

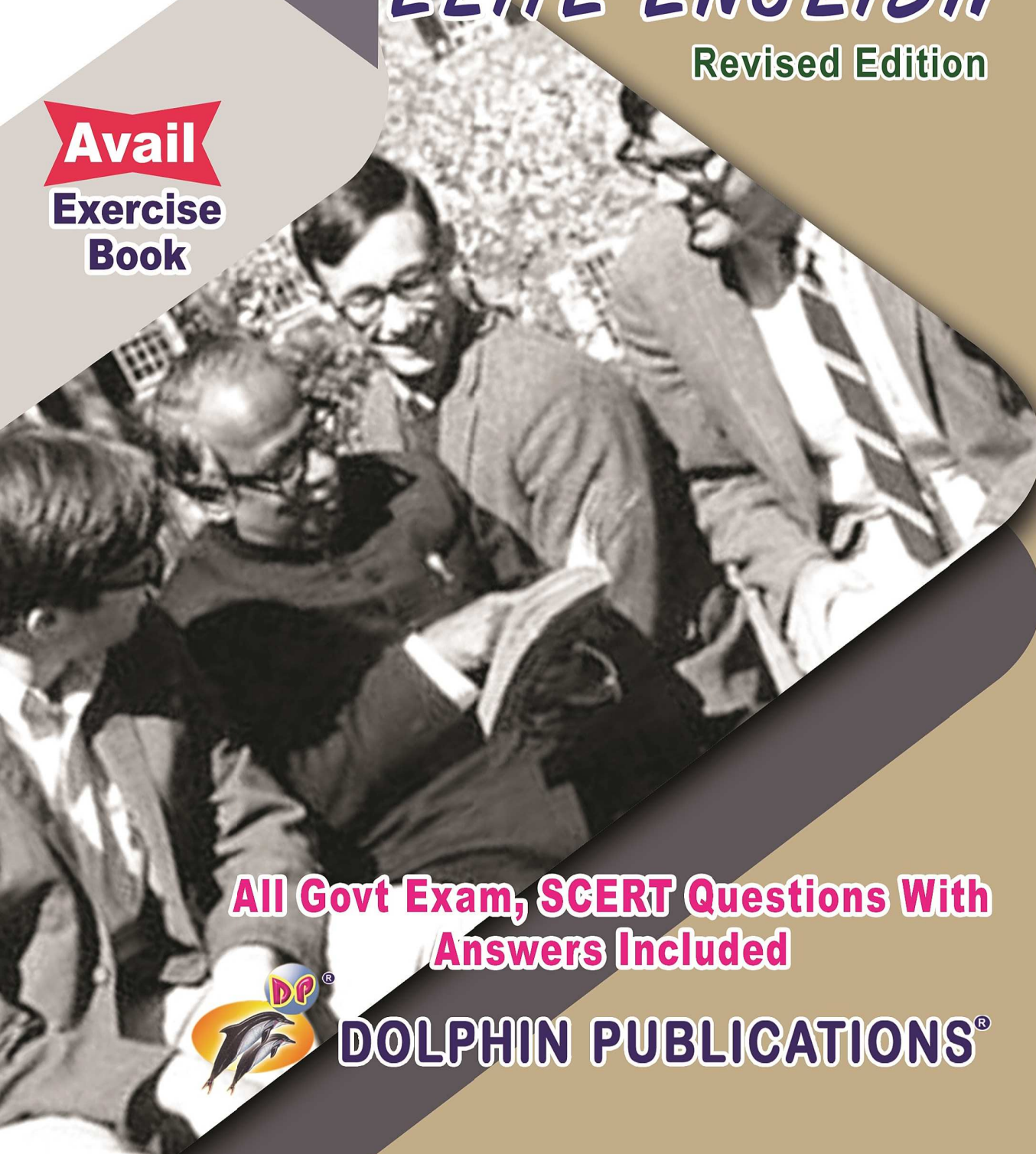


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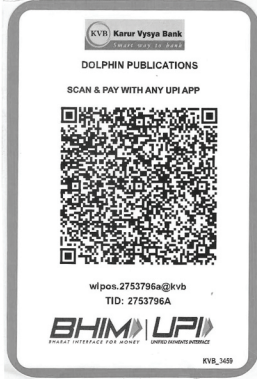
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PART-I

1-3 Choose the correct Synonyms

3 x 1 = 3

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4-6 Choose the correct Antonyms

3 x 1 = 3

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PART-III

34-36 Prose Questions (Any 2 out of 3)

2 x 3 = 6

வினாத்தாளில் Prose பகுதியிலிருந்து 3 வினாக்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் 2 வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். விடைகளைக் குறைந்தபட்சம் 2 வாக்கியங்களில் எழுதவும். விடைகள் 20-30 வார்த்தைக்குள் அமையுமாறு பார்த்துக்கொள்ளவும். நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் Prose பகுதியில் உள்ள வினா விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

PART-IV

41 Prose Paragraph (Either...or...type)

1 x 5 = 5

வினாத்தாளில் Prose பகுதியிலிருந்து 2 வினாக்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் 1 வினாவுக்கு விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். விடைகளைக் குறைந்தபட்சம் 6-8 வாக்கியங்களில் எழுதவும். விடைகள் 125-150 வார்த்தைக்குள் அமையுமாறு பார்த்துக்கொள்ளவும். நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் Prose பகுதியில் உள்ள பத்தி வினா விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

Vocabulary, Grammar, Language Skills, Writing, Reading Exercises - பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் உள்ள Book Back Exercises பகுதியில் உள்ள வினா விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.



Prose-1
THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY
(ஒரு பெண்ணின் உருவப்படம்)
Khushwant Singh



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Q.NO: 1-3

SYNONYMS

3 X 1 = 3 MARKS

WORD	SYNONYM	தமிழ் அர்த்தம்
absurd	inconsistent / illogical	தொடர்பற்ற (HY-19)
bedlam	noisy confusion	கூச்சல் குழப்பம்
bond	link	பந்தம்
cherish	value ; esteem / admire / care	மதித்தல்
dilapidated	damaged	பழுதடைந்த (JN-19)
distressed	suffered	துன்பப்பட்ட
earthen	made of soil	மண்ணால் ஆன
expanse	widespread	விரிவடைந்த
fables	tales/stories	சிறுகதைகள்
growling	barking , roaring	உறுமுதல்
hobbled	walked unsteadily	தள்ளாடி நடத்தல்
ignored	paid no attention	புறக்கணித்தல்
lifeless	without life	உயிரற்ற
mantelpiece	shelf projecting from the wall above a fireplace	கணப்பு
monotonous	unchanging/boring	மாற்றமில்லாத
oversagging	to sink, droop from pressure	முழுகுதல்
pallor	unhealthy pale appearance	வெளிறிய
perched	sat/rested	ஓய்வு
pretty	beautiful	அழகான
puckered	to contract the face into wrinkles	சுருக்கம் (SCERT-1)
rebukes	scoldings	கண்டித்தல்

recite	narrate	விவரித்தல்
revolting	horrible ; sickening	அதிர்ச்சியூட்டுகின்ற
scriptures	holy book	புனித நூல்
seclusion	isolation	தனிமை (SCERT-2)
sentimental	over-romantic	உணர்ச்சிவயப்படுகிற
shroud	cloth used to wrap a dead person	சவச்சீலை (கோடித்துணி)
snapped	broke/cut	துண்டிக்கப்பட்ட
stale	old, decayed	மக்கிப்போன
undignified	shameful	வெட்கும்படியான
wrinkled	shrank / crumpled	சுருங்கிப்போன

Q.NO: 4-6

ANTONYMS

3 X 1 = 3 MARKS

WORD		ANTONYM	தமிழ் அர்த்தம்
absurd	X	logical	தொடர்புடைய
bedlam	X	calm	அமைதியான
bond	X	release	சுதந்திரம்
cherish	X	neglect	புறக்கணித்தல்
dilapidated	X	smart / intact	மிடுக்கான
distressed	X	comfort	ஆறுதலான
earthen	X	other worldly	புறவுலக
expanse	X	shrink	சுருங்கிய
fables	X	truth	உண்மை
growling	X	tolerating	சகித்துக்கொள்ளல்
hobbled	X	walked steadily	நிதானமாக நடத்தல்
ignore	X	appreciate	உற்சாகமூட்டுகின்ற
lifeless	X	lively	உயிரூட்டமான
monotonous	X	amusing	அறிவுப்பூர்வமான
oversagging	X	rise	உயரே எழும்புதல்
pallor	X	healthy	ஆரோக்கியமான
perched	X	strained/ moved	ஓய்வின்றி
pretty	X	ugly	அசிங்கமான
puckered	X	smooth	மென்மையான
rebukes	X	praising	பாராட்டுதல்
recite	X	withhold	நிறுத்துதல்
revolting	x	passive / tolerating	அடங்கிப்போகிற
scriptures	X	trade edition	வர்த்தகமயமான
seclusion	X	companionship	துணையுடன் (SCERT-3)
sentimental	X	cynical	குறைகாணுகின்ற
snapped	X	joint	இணைக்கப்பட்ட
stale	X	amazing	திகைப்பூட்டுகின்ற
undignified	X	dignified	மதிக்கத்தக்க
wrinkled	X	smooth	மென்மையான
veritable	X	unreal, fake	உண்மையில்லாத

Q.NO: 34-36 SHORT ANSWERS 2 X 3 = 6 MARKS

1. Answer the questions in one or two sentences based on your understanding of the story.(Pg-5)

a) Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait. (QTY-18,19,HY-18)

The grandfather had a long white beard. He wore a big turban and loose fitting clothes. He looked atleast 100 years old, as if he could have lots of grand children.

b) Why was the author left with his grandmother in the village?

The author was left with his grandmother in the village as his parents went to live in the city.

c) Where did the author study in his childhood? (JULY-22)

In his childhood, the author studied in a school attached to the temple.

d) Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school? (SCERT-1, MAY-22)

The grandmother accompanied the author to school because the school was attached to the temple.

e) What made the dogs follow the grandmother after school hours? (JN-19, MAR-25)

The dogs followed the grandmother after school hours for the chapattis she threw to them.

f) Why didn't the grandmother feel sentimental when the author went abroad for higher education?

The grandmother accepted the fact and she was serious about the author's education.

g) What was the happiest time of the day for grandmother? (HY-19, SEP-21, JUNE-23,25)

The happiest time of the day for grandmother was the feeding time of the sparrows in the afternoon for half an hour.

2. Answer the following questions in three or four sentences each.

a. Describe the author's grandmother. (HY-18, MAR-24)

(i) The grandmother was a deeply religious woman. (ii) She was affectionate and caring.

(iii) She had perfect control over her emotions. (iv) She used to feed animals and birds.

b. What was the daily routine of the grandmother at home? (HY-18, JUL-24)

(i) Prepare the author to school. (ii) Accompany him to school.

(iii) Feeding the sparrows in the afternoon. (iv) Murmuring the prayer song.

(v) Feeding the dogs with chapatti after school hours.

c. How is school education in the village different from that in the city?

Village School	City School
Alphabet and Multiplication tables were taught.	English, Science and Music were taught.
Teaching about God, Scriptures and Moral values.	No teaching about God , Scriptures and Moral values.

d. The grandmother appreciated the value of education. Give instances in support of your answer.

(i) The grandmother was not formally educated.

(ii) But she was serious about the author's education.

(iii) She could not agree herself to the western way of Education that there was no teaching about God and scriptures.

(iv) But she didn't show her disapproval and accepted the fact.

e. **The grandmother was strong-minded. Justify.**

- (i) The grandmother was a **picture of contentment**.
- (ii) She was **highly religious and conservative**.
- (iii) She had strong **personal likes and dislikes**.
- (iv) She **did not show her emotions** when the **author** decided to **go abroad for higher studies**.

f. **How did the grandmother spend the last few hours of her life?**

(MAR-26)

- (i) Grandmother herself **declared** that her end was near.
- (ii) She **continued praying** without **wasting** any more **time**.
- (iii) She **peacefully prayed** with **the rosary**.
- (iv) Her **lips stopped** moving and **rosary fell down** from her fingers.
- (v) She **died peacefully**.

Q.NO: 41-47 PARAGRAPH 1 X 5 = 5 MARKS

- a) **The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Include examples from the story.** (QTY-18, JUL-22, MAR-23, JUL-25)
- b) **Give an account of the author's relationship with his grandmother.** (QTY-19)
- c) **Attempt a character sketch of Khushwant Singh's grandmother.** (SCERT-3)
- d) **The Grandmother was strong-minded. Justify.** (MAR-25)

PARAGRAPH FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

SYNOPSIS

- ★ Introduction
- ★ Grandma - The Queen of her domain
- ★ City snatches the bonding
- ★ Isolation - A silent killer
- ★ Conclusion

INTRODUCTION:

Khushwant Singh, a brilliant Indian author, is widely known for his sarcastic stories that condemn the traditional practices of the Indian society. But in 'The portrait of a Lady' we can feel the awe and admiration he had for his aged grandma. The emotional outpour reveals the author's genuine feeling for his grandma. The author compares the life in rural and urban India to make his readers understand the value of relationships. The dear departed grandma leaves a void in her grandson's life.

GRANDMA - THE QUEEN OF HER DOMAIN:

The author's grandma had a divine beauty in her silver locks, wrinkled face and spotless white attire. Her aged appearance that the author cannot believe that she would have been young and pretty once.

An expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.

This is how he described his beloved granny. The old lady took charge of the author when his parents went to live in the city. Grandma ensured that the boy cultivated good habits. She took care of his education. She was with him at school which was attached to the temple. She fed street dogs with chapattis on their way back to home. Grandma was the queen of her village house.

Nothing can equate a granny's love for her grandchild.

CITY SNATCHES THE BONDING:

The turning point of the relationship occurred when the family settled in city. Grandma was forced out of her grandchild's world. She confined herself to the spinning wheel, her prayers and feeding the sparrows with bread crumbs. The link of friendship got snapped completely when the author was given a separate room. When he decided to go abroad, the old lady was unusually silent and there was no display of emotions.

ISOLATION - A SILENT KILLER:

Grandma had been an active personality in her village. She was engrossed in the upbringing of the author. But later when they moved to the city, life became monotonous. The boy didn't need her support any more. She lost her authority amidst the chaotic city life. Education in English, no teaching about God and scriptures and music lessons for the boy distressed the old lady. Slowly she got isolated from the family. She was a silent spectator of the events that unfolded before her. The only companion in her isolated world were the sparrows. The happiest moments of her were the feeding time of her sparrows. Even after five years of separation, the old lady gave a cold hug to the author and remained silent. When he returned home.

Silence speaks when you listen with patience.

The isolation had killed her feelings for her family.

CONCLUSION:

Grandma predicted her death and waited with prayers. She died peacefully. The most surprising attendants of her funeral were the sparrows. The little birds' empathy examined the tale of care and affection of the old lady. The old lady's selfless love was appreciated and reciprocated by the sparrows that they even ignored their bread crumbs. The author has given us a fine portrait of a lady who appeared to be an embodiment of values and boundless affection. Such personalities have become a rare specimen in this materialistic world.

Silence can break the heart when love rules the relationship.

PARAGRAPH FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

Title	: The Portrait of a Lady
Author	: Khushwant Singh
Characters	: Author and his grandmother
Theme	: Appreciate genuine Relationship

The grandmother was a lady of **high principles** and **simple living**. As a **small boy**, the author had to **live with her** in a **village**. His **parents** had **moved** to the **city**. The **grandma** and the **boy** **developed** a very **strong bond** of **affection**. She took **care** of his **education**. She got **disturbed** when they **moved** to the **city**. She **adapted** to the **new life style**. The boy was in **English medium**. There was **no lesson** about **God** and **scriptures**. She **disliked** it.

