

ENGLISH

New pattern public examination model question paper-2

Time allotted: 2.30 hrs

Maximum marks: 90

Part I

Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given:

20x1=20

Choose the synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.

1. Mahatma Gandhi was a ceaseless crusader of women's equality

- (a) untiring b) determined c) conscious d) faithful

2. Has she not greater intuition?

- (a) insight b) intimidation c) courage d) mentality

3. Striving to harness the ultimate secret.

- (a) capture b) reveal c) control d) conquer

Choose the antonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.

4. 'To hell with it' - a facile, trivial phrase.

- (a) unimportant b) worthy c) significant d) long

5. The stoniest of hearts must have cursed the gift'

- (a) praised b) blessed c) appreciated d) lauded

6.then into the shrouded Milam valley.

- (a) uncovered b) hidden c) protected d) secluded

7. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'downstream'

(a) preposition+verb

b) preposition+noun

c) adverb+noun

d) adverb+ verb

8. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expression:

Coaching classes are conducted for the slow-learners.

a) bright boys

b) smart students

c) weak students

d) late-bloomers

9. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expression:

The undertaker was called to carry out the preparations for the funeral.

a) worker

b) mortician

c) both d & b

d) funeral director

10. Write the question tag for the following:

She can paint well,

(a) can she?

b) can't she?

c) doesn't she?

d) aren't she?

11. Complete the sentence choosing the correct quasi- modal

You _____ convey this message.

a) dare b) ought to c) need d) used to

12. Choose the right definition for the given term for 'introvert'

a) One who is more interested in liquor

b) One who is more interested in gambling

c) One who is more interested in his own thought

d) One who is more interested in fights.

13. What is the plural for daughter-in-law?

a) Daughter in law

b) daughters in law

c) daughters in laws

d) daughter in lawses.

14. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.

The boys were on cloud nine when they won the match.

a) extremely happy

b) extremely sad

c) very serious

d) very sensitive

15. Choose the correct meaning of the cliché “to put the cart before the horse”

a) the wrong order

b) do things first

c) a fast ride

d) alter often

16. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word ‘indian’.

a) out__

b) pan__

c) inter__

d) pro__

17. What is the plural for cattle?

a) Cattles

b) cattleses

c) cattle

d) cattlesers.

18. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of OPEC

a) Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

b) Organization of Plastic Exporting Countries

c) Organisation of Pen Exporting Countries

d) Organisation of Pencil Exporting Countries.

19. Fill in the blanks appropriately (confusables)

The nurse tried in _____ to get the _____. (vein /vain)

20. Identify the sentence pattern of the following.

Kumar bought a new car yesterday.

- a) SVCA
- c) SVC

- b) SV
- d) SVOA

Part-II

Answer any 7 of the following

7x2=14

- (i) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow: (Answer any 4 out of six)

21. *“And looked around like a god, unseeing, into the air,
And slowly turned his head,”*

- a) Why is the snake compared with god?
- b) Mention the figure of speech.

22. *“A NOISELESS, patient spider,
I mark’d where on a little promontory it stood isolated,”*

- a) What does the spider symbolise?
- b) Mention the figure of speech in the first line.

23. *“Tell me not in mournful numbers
Life is but an empty dream”*

- a) What are mournful numbers?
- b) Is life a dream?

24. *“O tongues of fire! You came devouring
Forestes of nightshade, creepers that enmesh”.*

- a) What is referred to as ‘tongues of fire’
- b) Mention the figure of speech used in the first line.

25. *“As humble plants by country hedgerows growing,
That treasure up the rain,”*

- a) What grows by the country hedgerows?
- b) Write out the words in alliteration.

26. *“And I thought of the Albatross
And I wished he would come back, my snake”*

- a) What did the poet wish for?
- b) What is the allusion here?

(ii) Do as directed. (Any three)

27. Report the following dialogue.

Vijay : Why are you late today?
Ajay : I missed the school bus.

28 . Change the voice of the following sentence:

He was called a fool

29. Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause:

If you should need my help again , just give me a ring.

30. We enjoyed our outing, we reached late.(use although)

Part-III

Answer any seven of the following.

7×3=21

Part – I

(i) Explain any two (2) of the following with reference to the context.

2×3=6

31. Ceaselessly musing, venturing, throwing,
seeking the spheres to connect them,

32. Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave

33. We should have sat us down to wet
Right many a nipperkin!

Part - II

ii) Answer any two (2) of the following briefly.

$$2 \times 3 = 6$$

34. What are the remains of the deserted village of Milam?

35. How does Mark Antony win the public of Rome over to his side?

36. Why does the author refer to the bombing as 'an unearthly evil'?

Part - III

iii) Answer any three of the following.

$$3 \times 3 = 9$$

37. Match the proverbs with their meanings.

i. A friend in need is a indeed - People who talk more will do nothing.

ii. Health is wealth - A healthy life is a blessing.

iii. Barking dogs seldom bite - He gives a helping hand.

