



## Standard 9 ENGLISH Part - I

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 100

**I. Answer all the questions****14x1=14****Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words:**

- 1) Sachin wanted to *pursue* cricket seriously  
a) study                      b) play                      c) follow                      d) practise
- 2) Clem looked at Pongo *furiously*.  
a) angrily                      b) cautiously                      c) consciously                      d) seriously
- 3) He has helped to make the *oppressed* free and happy  
a) opposed                      b) subdued                      c) poor                      d) surprised

**Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words:**

- 4) He *muttered* to himself  
a) murmured                      b) uttered                      c) grumbled                      d) shouted
- 5) Amy *shudders*  
a) calms                      b) shivers                      c) flutters                      d) trembles
- 6) The teacher complemented Ramanujan who had asked that *absurd* question  
a) senseless                      b) sensible                      c) cursed                      d) stupid
- 7) Pick out the homophone for the word - 'right' from the following  
a) wright                      b) bright                      c) sight                      d) fright
- 8) Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word - 'sad'  
a) less                      b) ness                      c) ess                      d) able

**Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verbs given below**

- 9) She ..... three children  
a) brings in                      b) brings on                      c) brings up                      d) brings to

**Complete the following sentence with the suitable modal verb given below**

- 10) Students ..... be quiet, when they write their examination  
a) must                      b) may                      c) can                      d) will

**Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition**

- 11) Mahatma Gandhi was born ..... 1869  
a) on                      b) in                      c) at                      d) for

**Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb**

- 12) We ..... kabaddi yesterday.  
a) play                      b) played                      c) had played                      d) were playing

**Choose the correct determiner from the following**

- 13) I haven't got ..... pictures in my bedroom  
a) some                      b) many                      c) much                      d) any

**Choose the correct connector from the four alternatives given below.**

- 14) I did not attend the party ..... I was sick  
a) but                      b) so                      c) because                      d) though

**Part - II****Section - I****Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two****3x2=6**

- 15) Why did the visitor return to his old house?
- 16) What did the voice in the narrator's head tell him to do?
- 17) What do ordinary men and women usually think of?
- 18) What is the imaginary elixir of life?

**Section - II****Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:****3x2=6**

- 19) **In the morning glad I see**

**My foe outstretched beneath the tree**

- a) How did the poet feel in the morning?
- b) What happened to the 'foe'?

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- 20) **But I know no better spectacle  
Than a comet in full flight**  
a) Who does 'I' refer to?  
b) What is the best spectacle mentioned in the above lines?
- 21) **Over rocks, by rose-banks, sweeping  
like impetuous youth**  
a) Where does the rose grow?  
b) Which stage of man is compared here?
- 22) **"With buzzy wings she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew,  
Thinking only of her brilliant eyes, and green and purple hue-"**  
a) Who does she refer to?  
b) What was she thinking of?

**Section - III****Answer any three of the following****3x2=6**

- 23) **Change the following into comparative degree**  
The Nile is the longest river in the world
- 24) **Change the following into indirect speech**  
The teacher said to the students, "When do you submit your records?"
- 25) **Change the following into passive voice:**  
He taught English grammar
- 26) **Identify the dependent clause or phrase in the following sentences**  
a) I will stop playing the drums when you go to sleep  
b) I enjoy painting during my holidays
- 27) **Punctuate the following**  
She said to tommy why would anyone write about school

**Section - IV****Answer the following questions.****1x2=2**

- 28) A stranger requests you to guide him to the police station. Give instructions to help him

**Part - III****Section - I****Answer any two of the following in a paragraph****2x5=10**

- 29) Achrekar was a sincere coach. Substantiate
- 30) Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo
- 31) Explain the important elements of Nehru's letter
- 32) Write about the narrator's interaction with the young girl

**Section - II****Answer any two of the following****2x5=10**

- 33) It is said that, "Choices made by one, shape one's destiny". Ponder on the thought and write a paragraph
- 34) Why do you think the poet describes the act of cutting a tree?
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.**

*Then he comes out to his door again, and merrily did sing  
"Come hither, hither, pretty fly, with the pearl and silver wing;  
Your robes are green and purple- There's a crest upon your head;  
Your eyes are like the diamond bright, but mine are as dull as lead!"*

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza
- b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza
- c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the 4<sup>th</sup> line.
- d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.