Their **bond** further **damaged** when the **boy** moved to the **university** and then **abroad**. She **didn't show** any **emotion**. She kept **herself occupied** with the **spinning wheel**, **chanting prayers** and **feeding sparrows**. The author **returned** from **abroad** after **five years**. He was **received** in **silence**. Grandma **predicted** her **death** and **passed away** peacefully. To everyone's **surprise** her **funeral** was **attended** by the **sparrows**.

Moral : Never isolate people

PARAGRAPH FOR LATE BLOOMERS

- ★ The author **loved** his **grandma**.
- ★ He **stayed** with **her** when he was **young**.
- ★ Grandma took **care** of his **education**.
- ★ They **moved** to the **city**.
- ★ Grandma became **silent**.
- ★ The author went **abroad**.
- ★ Their **friendship ended**.
- ★ Grandma **fed sparrows** and **chanted prayers**.
- ★ The author **returned** after **five years**.
- ★ She **died** and the **sparrows** **attended** the **funeral**.

3. Answer in a paragraph of 100 - 150 words each

a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Give your own example of how elders have a positive influence on the younger generation. Include examples from the story also. (Pg-5)

Being the youngest child of the family, I've always been fortunate to grow under the guidance of elders. My grandma, like Kushwant Singh's granny, has always instilled in me certain virtues like piety, compassion towards animals, obedience etc. My grandpa insisted on starting our day with the newspaper. This has helped me for winning several quiz competitions. My aunty has always fascinated me with her stories. She introduced me to the great epics - Ramayana and Mahabharata. Rama and Krishna became my role models. Childhood has become a memorable one and it laid the foundation for a successful future. My elders have played a vital role to mould me a good human being.

b) As young Khushwant Singh, write a letter to your parents describing your daily routine expressing your thoughts and feelings about staying in the village.

No 42, Harmander Singh Street,
Hadali,
Khushab District, Punjab.

Dear Papa,

How are you? Hope that you are all fine. I am safe here. I'm in the care of my granny. She is a wonderful person. She is too religious. I can never see her without saying her prayers. She wakes me up early in the morning. She prepares me for the school. She prepares hot chapattis. I eat them along with butter and sugar. Then she takes me to school. The school is attached to the temple. Granny sits there and reads scriptures. I learn my lessons. When we

both finish, we return home. On the way, some village dogs chase us. She throws them stale chapattis which they eat. Granny is always saying her prayers rolling her rosary. She is too tender. I'm too lucky to have a granny who is gentle as a flower. Kindly take care of your health.

Yours lovingly,
Sairam.

Address on the cover:

To Mr. A. Sathyanarayanan, No 99, Kamarajar Nagar,
Madurai - 10.

c) Animals are capable of empathy. Substantiate this statement with examples from the story as well as your own experiences.

Man is related with nature. Man keeps pet animals and shows his affection towards them. Throughout in the history of mankind, we can find the relationship of mankind with animal kingdom. The grandma and the author moved to the city. The author had his education in an English school. The grandma always said her prayers. In the afternoon, she relaxed for sometime. She fed the sparrows. She gave them little bits of bread. The little birds became her friends. When she died, her dead body was kept in a room in the courtyard. There were thousands of sparrows everywhere. They were on the floor. The author's mother gave them bread crumbs. But, the sparrows never even looked at them. There was no noise also. When the grandma's body was carried away, the sparrows flew away. The next day, the sweeper swept all the bread crumbs and put them into the dustbin. The birds had such a keen sense. They knew the human emotions. They could understand about grandma's passing away. This incident explains that the animals are capable of empathy.

TEXTUAL EXERCISES

VOCABULARY

(PAGE:6)

- a) (Refer Answers in - Content Section - Antonyms)
(Dolphin Pg:104)
- b) & c) (Refer Answers in - Content Section - Compound Words)
(Dolphin Pg:105)
- d) Frame meaningful sentences of your own.
- i) The thought that I have to bribe the officers to get my plan approval was almost revolting.
- ii) The snow clad Himalaya is an expanse of pure white serenity and it instills peace in its on lookers.
- iii) My friendship with Vinu became a turning point in my life.
- iv) Though my grandma hates loneliness, she accepted her seclusion in an old age home with resignation.
- v) My mom showers her frivolous rebukes on me whenever I demand a motorbike.
- e) (Refer Answers in - Content Section - Prefix-Suffix)
(Dolphin Pg:107)

- f) (Refer Answers in - Content Section - Confusables)
(Dolphin Pg:123)

LISTENING (Listening Text is in Page -198)

Choose the right Options: (TB Pg:8)

- i. According to Napoleon 'Good mothers make good c) nations.'
- ii. Mothers exhibit d) unconditional love.
- iii. c) Adoptive mothers care much for their children.
- iv. c) Love is the most important thing in the world.
- v. Love should be extended to d) creatures too.

SPEAKING

- a) The benefits of living in a joint family are (Pg-8)
- (i) The children of the family grow under the guidance of the elders. (ii) Elders don't feel lonely when they grow old. (iii) Working members support the family and take care of the other members. (iv) Tradition and culture gets transferred from one generation to the other. (v) Good values like tolerance, patience, sharing etc get instilled in our mind.

b) (Refer Answers in – Content Section –
Construction of Dialogues) (Dolphin Pg:246)

c) Share your views for a minute or two with your class.

A family needs the cooperation of every member for its happy functioning. The father and mother are like the wheels of the cart called family. The wheels should work in unison for the family to progress. Both of them have an equal and vital role to run the family. They have to bridge the generation gap between the elders and the kids. The elders stabilize the emotional imbalance with their experiences. They are like the anchors that support a ship even in cyclones. The children of the family have to follow the footsteps of the elders. They are the torchbearers of the culture and tradition of the family.

READING

(Refer Answers in – Content Section –Prose Comprehension)
(Dolphin Pg:214)

GRAMMAR

a)- d) (Refer Answers in – Content Section –Determiners)
(Dolphin Pg:187)

a)- i) (Refer Answers in – Content Section –Tenses)
(Dolphin Pg:182)

j) (Refer Answers in – Content Section –Spot the Errors)
(Dolphin Pg:176)

WRITING

a) (Refer Answers in – Content Section –Notice Writing)
(Dolphin Pg:166)

b. Message:

3 P.M., 15 Mar.2018.

Sir,

You are requested to be present for the football team selection tomorrow in our school ground at 6 a.m.

Ashok
(SPL)

c. **A) WALKING**

I prefer walking. It is one of the best exercises and also least expensive forms of exercise. It reduces stress and tones the body. It also helps to lose weight. A walk in the morning is very beneficial for health. It keeps our body healthy and fit. The cool fresh air inhaled in the calm morning keeps us energetic and happy throughout the day.

Task: (PAGE-19)

Good morning everyone! Respected Principal, teachers and friends; I am Megalai of Class XI and I stand before you to share a few thoughts on the topic ‘Reading Maketh a Complete Man’.

‘Reading Maketh a Complete Man’ is a popular saying of Francis Bacon. We do not realise the fact that our minds are moulded by the books we read. In fact, we have several means by which we acquire knowledge today — the radio, the TV, the newspapers and magazines, the internet etc. But reading books is the most ancient and the most effective of them all. Reading a book is different and it is an activity which gives us immense pleasure. We are never alone when we have the company of books. In the modern world we have tiny time. When we have a little leisure, we watch TV, gossip or run to parties, clubs or other social activities. We are afraid to be alone with ourselves, afraid to sit quietly and think. We are happy with others but not with ourselves. Reading a book on such an occasion gives us the comfort of good company and true pleasure. Books are the greatest treasure to mankind and the habit of reading them is the source of pleasure. He who is in the habit of reading books should buy books for himself. He should start collecting books in his youth. The books collected and arranged properly in a room not only decorate the room but also make the presence of their authors felt. Books contain in them eternal truths and are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.



Prose-2

THE QUEEN OF BOXING

(குத்துச்சண்டை ராணி)
M.C. Mary Kom



சிறுகதையின் சாராம்சம் :

மேரி கோம் நம் நாட்டைச் சார்ந்த ஒரு பெண் குத்துச்சண்டை வீராங்கனை. அவர் 2001-ம் ஆண்டு பென்சில்வேனியாவில் நவம்பர்-டிசம்பர் மாதங்களில் நடைபெற்ற சர்வதேச குத்துச்சண்டை கழகப்போட்டியில் பெண்களுக்ககான 48 கிலோ எடைபிரிவில் கலந்துகொள்ளச் சென்றார். எதிர்பாராத விதமாக அவர் அதில் வெற்றி பெற்றவில்லை. அதன் பின்னர் தன் துறையில் சாதிப்பதற்காக பலவிதமான கடின பயிற்சிகளை மேற்கொண்டார். “வெல்வதே” தன் இலட்சியமாக உருவாக்கிக்கொண்டார். இரண்டாம் முறை தான் கலந்துகொண்ட உலக குத்துச்சண்டைப் போட்டியில் தங்கம் வென்றார். அதனால் அவருக்கு அரசுப்பணிகிடைத்தது. திருமணத்திற்குப் பின்னரும் தன் குத்துச்சண்டை பயணத்தில் சாதனைகள் பல புரிந்து வருகிறார். தன் அனுபவங்களை தனது சுயசரிதையில் பகிர்ந்துகொள்கிறார் ‘குத்துச்சண்டை ராணி’ மேரிகோம். இப்பாடம் அவரது சுயசரிதையின் தழுவல் ஆகும்.

பாடல் (POETRY) பகுதியிலிருந்து.....

அரசுப் பொதுத்தேர்வில் கேட்கப்படும் வினாக்கள்

PART-II	21-26	Poetry Appreciation Questions (Any 4 out of 6)	4 x 2 = 8
PART-III	31-33	Explain with Reference to the Context: (Any 2 out of 3)	2 x 3 = 6
PART-IV	42	Poetry Paragraph (Either...or...type)	1 x 5 = 5

Total Marks = 19

PART-II

21-26 Poetry Appreciation Questions (Any 4 out of 6) 4 x 2 = 8

வினாத்தாளில் **Poetry** பகுதியிலிருந்து **6 வினாக்கள்** கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் **4 வினாக்களுக்கு** விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். கொடுக்கப்பட்ட பாடல் வரிகளை (**Poetry Lines**) படித்து அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து தரப்பட்டுள்ள வினாக்களுக்கு விடை எழுத வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க **Poetry** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடலிலும் உள்ள **Appreciation Questions** மற்றும் **Poetic Devices** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் **Poetry** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடலிலும் உள்ள **Appreciation Questions** மற்றும் **Poetic Devices** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

PART-III

31-33 Explain with Reference to the Context: (Any 2 out of 3) 2 x 3 = 6

வினாத்தாளில் **Poetry** பகுதியிலிருந்து **3 வினாக்கள்** கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் **2 வினாக்களுக்கு** விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். கொடுக்கப்பட்ட பாடல் வரிகளை (**Poetry Lines**) படித்து அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து தரப்பட்டுள்ள வினாக்களுக்கு விடை எழுத வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க **Poetry** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடலிலும் உள்ள **ERC- Explain with Reference to the Context:** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் **Poetry** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடலிலும் உள்ள **ERC- Explain with Reference to the Context:** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

PART-IV

42 Poetry Paragraph (Either...or...type) 1 x 5 = 5

வினாத்தாளில் **Poetry** பகுதியிலிருந்து **2 வினாக்கள்** கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் **1 வினாவுக்கு** விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். விடைகளைக் குறைந்தபட்சம் **6-8 வாக்கியங்களில்** எழுதவும். விடைகள் **125-150 வார்த்தைக்குள்** அமையுமாறு பார்த்துக்கொள்ளவும். நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் **Poetry** பகுதியில் உள்ள பத்தி வினா விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

FIGURES OF SPEECH

அணி இலக்கணம்

1. Rhyming Words: பாடல் வரிகளின் கடைசி வார்த்தைகளை கவனிக்க வேண்டும். அவைகளில் ஒரே மாதிரியான ஒலியமைப்பைக் கொண்டுள்ள வார்த்தைகள் Rhyming words ஆகும்.

(எடுத்துக்காட்டுகள் பாடல் பகுதிகளில் தரப்பட்டுள்ளன. அவைகளை பயன்படுத்திக்கொள்ளவும்)

Ex: With all my heart I do admire
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire
Who take the field in gaudy pomp
And maim each other as they romp

Rhyming words: *admire -hire, pomp - romp*

2. Rhyme Scheme:

கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பாடலின் 4 வரிகளின் கடைசி வார்த்தைகளை கவனிக்க வேண்டும்.

- ❖ அவைகளுள் முதல் வரியின் கடைசி வார்த்தையை **a** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ❖ இரண்டாம் வரியின் கடைசி வார்த்தையின் ஒலியமைப்பு முதல் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **a** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ❖ மாறுபட்டிருப்பின் அதனை **b** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- மூன்றாம் வரியின் கடைசி வார்த்தையின் ஒலியமைப்பு முதல் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **a** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- இரண்டாம் வரிபோல இருப்பின் அதனை **b** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- மாறுபட்டிருப்பின் அதனை **c** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✖ நான்காம் வரியின் கடைசி வார்த்தையின் ஒலியமைப்பு முதல் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **a** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✖ இரண்டாம் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **b** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✖ மூன்றாம் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **c** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✖ மாறுபட்டிருப்பின் அதனை **d** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✓ **குறிப்பு:** ஒரே மாதிரியான ஒலியமைப்புகளைக்கொண்ட வார்த்தைகளை ஒரே மாதிரியான எழுத்தால் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.

Ex: If this belief from heaven be **sent - a**
If such be Nature's holy **plan, - b**
Have I not reason to **lament - a**
What Man has made of **Man?- b**

Rhyme scheme: **abab**

3. Simile: (உவமையணி) கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பாடல் வரியில் ஏதேனும் இரண்டு நபர்கள், பொருட்கள், இடங்கள் இவைகளின் பண்புகளை ஒப்பிட **like, as** போன்ற வார்த்தைகள் பயன்படுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கும்.

Ex: (i) Show only my teeth **like** a snake's bare fangs!
(ii) With movements **like** a snake.
(iii) I have learned to wear many faces **like** dresses.
(iv) I am just glad **as** glad can be.

