

I. Choose the most appropriate Synonym of the underlined word: $2 \times 1 = 2$

1. Nagen had a rustic look.

- a) urban b) rural c) modern d) antic

2. The sun was soothing.

- a) anxiety b) boisterous c) dexterous d) comforting

II. Choose the most appropriate antonym of the underlined word: $2 \times 1 = 2$

3. It is natural for human beings to make mistakes.

- a) artificial b) neutral c) inevitable d) compulsory

4. We reached a point where the road bifurcated.

- a) split b) converged c) emerged d) deviated

III. (i) Choose the correct answer: $2 \times 1 = 2$

5. Compound words: noun + noun

- a) pen friend b) good run c) driving license d) foresight

6. Compound word: gerund + noun

- a) afternoon b) take over c) walking stick d) day break

(ii) Combine the pairs of sentences using appropriate connectors: $2 \times 1 = 2$

7. Rajan is very old. He enjoys good health.

8. I completed my homework. I set out to play.

IV. Read the following poetic lines and answer the following questions: $4 \times 1 = 4$

9. "Not a crumb to be found
On the snow - covered ground;
Not a flower could he see,
Not a leaf on a tree."

a) What couldn't he find on the ground?

b) Why was the ground covered with snow?

c) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.

d) Mention the figure of speech.

V. Answer any two of the following questions: $2 \times 2 = 4$

10. Why was the attic 'a favourite place' for the children?

11. What did Nagen uncle tell about Sanyal?

12. Was Sanyal happy about his visitors?

13. Why did Sanyal recite the poem in the teashop earlier?

VI. Answer any one in a paragraph: $1 \times 4 = 4$

14. a) Give a detailed account of all thoughts and questions in the narrator's mind while accompanying Aditya from the teashop to Sanyal's house.

(or)

b) Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.

VII. Identify the character/speaker: $2 \times 1 = 2$

15. I will think. I will think.

16. The truth must be told.

VIII. Match the following appropriately: $3 \times 1 = 3$

- | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 17. Poor farmer | - | ruled by despotic leader |
| 18. Shining | - | Principal food for the poor |
| 19. 'The Aged Mother' | - | Lived in the foothills |
| | - | Matsuo Basho |