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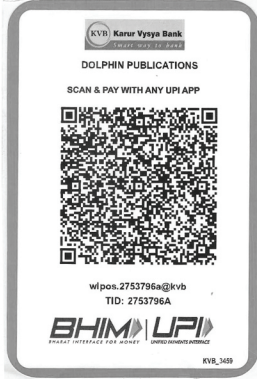
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## PROSE

## 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  
c) taste                            d) decour
18. A **felicitation** programme was held in Langol. (TB)  
a) ridicule                        b) mock  
c) applaud                        d) degrade
19. Words of **adulation** were showered on me. (TB)  
a) appreciation                  b) adulthood  
c) donation                        d) belittle
20. All are clearly **etched** in my memory. (TB)  
a) tickled                        b) imprinted  
c) written                        d) energy
21. My medal **haul** continued after my marriage. (TB)  
a) collection                      b) expectation  
c) curiosity                        d) anxiety
22. It put an end to **speculation**. (TB)  
a) proof                            b) information  
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  
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  
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  
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  
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

**11**

# ENGLISH

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

**Name of the School** :

**Place** :

**Name of the Student** : .....

**Class** : .....

**Sec** : .....

**Reg. No.** :

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REG. NO

**XI**

This is a bonafide record of work done by \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of std \_\_\_\_\_ sec \_\_\_\_\_ of our school for  
 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	
<b>AVERAGE</b>		<b>/4</b>

**2) ASSIGNMENT / PROJECT / FIELD WORK (2)**

<b>MARKS AWARDED</b>	<b>/2</b>
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**3) CLUB ACTIVITIES & PLANTING (2)**

<b>MARKS AWARDED</b>	<b>/2</b>
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**4) ATTENDANCE MARKS (2)**

NO. OF WORKING DAYS	
NO. OF DAYS ATTENDED	
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	
<b>MARKS</b>	<b>/2</b>

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

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- 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.  
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  5. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic.  
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  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.**

The term plutocracy is generally used to describe these two distinct concepts: one of a historical nature and one of a modern political nature. The former indicates the political control of the state by an oligarchy of the wealthy. Examples of such plutocracies include the Roman Republic, some city-states in Ancient Greece, the civilization of Carthage, the Italian city-states/merchant republics of Venice, Florence, Genoa, and pre-WWII Empire of Japan zaibatsus. Before the equal voting rights movement managed to end it in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, many countries used a system where rich persons had more votes than poor. A factory owner may for instance have had 2000 votes while a worker had one or if they were very poor no right to vote at all. Even artificial persons such as companies had voting rights. Most western democracies permit partisan organizations to raise funds for politicians and political parties frequently accept significant donations from various individuals either directly or through corporations or advocacy groups.

- What is the historical nature of plutocracy?
- Which word in the passage mean “important”?
- State whether the following statement is True or False.  
The poor were denied the right to vote.
- Name any two plutocratic countries.
- How do political parties raise funds? (OR)

**Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :**

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!  
When the sun is bright on the upland slopes;  
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass,  
And the river flows like a stream of glass;  
When the first bird sings and the first bud opes,  
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals—  
I know what the caged bird feels!

- In line 4, the phrase “like a stream of glass” suggests the water is  
a) cold      b) clear      c) dirty      d) hard
  - In line 5, the word ‘opes’ means  
a) closes      b) cracks      c) opens      d) falls
  - iii) What is the tone or the mood of the poem?
  - iv) Suggest a suitable title for the poem.
  - v) Pick one word from the poem which is opposite to ‘stink’.
46. **Read the following advertisement and respond to it with a resume/bio-data/CV considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified:**  
[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]

**Wanted**

English teacher - post graduate with computer knowledge, and good communication skills. Minimum 2 Years of Experience is mandatory  
Apply to : Post Box No : 1998 C/o. The Hindu Chennai - 02.

(OR)

**Write a paragraph in about 200 words on any one of the following :**

- My ambition in life.
  - The impact of Computers in the modern world.
47. Frame a dialogue with a minimum of ten exchanges for the given situation: Between two players after their team lose a match very narrowly. (OR)

**Develop the following hints into a readable passage and give a suitable title.**

farmer in a village - had a hen- golden egg- farmer became rich by selling golden eggs -greedy- thought to get all eggs at a time - killed the hen -found no eggs.

**SCERT MODEL PAPER- 2  
ENGLISH**

**TIME: 3:00 HRS**

**MARKS:90**

**Part - I**

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

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

**1) My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation.**

- a) isolation      b) freedom      c) desperation      d) condition

**2) I realized that a career of rectitude sometimes has rewards.**

- a) attitude      b) duty  
c) dishonesty      d) righteousness

**3) I do claim to represent the common man in all his ruggedness.**

- a) gentleness      b) toughness  
c) humbleness      d) fragility

**B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences. 3x1=3**

**4. So you will understand , when I tell you how much I ache to be suave, ...**

- a) polite      b) uncultured  
c) sophisticated      d) debonair

**5. The coaches consoled me and lauded me on the silver win.**

- a) praised      b) persuaded  
c) criticized      d) congratulated

**6. He is an audacious perverted of the truth.**

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

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

**7. Choose the blended form of “ Breakfast and lunch”**

- a) Blunch      b) Bunch      c) Brunch      d) Funch

**8. Choose the right definition for the given term “dermatologist”.**

- a) one who specializes in skin problems.

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(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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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