has been assured. He is treated with the respect that a good forearm inspires but being really a fine - spirited, dignified little grizzly he attacks no one and never has had a fight.

Questions:

- 1) Who is little Czar?
- 2) Who blew at Cyclones left year?
- 3) What was understood by every bear in the Nursery?
- 4) Whose position has been assured?
- 5) Who was really fine spirited?

SECTION- IV

4×5=20

Answer any four of the following:

- 39) **Prepare an attractive advertismnt using the hints given below.**

Three bedroom bath attached flats - sale - chennai - all amenities - play ground, mini theatre - near railway station - semi - furnishing free - 15% discount for immediate cash down purchase.

- 40) Write a letter to your friend describing your ancestral house.
 41) You are Nikil / Nikitha school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the grand parents of the school to celebrate World Elders' Day in your school auditorium on the 20th of next month.
 42) **Look at the picture given below. Express your views on it in about five sentence.**



- 43) **Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.**

Dragon tales are known in many cultures from the Americas to Europe and from India to China. It's not clear when or where stories of dragons first emerged, but the huge, flying serpents were described by the ancient Greeks and sumerians

The word 'dragon' comes from the ancient greek word 'draconta' meaning 'to watch', suggesting that the drangons are responsible for guarding, valuables. Dragons typically guard treasures such as mountains of gold coins

or gems. Some dragons have wings; others don't. Some dragons breathe fire, others can't. Some are only a few feet long; others span miles. Some live under the ocean; others can only be found in caves and inside the mountains.

44) Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- He has good knowledge of English grammar.
- His son-in-laws have come home.
- She love her father.
- I don't know who is she
- Balu is taller then Ragu.

SECTION- V MEMORITER [COMPULSORY]

45) Quote from memory:

1×5=5

My little horse
..... bells a shake.

PART - IV

2×8=16

46) Write a paragraph of about 100 words by developing the following hints.

- Tommy found - a real book - about the old schools - 2157 - no schools - no teachers - no books - Tommy - 13 year old - 11 year old - room - house - school - machines - teachers - screen - computer - book - tommy - find - real old book - attic - house - yellow - crinkly - margie - surprise - printed - papers - same age - same place - discuss - help - homework - strange - mechanical teacher - lesson - think - old schools fun.

(OR)

- The explorer - travel - another - galaxy - from moon - mother - opposed - argued - sentimental - scientific reasons - orchards - blossom - fruits - summer - autumn - apples - pears, watermelons - reminded - snow capped pole - ocean - cradle of life - settle - moon - first - then other planets - feared - anything happen - explorer - left - strong determination.

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

For the next 10 years, Nammazhwar was an agronomist for Island of peace, an organization founded by the Nobel Laureate Dominique Pire. His focus was on improving the standard of living through agricultural development in the Kalakad block of Tirunelveli District, TamilNadu. He completely lost trust in conventional farming practices and began experimenting with sustainable agricultural methods. He advocated the 'Bread sandwich' method. In this method once the soil is made ready and the suggested practices followed, one need not work on the soil for the second time. They can go on sowing and reaping all through the year.

Answer the following questions based on the given passage.

- Who is Nammazhwar?
- Did he believe conventional farming practices?
- What was his focus?
- Name the agricultural method he encouraged.

b) Read the poem and answer the questions

Never trust a mirror
For a mirror always lies
It makes you think that all you're worth
Can be seen from the outside
Never trust a mirror
It only shows you what's skin deep
You can't see how your eyelids flutter
When you're drifting off to sleep.

Question:

- What did the poet ask us not to trust?
- Why should not we trust the mirror?
- What does the mirror only show?
- What cannot we see when we sleep?