- 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza**  
 Faster than a cheetah  
 With a tail that's miles long  
 Bigger than a mountain  
 So powerful and strong

**Section - III**

**Answer any one of the following.**

**1x5=5**

- 37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order  
 i) They slept peacefully until morning.  
 ii) His mother was fired at  
 iii) The two orphans were awakened by the rough grasp of human hands  
 iv) Little Cyclone is a grizzly cub from Alaska  
 v) He and his brother ran away

- 38) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

She is alive someone said. It was a miracle. She had been buried under the debris for a hundred and sixteen hours. She had survived the earthquake, the cold nights and wild animals. A rugged cheer went up and the soldier wrapped her in a warm blanket and carried her to the tent where a make shift hospital had been set up. Bhuli lived. The next day I went to thank the Army officer. But he was gone. I did not even know his name

**Questions**

- a) What was a miracle?  
 b) Where had she been buried?  
 c) How long had she been there?  
 d) Where was she brought?  
 e) Did he thank the officer?

**Section - IV**

**Answer any four of the following.**

**4x5=20**

- 39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.  
 Fresh fruits - vegetables from farms - healthy - juicy - tasty fair price-20-  
 Junction road, Nellai.  
 40) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her for winning the state chess championship.  
 41) You are the sports captain of your school. Write a notice about the inter-school Kabaddi match  
 42) **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences**



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

Conversation is indeed the most easily reachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist is to find a subject that interests you and your listeners. There are, for example, numberless hobbies to talk about. But the important thing is that you must talk about other fellows' hobbies rather than your own. There in lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interest them, and you will get a reputation for good fellowship, charming wit and a brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people so much as your interest in their interest. To be a good conversationalist you must know not only what to say, but how to say it. Be mentally quick and witty. But don't hurt others with your wit.

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44) Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly

- We come at school every morning
- He usually got up at 7 O'clock
- I prefer tea than coffee
- They have two childs
- Though he is sick but he attends the meeting

## Section - V

1x5=5

Quote from Memory:

- 45) River .....  
..... youth

## Part - IV

46) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 1x8=8

Tommy - real book about old school - modern school - at home - millions of books - mechanical teacher - Margie - problem in geography - hated school - old school - separate building - human teacher - students learned same thing - had fun

(OR)

Mother - visited moon - beautiful - easy walk - better swim in Dnieper river - wondered - why expedition - another galaxy - first at - moon - advisable - he sighed - heart ached - invited him sentimentally - atleast autumn season - to the earth - reported to office - screen went dark - mother fell silent

47) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below. 2x4=8

Socrates was a simple man. He walked about barefooted, always wearing an old coat. He was a philosopher who believed that everyone should learn to think for himself. He spent his life in search of truth. He liked discussing questions relating to politics, religion, how life ought to be lived. Many people liked and respected him. But a few hated him. They hated him because he told them that they were wrong. His enemies were powerful. They arrested and condemned him to death. Socrates faced death calmly and cheerfully.

## Questions

- What did Socrates believe?
- What did he like?
- How did he spend his life?
- How did he face his death?

(OR)

High on the mountains, in the snow  
That's where the river starts to flow  
With leaves and fish all around,  
Stones and rocks are on the ground  
Clean, clear, blue and green

In the start can be seen

But as it flows along the way,

The colour changes to black and grey!

## Questions:

- Where does the river start to flow from?
- What is found on the ground?
- What colour is the river in the start?
- What happens to the river as it flows?

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