

HSC 12th STANDARD

ENGLISH

MODEL QUESTION PAPER - 1

Duration: 2.30 Hrs.

Marks -90

Section- A

I) Answer all the questions

20x1 =20

Choose the correct options given below:-

1. Choose the correct expansion of **OPAC**.
 - a) Online Public Action Catalogue
 - b) Online Public Access Centre
 - c) Online Private Access Catalogue
 - d) Online Public Access Catalogue
2. Choose the synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.
I had been rudely awakened several times.
3. Choose the antonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.
It shall be found that much is omitted.
(a) added (b) removed (c) excluded (d) avoided.
4. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'Whitewash'.
(a) Adjective + Noun (b) Noun + Noun
(c) Adverb + Noun (d) Adjective + Verb
5. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'heliport'.
(a) heli + port (b) helicopter + airport
(c) helicop+ portal (d) helicopters + portals
6. Choose the clipped word for 'suitcase'.
(a) suit (b) case (c) suite (d) suits
7. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence :
All 'bonafide' cases of hardship will receive help.
(a) uncertified (b) bonded labour (c) genuine (d) fake.
8. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence :
In spite of being seventy-five, my grandmother is 'in the pink of health'.
(a) severely bad (b) in a happy mood
(c) weak and thin (d) extremely healthy, in perfect condition

9. Choose the most accurate one of the *four* given words opposite to the underlined word:

I found our speech copious without order.

- (a) meagre (b) original
(c) monotonous (d) complete

10. Choose the correct format of an e-mail id.

- a) XYZ@gmail.com b) X.Y.Z.@gmail.com c) www.xyz@gmail.com
d) xyz@gmail.com

11. Complete the following sentence with the suitable answer.

A phrase or a word too often used to the point of monotony is called.....

- a) Euphemism b) eponym c) cliché d) idiom

12. Choose the appropriate synonym of the underlined word.

Rockets which struck unheralded by sound or sight.....

- (a) unannounced (b) unprepared
(c) unheard (d) followed

Complete the sentence choosing the correct modal verb

Vinoth _____ speak seven languages.

13. Choose the right definition for the given term 'anglophobia'.

- (a) Fear of meeting strangers (b) Fear of drinking alcohol
(c) Fear of using English (d) Fear of playing outdoor

14. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'radical'.

- (a) ---ment (b) ---ish (c) ---ly (d) ---ous

15. Choose the correct plural form of ' **radius**'.

- a) Radii b) radi c) radiuses d) radio

16. Identify the correct sentence pattern of the following.

Indian won the match.

- a) SVC b) SVO c) SVA d) ASV

17. Choose the tri-syllabic word.

- (a) unleashing (b) futility (c) mushroom (d) battered

18. Choose the singular form of " media"

- a) Medium b) medius c) med d) median

19. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation CCTV

- (a) Charged Channel Television (b) Closed Channel Television
(c) Closed-Circuit Television (d) Checked – Circuit Television

Section – B

II. Answer any seven of the following :

7x2=14

i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four (4) of the following:

(4× 2 = 8)

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 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".
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)

3x2=6

27. Report the following dialogue :

Vijay : Why are you late today?

Ajay : I missed the school bus.

28. Rewrite using 'if'

Were I a bird, I would fly.

29. Combine into a single sentence using a relative pronoun.

Brindha is a teacher. She teaches English.

30. The bag is too heavy to lift. (Transform into a compound sentence)

Section – C

III. Answer any seven of the following

7x3=21

Part-I

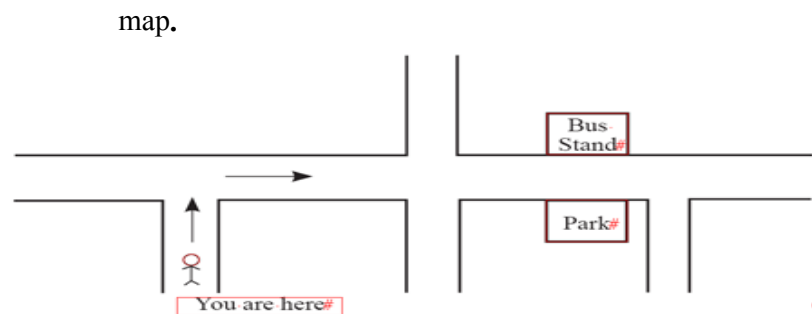
i) Explain any two (2) of the following with reference to the context: (2 × 3 = 6)

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. (2x3=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’?



