

VIII - ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 2.30 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 100

SECTION - I

I. Choose the correct Synonyms to the words underlined.

5x1=5

- The poor woman is in a panic
a) fear b) grid c) crash
- What is the secret you are whispering?
a) rumouring b) murmuring c) shouting
- Minature paintings depict Indian culture.
a) warp b) portray c) twist
- Isaac was chiefly remarkable for his ingenuity.
a) common b) notable c) profitable
- Nobody could tell us what the sunlight was composed of
a) made b) known c) full

II. Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words.

5x1=5

- Ajay suffered an injury a) Sorrow b) endured c) hurt
- Ilavazhagi won world championship in 2008. a) attain b) succeed c) lost
- His grandmother was very kind to him. a) affectionate b) loving c) cruel
- The boy seemed to have a taste for mathematics. a) delicious b) distaste c) against
- Ajay Mastered the techniques of painting. a) unskilled b) proficient c) skilled

SECTION - II

Answer any FIVE of the following questions.

5x2=10

- Where did the bird drop the diamond stud?
- Who was suspected of stealing the diamond nose stud?
- What was Ajay gifted with?
- How was Ajay honoured?
- Why writing is beneficial according to Mani?
- Who was taking care of Newton after his father's death?
- What did Isaac manufacture at his young age?

Answer any two of the following.

2x5=10

- Why did the sparrow throw the nose-jewel into Ramayya's house?
- Explain how Ramayya's wife reacted when she saw the nose-jewel.
- Write about Ilavazhagi and her achievements.
- Mention some of Newton's inventions.

Answer any THREE of the following questions.

3x2=6

- Who is the special hero mentioned in the poem?
- Who is the speaker in the poem special hero?
- What is the hobby of the poet?
- What does 'ajar' mean?
- What should we learn from every soul?

Answer any ONE of the following.

1x5=5

- Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem.
- Critically appreciate the poem - Making life worth while.

Quote from Memory.

1x5=5

- Write 1-5 lines from making life worth while.

SECTION - III

Pick out the correct homophones.

2x1=2

- I will _____ my friend. (meat, meet)
- He will play the _____ in the second play (role, roll)

32. Expand the following.

GB, PC

(2)

33. Write the plural form of the given words.

(3)

- food
- Governor - general
- Man

Choose the best answer to make a compound word.

3x1=3

- Which can be placed after 'safe'?
a) chair b) guard c) shop

35. Which can be placed before 'light'? a) try b) Horse c) Sun
 36. Which can be placed after 'blue'? a) cane b) print c) see

Syllabify the following words.

37. a) School b) English c) Teacher d) friend

4x1=4

38. Pick out the suitable prefix. _____lock.

- a) in b) un c) dis

2x1=2

39. Pick out the suitable suffix. construct_____

- a) able b) in c) ion

SECTION - IV GRAMMAR

40. Fill in the blanks with suitable collective noun. (pair, choir, bowl, flock) 3x1=3

- a) a ___ of rice. b) a ___ of shoes c) a ___ of singers

41. Change the underlined words with correct pronoun.

2x1=2

a) I saw Mr. Balu this morning and gave Mr. Balu my homework.

b) My aunt lives in Trichy but my aunt often comes to visit my family. (Her, she, him)

42. Fill in the blanks by using correct preposition. (on, in, at)

5x1=5

a) We eat breakfast ___ the morning. b) Christmas falls ___ 25th December.

c) I was born ___ exactly 2a.m. d) I am more active ___ night.

e) My friend gave me a gift ___ my birthday.

43. Fill in the blanks by using 'would you' or 'could you'.

3x1=3

a) ___ put out the lights? b) ___ please bring some water for me?

c) ___ mind going to the back bench?

SECTION - V

Choose the best answer.

5x1=5

44. The train was expected to arrive at ___

- a) one O'clock b) twelve O'clock c) two O'clock

45. The strange lady gave ___ to run

- a) coffee and vadai b) tea and bajji c) tea and samosas

46. The hermit lived in a ___

- a) cottage b) wood c) palace

47. The king wanted to know the answers for ___

- a) three b) nine c) five

48. ___ widely renowned for his wisdom

- a) messengers b) hermit c) warriors

Identify the characters.

2x1=2

49. Yes, I am going to school.

50. How can I learn to do the right thing at the right time?

Fill in the blanks.

2x1=2

51. Corbett shot wild animals in his ___

52. ___ was the first man eater shot by Corbett.

53. The answers for the first question was to have a ___ to fix the proper time for everything.

54. The king decided to consult a ___

55. ___ were referred to know the right time for every action.

Read the following passage and answer the question given below.

(5)

Jim Corbett was always against game hunting. He played a key role in establishing India's first national park in the Kumaon hills, the Hailey National Park in Uttarakhand, India. It was initially named after Lord Malcolm Hailey. Jim Corbett died on 19 April 1955. The park was renamed in 1957 as the Jim Corbett National Park. It was named after him to honour his role in establishing this protected area in 1930s.

56. Who played a key role in establishing the national park? 57. When did Jim Corbett die?

58. Why was the park named Hailey National Park? 59. Did Jim Corbett like hunting?

60. When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?

SECTION - VI

61. Write a letter to the commissioner of police regarding the increase of theft in your locality.

1x5=5

62. Develop the following hints with a passage.

1x5=5

Tortoise - hare - forest - tortoise walking seen by a hare - hare - laughs - tortoise speed - tortoise sad - bet - race - tortoise moving - slow - speed - hare moves - fast - sleeps tortoise - reaches winning point - first - wins the bet.