

Pre-Board Examination

Time: 3 Hrs

Class-10

M.M.: 70

English

- Note:**
- (i) The question paper consists of two sections. Section A and Section B.
 - (ii) Multiple Choice Questions in Section A are to be answered in the Answer Script allotted. Section B contains descriptive type questions.
 - (iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

Section-A

A. Read the following passage & answer the questions that follow:

A weak old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off this spoon on to the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the table cloth. The son and daughter-in-law became angry. "Something must be done about father", said the son. So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, grandfather ate dinner alone. Since he had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. He had a tear or two in his eyes as he sat alone seeing the family glancing at him occasionally. The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper the couple noticed their son working with wooden scraps on the floor. The father asked the child, "What are you making?" Innocently the boy responded: "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and mamma to eat your food in when you grow old." The parents were speechless. They did not utter a word. But that evening, the husband took grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

1. **The elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight:** 1
(a) made everyone rude (b) made sewing the shirt difficult
(c) made playing tennis difficult (d) made eating difficult
2. **What did the husband and wife do:** 1
(a) set a table aside in the corner (b) hired a server
(c) fed him with their hands (d) did nothing
3. **The food was served to the elderly man in a wooden bowl as:** 1
(a) he had broken a dish before (b) he was happy in eating such a meal
(c) he had liking for such a thing (d) he had broken his own glassware

B. Choose the correct option to answer the following:

4. and..... will be punished. 1
(a) You and Me (b) Me and You (c) You and I (d) I and you

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5. These days, Parul her medicines very often. 1
 (a) forgot (b) forgets (c) forgotten (d) forget
6. Which of the following words is correctly spelled. 1
 (a) dangerous (b) answer (c) hypothetical (d) generate
7. Rearrange the word clusters to make a meaningful sentence: 1
 tomorrow/play/shall/we/football
 (a) We tomorrow shall play football
 (b) We shall play football tomorrow
 (c) We shall tomorrow play football
 (d) We shall play tomorrow football
8. The noun form of mother is: 1
 (i) motherhood (ii) mothers (iii) motherland (iv) mother-in-law

C. Read the following extract & answer the questions that follow:

The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this. Even today any person with a jackfruit-like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker.

9. Where were the accounts of baker recorded? 1
 (a) on black board (b) on ledger book
 (c) on some wall in pencil (d) None of these
10. Find a word in this passage that means 'build'. 1
 (a) construct (b) renovate
 (c) figure (d) physique

D. Based on the prose lessons, answer the following questions:

11. Who was Margot Frank? 1
 (a) Anne's sister (b) Anne's friend
 (c) Anne's father (d) Anne's mother
12. The oppressed is a prisoner of hatred, prejudice, and, 1
 (a) humanity (b) illusion (c) narrow mindedness (d) freedom
13. Who gave a part of his salary? 1
 (a) Postmaster (b) Lencho's friend (c) Lencho's wife (d) Lencho

E. Read the following extract and answer the following questions:

has given my heart, a change of mood
 and saved some part, of a day I had ruled

14. Who wrote the above lines? 1
 (a) Robin Klein (b) Robert Frost
 (c) John Berryman (d) Ruskin Bond

15. How do you think the poet's mood has changed? 1

- (a) Earlier he was angry but now he feels calm
- (b) Earlier he was happy but now he feels sorrowful
- (c) Earlier he was calm but now he feels angry
- (d) Earlier he was sorrowful but now he feels happy

F. Based on your understanding of the lessons in book 'Footprints Without Feet' choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 1

16. How much money came out when Hari was counting them: 1

- (a) 630 (b) 6000 (c) 60 (d) 600

17. In the end, Jaffers became: 1

- (a) strong (b) conscious (c) unconscious (d) powerful

18. Hari Singh had been working for Anil for: 1

- (a) one year (b) almost one year (c) one month (d) two months

19. Which other qualities that being a scientist did Richard possessed: 1

- (a) debater (b) public speaker (c) photographer (d) canoeist

20. In how much time Tricky had become healthy and strong: 1

- (a) two weeks (b) three weeks (c) one week (d) four weeks

Section-B

21. Read the passage and answer the following questions: 7

To try is the first step of ladder of success. If you do not try, you cannot be successful. All the great men of the world led very diligent lives. They did not waste even a minute. Hence, they could perform such glorious deeds. One who works is bound to reap the rewards of one's efforts. Idleness is the way to ruin oneself. Therefore, one should give up idleness and having girded up one's loins should try to ascend up the hill to success.

- Q. (a) What should we do to get success in life?
(b) What type of life did the great men in the world lead?
(c) Which is one way to ruin oneself?
(d) Which word in the passage means the opposite of 'disgraceful'?

22. Answer any one of the following: 4

- (a) Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to change your subject.
- (b) Write a letter to your friend advising him to quit alcohol.

23. Answer any one of the following in 80-100 words: 6

- (a) Write a descriptive paragraph on 'Your Elder Brother' on the basis of the given clues:

twenties- plays hockey- college student- loves traveling- considerate man- does social work- motivator- inspires.

(b) Write an article on "The Problem of Unemployment" in about 80-100 words.

(i) Introduction (ii) Causes (iii) Solution (iv) Conclusion

24. (a) Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech: 2

He said to his mother, "Please give me soup."

(b) Change the following into passive voice: 2

Our task has been completed before sunset.

(c) Punctuate the following: 2

hey there how are you

(d) Translate the following into English: 4

खेलने का जीवन में बहुत महत्त्व है। खेलकूद से हमारी हड्डियां मजबूत होती हैं। खेलने से हमारा शरीर स्वस्थ रहता है। हमें दिनभर सिर्फ मोबाइल नहीं चलाना चाहिए। बल्कि बाहर जाकर खेलना भी चाहिए।

25. Answer the following in 30-40 words each: 6

(a) Why did Lencho write a letter to God?

OR

Describe the wildlife of Coorg.

(b) Describe the inauguration ceremony in simple words.

Gyansindhuclasses

OR

Describe the bus in which Valli sat.

26. Answer any one of the following question in 60 words: 4

(a) Describe the journey of Sidhartha Gautama in becoming the Buddha.

(b) Draw a character sketch of Nelson Mandela.

27. "And saved some part of a day, I had rued." Explain. 3

Or

Write four lines from any poem prescribed in you syllabus. [Do not copy the lines given in the question paper.]

28. Write the central idea of any one from the following: 3

(a) Animals (b) Fire and Ice

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words: 3

(a) Why was Doctor Herriot worried about Tricky?

(b) Why did Hari feel nervous?

30. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4

(a) Who was Anil? How did he treat Hari Singh? How did it influence Hari's life?

(b) Describe the landlord and the wife's experience with the strange scientist.