

31. Complete the following sentence choosing the most appropriate modal verb.

You _____ play hockey when I was a student.

- a) used to b) dare c) need d) may

32. Choose the correct American English word for 'Loo'

- a) subway b) line c) rest room d) elevator

33. Choose the correct American English word for 'waistcoat'

- a) vest b) turn signal c) mail d) can

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

- a) diaper b) grey c) schedule d) sweater

Form a phrase with each of the following pairs of nouns.

35. nerve + disorder –

36. glory + victory -

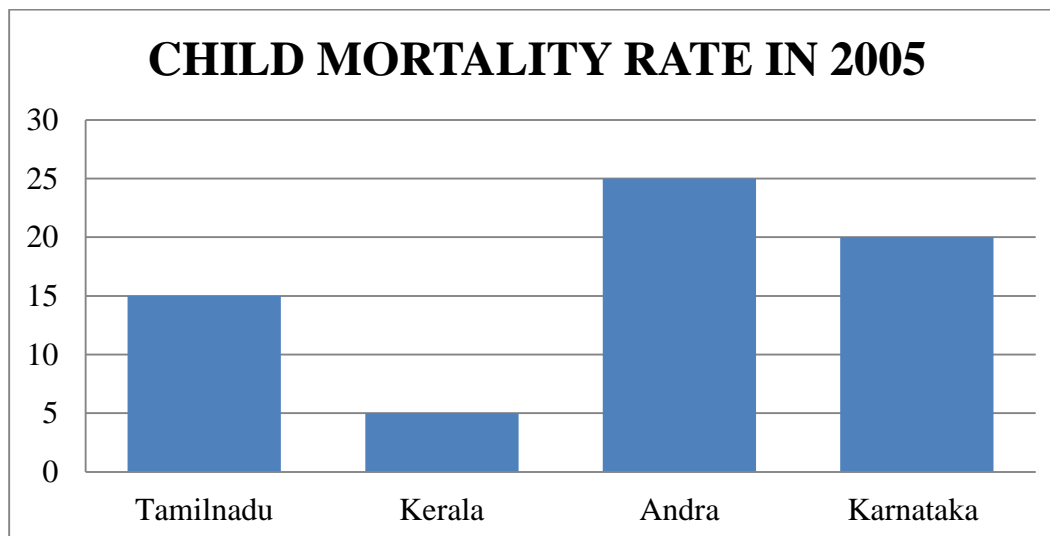
37. fancy + idea -

38. skeleton + system –

39. **Write slogans for the following products.**

- a) Tooth paste b) Air-conditioner c) Computer

Study the Pie – Chart and answer the following questions given below.



40. Which state has the lowest child mortality rate?

- a) Tamilnadu b) Kerala c) Andra d) Karnataka

41. Which states stands second low in child mortality rate among southern states?

- a) Tamilnadu b) Kerala c) Andra d) Karnataka

42. What is the child mortality rate in Karnataka?

- a) 15 b) 5 c) 20 d) 25

Answer any five of the following questions.**(5X3=15)**

43. Why did the driver not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys?
44. How does Army tea taste?
45. Why didn't the boys disclose their problem to the author?
46. Whom does the author call 'misguided people'? What is his advice to them?
47. Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?
48. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.
49. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo?

Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words.**(1 X 5 = 5)**

50. a) What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?

(OR)

- b) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".

51. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the following questions.**(9 X 1 = 9)**

- a) "All through the summer at ease we lay,

And daily from the turret wall**We watched the mowers in the hay"**

- i. Who does 'we' refer to?
- ii. How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
- iii. What could they watch from the turret wall?

- b) "A foothold there, no clever trick

Could take us dead or quick,**Only a bird could have got in".**

- i. What was challenging?
- ii. Which aspect of the castle's strength is conveyed by the above line?

- c) "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung

In crimson clusters all the bough among----"!

- i. Who is the giant here?
- ii. Why is the scarf colourful?