4. **Metaphor:** (உருவகம்) கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பாடல் வரியில் ஏதேனும் இரண்டு நபர்கள், பொருட்கள், இடங்கள் இவைகளின் பண்புகளை மறைமுகமாக ஒப்பிட்டு, அவைகளில் ஏதேனும் ஒன்றை மட்டும் மிகைப்படுத்தி சொல்வது. (பொதுவாக பொருட்களின் பெயர்கள்.)
Ex: (i) He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore
(ii) Make dust our paper and with **rainy eyes**.
(iii) While their **ice block cold eyes** search behind my shadow.
5. **Personification:** மனித பண்புகளை உயிரற்ற பொருட்களைக் துணையாகக் கொண்டு விளக்குதல்.
Ex: (i) Keeps **Death** his court and there the antic sits.
(ii) They say **he** cheats at cards.
(iii) My limp and bashful **spirit** feeds.
(iv) My **soul** in true thanks giving speaks.
6. **Apostrophe:** உயிரற்ற பொருட்களை உயிருள்ள பொருட்களாக நினைத்து அதனோடு உரையாடுதல். **Ex:** And you O my soul where you stand
7. **Oxymoron:** (முரண் தொடை) எதிர்ச்சொற்கள் அடுத்தடுத்து வருவது
Ex: (i) When I mean 'Good-riddance'
8. **Onomatopoeia:** பொருட்கள் எழுப்பும் ஒலியோடு தொடர்புடைய சொற்கள்.
Ex: (i) When **snaps** the knee, and **cracks** the wrist (Bones breaking sound)
(ii) He **sipped** with his straight mouth (Hissing sound of Snake)
9. **Anaphora:** (சொற்பொருள் பின் வருநிலையணி) அடுத்தடுத்த வரிகளில் ஒரே வார்த்தை மீண்டும், மீண்டும் பலமுறை வருவது .
Ex: **When** swollen eye meets gnarled fist
When snaps the knee, and cracks the wrist,
When officialdom demands
10. **Alliteration:** (மோனை) ஒரு வரியில் ஒரே மெய்யொலியில் (எழுத்தில்) தொடங்குகிற வார்த்தைகள் பல வருவது.
Ex: (i) For he's a **f**riend in **f**eline shape
(ii) And shake **h**ands without **h**heart
(iii) I **w**ant to be **w**hat I used to be.
11. **Assonance:** ஒரு வரியில் ஒரே உயிர் ஒலியில் (எழுத்தில்) தொடங்குகிற வார்த்தைகள் பல வருவது. **Ex:** (i) **Ever** unreeling them, **ever** tirelessly spending them.
(ii) You ripened **in**to nectar **in** fruit-jars.
12. **Hyperbole:** (உயர்வு நவிற்சி அணி) ஒரு செயலின் தன்மையை மிகைப்படுத்தி அதிகமாகச் சொல்வது. **Ex:** O winged seeds! You crossed the furrowed seas.
13. **Allusion:** பொருட்களை அல்லது நபர்களை மறைமுகமாக குறிப்பிடுவது. பொதுவாக **Bible** போன்ற பழங்கால இலக்கியங்களில் காணப்படும்.
Ex: (i) Dust thou art, to dust returnest
- Biblical allusion (about the creation of the world)
(ii) On the day of Sicilian July, with **Etna** smoking
- Geographical allusion (Etna is a volcanic mountain in Sicily, Italy)

<p>14. Poetic Diction: நபர்கள், பொருட்கள் அல்லது இடங்களின் பண்புகளை வார்த்தைகளால் வர்ணிப்பது. Ex: And depart peaceful, pacified and thankless.</p>
<p>15. Archaism: பழங்காலத்தில் வழக்கத்திலிருந்து இப்பொழுது பயன்பாட்டில் இல்லாத வார்த்தைகள். Ex: Dust thou art, to dust returnest</p>
<p>16. Pun:(சிலேடை) ஒரு வார்த்தையை பல்வேறு விதங்களில் பரவசப்படுத்தும் விதமாக பயன்படுத்துவது Ex: In the end will be the Word. And the Word will be God in Man. (The Word refers to Jesus Christ as God and man.)</p>
<p>17. Euphemism: ஒரு தவறான நிகழ்வை நியாயப்படுத்தும் விதமாக பயன்படுத்துவது. Ex: I find doors shut on me</p>
<p>18. Symbol: ஒரு செயலை நேரடியாக அல்லாமல் மறைமுகமாக உணர்த்துவது. Ex: (i) Till it bore an apple bright (The anger against his foe is a bright apple) (ii) My foe outstretched beneath the tree (The tree of poison – anger)</p>
<p>19. Metonymy: ஒரு சொல்லை நேரடியாக அல்லாமல் மறைமுகமாக கையாள்வது. Ex: (i) They used to laugh with their hearts. (ii) They shake hands without hearts.</p>
<p>20. Repetition: ஒரே சொல் ஒரே வரியில் மீண்டும் மீண்டும் வருவது (Repetitive device). Ex: (i) Macavity, Macavity there's no one like Macavity</p>
<p>21. Rhetorical question: பாடலின் வரியில் விடையை எதிர்பார்க்கும் நோக்கத்தோடு அல்லாமல் தனது அதிகாரத்தை காட்டுவதற்காக எழுப்பப்படும் வினாக்கள். (பழங்கால இதிகாசப்பாடல்கள், மன்னரைப் பற்றிய பாடல்களில் அல்லது அவர்கள் பேசுவது போன்ற பாடல்களில் காணப்படும்) Ex: (i) How can you say to me I am a king?</p>
<p>22. Internal Rhyme: பாடலின் ஒரே வரியில் ஏதேனும் இரண்டு வார்த்தைகள் ஒரே மாதிரியான உச்சரிப்பினைக் கொண்டிருத்தல். Ex: (i) Scoffing his state and grinning at his pomp.</p>
<p>23. Interrogation: பாடலின் வரியில் விடையை எதிர்பார்க்கும் நோக்கத்தோடு அல்லாமல் தனது கருத்தை தீவிரமாக வலியுறுத்த எழுப்பப்படும் வினாக்கள். (பழங்கால இதிகாசப்பாடல்கள், மன்னரைப் பற்றிய பாடல்களில் அல்லது அவர்கள் பேசுவது போன்ற பாடல்களில் காணப்படும்) Ex: (i) And yet not so -- for what can we bequeath, Save our deposed bodies to the ground?</p>



Poem-1
ONCE UPON A TIME
(முன்னொரு காலத்தில்)
Gabriel Okara



இக்கவிதையின் மையக்கருத்து : தங்கள் பெற்றோர், மற்றும் ஆசிரியர்களின் நடவடிக்கைகளைக்கவனித்து, பிறகு, வாழ்வின் ஒழுக்க நெறிகளை பிள்ளைகள் கற்றுக்கொள்கின்றன. ஆனால், கவிஞர் கேபிரியேல் ஆகரா, குழந்தைகளிடமிருந்து, கள்ளம் கபடமற்ற, தூய உள்ளத்துடன் இருப்பதை தான், கற்றுக்கொள்வதாகக்கூறுகிறார். அதுவே இக்கவிதை. இது இயல்பான, எளிய வசன நடையில் உள்ளது. இதில், கவிஞரே தன் பிள்ளையிடம் நேரடியாக பேசுவது போல உள்ளது.

Q.NO: 21-26 APPRECIATION QUESTIONS 4 X 2 = 8 MARKS

- i) *Once upon a time, son,
They used to laugh with their hearts*
- a) What mood of the poet does the above line reflect?
The line reflects the poet's nostalgic mood about his childhood.
- b) Who does the word 'they' refer to?
(SEP-21, MAR-26)
'They' refers to the people in the past
- c) Explain 'to laugh with their hearts' (SEP-21)
People used to smile with genuine emotions.
- d) Who is the Listener? (MAR-26)
Son is the Listener.
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- ii) *But now they only laugh with their teeth,
While their ice-block-cold eyes
Search behind my shadow*
(TB, QTY-18, SCERT-1, HY-19)
- a) Explain- laugh with their teeth.
People laugh with fake feelings nowadays.
- b) Why is their eyes cold?
People lack the warmth and cordiality in relationships. So their eyes are cold.
- c) Why does the poet say 'search behind my shadow'?
The poet says that people feign fake emotions.
- d) Who are 'they?' (MAR-23, JUL-25)
They are the people of modern times.
- e) Identify the figure of speech used here.
Metaphor. (JUL-22, 25)
- f) Explain Ice-block cold eyes.
(JULY-22, MAR-23)

Eyes that lack the warmth and cordiality in relationships are 'Ice-block cold eyes'.

- iii) *But that's gone, son.
Now they shake hands without hearts*
- a) What is gone? (MAR-20)
The time when people were sincere and caring in their dealings is gone.
- b) How do they shake their hands now? Why? (OR) Explain the second line. (MAR-20)
People shake hands without warmth because they show fake emotions.

- iv) *While their left hands search
My empty pockets.*
- a) What does the right hand do?
The right hand is shaking hands in a fake gesture.
- b) Explain- left hands search my empty pockets.
It explains the dual nature of people. They are not true to relationships.

- v. *There will be no thrice-
for then I find doors shut on me.*
- a) Why does the poet feel that there will be no thrice?
People lie on their guests inviting them for a visit again.
- b) I find doors shut on me- what do you understand from the poet's words?
People are not ready to welcome him the third time.

vi. *So I have learned many things, son.*

I have learned to wear many faces

a) How has the poet learnt so many things?

He has learnt so many things from his bitter experiences with the society.

b) Why does he have to wear so many faces?

The poet has to wear so many faces to suit to the different occasions.

c) What are some of the faces he has started to wear?

Some of the faces the poet has to wear are home face, office face, street face, host face, etc.

vii) *Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles*

Like a fixed portrait smile. (SEP-20)

a) Explain cocktail face. (or)

What is a 'cocktail face'?

What do you mean by "Cocktail face"?

(MAY-22, MAR-25)

Cocktail face refers to a face capable of showing mixed emotions.

b) Why do people have a fixed portrait smile?

(or) Explain the second line.

People have a fixed portrait smile to suit different occasions for social acceptance.

c) The figure of speech - Simile (MAY-22, MAR-25)

viii) *I have also learned to say, 'Goodbye',*

When I mean 'Good-riddance'

a) Explain the word play by the poet in the above lines.

"Good bye" means real happiness in parting a person. Good riddance means the relief in getting rid of an unwanted visitor.

b) Who has taught him to say good bye when he actually means good riddance?

The society has taught him.

ix) *I want to unlearn all these muting things.*

Most of all, I want to relearn (TB, JN-19)

How to laugh..."

a) What are the muting things that the poet wants to unlearn?

Fake feelings, deceit, malice and ulterior motives are the muting things.

b) What does he want to relearn? (SEP-21)

He wants to relearn how to laugh.

c) From whom does he want to relearn? (SEP-21, MAR-24)

He wants to relearn from his son.

d) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh? (MAY-22, MAR-24)

Because the poet is aware that he too has become deceitful like others.

e) Mention the figure of speech used here. (MAY-22)
Simile

x) *For my laugh in the mirror*

Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!

a) What do the snake's bare fangs denote? TB (QTY-19, JUL-24)

Snake's bare fangs denote that the smile is artificial and might be dangerous.

b) Identify the figure of speech employed here. (QTY-19, JUL-24)

Simile.

c) What is the meaning of fangs?

Fangs are the teeth of a venomous snake used to inject poison.

d) What does the poet compare with the fangs?

The poet compares his teeth with the fangs.

e) What compels him to make this comparison?

His behavior compelled him to make this comparison.

xi) *Show me how*

I used to laugh and smile

once upon a time when I was like you.

a) Why has the poet lost his laugh and smile?

The poet has lost his laugh and smile because of the negative changes that have crept into him as he grew up.

b) How was the poet once upon a time?

The poet used to laugh and smile with real happiness once upon a time.

xii) *I have learned to wear many faces like dresses'-* (SCERT-2)

a) State the figure of speech in the above line.

Simile.

b) Who does the term 'I' refer to?

I refers to the poet Gabriel Okara.

xiii) "I have learned to wear many faces.

Like dresses - home face" (SCERT-3)

a) What has the poet learned?

The poet has learnt to show fake expressions to others.

b) Mention the figure of speech employed in this line.

Simile.

xiv) "Feel at home," "come again." (MAR-19)

They say.....

a) Who are 'they'?

They are people who utter fake words of welcome to the poet.

b) Do 'they' really mean it?

No, they don't really mean it. The words don't come from the depth of their hearts.

xv) 'And I have learned too

To laugh with only my teeth'. (QTY-19)

a) Who is the speaker talking to here?

The poet is the speaker talking to here.

b) Explain the second line.

He has learnt to say what fits each situation instead of speaking.

xvi) *But believe me, son*

I want to be what I used to be. (JULY-22)

a) What is the relationship between the narrator and the Listener?

Here in the poem the narrator is the father and the listener is his son.

b) What does the poet long for? (JUNE-23)

The poet longs for truth.

c) Who is referred to as 'I' here? (JUNE-23)

The poet is referred to as 'I' here.

POETIC DEVICES

FIGURE OF SPEECH:

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| 1. While their ice-block-cold eyes search behind my shadow | - Metaphor |
| 2. Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles like a fixed portrait smile | - Simile |
| 3. For my laugh in the mirror shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs! | - Simile |
| 4. I have learned to wear many faces like dresses | - Simile |
| 5. When I mean ' Good-riddance ' | - Oxymoron |
| 6. I find doors shut on me. | - Euphemism |
| 7. They used to laugh with their hearts | - Metonymy |
| 8. They shake hands without hearts | - Metonymy |
| 9. But now they only laugh with their teeth | - Metonymy |

ALLITERATION:

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| 1. They used to laugh with their hearts | → <u>t</u> hey- <u>t</u> heir |
| 2. They used to shake hands with their hearts | → <u>h</u> ands- <u>h</u> earts, <u>t</u> hey- <u>t</u> heir |
| 3. Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles | → <u>c</u> ocktail- <u>c</u> onforming |
| 4. And shake hands without my heart | → <u>h</u> ands- <u>h</u> eart |
| 5. I want to be what I used to be | → <u>w</u> ant- <u>w</u> hat |
| 6. When I was like you. I want | → <u>w</u> hen- <u>w</u> as- <u>w</u> ant |
| 7. To unlearn all these muting things. | → <u>t</u> hese- <u>t</u> hings |
| 8. So show me, son | → <u>s</u> o- <u>s</u> on |

RHYME SCHEME & RHYMING WORDS:

1. There was a time indeed
They used to shake hands with their hearts
But that's gone, son
Now they shake hands without hearts
- a) **Rhyming words** : hearts-hearts
b) **Rhyme scheme** : abcb

Q.NO: 31-33 EXPLAIN WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT 2 X 3 = 6 MARKS

Clue words: Once upon a time, laugh with their teeth, ice-block-cold eyes, cocktail face, laugh with their hearts, doors shut on me, Good-riddance, snake's bare fangs, portrait smile, unlearn, relearn

".....show me how

I used to laugh and smile"

(SEP-21)

Context: Poem: Once Upon A Time Poet : Gabriel Okara

Explanation: The poet Okara talks painfully about the negative changes in the society to his son. He is unhappy about the fake emotions that rule the adult world. He feels sad that he too has changed with time. He wants to unlearn the bad qualities and relearn the good qualities. He asks his son to show him how to laugh the way he used to laugh when he was a kid.

Comment: The child is the father of man.

1. Once upon a time, son,
They used to laugh with their hearts
And laugh with their eyes:
(TB, QTY-18, MAR-23)

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet: Gabriel Okara

Explanation: The poet is nostalgic about how people used to be in his childhood. He tells his son that people smiled with warm, sincere and genuine emotions that could be seen in their eyes. Lips spoke the language of the heart without any pretention.

Comment: Values vanish with modernization.

2. There will be no thrice (TB, MAR-26)

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet : Gabriel Okara

Explanation: The poet warns his son about the degradation of values in the modern society. People utter words of welcome and exchange pleasantries but those words come only from the tip of their tongues and not from the depth of their hearts. None is ready to be a host for the third time even if they pretend to be happy outwardly.

Comment: Pretention can never withstand the test of time.

3. I have learned to wear many faces
Like dresses
(TB, SCERT-1, MAY-22, JULY-22,24)

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet : Gabriel Okara

Explanation: The facial expressions of the people are tailored for social acceptance and are not genuine. They wear masks suitable for various situations like people choose their dresses. The narrator too in his anxiety to fit into social expectations has started showing fake expressions. He confesses to his son that he has done it against his will.

Comment:

Be genuine in your thoughts, words and deeds.

4. I want to be what I used to be (TB, SEP-20)

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet: Gabriel Okara

Explanation:

The poet repents to his son for being fake with his emotions. He has become a victim of social acceptance against his will. And now he wants to become a child again to enjoy real happiness. He is ready to give up his fake qualities and relearn the genuine qualities. He yearns for his childhood innocence.

Comment:

The child is the father of man.

5. For my laugh in the mirror

Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet: Gabriel Okara

Explanation: The poet tells his son when he laughs before the mirror, he sees no expression. His teeth resemble the fangs of a snake. He is scared of these negative changes in him. So, he asks his son to help him to become trustworthy and honest like a child.

Comment:

Be genuine to experience real happiness.