38. You are Tarun/ Tharini, the President of your school literary association. Your club is organizing a play on "Life of Kalam". Draft a notice informing the students about this play.

39. Spot the errors:

a) Despite being old and he is active.

b) Abi is inferior than Asha in games.

c) Ram is one of the best student present.

40. Expand the following news headlines.

a) Rain delays AI flight landing.

b) Ravindra Kelekar presented Janpith Award 2006.

c) SBI releases new coin – Big Temple Centenary

Part-IV

IV Answer the following :

7×5=35

41. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words any one (1) of the following:

a) 'Gandhi was no advocate of blind adherence to tradition' - Explain.

(OR)

b) Gunga Ram's regard for snakes.

42. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words any one (1) of the following:

a) Bring out the message of the poem 'A Psalm of Life'.

(OR)

b) V.K. Gokak's address to English words.

43. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words any one(1) of the following :

(a)'The last leaf' – Behrman's masterpiece

(or)

(b)'Romance at short notice was her speciality' - elaborate

44. Write summary of the following passage:

Guyana is a small country situated in the northern coast of South America, on the Atlantic Ocean. People of Indian ancestry form nearly 50% of its population, the rest are local Amerindians, and people of European and Chinese descent. Christopher Columbus is believed to have discovered Guyana in 1498. The Dutch Landed there in the Late 16th century and the local Amerindians welcomed them as trading Partners. But the Dutch became permanent settlers and began ruling the country. Britain took over the country in 1796, and ceded the country with Great Britain and named it British Guyana in 1831. In 1834, slavery was abolished, and thousands of indentured labourers were brought from India, Portugal and China to replace the slaves working in sugarcane plantations. Two ships from Calcutta carried the Indians. The Whitby sailed with 249 people on 13th January 1838 and arrived in Guyana on 5th May. The Hesperus left 6 days later with 165 passengers

and arrived in Guyana late on the night of 5th May. Today the country's population is nearly 8,00,000 in an area of 214969 sq.km. The average population density for Guyana is less than Four Persons per sq km.

(or)

Write a biographical sketch from the given information:

11th President of India	
In office	
25 July 2002 – 25 July 2007	
Prime Minister	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Manmohan Singh
Vice President	Krishan Kant Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
Preceded by	K. R. Narayanan
Succeeded by	Pratibha Patil
Personal details	
Born	Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam 15 October 1931 Rameswaram, Madras Presidency, British India (now in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu, India)
Died	27 July 2015 (aged 83) Shillong, Meghalaya, India

Nationality	Indian
Alma mater	St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli Madras Institute of Technology
Profession	Aerospace scientist Author
Awards	Bharat Ratna (1997) Hoover Medal (2009) NSS Von Braun Award (2013)
Notable work(s)	<i>Wings of Fire</i>

45. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

We are camped at Ragash Kund, a little pond with a shepherd's cave on a grassy meadow above the glacier, where we sit out the bad weather for two days and nights. From Milam village it has taken us a day to get to our current position, en route to Suraj Kund which (as I am later told) takes a detour via heaven because "you gotta be dead first" before you get there. The rains of 1997 caused a lot of damage to the terrain and we are told that no one ventured beyond the snout of the glacier that year. But Khem Nam is not to be deterred. "I know the glacier like the back of my hand, I will find us a way", he insists. His confidence is heartening - my map does, after all, show a trekking trail, and I am fascinated with the idea of seeing this sacred lake nestled in a far nook of the glacier.

Questions:

1. Where did they camp?
2. Who gave the confidence?
3. Why it is hard to surmount?
4. Explain 'you gotta be dead first'.
5. How is the weather there?

(OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :

A NOISELESS, patient spider,

I mark'd where on a little promontory it stood isolated,

Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding,

It launch'd forth filament, filament, filament, out of itself,

Ever unreeling them, ever tirelessly speeding them.

And you O my soul where you stand,

Surrounded, detached, in measureless oceans of space,

Ceaselessly musing, venturing, throwing, seeking the spheres to connect them,

Till the bridge you will need be form'd, till the ductile anchor hold,

Till the gossamer thread you fling catch somewhere, O my soul

Questions:

1. Has the poet succeeded in conveying what he wanted to convey through this poem?

2. What does the spider symbolise?

3. What is the significance of the gossamer thread?

4. What do you think is the underlying theme of the poem?

5. What is the figure of speech employed in the first line?

46. Write a letter of the collector of Chennai district expressing your wish to contribute some funds you had collected for the victims of a recent flood in your city

(or)

Write a general paragraph on the given topic:

My first bicycle

47. Frame the dialogue for the following situation:

Reporter and accident witness

(or)

Developing hints into a story on your own:

Dick – actor – brilliant - strange character - insists on realism - headache to the manager - a new drama - first drinking scene - water provided in a cup as usual - Dick insists on liquor - manager has to buy a bottle of liquor - second scene – fight - insists on real swords - refuses to handle wooden swords - steel swords brought - third scene - hero drinks poison - manager has real poison - actor in a fix - promises to be sensible in future