- d) "Fear, trembling Hope, and Death, the skeleton,

And Time the shadow, "and though weak the verse**That would thy beauty farm, oh, fain rehearse,****May Love defend thee from oblivion's curse"**

- i. What does the poet mean by the expression 'May love defend thee from oblivion's curse'?
- ii. What does the expression 'fain' convey?

52. Read the following three sets of lines and answer the questions given below in each set of lines.**(3)**

- a) "A grey baboon sits statue - like alone"

- i) Mention the figure of speech.

- b) "Our only enemy was gold"

- i) Mention the figure of speech.

- c) "The wizened warder let them through"

- i) Write out the words in alliteration.

53. Explain any one of the following sets of lines with reference to the context.

(1 X 3 = 3)

- a) “And far and near kokilas hail the day;
And to their pastures wend our sleepy cows”,
b) They seemed no threat to us at all.

Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(1 X 5 = 5)

54. a) How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?

(OR)

- b) Bring out the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the Casuarina tree.

Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(1 X 5 = 5)

55. a) Discuss the meaning and importance of the saying “God Sees the Truth But Waits”.

(OR)

- b) What qualities of human nature does the author try to bring forth in the novel ‘Life of Pi’?

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1. c) innocent
2. a) reduced
3. a) annoyance
4. d) hanging
5. d) hated
6. b) incited
7. b) attractive
8. c) serious
9. a) motivated
10. a) secretive

11. a) slow
12. b) created
13. b) neat
14. d) ugly
15. d) huge
16. d) calm
17. b) agreeable
18. c) scarce
19. c) deep
20. d) pessimistic

21. c) study of money and coins
22. b) study of principles of beauty
23. b) disrespect
24. d) differently
25. b) extinguish
26. d) faint
27. eminent , imminent
28. c) does it
29. a) wasn't he
30. d) would
31. a) used to
32. c) rest room
33. a) vest
34. d) sweater

35. nervous disorder
36. glorious victory
37. fanciful idea
38. skeletal system

39. a) Protects gums, Prevents Germs
 b) Bring Switzerland into your room
 c) Doorstep to knowledge

40. b) Kerala

41. a) Tamilnadu

42. c) 20

43. Luigi, the driver, did not approve of the two boys because of their untidy and ragged appearance.

Moreover, he felt that better quality of strawberry would be found at Verona.

44. Army tea tastes of grease and whitewash.

45. Despite leading a destitute life, the boys didn't disclose their problems to the author because the boys wanted to keep their family matter with themselves. They would like to live with self-respect and had strong will power to accept responsibilities for their own lives.

46. Some misguided people admit that they drink tea for stimulation and warmth. They are not interested in tea. So, they added sugar to take the taste away. He advises them to drink tea without adding sugar for a fortnight. They would never again ruin the real taste of tea by adding sugar.

47. The boy's sister was admitted into the hospital. The boys did not like to share their secret with the narrator. The narrator had no desire to expose them. Moreover he could not bear to intruder upon their happy family meeting. Therefore he preferred to stay out.

48. No, the author does not like drinking tea with sugar because the flavour of tea is destroyed by putting sugar in it.

49. Nicola and Jacopo were brothers. Nicola was 13 and Jacopo seemed to be 12. They were not dressed properly and they were not looking smart and impressive. One of them was wearing an old jersey and khaki pants, which had been cutoff to resize them. The other boy had put on an uncomfortable old army tunic which had also been shortened. The colour of their skin was brown. Their eyes were dark-coloured, thoughtful and sincere.

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51. a) i. 'We' refers to the soldiers

ii. watching the mowers and the enemies.

iii. They could watch from the turret wall mowers in the hay and the enemies who were half a mile away.

b) i. The wall was challenging.

ii. The wall's strength

c) i. The casuarina tree is the giant here.

ii. because it is made of crimson coloured flowers.

- d) i. The poet means that the tree should not be forgotten.
ii. 'Fain' means eager. The poet is eager to make the tree holy.

52. a) simile

b) personification

c) wizened, warder

53. a) Poem Name: The Castle

Poet Name: Edwin Muir

54. a) Poem Name: Our Casuarina Tree Poet Name: Toru Dutt

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