6. I want to unlearn all these muting things.

Most of all, I want to relearn

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet: Gabriel Okara

Explanation: The poet fakes his expressions. He admits that he does all these against his will. He says he wants to become a child again and laugh genuinely. So he wants to unlearn the unreal things and relearn how to laugh as he had done once upon a time.

Comment: It needs courage to confess your falsities.

7. I have also learned to say, 'Goodbye',

When I mean 'Good-riddance'

Context: (JN-19, MAR-20, JUNE-23)

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet: Gabriel Okara

Explanation: People utter words of welcome and exchange pleasantries but those words come only from the tip of their tongues and not from the depth of their hearts. When the presence of a person is not so pleasurable his leave taking becomes a great relief in the heart but the lips don't reveal the fact in the goodbye.

Comment: Speak from your heart to retain good relationships.

8. Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles

Like a fixed portrait smile.

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet: Gabriel Okara

Explanation: The poet compares people's faces to smiles in a portrait. Like a portrait, the smiles are actually fake and stiff. They are trying to fit to certain social expectations. The poet thinks about how fake he too has become with the fixed expression for different occasions, with an unnatural smile plastered across his face.

Comment: Reality gets revealed with time.

9. Now they shake hands without hearts

While their left hands search (QTY-19)

My empty pockets.

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet: Gabriel Okara

Explanation: People shake hands without warmth or happiness because they show fake emotions nowadays. While the right hand is shaking hands in a fake gesture, the left hand is busy in another mean act of analyzing the person for personal benefits. The line clearly explains the dual nature of people nowadays. They are not true to relationships and are exploiting others for their personal gains.

Comment: True relationships are real assets.

10. While their ice-block-cold eyes

Search behind my shadow.

Context:

Poem: Once Upon A Time

Poet: Gabriel Okara

Explanation: People lack the warmth and cordiality in relationships. So their eyes are cold and unwelcoming. The poet feels that words are never spoken to his eyes as people don't actually feel what they say. They present fake emotions.

Comment: Eyes are the indicators of the mind.

Q.NO: 41-47 PARAGRAPH 1 X 5 = 5 MARKS

4. Answer the following questions in about 100-150 words each.

1. Explain the things the poet has learnt when he grew into an adult.
(HY-18, JN, QTY-19, MAR-24)
2. This poem is nothing but a criticism of modern life. Justify this statement. (SCERT-3)
3. 'Face is the index of the mind.' Does this adage concur with the views of the poet?
4. How does Gabriel Okara criticise the modern life in his poem "Once upon a Time"?
(MAR-19, SEP-20)
5. The poet Okara painfully condemns the falsity displayed by adults both in their words and actions. Elucidate. (HY-19)
6. Explain the things the poet has learnt when he grew into an adult, in the poem, "Once upon a Time". (MAY-22)

PARAGRAPH FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Poem	:	Once Upon A Time
Poet	:	Gabriel Okara
Theme	:	Child is the father of man

The poet Okara has beautifully interpreted the circular structure of human life where the child wishes to experience the freedom of adulthood while the adult yearns for the innocence of childhood. The poem is in a narrative form where the poet talks with his son about the malice of the society and wishes to learn the art of real happiness from him.

The poet says that the world of his childhood was filled with warm, sincere and genuine feelings for others. Their cordial handshakes conveyed the message of trust, honesty and togetherness. But nowadays, he laments that the expressions of the adult society have become alarmingly negative. Hearts have stopped speaking while eyes have become 'ice-blocks'. People have started exploiting others for their personal gains. They have even become reluctant to show true hospitality over people. Since innocence has become a fading aspect of the society, the poet too has learnt to adapt to the social demands. With an artificial smile plastered across the face, the poet is a proud owner of several masks that could be worn to suit occasions. He has also mastered the art of duplicity in words and actions. When his lips say goodbye, it's actually 'good-riddance' from his heart.

The poet repents to his son for being a fake with his emotions. He has become a victim of social acceptance against his will.

But believe me, son. I want to be what I used to be

And now he wants to become a child again to enjoy real happiness. His image in the mirror with the fangs of a snake scares him a lot. So he wants to unlearn the falsities he has mastered and relearn the genuine qualities of childhood. He requests his son to guide him in his quest.

Moral: Innocence is not learnt, It's a state of mind.

PARAGRAPH FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

Poem :	Once Upon A Time
Poet :	Gabriel Okara
Theme :	Child is the father of man

The poem 'Once Upon A Time' **portrays a rare situation**. An adult (**father**) wants to **learn from** a child (**son**). The **father realizes** that the **social pressure** has **injected falsity** into his **emotional system**. He **regrets his life style** which is **filled with fake feeling, deceit, malice and ulterior motives**. He has **forgotten to laugh** with his **heart**. He has also **developed ice-block-cold-eyes**. The world of the **grownups** has **moved away from trust, warmth and hospitality**. Their **facial expressions are tailored** for social acceptance. They are **not genuine**. They **wear masks** suitable for **various situations**. They **hide reality**. The **poet too** becomes **sneaky and deceitful** to fit into **social expectations**. But he **confesses for his activities**. Now he is **ready to give up his fake qualities and relearn the genuine qualities**. He **requests his son to show him** how to **laugh** the way he used to laugh, **when he was a kid** like him.

Moral: Innocence is not learnt, It's a state of mind.

PARAGRAPH FOR LATE BLOOMERS

- The poet talks to **his son** about the **adult world**.
- There is **no truth in words and actions**.
- The poet feels **very sad**.
- He has also **changed with others**.
- He too shows **fake emotions**.
- He wants to **relearn the good qualities**.
- He asks his son to **help him to laugh like a child again**.

TEXTBOOK EXERCISES (Page-23)

1. **Answer the following questions:**

a. **What do you associate with the title of the poem?**

The title makes us associate the poem with a fairy tale which has a happy beginning and ending.

b. **What is the relationship between the narrator and the listener?**

The narrator is the father and the listener is his son.

c. **What happens to the poet when he visits someone for the third time?**

The poet feels that the person turns hostile and he becomes an unwelcomed guest if he visits the third time.

d. **Pick out the expressions that indicate conflicting ideas.**

- They used to laugh with their hearts and now they only laugh with their teeth
- They used to shake hands with their hearts and now they shake hands without hearts
- I have also learned to say, 'Goodbye' when I mean 'Good-riddance'

e. **How does the poet compare his face with dresses?**

People choose dresses to suit the occasions. Similarly the poet says he changes his face according to the demand of the situation.

f. **What does the poet mean when he says 'good bye'?**

The poet says that he is actually feeling a sense of relief when an unwanted visitor leaves the place though his lips bid him goodbye.

g. **What pleasantries does the poet use to fake cordiality?**

Goodbye, Glad to meet you, It's been nice talking to you are the pleasantries used by the poet to fake cordiality.

h. **What does he desire to unlearn and relearn?**

The poet wants to unlearn the falsities he has mastered as a grown up and relearn the genuine qualities of childhood.

i. **How is the poet's laugh reflected in the mirror?**

When the poet laughs before the mirror, he sees no expression. His teeth resemble the fangs of a snake. He is scared of these negative changes in him.

j. *What does the poet long for?*

The poet longs for his childhood innocence and happiness.

k. *Mention the qualities, the child in the poem symbolises.*

The child in the poem symbolizes innocence, purity, enthusiasm, happiness, and genuineness lacking in society.

2. Fill in the blanks :

The poet Okara in this narrative monologue painfully condemns the (a) duplicity displayed by adults, both in their words and actions. Here, a father laments to his son about the negative changes that creep into the attitude and behaviour of humans, when they grow into (b) adults. He says that people used to be (c) genuine when they laugh and the honesty would be reflected in their eyes. But, people of modern times laugh (d) superficially. Their handshakes used to be warm and happy conveying a sense of togetherness, but nowadays the handshakes have become a mere (e) falsity. He warns his son that people are not trust-worthy and have become so selfish that they are concerned only about their own (f) personal benefits.

People utter words of welcome and exchange (g) pleasantries, but those words come only from the tip of their tongues and not from the depth of their hearts. Humans have learnt the art of changing their (h) facial expressions according to situations merely to ensure social acceptance. They wear (i) masks and exhibit multiple faces. The narrator admits that he has also changed into a hypocrite. However, he tells his son that though he (j) fakes his expressions, he does all these against his will. He says he wants to become a (k) child again and laugh genuinely. He wants to (l) unlearn the unreal things and (m) relearn how to laugh as he had done once upon a time. When he laughs before the (n) mirror, he sees no expression. His teeth are bare like that of the (o) fangs of a snake. So, he asks his son to show him how to laugh the way he used to laugh, when he was a kid like him.

3. A. Interpret each of the following expressions.i. *laugh with their eyes*

Eyes will reflect warm, sincere and genuine emotions if the smile is a real one. Eyes speak the language of the heart without any pretention.

ii. *shake hands without hearts*

People utter words of welcome and shake hands, but those words come only from the tip of their tongues and not from the depth of their hearts.

iii. *like a fixed portrait smile*

An artificial smile that can be seen plastered across the face in a portrait to suit different occasions.

iv. *hands search my empty pockets*

Hands that try to exploit others for their personal benefits unmindful of the trust placed on them.

v. *to unlearn all these muting things*

The poet wishes to give up the fake qualities he had gained during the process of growing up.

B. Answer the questions that follow.1. *'But now they only laugh with their teeth, While their ice-block-cold eyes...'*

a. Who are 'they'? (HY-18)

They refers to the **people of modern times**.

b. Explain: ice-block-cold eyes

Eyes that **lack warmth and care**.

c. Identify the figure of speech used here. (HY-18)
Metaphor2. *'Most of all, I want to relearn*

How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror

Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!'

a. Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?

Because the poet is aware that **he too has become deceitful like others**.

b. Whom does the poet want to relearn from?

The poet wants to relearn **from his son**.

c. Mention the figure of speech - Simile

C. Explain the following lines with reference to the Context:. (Refer ERC section)**5. Tick the right answers from the options:(TB Pg-24)**

(Listening Pg-198)

- i) *furnace* ii) *fail*
iii) *confidence* iv) *chair* v) *mother*

FIGURES OF SPEECH (ALL THE POEMS)**A. SIMILE:**

1. Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles **like** a fixed portrait smile
2. For my laugh in the mirror shows only my teeth **like** a snake's bare fangs!
3. I have learned to wear many faces **like** dresses
4. I am just glad **as** glad can be

B. METAPHOR:

1. While their ice-block-cold eyes search behind my shadow
2. He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore
3. Are really the ladder for the rise of Man
4. Honour is a property common to all
5. Make dust our paper, and with rainy eyes

C. PERSONIFICATION:

1. To her works did Nature link
2. The human soul that through me ran...
3. They say he cheats at cards.
4. We bow before competence and merit
5. Keeps Death his court; and there the antic sits,
6. Scoffing his state and grinning at his pomp;
7. Bores through his castle wall, and farewell king!
8. My soul in true thanksgiving speaks
9. My limp and bashful spirit feeds

D. ONOMATOPOEIA:

When **snaps** the knee, and **cracks** the wrist

E. ANAPHORA:

When swollen eye meets gnarled fist
When snaps the knee, and cracks the wrist,
When officialdom demands

F. REPETITION:

Macavity, Macavity there's no one like **Macavity**

G. INTERROGATION:

And yet not so -- for what can we bequeath,
 Save our deposèd bodies to the ground?

H. RHETORICAL QUESTION:

How can you say to me I am a king?

I. EUPHEMISM:

Bores through his castle wall, and farewell king!

J. INTERNAL RHYME:

Scoffing his state and **grinning** at his pomp.

துணைப்பாட (SUPPLEMENTARY) பகுதியிலிருந்து.....

அரசுப் பொதுத்தேர்வில் கேட்கப்படும் வினாக்கள்

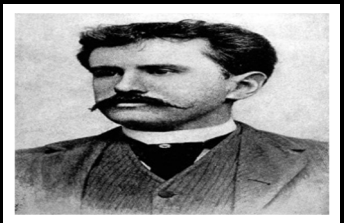
PART-IV

43 Write an PARAGRAPH (Supplementary) using Hints (Either...or...type) 1x5 =5

வினாத்தாளில் **Supplementary** பகுதியிலிருந்து 2 வினாக்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் 1 வினாவுக்கு விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். கொடுக்கப்பட்ட துணைப்பாடக் குறிப்புகளை (**Supplementary Hints**) படித்து அதனை விரிவாக்கி வினாக்களுக்கு விடை எழுத வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க பாடநூலில் **Supplementary** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு கதையிலும் உள்ள **Paragraph Questions** பகுதி வினா-விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் **Supplementary** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு கதையிலும் உள்ள **Paragraph Questions** பகுதி வினா-விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.



Supplementary-1
AFTER TWENTY YEARS
(இருபது வருடங்களுக்குப் பிறகு)
O. Henry



கதைச்சுருக்கம்:

நியூயார்க் நகரின் தெருவொன்றில் இரவுப் பொழுதில் காவலர் ஒருவர் ரோந்து பணியில் ஈடுபட்டிருந்தார். அப்பொழுது அங்கே தனியாக நிற்கும் ஒரு நபரைக் காண்கிறார். அவர் தான் பாப் எனவும், தன் நண்பன் ஜிம்மியின் வருகைக்காக காத்திருப்பதாகவும், 20 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்னர் அவர்கள் இருவரும் இதேநாள், இதே நேரத்தில், இதே இடத்தில் 20 ஆண்டுகள் கழித்து சந்திப்பதாக ஒப்பந்தம் செய்து கொண்டார்கள் எனவும், பின்னர் தான் மேற்கு நோக்கிச் சென்றுவிட்டதாகவும் தன் கதையை விவரிக்கிறார். காவலரும் அதனைக் கேட்டுவிட்டு அங்கிருந்து சென்றுவிடுகிறார். காத்திருத்தல் தொடர்கிறது. சிறிது நேரத்தில் அங்கு இன்னொரு நபர் வருகிறார். தான் தான் அந்த நண்பர் ஜிம்மி என காத்திருந்தவரிடம் சொல்கிறார். இருவரும் கைகளைக் கோர்த்தபடி நடக்கின்றனர். பின்னர் இருவரும் வெளிச்சமான பகுதியை அடைந்த பொழுது புதிதாக வந்த நபர் தன் நண்பன் ஜிம்மி அல்ல என்பதை காத்திருந்த பாப் கண்டுபிடித்து விடுகிறார். அதற்கு புதிதாக வந்த நபர் தான் காவலர் எனவும், காத்திருந்தவரை கைது செய்துவிட்டதாகவும் தெரிவிக்கிறார். பின்னர் அவர் கையில் ஒரு சிறிய காகிதத்தை கொடுக்கிறார். அதில் முதன் முதலில் அங்கு வந்து அவருடன் பேசிய காவலர்தான் உண்மையான நண்பர் ஜிம்மி எனவும், மேலும் காத்திருந்தவர் காவல்துறையால் சிகாகோ நகரில் தீவிரமாக தேடப்படும் குற்றவாளி பாப் என்பதை அவர் சிகரெட் பற்ற வைக்க தீக்குச்சியை உரசிய வெளிச்சத்தில் கண்டுபிடித்ததாகவும் மற்றும் தன் நண்பனை தானே கைது செய்ய மனமின்றி மற்றொரு காவலரை அனுப்பி வைத்ததாகவும் குறிப்பிடப்பட்டிருந்தது. இதனைப் படித்த பாப் அதிர்ந்து போனார்.

