

Standard 8
ENGLISH
SECTION - A

Time: 2.30 Hrs.

Marks: 100

- I. Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words: 5×1=5**
- 1) Nice fun indeed.
a) infact b) doubtedly c) fine d) vaguely
 - 2) Miniature paintings depict Indian culture.
a) warp b) portray c) twist d) falsify
 - 3) He cared little for earthly fame and honours.
a) disrespect b) attraction c) popularity d) proud
 - 4) The mother consoled her little girl.
a) pretended b) comforted c) left d) torment
 - 5) Writing is a unique hobby.
a) common b) beneficial c) uncommon d) separate
- II. Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words: 5×1=5**
- 6) Ajay mastered the techniques of painting.
a) skilled b) proficient c) unskilled d) experienced
 - 7) He was observed to be usually busy with his tools.
a) common b) rarely c) unwantedly d) usually
 - 8) His grandmother was very kind.
a) affectionate b) loving c) disrespectful d) cruel
 - 9) Ilavazhagi won World Championship in 2008.
a) attain b) succeed c) lost d) achieved
 - 10) The boy seemed to have a taste for Mathematics.
a) delicious b) sweet c) distaste d) against
- III. Say whether the statement is true or false: 4×1=4**
- 11) Ramayya's wife put the stud away in her box.
 - 12) Ajay displayed 150 paintings.
 - 13) Mani's hobby is playing cricket.
 - 14) People have hobby only to pass time.
- IV. Answer the following question: 2×1=2**
- 15) **Choose the correct homophones:**
- a) I am not _____ to drink soda. (aloud, allowed)
 - b) The cat caught the _____ of a mouse. (scent, cent)
- 16) **Expand the following: 3×1=3**
- a) FIR - b) FAQ - c) SBI -
- 17) **Fill in the blanks with suitable collective noun: 4×1=4**
- a) A _____ of grapes. b) A _____ of rain.
 - c) A _____ of singers. d) A _____ of ants.
- [choir, bunch, swarm, herd, shower]**
- 18) **Write the plural form of the following words: 4×1=4**
- a) Radius - b) Food - c) Tooth - d) Passer-by -
- 19) **Match the compound words and write them: 5×1=5**
- a) Book - blue
 - b) Sewing - fall
 - c) Sky - light
 - d) Water - mark
 - e) Moon - machine
- 20) **Compare the things and write the sentence by using degrees of comparison: 2×2=4**
- a) Ocean - river - lake (deep) b) Town - city - village (quiet)
- 21) **Pick a suitable prefix and suffix and complete the words given: 6×½=3**
[ly, able, mis, tri, re, ion]
- a) _____ call b) Construct _____
 - c) _____ colour d) _____ understand
 - e) Equal _____ f) Comfort _____
- 22) **Syllabify the following words: 3×1=3**
- a) English - b) Tradition - c) Simultaneously -

SECTION - B**I. Answer any three of the following questions:****3×2=6**

- 23) What is Ajay's current goal?
 24) What did Issac manufacture at his young age?
 25) Who was suspected of stealing the diamond nose stud?
 26) What did Asha Devi teach Ajay?
 27) How was Newton honoured by the king?

II. Answer any one paragraph question:**1×5=5**

- 28) Mention some of Issac Newton's Inventions.
 29) Why did the sparrows throw the nose-jewel into Ramayya's house?
 30) Write about Ilavazhagi and her achievements.

SECTION - C**I. Read the poetic lines and answer the questions:****5×1=5**

31) **I would look up into your eyes,
 And all the love I would see.**

- a) Who would look up? b) What does it see in the eyes of dad?

32) **Every soul that touches yours-
 Be it the slightest contact-
 Get there from some good;**

- a) Who touches your soul? b) What should one get from this contact?

33) **There is something special about a father's love.**

- a) Identify the alliteration in the given lines.

II. Answer the following paragraph:**1×5=5**

34) Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem.

III. 35) Quote from memory:**5**

From : Every soul To : yet unfelt.

SECTION - D**I. 36) Choose the best answer:****4×1=4**

- a) The strange lady gave _____ to Arun.
 a) Coffee and Vadai b) Tea and Bajji c) Tea and Samosas d) Black tea and Cake
 b) The hermit lived in a _____. a) Cottage b) Palace c) Wood
 c) Jim Corbett died on _____.
 a) 1957 b) 1955 c) 1930 d) 1962
 d) Satish and Arun were _____ years old boys.
 a) 11 b) 12 c) 13 d) 10

37) Match the following:**4×1=4**

- | A | B |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Physician | - dressed simply |
| Bowler | - surprise attack |
| Woman in white | - medical practitioner |
| Ambush | - Arun |

38) Identify the character / speaker:**2×1=2**

- a) "Now rest a while - and let me work a bit?"
 b) Are you all alone, my son?

II. 39) Answer the following questions:**2×5=10**

- a) According to Corbett, why a tiger turns into a man eater?
 b) What were the answers to the three questions?
 What is the message of the hermit?

SECTION - E**Answer all the questions:****3×4=12**

40) Write a letter to the Postmaster General on non-receipt of book parcel.

41) Develop the hints and write a paragraph:

A wood cutter - cutting wood - dropped his axe in the pond - started weeping - angel disappeared - asked what the matter was - brought a golden axe - from the pond - wood cutter did not accept - brought a silver axe - not accepted - brought an iron axe - accepted - pleased with the honesty - offered all the axes to him.

42) Write a general paragraph about any one of the following:

- a) My school **(OR)** b) Usage of mobile phone