38. Write slogans for the following products.

a) Hair Oil b) Bi-cycle c) Laptop.

39. Expand the following news headlines :

- a. Hima wins Gold for India.
- b. New Scheme for Women announced by the Ministry.
- c. Temperature falls down by 1 degree this summer.

40. Match the proverbs with their meanings:

| | Proverbs | | Meanings |
|------|-----------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| i. | Manners maketh a Man | a. | Try to read as much as possible. |
| ii. | Reading makes a man perfect | b. | Never rush up . |
| iii. | Haste makes waste | c. | Be perfect and respect others |

Section- D

IV) Answer the following :

7x5=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.
- 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'.

43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

Giant's lovely garden – children play happily – Giant returns from friend's house gets angry – puts up a notice-board – "Trespassers will be prosecuted" – winter stays permanently – Children enter – bring spring along – winter in one corner – giant helps the little boy – realizes his selfishness – wait for the boy – grows old and feeble – finds him one day – journey to paradise.

[OR]

The refugees flooded the new capital – land owners turned beggars – natives annoyed – labourers affected – the pathetic old man – a sympathetic passer-by – offer of silver and a copper coin – bought noodles for his grandson – saved the silver for seeds.

44. Write a summary or Make notes 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.

45. Read the following advertisement and prepare a resume/bio-data/CV considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified:

[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]

Wanted

Female Receptionist - graduate with computer knowledge, fluency in English and good communication skills, Minimum 2 Years Experience.

Apply to : Post Box No : 2756

C/o. The Hindu

Chennai - 02.

(or)

Write a paragraph on “ The role of Computers in the modern world” or “ My Hobby”.

46. Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them :

- a. He is one hour late.
- b. Ramesh plays throwball good.
- c. The little boy wore a red colour shirt.
- d. Afsar is an artist. Doesn't he?
- e. The match was called of.

(or)

Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- a. He had no _____. It gave him a _____ of advice. (Piece / Peace) (2)
- b. Vani _____go to temple on Fridays , when she was young (Semi-modal) (1)
- c. _____rain, they continued to play the match. (Linker/ phrase) (1)
- d. The milkman _____(knock) the door at the moment(Use the verb in the correct form(1))

47. **Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue.**

- a. The Central Processing Unit is not functioning properly.
- b. ISRO has successfully launched Mangalyaan to Space.
- c. The flights have been cancelled due to fog in Jammu.
- d. Sindhu clinched the championship title at the Asian Open.
- e. Peace Talks between the two nations is held at Russia.

[*Weather, Space, Sports, Politics, Computer*]

(or)

Read the following passage and answer in your own words

The earth is losing its forests. Presently, trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate, especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture, and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rainforest are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

Another way that man is destroying the world's forests is by burning them down. In the Amazon, for example, rainforests are being burnt down at a rate of 20 hectares a minutes. The main reason of burning down the rainforests is to clear the land for farming. Farmers in rainforests countries are often poor and cannot afford to buy land. Instead, these farmers clear rainforest land to raise their animals or grow their crops. Because tropical rainforest soil is so poor in nutrients, farmers cannot reuse the same land year after year. In the following years, farmers just clear more land, destroying the forest piece by piece. Already more than 30 tropical countries have reached a critical level of forest destruction and one-time exporters of timber such as Nigeria and Thailand now have to import timber for their domestic needs.

Questions:

- a. What is the major reason for the destruction of forests?
- b. Mention any two uses of trees.
- c. Why do some people burn down the rainforests?
- d. How many tropical countries have reached a critical level of forest destruction?
- e. From where do Nigeria and Thailand get timber for their domestic needs?