Q.NO: 41-47 PARAGRAPH 1 X 5= 5 MARKS

Write a PARAGRAPH of about 200 words by developing the following hints:

a) Two friends - made a pact - meet after twenty years - Bob arrived - spoke to policeman on beat - tall man came - claimed to be Jimmy Wells - Bob realized - not his friend - policeman in plainclothes- arrested Bob, a noted criminal - policeman on beat - real Jimmy Wells - hesitated to arrest friend - sent another with a note. (QTY, HY-18, 19, MAR, SEP-20, JUNE-23, MAR-24)

PARAGRAPH FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

SYNOPSIS

- * Introduction
- * Two friends and their strange appointment
- * After Twenty Years
- * Conclusion

INTRODUCTION:

O. Henry weaves a beautiful plot and leads his readers to a surprising climax in his story 'After Twenty Years' In this modern world of jungle rules, we encounter two steadfast friends who make a ridiculous agreement to meet after twenty years at the same venue and time. Both the friends arrive at the spot and an emotionally intensified narration transcends us into the world of these two friends.

TWO FRIENDS AND THEIR STRANGE APPOINTMENT:

Bob and Jimmy were two thick friends. They were raised in New York. Bob was eighteen and Jimmy was twenty when they parted in their efforts to stabilize their careers. Bob moved to the West in search of fortune while Jimmy stayed back in New York. One day after dining at the Brady's restaurant, Bob and Jimmy who were just like brothers agreed to meet exactly after twenty years from that date and time.

Man proposes; God disposes

AFTER TWENTY YEARS:

O. Henry begins his narration from here and travels back later to make the readers understand the effects of the passage of time on people. Two young boys who set out into the world meet as grown ups with their lives in different paths. Bob waits near their meeting spot, the restaurant which has been torn down with a hardware store replacing it. A police man on patrol arrives at the spot a little later. Bob in his anxiety on looking at the cop clarifies his reason for standing at the spot. With his diamond pin and handsome watch, Bob seems to have done well in the West. The cop leaves the place after a brief chat. A tall man dressed in a long coat arrives after some time and calls out at Bob. It was Jimmy, who too had remembered their appointment. Bob shares his success story with his friend with pride and looks down on Jimmy who has settled down in a mediocre job. On seeing Jimmy under a bright light, Bob finds out that there is a mistaken identity. This alerts the tall man who immediately takes Bob under arrest and hands over a note to him. It was sent by the real Jimmy, the policeman on patrol. He too had come to meet his friend on time. When he realizes that his friend has transformed into 'Silky' Bob, the most wanted criminal in Chicago, he leaves the spot without revealing himself. He later sends a plainclothes man to arrest Bob as he didn't want to do it. The shattered Bob leaves in silence as he had involved in less virtuous activities when he had fought for success in the West.

We have to present the accounts of our deeds at the court of time.

CONCLUSION:

Jimmy chooses to follow the correct path to become the law enforcer while Bob, who is more ambitious, takes the short cuts to become the law breaker. This stark contrast in their life style and the fate of their destiny teach us a very valuable lesson.

Moral : There are no shortcuts to success.

PARAGRAPH FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

Story	: After Twenty Years
Author	: O. Henry
Characters	: Bob, Jimmy, Plain clothes man
Theme	: Virtue rules the vice

O. Henry talks about an agreement between two friends, Bob and Jimmy. They were raised in New York. They were like brothers. When Jimmy was 20, Bob was 18, they decided to move ahead to establish their careers. They also made an appointment to meet at the same venue, date and time after 20 years. Bob moved to the West. Jimmy stayed at New York. After 20 years Bob waits at the same venue for Jimmy. He too turns up but without revealing his identity. Bob has become the most wanted criminal of Chicago. Jimmy identifies him. Out of respect for their friendship, Jimmy doesn't arrest Bob. He sends a plain clothes man to do the job. Unaware of Jimmy's move, Bob gets arrested. The plain clothes man gives a note from Jimmy. On reading it, Bob gets shocked. Jimmy is a policeman. He has only made arrangements for Bob's arrest. **Moral: Way justifies the means**

PARAGRAPH FOR LATE BLOOMERS

- * Bob and Jimmy were friends.
- * They plan to meet at the same place, date and time after 20 years.
- * Jimmy becomes a cop and Bob becomes a criminal.
- * Bob waits at the same place after 20 years.
- * Jimmy a policeman now, comes there and leaves soon.
- * Jimmy finds out that Bob is a criminal.
- * He sends another man to arrest his friend.
- * Bob reads the note from Jimmy.
- * He is shocked to know that the policeman was his friend, Jimmy.

Supplementary-2

A SHOT IN THE DARK

(முட்டாள்தனமான யூகம்)

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கதைச்சுருக்கம்:

பிலிப் ஸ்லெதர்பி அரசியல்வாதியாக விரும்பும் ஒரு நபர். அவர் ஒரு விருந்துக்காக அருகிலுள்ள ஊருக்கு இரயிலில் பயணம் செய்கிறார். அவர் இருக்கைக்கு முன்னால் ஒரு இளைஞன் அமர்ந்திருக்கிறான். அவன் எதையோ பரபரப்பாகத் தேடிக்கொண்டிருந்தான். ஸ்லெதர்பி அவனுடன் பேசிய பொழுது அவன்தான் அவரை விருந்துக்காக அழைத்திருக்கும் பெண்மனியின் இரண்டாவது மகன் எனவும், அருகிலுள்ள கிராமத்தில் மூன்று நாட்கள் தங்கி மீன் பிடித்து தன் நேரத்தை செலவிட இருப்பதாகவும் தெரிவிக்கிறான். மேலும் தான் வரும் அவசரத்தில் தனது பணத்தை மறந்து வைத்துவிட்டதாகவும், தனக்கு பணம் தந்து உதவுமானும் ஸ்லெதர்பியிடம் கேட்கிறான். அவர் அவனுடைய குடும்ப முத்திரை அடையாளங்கள் மற்றும் அவனது தாய் பற்றிய விவரங்களைக் கேட்கிறார். அவனும் விவரிக்கிறான். பின்னர் அவன் இறங்க வேண்டிய இடம் வருகிறது. ஆனால் ஸ்லெதர்பி தான் ஒப்புக்கொண்டதைப்போல அந்த இளைஞனுக்கு பணம் தரவில்லை. மாறாக அவன் சொன்ன தகவல்கள் பொய் என தனது புத்திசாலித்தனத்தை மெச்சுகிறார். அவர் விருந்துக்கு செல்ல வேண்டிய இடத்தை அடைகிறார். தனது பயண அனுபவங்களைப் பற்றியும், தனது புத்திசாலித்தனம் பற்றியும் மற்றவரிடம் சொல்லி பெருமைப்பட நினைக்கிறார். பின்னர் தான் உண்மை தெரிகிறது அந்த இளைஞன் சொன்ன தகவல்கள் அனைத்தும் உண்மையானது என.

QN. NO 1-20	PART-I VOCABULARY	20 MARKS
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1 to 3 : Synonyms (TB-4, 5, 38, 70, 108, 142, 170, 171)

3 x 1 = 3

4 to 6 : Antonyms (TB-6, 38, 74)

3 x 1 = 3

7 to 20 : Other Vocabulary Exercises: (Answer All-Any 14 Questions will be asked) 8 x 1 = 8

TOPICS	TB-PG	TOPICS	TB-PG
Compound Words	6	Substitute Words/ Phrases with Polite Alternatives	
Prefixes and Suffixes	7,39	Modal Verbs and Semi-Modals	43
Abbreviations and Acronyms	39	Prepositions	44
Clipped Words	72	Question Tags	121
Definition of Words	73,101	Syllabification	
Phrasal Verbs	112	American English and British English	
Common Idioms	40,111,173	Singular and Plural	80
Confusables	7,71	Sentence Patterns	
Foreign Words and Phrases	172		

(எவையேனும் 14 வினாக்கள் மேற்கண்ட 17 தலைப்புகளில் இருந்து கேட்கப்படும். கேட்கப்படும் அனைத்து 14 வினாக்களுக்கும் விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். வினா எண்களின் வரிசை மாறி, மாறி இருக்கும். எனவே வினா எண்கள் குறிக்கப்படவில்லை.)

Q. NO. 1-3	SYNONYMS	3 MARKS
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1-3 Choose the correct Synonyms:-

3 x 1 = 3

கொடுக்கப்பட்ட வாக்கியத்தில் அடிக்கோடிட்டிருக்கும் (Underline) வார்த்தைக்கு இணையான அர்த்தம் கொண்ட வார்த்தையை, தரப்பட்டுள்ள 4 விடைகளிலிருந்து தேர்ந்தெடுத்து எழுத வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க Prose பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடத்திலும் உள்ள Glossary பகுதி (பக்கங்கள் 4,5,38,70,108,142,170,171) வார்த்தைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் உள்ள Synonym பகுதி வார்த்தைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:

- Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face... (SCERT-1)
 - graceful
 - fresh
 - smoothed
 - wrinkled
- It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder.
 - irritation
 - inability (SCERT-1)
 - inferiority
 - ability
- we have to re-call the struggles of the past and realize the perils and possibilities. (SCERT-1, MAR-26)
 - safeties
 - dangers
 - securities
 - certainty
- I do claim to represent the common man in all his ruggedness. (MAR-19, SCERT-2)
 - strength
 - toughness
 - both a and b
 - only a
- My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation. (SCERT-2)
 - isolation
 - freedom
 - both a and b
 - neither a nor b
- I realized that a career of rectitude sometimes has rewards. (SCERT-2, JUN-23, MAR-24,26)
 - wickedness
 - honesty
 - immorality
 - iniquity
- We were confined to the sports arena. (SCERT-3)
 - bound
 - open
 - free
 - loosened
- I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor to post an important letter. (SCERT-3, HY-18, JN-19, SEP-20, JUL-25)
 - ready
 - unwilling
 - eager
 - anxious

9. 'I always have catastrophes, when I travel'.
 a) disaster b) fortune (SCERT-3)
 c) prosperity d) success

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

- The disadvantage for me was appetite.
 a) faulted b) hunger (MAR-19,23,26)
 c) criticised d) appreciated
- that we regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric. (MAR-19)
 a) modern b) weary
 c) normal d) **weird**
 (a) strange (b) conventional (MAR-24)
 (c) persuasive (d) reasonable
- The role of the University today is not cloistered
- (JN-19, JUL-25)
 a) flexible b) restricted
 c) determined d) challenging
- She thumped the sagging skins of the dilapidated drum. (JN-19, JUL-25)
 a) preserved b) repaired
 c) **damaged** d) costly
- we treated it like the fables of the prophets she used to tell us. (MAR-20)
 a) tales b) theories
 c) sayings d) experiences
 a) hymns b) songs (MAY-22)
 c) storeys d) **stories**
- either he has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth. (MAR-20)
 a) great b) **bold**
 c) strong d) perfect
- I shall only reiterate some of the cardinal principles. (MAR-20)
 a) accept b) express
 c) **repeat** d) adopt
- not anger or exasperation, but just simple wonder. (SEP-20)
 a) amusement b) nervousness
 c) **irritation** d) surprise
- A peaceful pallor spread on her face. (SEP-20)
 a) devotion b) **appearance**
 c) results d) stress
- The common link of friendship was snapped.
 a) deprived b) fixed (HY-18, SEP-21,
 c) isolated d) **cut** MAR-25)
- a continuous stream of men and women endowed with the spirit of service. (HY-18, SEP-21)
 a) **gifted** b) obliged
 c) denied d) reflected

- Memories prevent them from remembering to do such small prosaic things. (HY-19, JUL-24)
 a) mean b) cheap
 c) **dull** d) stale
- Unless you replenish it richly, coming generations will find only an empty coffer.
 a) **refill** b) decorate (HY-19)
 c) reshuffle d) overhaul
- That seemed quited absurd and undignified on her part. (HY-19)
 a) impractical b) **illogical**
 c) insensitive d) disloyal
- She hobbled about the house in spotless white. (QTY-18, JULY-22)
 a) walked unsteadily b) jumped
 c) ran quickly d) danced
- She sat by her wheel spinning and reciting prayers. (QTY-19)
 a) memorizing b) murmuring
 c) **chanting** d) teaching
- I ate enough to sate my appetite. (QTY-19)
 a) suppress b) quench
 c) increase d) **satisfy**
- I am no great delinquent in such matters. (QTY-19)
 a) creator b) **offender**
 c) guardian d) halfwit
- I would have taken fifty farthings. (SEP-21)
 a) Sticks b) **Paisa**
 c) Guineas d) Lashes
- The coaches lauded me. (MAY-22)
 a) **appreciated** b) gifted
 c) garlanded d) rebuked
- The toilers did not enjoy this privilege.
 a) kings b) bosses (MAY-22)
 c) leaders d) **workers**
- Mary Kom had a strong conviction in her passion for boxing: (JULY-22)
 a) struggle b) **belief**
 c) thought d) affinity
- He could hear a smothered noise from his friend: (JULY-22, MAR-25)
 a) **suppressed** b) loud
 c) strange d) weird
- She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing – song. (MAR-23)
 a) jarring b) **boring**
 c) piercing d) depressing
- What was her Vexation (MAR-23)
 a) **annoyance** b) discomfort
 c) confusion d) lethargy

26. Words of praise and adulation were showered on me. (JUNE-23)

- a) gratitude b) appreciation
c) wisdom d) encouragement

27. An inheritors of that rich legacy, you are best suited to overcome even the environment. (JUN-23)

- a) benefactors b) custodians
c) successors d) founders

28. They were content to work in secluded spheres.

- (a) uninformed (b) isolated (MAR-24)
(c) associated (d) liberated

29. My medal haul continued after my marriage

(JUL-24)

- a) taking a collection b) making an attempt
c) dragging a game d) punching a boxer

30. It is indelibly branded in letters of fire on my heart. (JUL-24)

- a) remarkable b) erasable
c) cannot be rubbed out d) cannot be added

31. With this princely sum, I left for the US.

- a) very large b) royal (MAR-25)
c) heavy d) meagre

Q. NO. 4-6

ANTONYMS

3 MARKS

4-6 Choose the correct Antonyms

3 x 1 = 3

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GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:

1. The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players.

- a) required b) obligatory (SCERT-1)
c) voluntary d) compulsion

2. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic. (SCERT-1, HY-19)

- a) rich b) wealthy
c) poor d) luxurious

3. It was at this point that my wife looked at me with an expression of wonder – not anger or exasperation. (SCERT-1)

- a) irritation b) calmness
c) vexation d) annoyance

4. So you will understand , when I tell you how much I ache to be suave, ... (SCERT-2, JUNE-23, JUL-24)

- a) unkind b) immoral
c) impolite d) unjust

5. The coaches consoled me and lauded me on the silver win. (SCERT-2)

- a) punished b) persuaded
c) criticized d) both a and b

6. He is an audacious perverter of the truth.

(SCERT-2, JN, QTY-19)

- a) timid b) outspoken
c) aggressive d) quivering

7. My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation. (SCERT-3)

- a) isolation b) companionship
c) retirement d) retreat

8. You may find self-seekers enthroned and the patient worker decried. (SCERT-3)

- a) adorned b) elevated
c) dethroned d) glorified

9. A fourth was torpedoed in the war.

- a) saved b) destroyed (SCERT-3)
c) attacked d) damaged

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. Her happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed with frivolous rebukes. (MAR-19, JUNE-23)

- a) serious b) harmless
c) funny d) decent

2. "Don't look so doleful, girls". (MAR-19)

