

Part - I (Vocabulary) (16 Marks)

* Answer all the questions.

* Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer

1. Choose the appropriate synonym for the underlined word: 5x1=5

i) My induction into the Mumbai cricket circuit could have ended in failure - but for Ajit's insistence.

- a) dissolution b) rejection c) elimination d) inclusion

ii) I often tried to emulate the mannerisms of my favourite players.

- a) disregard b) imitate c) overlook d) observe

iii) They stood on either side of the wall appraising each other.

- a) talking b) shouting c) assessing d) commenting

iv) when she was tired of pruning rose bushes and bougainvillea.

- a) augmenting b) growing c) trimming d) spreading

v) Hark, what's that?

- a) standup b) listen c) watch d) stay ahead

2. Choose the appropriate Antonym for the underlined word: 5x1=5

i) Don't waste your time playing insane games.

- a) crazy b) mental c) derange d) balanced

ii) Sara was lifted safely into the boat.

- a) dropped b) rised c) raised d) elevated

iii) Well, girls, let's get organized

- a) arranged b) coordinated c) formed d) disarranged

iv) He did not look prosperous.

- a) flourishing b) unsuccessful c) promising d) healthy

v) Yes, I was so excited at the time.

- a) anxious b) undisturbed c) nervous d) hyper excited

Answer the following (Do as directed) 6x1=6

3. Use the words given below in your own sentences so as to get different meanings. (any one)

- a) watch b) cricket

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones

A dry, desolate place is a _____

Whereas a sweet treat is _____.

(desert/dessert)

5. Attach a prefix to the word given to complete the sentence:

The stone has an ____ regular shape.

- a) ir b) un c) dis d) en

6. Attach a suffix to the root word from the list given below to complete the sentence.

I had a comfort _____ journey.

- a) ly b) ed c) ance d) able

7. Write the full form of the following shortened forms of words:

- a) she'd b) wouldn't

Part - II (Grammar : 26 Marks)

8. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence: 5x1=5

i) He hurt his leg as he jumped _____ the wall.

- a) on b) through c) over

ii) Hang the charts _____ the wall.

- a) in b) on c) by

iii) I have been practicing _____ morning.

- a) by b) for c) since

iv) The cricket ball was hidden _____ the leaves.

- a) between b) among c) into

v) Abdul has taken _____ his father.

- a) after b) at c) in

9. Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositional phrases: 3x1=3

i) _____ the book, I returned it to the library.

- a) Having read b) Having been reading c) Having reading

ii) The cricket match continued _____ heavy rains.

- a) in the event of b) inspite of c) because of

iii) I invite you _____ my friends.

- a) on behalf of b) in need of c) on account of

10. Identify the dependent clauses or phrases and independent clause in the following sentences: 3x2=6

a) The whole village celebrates when there is a thiruvizha.

b) During my holidays, I enjoy painting.

c) I can not attend the function as I am not well.

11. Complete the sentences with the correct degree of compare is on: 3x1=3

i) Riju is _____ than Biju.

- a) the youngest b) as young c) younger

ii) The tiger is a _____ animal.

- a) strong b) stronger c) strongest

iii) Kolkata is one of the _____ in India.

- a) bigger city b) biggest city c) biggest cities

12. Write the other degrees of the words: 3x2=6

S.No.	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
1	beautiful		
2		healthier	
3	fat		

13. Do as directed for the given word in the bracket: 3x1=3

a) Can you imagine _____ (walk) up to a mountain. (gerund form)

b) Being an astronaut will enable you) _____ (achieve) great success. (infinitive form)

c) These are my _____ (walk) shoes. (present participle form)

Part - III (Prose: 19 Marks)

Answer any seven of the following questions in one or two sentences:

7x2=14

14. What did embarrass Sachin in the bus?
15. What did the visitor hide in the jack fruit tree?
16. What acted as a safety value?
17. How did he get back the Iron cross?
18. What did the visitor do with the turnstile when he was a boy?
19. Which two important things did Jim want the girls to do to avoid getting scared?
20. Who were Sachin's favourite players?
21. What did the writer observe about the house?
22. Why was Sachin asked to change the school?
23. Who came to rescue the children?
24. Why was mother not able to come home?
25. What was the local superstition about trees?

Answer any one in a paragraph in about 150 words :

1x5=5

26. a) 'Archrekar was a sincere coach' substantiate.
b) 'It wasn't the cross I came for. It was my youth.' Explain the quotation with reference to 'I Can't Climb Trees Anymore.'
c) Describe the 'home alone' experience of the children in 'Old Man River.'

Part - IV (Poem: 29 Marks)

27. Quote from Memory:

2x5=10

- a) From: My little horse.....
To: a shake.
- b) From: So hack and
To: to the ground.

Read the following poetic lines and answer the following questions:

7x1=7

28. He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
a) Whom does 'he' refer to in these lines?
b) Why does 'he' give his harness bells a shake?
c) How does the horse communicate with the poet?
29. And into my garden stole,
When the night had veiled the pole;
a) Who crept into the garden? Why?
b) When did the foe sneak into the garden?
30. The root is to be pulled out
One of the anchoring earth;
a) Why should the root be pulled out?
b) What does 'anchoring earth' means?

Part - V (Reading comprehension: 10 Marks)

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:

7x1=7

31. "I was angry with my friend
I told my wrath my wrath did end.

I was angry with my foe;

I told it not, my wrath did grow."

- a) Pick out the rhyming words.
- b) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
32. 'The bleeding bark will heal.'
Mention the figure of speech used here.
33. 'One of the anchoring earth'
Name the figure of speech used here.
34. The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.
a) Bring out the alliteration in the first line.
b) Pick out the rhyming words.
c) Mention the rhyme scheme of the stanza.
35. The woods are lovely, dark and deep
Identify the figure of speech

Answer any one in a paragraph in about 150 words:

1x5=5

36. a) How does 'stopping by woods' present a metaphorical journey, of life?
(or)
b) How did the poet's anger with his friend/foe end?
(or)
c) 'A tree doesn't grow in a day.' Explain it with reference to the poem.

Part - V (Reading Comprehension: 10 Marks)

37. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

5x2=10

Some insects are harmful to human being. The poison of the black widow spider causes unbearable pain. It stiffens the muscles of the abdomen and causes death to some of the victims. Some kinds of mosquitoes carry germs that cause diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness. The mosquitoes pickup the germs and pass them on to the people they bite. Flies play a part in spreading such diseases like cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever. All insects which carry germs and spread diseases live and breed only in dirty places. So we can prevent such diseases if we keep our houses free of dirt.

Questions:

- a) How harmful is the bite of the black widow spider?
- b) What are the diseases caused by mosquitoes?
- c) How do mosquitoes play a part in spreading diseases?
- d) Why are flies harmful to us?
- e) What is the necessity of keeping our surroundings clean?