- a) peaceful b) joyful
c) doubtful d) powerful

3. There are, it must be admitted, some matters.

- a) replied b) denied (MAR-19)
c) argued d) accepted

4. It is because of their antipathy to pills and potions _____. (JN-19, MAR-26)

- a) faith b) loyalty
c) interest d) liking

- (a) aversion (b) eagerness
(c) dislike (d) reluctance
5. The other teams weight in, which is compulsory for all players. (JN-19)
a) optional b) natural
c) critical d) occasional
6. The discrepancy about the crests put me on my guard (MAR-20)
a) originality b) similarity
c) functionality d) triviality
7. Such a cosy little room! (MAR-20)
a) uncomfortable b) inexpensive
c) filthy d) dingy
8. But how near the surface and ready is worldly guile! (MAR-20)
a) hardship b) peace
c) honesty d) pleasure
9. I retained the world title in the Third World Women's Boxing championship. (SEP-20)
a) attained b) distribute
c) ruined d) gave up
10. I pulled myself together sufficiently to hand my card, nonchalantly to the clerk.... (SEP-20)MAR-23)
a) physically b) foolishly
c) secretly d) concernedly
11. People with robust optimism will be discouraged and forced to take to the path of ease. (SEP-20)
a) rough b) soft
c) weak d) thin
12. They consoled me and lauded me on the silver win.
a) blamed b) admired (HY-18)
c) appreciated d) praised
a) appreciated b) acclaimed (MAR-24)
c) criticised d) witnessed
13. There was no sound but a curious smothered noise form my friend. (HY-18)
a) suppressed b) stifled
c) expressed d) suffocated
14. I fell into conversation with an attractive young lady in the next seat. (HY-18)
a) captivating b) charming
c) ravishing d) ugly
15. His clever little trap would earn him applause as a man of resource and astuteness. (HY-19)
a) simplicity b) pretence
c) innocence d) stupidity
16. The fact remains, that few but the moral giants remember to take their medicine regularly.
a) bane b) fiction (HY-19)
c) diction d) trust
17. Thousands of sparrows sat scattered on the floor. (QTY-18, JULY-22, 25)
a) picked b) distributed
c) gathered d) found
18. That seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part. (QTY-19, MAR-26)
a) lenient b) casual
c) attractive d) logical
19. I was presented with a traditional shawl. (QTY-19)
a) expensive b) generous
c) modern d) valuable
20. The other Indian boxers also performed exceptionally. (SEP-21)
a) moderately b) remarkably
c) differently d) furiously
21. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic. (SEP-21)
a) lavish b) poor
c) affluent d) wealthy
22. Society has got a right to expect and adequate return from you. (SEP-21)
a) insufficient b) average
c) enormous d) plentiful
23. Grandmother was always in spotless white. (MAY-22)
a) pure b) pointless
c) dirty d) creased
24. The staff looked so unsympathetic..... (MAY-22)
a) credible b) genuine
c) dutiful d) sympathetic
25. It requires individual responsibility. (MAY-22)
a) classical b) personal
c) collective d) modern
26. She was happy that her fear vanished: (JULY-22)
a) disappeared b) appeared
c) proved d) concluded
27. I do represent him in all ruggedness: (JULY-22)
a) timidity b) honesty
c) strength d) regularity
a) loneliness b) eagerness (MAR-23)
c) weakness d) sadness
28. My particular specialty now is returning to hotel desks two or three times a day. (MAR-23)
a) peculiar b) exemplary
c) moderate d) general

29.I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor to post an important letter. (JUNE-23)

- a) cautious b) eager
c) lucky d) willing

- a) disinterested b) keen (MAR-25)
c) rebellious d) unwilling

30. I explained to her the close and venerable relationship between the names. (MAR-24)

- a) respected b) valued (JUL-25)
c) confused d) unworthy

31. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song. (MAR-24)

- (a) interesting (b) melodious
(c) loud (d) unchanging

32. She was like _____ an expanse of pure white serenity. (JUL-24)

- a) anxiety b) calmness
c) confidence d) unconcerned

33. They were content to work in secluded spheres. (JUL-24)

- a) isolated b) crowded
c) private d) solitude

34. I never did my frequent flyer miles, by the way. (MAR-25)

- a) often b) rare
c) customary d) always

35. Robust optimism will be discouraged.

- a) encouraged b) compelled (MAR-25)
c) pressurised d) suppressed

36. He persuaded me to look in at the sale room. (MAR-25)

- a) disturbed b) provoked
c) dissuaded d) perturbed

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS:

a) Read the following words and choose the correct antonyms from the options given:- (PAGE-6)

Words	Options			
moist	a. marshy	b. arid	c. slimy	d. sultry
frivolous	a. serious	b. sad	c. furious	d. happy
omitted	a. isolated	b. rejected	c. contracted	d. included
protest	a. promote	b. apprehend	c. accept	d. project
serenity	a. simplicity	b. anxiety	c. absurdity	d. stupidity
scattered	a. sprinkled	b. multiplied	c. gathered	d. covered
monotonous	a. interesting	b. tiresome	c. fragrant	d. satisfying

1. Antonym (PAGE-38)

A	
amateur	x professional
compulsory	x unnecessary
traditional	x modern
expensive	x cheap
hopeful	x desperate
accepted	x refused

d) Find the antonyms of the following words: (PAGE-74)

seldom	x often	reality	x fantasy
admitted	x denied	virtue	x vice
methodical	x inefficient	relish	x dislike
vile	x pleasant	fact	x lie / fiction
indignant	x delighted		

Q. NO. 7-20

COMPOUND WORDS

1 MARK

தரப்பட்டுள்ள வார்த்தையின் சரியான சேர்க்கையை (Combination) தரப்பட்டுள்ள 4 விடைகளில் இருந்து தெரிவு செய்ய வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க Prose பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடத்திலும் உள்ள Book Exercises பகுதி (பக்கம் 6) உள்ள Compound Word பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் உள்ள Compound Word பகுதி வினாக்களையும் நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

- ❖ இரண்டு அல்லது அதற்கு மேற்பட்ட வார்த்தைகள் இணைக்கப்பட்டு, உருவாக்கப்படும் ஒரு புதிய வார்த்தைக்கு compound word என்று பெயர்.
- ❖ அவைகள் இரு பெயர் சொற்களாகவோ அல்லது பல்வேறு parts of speech இன் கலவையாகவோ இருக்கும்.
- ❖ எடுத்துக்காட்டாக toll free என்ற வார்த்தைகளை தனி தனியாய் பார்க்கும்பொழுது toll என்றால் சுங்கம் என்றும் free என்றால் இலவசம் என்றும் பொருள். ஆனால் இதை இணைப்பு சொல்லாக பார்க்கும்பொழுது சுங்க வரி அற்ற என்ற மாறுபட்ட பொருள் தரும். Eg : Match box
- ❖ sun - சூரியன், flower - பூ, sunflower - சூரியகாந்தி.

❖ இணைக்கப்படும் வார்த்தைகளுக்கு தனியான அர்த்தம் உண்டு.

இவை எழுவதின் அடிப்படையில் 3 வகைப்படுகின்றன. அவையாவன

1. Closed Form : இணைக்கப்பட்ட இரு வார்த்தைகளுக்கு இடையில் space (இடைவெளி) இருக்காது. உதாரணம் : football, notebook, keyboard.
2. Hyphenated Form : இணைப்பு வார்த்தைகளுக்கிடையே- hyphen (சிறிய நடுக்கோடு) இருக்கும். உதாரணம் : two-year-old, mother-in-law, six-pack.
3. Open Form : இணைப்பு வார்த்தைகளுக்கிடையே space (இடைவெளி) இருக்கும். உதாரணம் : real estate, attorney general, post office.

GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:

1. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with **"toll"** (SCERT-1, TB, JULY-22,25)
 - a) plaza/gate
 - b) late
 - c) proof
 - d) wheel
2. The word from the options given to form a compound word with **"mark"** (SCERT-3)
 - a) table
 - b) post
 - c) sheet
 - d) stain
3. Choose the correct combination for the compound word **'day dream'**. (SCERT-3)
 - a) noun + adverb
 - b) noun + verb
 - c) adjective + verb
 - d) adverb + noun

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. The word to form a compound word with **"mantel"** (TB, MAR-19)
 - a) peace
 - b) size
 - c) piece
 - d) fire
2. Choose the word that cannot be used after **'key'** to form a compound word. (JN-19)
 - a) note
 - b) lock
 - c) board
 - d) hole
3. Choose the word that can be added after **'good'** to form a compound word. (MAR-20)
 - a) sense
 - b) time
 - c) form
 - d) will
4. Choose the correct combination for the compound word **'over throw'**. (SEP-20)
 - a) Adjective + Verb
 - b) Adverb + Noun
 - c) Adverb + Verb
 - d) Adjective + Noun
5. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with **"eye"**(TB, HY-18)
 - a) iris
 - b) lashes
 - c) proof
 - d) lead
6. Choose the word that cannot be used after **'Book'** to form a compound word. (HY-19)
 - a) worm
 - b) stall
 - c) mark
 - d) buyer
7. Choose the correct combination for the compound word **'turning – point'** (QTY-18)
 - a) noun + noun
 - b) noun + verb
 - c) verb + noun
 - d) gerund + noun

8. Choose the word that cannot be placed after **'life'** to form a compound word. (QTY-19)
 - a) long
 - b) span
 - c) phase
 - d) time
9. Choose the word that can be added after **'show'** to form a compound word. (SEP-21)
 - a) dog
 - b) song
 - c) board
 - d) case
10. Choose the word to form a compound word with **"bee"**. (TB, MAY-22, MAR-26)
 - a) piece
 - b) lash
 - c) gate
 - d) hive
11. Court (TB, MAR-23)
 - a) yard
 - b) couple
 - c) round
 - d) smile
12. Choose the word that can be added after **'radio'** to form a compound word. (JUNE-23)
 - a) tune
 - b) time
 - c) news
 - d) gram

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS: (PG-6)

B & C) Choosing the appropriate compound word.

1. song
 - a) sing
 - b) over
 - c) under
 - d) sweet
2. straining (JUL-24)
 - a) all
 - b) over
 - c) under
 - d) glorious
3. less
 - a) energy
 - b) spot
 - c) slow
 - d) turning
4. gentle
 - a) water
 - b) folk
 - c) title
 - d) court
5. grand
 - a) hour
 - b) proof
 - c) fury
 - d) mother
6. sun
 - a) delight
 - b) set
 - c) press
 - d) damage
7. half
 - a) temple
 - b) song
 - c) hour
 - d) tender
8. home
 - a) doctor
 - b) yard
 - c) coming
 - d) piece
9. water (MAR-25)
 - a) wheel
 - b) gate
 - c) hive
 - d) proof
10. door
 - a) hive
 - b) gate
 - c) wheel
 - d) knob
11. spinning (MAR-24)
 - a) piece
 - b) wheel
 - c) wire
 - d) lid

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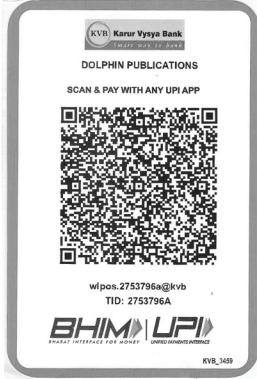
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PROSE

1. THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY

(Q. NO: 1-3) SYNONYMS:

1. That seemed quite **absurd** and undignified.
 - a) illogical
 - b) reasonable (TB)
 - c) sensible
 - d) annoying
2. She **hobbled** about the house in spotless white.
 - a) strapped
 - b) staggered (TB, JULY-22)
 - c) marched
 - d) camped
3. Her silver locks **puckered** her face. (TB)
 - a) stretched out
 - b) saddened
 - c) wrinkled
 - d) stitched
4. She was an **expanse** of pure white serenity. (TB)
 - a) enclosure
 - b) experience
 - c) widespread
 - d) reached
5. She said her prayers in a **monotonous** sing song.
 - a) interesting
 - b) exciting
 - c) changing
 - d) boring
6. The common link of friendship was **snapped**.
 - a) broken
 - b) held
 - c) supported
 - d) shot
7. My grandmother accepted her **seclusion**.
 - a) access
 - b) annex
 - c) isolation
 - d) correlation
8. The little birds were creating a veritable **bedlam**.
 - a) confusion
 - b) calmness
 - c) orderly
 - d) carelessness
9. Some came and **perched** on her legs.
 - a) poached
 - b) penetrated
 - c) reacted
 - d) rested
10. She fed longer and with frivolous **rebuke**.
 - a) praise
 - b) scoldings
 - c) admire
 - d) approve
11. She thumped the skins of the **dilapidated** drum. (JUL-25)
 - a) damaged
 - b) renovated
 - c) designated
 - d) branded
12. A peaceful **pallor** spread on her face.
 - a) healthy
 - b) paleness
 - c) parlour
 - d) energized
13. We covered her with a **shroud**.
 - a) cloud
 - b) cloth
 - c) mist
 - d) flower
14. We went to her room with a **crude** stretcher.
 - a) sophisticated
 - b) dirty
 - c) decent
 - d) natural
15. She lay dead and stiff **wrapped** in the red shroud.
 - a) covered
 - b) exposed
 - c) opened
 - d) unseen
16. We **protested**.
 - a) accepted
 - b) agreed
 - c) opposed
 - d) supported
17. She **ignored** our protests.
 - a) obeyed
 - b) acknowledged
 - c) disregarded
 - d) considered

18. She **thumped** the sagging skins of the drum.
 - a) beat
 - b) destroyed
 - c) tore
 - d) polished
19. We had to **persuade** her to stop.
 - a) deter
 - b) convince
 - c) discourage
 - d) dissuade
20. She **clasped** me in her arms..
 - a) held
 - b) repeating
 - c) silence
 - d) boring
21. She fed her sparrows with **frivolous** rebukes.
 - a) sensible
 - b) serious
 - c) important
 - d) senseless
22. I **cherished** the moist imprint.
 - a) neglected
 - b) treasured
 - c) abandoned
 - d) criticised
23. She was **distressed**.
 - a) upset
 - b) pleased
 - c) soothed
 - d) comforted
24. My grandmother sat inside reading the **scriptures**.
 - a) sculptures
 - b) statues
 - c) holy books
 - d) divine creatures
25. I loved her voice but never **bothered** to learn it.
 - a) troubled
 - b) convenient
 - c) interested
 - d) expelled

(Q. NO: 4-6) ANTONYMS:

1. She had been old and **wrinkled**.
 - a) crumpled
 - b) smooth
 - c) furrowed
 - d) puckered
2. She had once been **young** and pretty.
 - a) junior
 - b) old
 - c) infant
 - d) modern
3. She had once been young and **pretty**.
 - a) repulsive
 - b) appealing
 - c) cheerful
 - d) pleasing
4. He wore a big turban with **loose** fitting clothes.
 - a) rigid
 - b) tight
 - c) hanging
 - d) definite
5. That seemed **quite** absurd.
 - a) doubtfully
 - b) incompletely
 - c) absolutely
 - d) imperfectly
6. That seemed quite **absurd**.
 - a) foolish
 - b) practical
 - c) sensible
 - d) certain
7. Her silver locks were **scattered** over her face.
 - a) messy
 - b) gathered (TB, JUL-25)
 - c) disorderly
 - d) disorganized
8. An expanse of pure white **serenity**. (TB)
 - a) simplicity
 - b) anxiety
 - c) absurdity
 - d) stupidity
9. We were **constantly** together.
 - a) repeatedly
 - b) regularly
 - c) inconsistently
 - d) invariably

10. She said prayer in a **monotonous** sing-song. (TB)
 a) interesting b) tiresome (MAR-23)
 c) fragrant d) satisfying
11. Breakfast of a thick, **stale** chapatti.
 a) stenchy b) fresh
 c) smelly d) dried
12. The school was **attached** to the temple.
 a) connected b) separated
 c) united d) joined
13. My parents were **comfortably** settled in the city.
 a) warmly b) adequately
 c) agreeably d) poorly
14. For some time she **continued** to wake me up.
 a) advanced b) stopped
 c) maintained d) progressed
15. She was **distressed**.
 a) peaceful b) worried
 c) anxious d) nervous
16. Her **silence** meant disapproval.
 a) calmness b) patience
 c) noise d) bill
17. Her silence meant **disapproval**.
 a) praise b) criticism
 c) disagree d) censure
18. The **common** link of friendship was snapped.
 a) typical b) natural
 c) peculiar d) familiar
19. My grandma accepted her **seclusion**.
 a) privacy b) isolation
 c) sociable d) detached
20. She **rarely** left her spinning wheel.
 a) regularly b) hardly
 c) barely d) seldom
21. She fed her sparrows with **frivolous** rebukes.
 a) serious b) sad
 c) furious d) happy
22. We had to **persuade** her to stop.
 a) compel b) dissuade
 c) entice d) urge
23. We **protested**.
 a) promoted b) apprehended
 c) accepted d) projected
24. Before we could **suspect**, her lips stopped.
 a) distrust b) unbelievable
 c) trust d) dubious
25. We went to her room with a **crude** stretcher.
 a) dirty b) clean
 c) filthy d) awkward

(34-36) SHORT ANSWERS:**PART-1**

- a) Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait.
 (QTY-18, 19, HY-18)
- b) Why was the author left with his grandmother in the village?

- c) Where did the author study in his childhood?
 d) Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
 (SCERT-2, MAY-22)
- e) What made the dogs follow the grandmother after school hours?
 (JN-19, MAR-25)
- f) Why didn't the grandmother feel sentimental when the author went abroad for higher education?
- g) What was the happiest time of the day for grandmother?
 (HY-19, SEP-21, JUL-25)

PART-2

- a. Describe the author's grandmother. (HY-18, MAR-24)
- b. What was the daily routine of the grandmother at home?
 (HY-18, JUL-24)
- c. How is school education in the village different from that in the city?
- d. The grandmother appreciated the value of education. Give instances in support of your answer.
- e. The grandmother was strong-minded. Justify.
- f. How did the grandmother spend the last few hours of her life?
 (MAR-26)

(41-47) PARAGRAPH:

- a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years.
 (QTY-18, JULY-22, MAR-23, JUL-25)
- b) Give an account of the author's relationship with his grandmother.
 (QTY-19)
- c) Attempt a character sketch of Khushwant Singh's grandmother.
 (SCERT-1) (MAR-19)
- d) The Grandmother was strong-minded. Justify.
 (MAR-25)

2. THE QUEEN OF BOXING**(Q. NO: 1-3) SYNONYMS:**

1. The autobiography of **accomplished** sports persons are replete with challenges.
 a) commenced b) failed
 c) achieved d) left
2. The autobiography of accomplished sports persons are **replete** with challenges.
 a) filled b) lacking
 c) empty d) rejuvenate
3. Their single minded **pursuit** towards their goals.
 a) surrender b) retreat
 c) rehearse d) quest
4. A book is sure to make an **inspirational** read.
 a) arousing b) unemotional
 c) un-affecting d) dull
5. I'd heard of how **expensive** things were in America.
 a) moderate b) valuable
 c) worthless d) steep
6. With this **princely** sum I left for the US. (TB)
 a) meagre b) very large
 c) very small d) sufficient

7. I was **relieved** to have money in my pocket.
a) worried b) relaxed
c) careless d) anxious
8. We were **confined** to the sports arena.
a) restrained b) unlimited
c) free d) released
9. I was **fortunate**.
a) unfortunate b) unlucky
c) lucky d) hopeless
10. I **competed** in the 48kg in this championship.
a) fought b) surrendered
c) agreed d) assisted
11. The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of **appetite**. (TB) (MAR-19, 23)
a) hunger b) anger
c) drowsiness d) happiness
12. I was not **accustomed** to the food there.
a) unusual b) adapted
c) abnormal d) revolted
13. They consoled me and **lauded** me. (TB)
a) analysed b) appreciated
c) criticized d) condemned
14. The biggest thing was the **conviction** that I could take on any boxer. (TB)
a) compulsion b) connection
c) faith d) fixation
15. I had painfully began to **master** the art.
a) acquire b) mistake
c) majestic d) unskilled
16. I ate enough to **sate** my appetite and my palate.
a) dissatisfy b) satisfy (TB)
c) disappointed d) disagreed
17. I ate enough to sate my appetite and my **palate**. (TB)
a) plan b) performance (TB)
c) taste d) decour
18. A **felicitation** programme was held in Langol. (TB)
a) ridicule b) mock (TB)
c) applaud d) degrade
19. Words of **adulation** were showered on me. (TB)
a) appreciation b) adulthood (TB)
c) donation d) belittle
20. All are clearly **etched** in my memory. (TB)
a) tickled b) imprinted (TB)
c) written d) energy
21. My medal **haul** continued after my marriage. (TB)
a) collection b) expectation (TB)
c) curiosity d) anxiety
22. It put an end to **speculation**. (TB)
a) proof b) information (TB)
c) guess d) truth
23. I **retained** the world title.
a) kept b) wasted
c) refused d) lost
24. Indian boxer performed **exceptionally** well.

- a) usually b) commonly
c) extremely d) normally
25. The media **christened** me Magnificent Mary.
a) converted b) called
c) criticized d) ignored
- (Q. NO: 4-6) ANTONYMS:**
1. I was **selected** in the 48kg category.
a) chosen b) preferred
c) ignored d) elected
2. The association International de Boxe **Amateur**. (TB)
a) appraisal b) professional (TB)
c) hobby d) fun
3. I was both **upset** and worried.
a) confused b) comforted
c) distressed d) chaotic
4. Things were **expensive** in America. (TB)
a) experience b) exchange (TB)
c) cheap d) valuable
5. I was **relieved** to have money in my pocket.
a) worried b) consoled
c) satisfied d) relaxed
6. The people were **enormously** nice too.
a) tremendously b) trivial
c) greatly d) vastly
7. It is **compulsory** for all players. (TB)
a) regular b) convince (TB)
c) create d) optional
8. I was **fortunate** but others were not lucky.
a) lucky b) unfortunate
c) happy d) flourishing
9. I was able to face my **opponent**.
a) friend b) enemy
c) competitor d) rival
10. My fear quickly **vanished**.
a) faded b) disappeared
c) appeared d) gone
11. I was even **hopeful** of winning the gold. (TB)
a) desperate b) complex (TB)
c) determined d) refused
12. I **defeated** Nadia Hokmi.
a) succeeded b) failed
c) lost d) trapped
13. I was not **accustomed** to the food there.
a) adapted b) familiarized
c) neglected d) qualified
14. I was very **disappointed**.
a) delighted b) displeased
c) distressed d) dissatisfied
15. They **consoled** me and lauded me.
a) relieved b) soothed
c) gladdened d) worried
16. They consoled me and **lauded** me.
a) admired b) criticized
c) celebrated d) approved

2. And tell sad stories of the death of kings!
3. And yet not so -- for what can we bequeath,
4. And nothing can we call our own but death
5. And that small model of the barren earth
6. For you have but mistook me all this while.

(31-33) ERC:

1. Our lands, our lives, and all are Bolingbroke's,
And nothing can we call our own but death
(TB, SCERT-1, SEP-20)
2. All murdered; for within the hollow crown
That rounds the mortal temples of a king
Keeps Death his court
3. Comes at the last, and with a little pin
Bores through his castle wall, and farewell king!
4. How can you say to me I am a king?
(MAR-19, MAY-22, JUL-24)
5. Make dust our paper, and with rainy eyes
Write sorrow on the bosom of the earth.
6. For God's sake let us sit upon the ground
And tell sad stories of the death of kings **(SCERT-2)**
7. "I live with bread like you, feel want,
Taste grief, need friends. **(SEP-21)**

(41-47) PARAGRAPH:

1. What are the causes for King Richard's grief? **(HY-19)**
2. How are eternal truths and wisdom brought to the reader here? **(MAR-26)**
3. Write a short summary of the poem "The Hollow Crown". **(MAR-19, SCERT-1)**
4. How does King Richard explain the power of Death to his followers through his monologue? **(MAR-20)**
5. What are the lamentations of King Richard in the poem, "The Hollow Crown"? **(JULY-22)**

SUPPLEMENTARY READER

PARAGRAPH- DEVELOPING THE HINTS:

1. AFTER TWENTY YEARS

Jimmy wells and Bob-friends-Lived in Chicago-Bob-west to make fortune-Jim-New York promise to meet

after 20 years-Jim saw Bob-wanted criminal-in Chicago-sent a substitute arrested Bob.
(QTY, HY-18, 19, MAR, SEP-20, JUNE-23, MAR-24)

2. A SHOT IN THE DARK

Philpsletherby-travelling by train- a companion-want three pounds-Bertie's statement-Sletherby's doubt-thought Bertie-a fraud came to know through KC- Bertie did not lie. Sorry for his mistake.
(SCERT-3, QTY-18, JN-19, MAR-23, JUL-24,25, MAR-26)

3. THE FIRST PATIENT

1. The dentist's clinic-many patients wait - tensed - tooth - to be extracted - the arrival of the dentist - Joe, the first patient - called in - the nurse goes - with hammer - reaction of patients - loud sound of sawing and screeching - other patients fear - go away - Joe comes out - hammer, pliers - to open tool box.**(SCERT-2, QTY-19, SEP-21, MAY, JULY-22,24, MAR-25)**

4. WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Narrator-wants-photograph-photographer wait for an hour comments-angry-called on Saturday-proof- Narrator shocked photograph-not like him-worthless bauble.
(SCERT-1, HY-18,19,MAR-19, SEP-20, 21, MAY, JULY-22,25, MAR-26)

5. THE SINGING LESSON

Miss Meadows-upset-remains-gloomy-in class-taxes the students-sing sad-the girls sense her change-Basil-She thinks of the letter-called by headmistress-telegram-happy and returns to the class with vigour and good cheer. **(SCERT-1, JUNE-23, MAR-19, 20, 24)**

6. THE NEVER-NEVER NEST

Jack and Jill-believe-things in installments-recently purchased-house-on easy installment-Aunt Jane-visited-preached-ease and comfort buying-in installments the couple-first baby in installment.
(SCERT-2, 3, JN-19, MAR-23,25)

SECTION - B

QUESTION PATTERN

Q.N. 1-20

PART - I

20 MARKS

Q.No: 1-3

SYNONYMS

3 MARKS

GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:

1. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face... **(SCERT-1)**
 - a) graceful
 - b) fresh
 - c) smoothed
 - d) wrinkled
2. It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder. **(SCERT-1)**
 - a) irritation
 - b) inability
 - c) inferiority
 - d) ability

3. we have to re-call the struggles of the past and realize the perils and possibilities.
 - a) safeties
 - b) dangers **(SCERT-1)**
 - c) securities
 - d) certainty **(MAR-26)**
4. I do claim to represent the common man in all his ruggedness. **(MAR-19, SCERT-2)**
 - a) strength
 - b) toughness
 - c) both a and b
 - d) only a
5. My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation. **(SCERT-2)**
 - a) isolation
 - b) freedom
 - c) both a and b
 - d) neither a nor b

6. I realized that a career of rectitude sometimes has rewards. (SCERT-2, JUN-23, MAR-24,26)
 a) wickedness b) honesty
 c) immorality d) iniquity
7. We were confined to the sports arena. (SCERT-3)
 a) bound b) open
 c) free d) loosened
8. I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor to post an important letter. (SCERT-3, HY-18, JN-19, SEP-20, JUL-25)
 a) ready b) unwilling
 c) eager d) anxious
9. 'I always have catastrophes, when I travel'. (SCERT-3)
 a) disaster b) fortune
 c) prosperity d) success

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. The disadvantage for me was appetite.
 a) faulted b) hunger (MAR -19, 23,26)
 c) criticised d) appreciated
2. that we regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric. (MAR-19)
 a) modern b) weary
 c) normal d) weird
 a) strange b) conventional (MAR-24)
 c) persuasive d) reasonable
3. The role of the University today is not cloistered (JN-19, JUL-25)
 a) flexible b) restricted
 c) determined d) challenging
4. She thumped the sagging skins of the dilapidated drum. (JN-19, JUL-25)
 a) preserved b) repaired
 c) damaged d) costly
5. The fables of the prophets she used to tell us. (MAR-20)
 a) tales b) theories
 c) sayings d) experiences
 a) hymns b) songs (MAY-22)
 c) storeys d) stories
6. either he has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth. (MAR-20)
 a) great b) bold
 c) strong d) perfect
7. I shall only reiterate some of the cardinal principles. (MAR-20)
 a) accept b) express
 c) repeat d) adopt
8. - not anger or exasperation, but just simple wonder. (SEP-20)
 a) amusement b) nervousness
 c) irritation d) surprise
9. A peaceful pallor spread on her face. (SEP-20)
 a) devotion b) appearance
 c) results d) stress

10. The common link of friendship was snapped.
 a) deprived b) fixed (HY-18, SEP-21)
 c) isolated d) cut (MAR-25)
11. .. a continuous stream of men and women endowed with the spirit of service.
 a) gifted b) obliged (HY-18, SEP-21)
 c) denied d) reflected
12. Memories prevent them from remembering to do such small prosaic things. (HY-19, JUL-24)
 a) mean b) cheap
 c) dull d) stale
13. Unless you replenish it richly, coming generations will find only an empty coffer. (HY-19)
 a) refill b) decorate
 c) reshuffle d) overhaul
14. That seemed quited absurd and undignified on her part. (HY-19)
 a) impractical b) illogical
 c) insensitive d) disloyal
15. She hobbled about the house in spotless white. (QTY-18, JULY-22)
 a) walked unsteadily b) jumped
 c) ran quickly d) danced
16. She sat by her wheel spinning and reciting prayers. (QTY-19)
 a) memorizing b) murmuring
 c) chanting d) teaching
17. I ate enough to sate my appetite. (QTY-19)
 a) suppress b) quench
 c) increase d) satisfy
18. I am no great delinquent in such matters. (QTY-19)
 a) creator b) offender
 c) guardian d) halfwit
19. I would have taken fifty farthings. (SEP-21)
 a) Sticks b) Paisa
 c) Guineas d) Lashes
20. The coaches lauded me. (MAY-22)
 a) appreciated b) gifted
 c) garlanded d) rebuked
21. The toilers did not enjoy this privilege. (MAY-22)
 a) kings b) bosses
 c) leaders d) workers
22. Mary Kom had a strong conviction in her passion for boxing: (JULY-22)
 a) struggle b) belief
 c) thought d) affinity
23. He could hear a smothered noise from his friend: (JULY-22, MAR-25)
 a) suppressed b) loud
 c) strange d) weird
24. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing – song. (MAR-23)
 a) jarring b) boring
 c) piercing d) depressing

25. What was her Vexation (MAR-23)
 a) annoyance b) discomfort
 c) confusion d) lethargy
26. Words of praise and adulation were showered on me. (JUNE-23)
 a) gratitude b) appreciation
 c) wisdom d) encouragement
27. An inheritors of that rich legacy, you are best suited to overcome even the environment. (JUNE-23)
 a) benefactors b) custodians
 c) successors d) founders
28. They were content to work in secluded spheres. (MAR-24)
 a) uninformed b) isolated
 c) associated d) liberated
29. My medal haul continued after my marriage (JUL-24)
 a) taking a collection b) making an attempt
 c) dragging a game d) punching a boxer
30. It is indelibly branded in letters of fire on my heart. (JUL-24)
 a) remarkable b) erasable
 c) cannot be rubbed out d) cannot be added
31. With this princely sum, I left for the US. (MAR-25)
 a) very large b) royal
 c) heavy d) meagre

Q.No: 4-6

ANTONYMS

3 MARKS

GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:

1. The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players. (SCERT-1)
 a) required b) obligatory
 c) voluntary d) compulsion
2. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic. (SCERT-1, HY-19)
 a) rich b) wealthy
 c) poor d) luxurious
3. It was at this point that my wife looked at me with an expression of wonder – not anger or exasperation. (SCERT-1)
 a) irritation b) calmness
 c) vexation d) annoyance
4. So you will understand , when I tell you how much I ache to be suave, (SCERT-2, JUNE-23,24)
 a) unkind b) immoral
 c) impolite d) unjust
5. The coaches consoled me and lauded me on the silver win. (SCERT-2)
 a) punished b) persuaded
 c) criticized d) both a and b
6. He is an audacious perverter of the truth. (SCERT-2, JN, QTY-19)
 a) timid b) outspoken
 c) aggressive d) quivering

7. My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation. (SCERT-3)
 a) isolation b) companionship
 c) retirement d) retreat
8. You may find self-seekers enthroned and the patient worker decried. (SCERT-3)
 a) adorned b) elevated
 c) dethroned d) glorified
9. A fourth was torpedoed in the war. (SCERT-3)
 a) saved b) destroyed
 c) attacked d) damaged

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. Her happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed with frivolous rebukes. (MAR-19, JUNE-23)
 a) serious b) harmless
 c) funny d) decent
2. "Don't look so doleful, girls". (MAR-19)
 a) peaceful b) joyful
 c) doubtful d) powerful
3. There are, it must be admitted, some matters. (MAR-19)
 a) replied b) denied
 c) argued d) accepted
4. It is because of their antipathy to pills and potions _____. (JN-19, MAR-26)
 a) faith b) loyalty
 c) interest d) liking
 a) aversion b) eagerness
 c) dislike d) reluctance
5. The other teams weight in, which is compulsory for all players. (JN-19)
 a) optional b) natural
 c) critical d) occasional
6. The discrepancy about the crests put me on my guard (MAR-20)
 a) originality b) similarity
 c) functionality d) triviality
7. Such a cosy little room! (MAR-20)
 a) uncomfortable b) inexpensive
 c) filthy d) dingy
8. But how near the surface and ready is worldly guile! (MAR-20)
 a) hardship b) peace
 c) honesty d) pleasure
9. I retained the world title in the Third World Women's Boxing championship. (SEP-20)
 a) attained b) distribute
 c) ruined d) gave up
10. I pulled myself together sufficiently to hand my card, nonchalantly to the clerk (SEP-20, MAR-23)
 a) physically b) foolishly
 c) secretly d) concernedly

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ENGLISH

**CUMULATIVE INTERNAL ASSESSMENT
STUDENT'S ANSWER BOOKLET**

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XI

This is a bonafide record of work done by _____
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 the higher secondary first year public examination held in **March 20**_____.

1) INTERNAL TEST MARKS (4)

TEST	TOTAL MARKS	MARKS AWARDED
1	25	
2	25	
3	25	
4	25	
AVERAGE		/4

2) ASSIGNMENT / PROJECT / FIELD WORK (2)

MARKS AWARDED	/2
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3) CLUB ACTIVITIES & PLANTING (2)

MARKS AWARDED	/2
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4) ATTENDANCE MARKS (2)

NO. OF WORKING DAYS	
NO. OF DAYS ATTENDED	
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	
MARKS	/2

DATE:

TOTAL MARKS AWARDED

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TEACHER INCHARGE

HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

**SCERT MODEL PAPER-1
ENGLISH**

TIME: 3:00 HRS

MARKS:90

Part - I

Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given. (20x1=20)

I) A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. 3x1= 3

1. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face.....
a) graceful b) fresh c) smoothed d) wrinkled
 2. It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder.
a) irritation b) inability c) inferiority d) ability
 3. we have to re-call the struggles of the past and realize the perils and possibilities.....
a) safeties b) dangers c) securities d) certainty
- B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences.
4. The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players.
a) required b) obligatory
c) voluntary d) compulsion
 5. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic.
a) rich b) wealthy c) poor d) luxurious
 6. It was at this point that my wife looked at me with an expression of wonder – not anger or exasperation.
a) irritation b) calmness
c) vexation d) annoyance

C) Answer all the questions. 14 x 1= 14

7. Choose the clipped form of “Demonstration”
a) Demon b) Monster c) Demo d) Station
8. Choose the right definition for the given term “Pathologist”.
a) one who studies diseases
b) one who studies insects
c) one who studies earthquake
d) one who studies birds
9. Choose the meaning of the idiom “Back to the wall”
a) in serious difficulty
b) abandoning one who is in difficulty
c) try any method to overcome a crisis
d) sign of something going wrong
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence:
Talking business at dinner is a “faux pas” in France
a) genuine b) social blunder
c) summary d) secret session

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with “toll”
a) plaza b) late c) proof d) wheel

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable Prefix to the root word “audible”
a) in b) re c) un d) de

13. Choose the expanded form of “GST”

- a) Goods and Service Trade
- b) Goods and Savings Term
- c) Goods and Service Tax
- d) Good Social Tax

14. Choose the Tri-syllabic word.

- a) grandmother b) tourist
- c) photographer d) lesson

15. Form a new word by adding a suitable Suffix to the root word - accident

- a) _ment b) _able c) _al d) _ic

16. Replace the underlined word choosing the most appropriate phrasal verb.

The meeting will continue in your absence.

- a) carry on b) carry out c) carry off d) carry in

17. Choose the unclipped form of ‘mark’

- a) remark b) market c) demarcate d) marks

18. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrase.

He played his illness.

- a) in case of b) in spite of
- c) in the event of d) with regards to

19. Choose the most appropriate question tag for the following sentence.

Cities are increasingly becoming urbanised. _____?

- a) don't they b) do they
- c) aren't they d) are they

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

Bharath _____ like to meet the celebrity.

- a) will b) can c) could d) may.

Part – II

Answer any SEVEN of the following: (7 x 2 = 14)

II) a. Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow : (Answer any four out of six)

21. *If this belief from heaven be sent,*

If such be Nature's holy plan.

- a) What is the figure of speech implied in this line?
- b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?

22. *For he's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity.*

- a) Identify the poem and the poet.
- b) Explain the phrase 'monster of depravity'.

23. *"A life that knows no kneeling and bending
We are proud and feel so tall"*

- a) What kind of a life, does the poet talk about?
- b) Pick out the alliterated words.

24. *“And nothing can we call our own but death
And that small model of the barren earth”*
a) Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.
b) What is the small model of the barren earth?
25. *‘But now they only laugh with their teeth,
While their ice-block-cold eyes...’*
a) Who are ‘they’?
b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
26. *With all my heart I do admire
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire*
a) Whom does the poet admire?
b) For what reason do the athletes sweat?
- b. Do as Directed: (Answer any three out of four)**
27. Rewrite the following dialogue in reported form.
Taj : Where are you going now?
Harsha : I am going to the library.
Are you coming with me?
28. Rewrite the following sentence in its passive form.
Kaleel wrote a letter to the editor .
29. Combine the sentences using ‘if’.
Ragavi did not come yesterday. She was ill.
30. Transform the following into a complex sentence.
Balaji was too tired to work.

Part – III**III. Answer any seven of the following: (7x3=21)**

- a. Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context:**
31. In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.
32. I have learned to wear my faces like dresses ...
33. Our lands, our lives, and all, are Bolingbroke’s,
And nothing can we call our own but death;
- b. Answer any two of the following questions briefly:**
34. Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
35. What is a tight corner? What happens when one finds oneself in a tight corner?
36. When does human memory work with less than its usual capacity?
- c. Answer any three of the following: (any three out of four)**
37. Re-arrange the shuffled words and frame into meaningful sentences.
- them/ being/ is/ a house /constructed/ by .
 - the door/ not/ slammed/ be/ let.
 - saw/ entering/ I/ somebody/ neighbour’s house/ my.
38. **Extend the conversation with three more exchanges.**
Seema: Could I get something to eat immediately?
Waiter: Yes Ma’am. We have hot idlies.
39. **Expand the following news headlines:**
- AIIMS hospital at Madurai soon.
 - New Syllabus and textbooks for Std 1,6,9 and 11 students.

3. India won the ODI series against New Zealand.
40. Describe the process of making lime juice.

Part - IV**IV) Answer the following: (7x5=35)**

41. Why was Mary Kom named the “Queen of Boxing”?
(OR)
Bring out the pun in the title “The Accidental tourist”.
42. Do you think the poet wants to say that man is unhappy because he has lost his link with nature and forgotten how to enjoy nature or because man is cruel to other men? **(OR)**
Write a short summary of the poem “The Hollow Crown”.
43. Narrate the experiences of Leacock with the photographer. **(OR)**
Describe Miss Meadows’ mood before and after receiving the telegram. How did it affect her class?
44. **Write a summary or Make notes of the following passage.**
There are basically two types of auctions: ascending-bid auctions and descending-bid auctions. Ascending-bid auctions start out with a low bid for an object. The price of the object is gradually raised until only one bidder remains. By contrast, descending-bid auctions start out with a high bid and the price is progressively lowered until a customer expresses a willingness to purchase the object. Both procedures have a number of variants. For example, in some types of auctions a professional auctioneer declares the suggested bids. In other types of auctions, however, the customers make their own bids. Another variant, used at places such as eBay or Yahoo Auction, is called a “buyout option”. A high price for an item is declared. Anyone willing to pay that price is guaranteed a purchase. This variant seems to appeal consumers who dislike uncertainty: for a fixed price they are guaranteed an object. “Buyout options” are most commonly used if the seller has a stock of several copies of the same item.
Both ascending-bid and descending-bid auctions can be conducted in either open or closed formats. In open formats, all participants know what exactly how much an object is going for. For example, at many Japanese fish markets, wholesalers gather around the fish to be purchased and raise their hands as the auctioneer names progressively higher prices. In closed auctions, participants are unaware of how much other participants are willing to pay for an object. For example, a case in which participants used sealed envelopes to place their bids on a piece of real estate represents this type of auction. Though open auctions generally yield higher prices, closed formats are sometimes preferred in situations in which the privacy of the prospective buyers is considered paramount or the need to document precisely how much each party bid is high.
45. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Wanted

ENGLISH Post graduate Teacher to handle higher secondary classes in a reputed matriculation school, situated in Chennai, salary negotiable. Candidate should have at least 3 years of experience in handling higher secondary classes.

Apply with your Bio-data to...

The Principal,
ABC Matriculation school,
Anna nagar,
Chennai - 2.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to your father asking permission to go on a tour. (Write your name as XXX and your address as YYY.)

46. a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- The _____ dancer turned _____ after the final performance. (weary / wiry)
- Saran _____ (write) a poem when his friends arrived. (Write the correct form of verb)
- Avanthi writes a letter, _____ (Form a question tag.)
- Ajay worked hard _____ failed. (Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction.)

(OR)

b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- I prefer tea than coffee.
- I saw an one-eyed man.
- He is my cousin brother.
- Sitting near the window and he enjoys the scenery.
- Sanjay is one of the tallest boy in the class.

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

An open letter is a letter that is intended to be read by a wide audience, or a letter intended for an individual, but that is none the less widely distributed intentionally through newspapers and other media, such as a letter to the editor or a blog.

Sociologists, scholars, anthropologists and historians have written open letters. Letters patent is another form of open letter in which a legal document conferring a patent or right is mailed to the individual by the government and is also addressed directly to a group rather than to any individual. Reading such letters will also help to improve your vocabulary.

Answer the following questions

- Who reads an open letter?
- List out the professionals who have written open letters.
- What do you mean by letters patent ?
- How does an open letter help us ?
- Pick one term from the passage which refers to a person who studies the functioning of a human society.

(OR)

b) Write a conversation between two friends about a Career Guidance Programme. [Minimum of five exchanges]

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PART - I

Answer all the questions. 20x1=20

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.
a) anger
b) hunger
c) energy
d) jealousy
- We have to recall the struggles of the past and realise the perils.
a) protections
b) difficulties
c) dangers
d) damages
- I realized that a career of rectitude sometimes has rewards.
a) charity
b) courage
c) appreciation
d) honesty

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- That seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part.
a) logical
b) sensuous
c) irrational
d) opposite
- It is because of their antipathy to pills and portions.
a) aversion
b) eagerness
c) dislike
d) reluctance
- Mary Kom was presented with a traditional shawl.
a) antique
b) orthodox
c) modern
d) archaic
- Choose the correct meaning of the idiom "throw in the towel".
a) take up
b) give away
c) take on
d) give up
- Add a suitable prefix to form the opposite of the word 'comfortable'.
a) in
b) mis
c) un
d) dis
- The new machines are quite different _____ the old ones.
a) to
b) for
c) from
d) with
- A person who has the amazing ability to use both his hands is called _____.
a) optimist
b) thespian
c) ambidextrous
d) teetotaler
- Fill in the blank with the correct determiner. They came early but there was _____ work to do.
a) a little
b) little
c) few
d) more

Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'?

(OR)

- b) Explain the views of Robert Lynd about 'Forgetting'.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) How does Wordsworth express his grief over the failure of humanity to live harmoniously with Nature?

(OR)

- b) How are eternal truths and wisdom expressed by King Richard the second ?

43. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

- a) Philip Sletherby - to Brill Manor by train - Bertie searching frantically, - left his purse - asking for three pounds - His statement of demi Lion confused Philip - not give money - Claude people K.C stated her altered hair style - confusion over the crest - Sletherby dumbstruck Philip looked ill.

(OR)

- b) Stephen Leacock - studio - made to wait - the photographer adjusted machine - looking - adjusting him - head - face - ear - remark badly of his appearance - photo taken - come on Saturday-eye- eyebrow -mouth looked strange - Stephen retorted - leaving the photo -left with tears.

44. a) Summarize or make notes of the following passage.

a) Over eating is one of the most wonderful practices among those who think that they can afford it. Infact, authorities say that nearly all who can get as much as they desire, overeat to their disadvantage. This class of people could save a great more food than they can save by missing one meal per week and at the same time they could improve their health.

A heavy meal at night, the so called "dinner", is the fashion with many and often it is taken shortly before retiring. It is unnecessary and could be forgone, not only once a week but daily without loss of strength. From three to five hours are needed to digest food. While sleeping, this food not being required to give energy for work, is in many cases converted into excess fat, giving rise to over weight. The evening meal should be light, taken three or four hours before retiring. This prevents over eating, conserves energy and reduces the cost of food.

(OR)

- b) Write a short story to explain the following proverb in about 150 words.

Time and Tide waits for none

45. a) Respond to the given advertisement and prepare a biodata considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.

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

Wanted

Lab Assistant

The applicant should be a graduate with minimum experience

Apply to
MGM Hospitals
Gandhi Nagar,
Ramnad

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your Grandmother enquiring her health condition.

46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- i) The Programme will be held between 9 AM to 10 AM.
ii) The report has being submitted early.
iii) The sun is largest star.
iv) No news are good
v) I would accept the offer, if I was you. (OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) The _____ approached the Bar _____ to claim his rights.[Counsel/Council]
ii) Usually the bus _____ come in the first platform. [Fill in with right modal verb]
iii) The police jumped _____ the lake to rescue them. [Fill in with correct preposition]
iv) Don't shout the baby _____ deeply. [Use the right tense of the verb 'sleep']

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

Cyclone is one of the disasters happening inevitably and unexpectedly In the Atlantic ocean, It is Hurricane. In the Indian Ocean. It is cyclone and in south-east Asia it is a Typhoon. Hud Hud cyclone is named after a bird Hoopoe. It is an exotic creature widespread in Asia and North Africa. India with a coastline of 7516 km is vulnerable to cyclones of varying intensities. Hud Hud hit the east coast at Visakhapatnam on 12th Oct, 2016. It's eye lay exactly over the city. Although human casualties were relatively low, there was a tremendous loss of livelihood in the affected areas. The fact that the lose of human life was low can be attributed to the sustained measures and mitigation efforts taken by the central and state Government(s) right from the early warning stage..

Questions

- i) What is Hud Hud?
ii) In which part of the world is the storm called cyclone?
iii) Which district did the cyclone in India?
iv) How did the Government reduce the loss of human life ?
v) What is the name of the creature mentioned in the passage? (OR)

b) Write a conversation between two friends regarding the Future studies and career.

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