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ENGLISH

(Third Language)

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Max. Marks - 100

Instructions :

- 1) The question paper has 37 questions in **three** Sections (A, B and C)
- 2) Answer **all** the questions on a **separate** answer book supplied to you.
- 3) **15** minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and **3** hours for writing the answers.
- 4) Answer **all** the questions of Section - B (Grammar and Vocabulary) in the **same** order at **one** place in your answer book.

SECTION - A

(Reading Comprehension)

(Questions 1 – 5) : Read the following passage carefully.

Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army and the first chief of Indian army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Even now Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a Licence.

The river, Kaveri obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer – a large freshwater fish – abound in these waters. Kingfishers dive for their catch, while squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruit for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water. Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by their mahouts.

(Glimpses of India)

Now, answer the following questions.

1. What unique tradition do Coorgi homes have ?
2. Who was the first Chief of the Indian Army, and what was his connection with Coorg ?
3. What type of fish is mentioned as being abundant in the waters of river Kaveri ?

A) Gold fish

B) Mahaseer

C) Kingfish



4. What is the primary source of water for the river, Kaveri ?

- A) The Himalayas
- B) The hills and forests of Coorg
- C) Nilgiri mountains

5. What activity do elephants enjoy in the river ?

- A) Swimming
- B) Bathing and scrubbing
- C) Sunbathing

(Questions 6 – 10) Read the following stanzas carefully.

He stalks in his vivid stripes



The few steps of his cage,

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,



Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

(A Tiger in the Zoo)



Now, answer the following questions.

(5×1=5)

6. Where is the tiger in the first stanza ?

7. Why should the tiger lurk in the shadow ?

8. What emotion does the tiger show ?



- A) Unexposed anger
- B) Unexposed hunger
- C) Unexposed happiness

9. Who passes by the water hole ?

- A) Fat deer
- B) Fat elephant
- C) Fat hound

10. Where should the tiger hide himself ?

- A) Near the tree
- B) In the long grass
- C) Near the water hole

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(Questions 11 – 15) Read the following passage carefully.



Fifteen years ago, Horace had served his first and only sentence in a prison library. He loved rare, expensive books. So he robbed a safe every year. Each year he planned carefully just what he would do, stole enough to last for twelve months, and secretly brought the books he loved through an agent.

Now, walking in the bright July sunshine, he felt sure that this year’s robbery was going to be as successful as all the others. For two weeks he had been studying the house at Shotover Grange, looking at its rooms, its electric wiring, its paths and its garden. This afternoon the two servants, who remained in the Grange while the family was in London, had gone to the movies.

(A Question of Trust)

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given.



(5×1=5)

11. What kind of books did he love ?

- A) Story books
- B) Rare and expensive books
- C) Adventurous books

12. Where did he serve his first and only sentence ?



- A) In a school library
- B) In a college library
- C) In a prison library



13. Why did he buy the books secretly ?

- A) Because he bought them to donate others
- B) Because he bought them with stolen money
- C) Because he bought them for prize distribution

14. He was preparing himself for a robbery at _____



- A) Shotover Grange
- B) Rocksby Grange
- C) Thrushcross Grange

15. Where had the two servants gone that afternoon ?



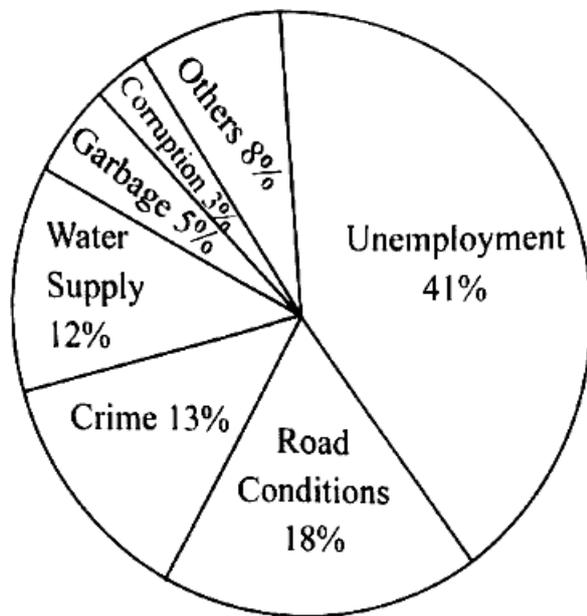
- A) London
- B) Movies
- C) Garden

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16. Study the following Pie-chart carefully.

Problems faced by people in a city



Now, answer the following questions.

(5×1=5)

- What does the Pie-chart show ?
- What is the percentage of water supply problem in the above Pie-chart ?
- _____ percentage of crime is mentioned in the above Pie-chart.
 - 12%
 - 13%
 - 18%
- The least worried problem is _____.
 - Crime
 - Garbage
 - Corruption
- Choose the correct statement based on the Pie-chart.
 - The burning issue in the Pie-chart is unemployment
 - Garbage problem is so heavy as road conditions
 - Road conditions and crime together constitute more than half of the total percentage of problems

(Question 17) : Read the following passage carefully.

It was a cyclonic season. There was flood everywhere. Many houses were drowned in the flood. There were a copper pot and earthen pot in a house. Both of them were washed away in the flood to a river.

The copper pot laughed at the earthen pot and said, "My friend, you are made of mud. You are so weak. Please, come near me. I will save you".

The earthen pot replied, "Thank you for your kindness, my friend. But let me swim to the bank myself". The earthen pot began to swim towards the bank of the river.

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As the copper pot tried to swim forward, water got into the pot and the copper pot was drowned. But the earthen pot reached the bank safely.



Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order.

(5×1=5)

- The copper pot belittled the earthen pot and advised to take its help.
- There were two pots in a house. One is copper and the other is earthen.
- But the earthen pot swam towards the bank of the river and reached safely.
- Water got into the proud copper pot and so it was drowned.
- One day, these two pots were washed away in the flood to a river.

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SECTION – B
(Grammar and Vocabulary)



Note : Answer **all** the questions of Section – B in the same order at one place in your answer book.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'which'. 2

I often go to Mumbai. Mumbai is the commercial capital of India.

19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice'. 2



My sister has drawn this portrait.

20. Change the following into reported speech. 2

The old woman asked valli, "why do you travel alone ?"

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given in brackets. (2×1=2)



- Geetha jumped _____ the river to help her sister. (in/into/on)
- Gowtham is good _____ English. (at/in/of)

22. Edit the following passage. (4×1=4)

Air pollution is emerging like (a) (a) _____
 a global problem among (b) the (b) _____
 world. Much (c) of our cities have (c) _____
 industries which is (d) responsible (d) _____
 for 20% of the pollutants.



23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. (2×1=2)



- Can you turn off _____ light ?
- He has taken _____ taxi to the station.

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24. Change the following into repeated action in the past using 'would/used to'. (2×1=2)

- i) He played for hours with a selection of toys.
- ii) When I was five years old, I followed my brother all over the place.

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifiers. (2×1=2)

- i) The teacher used a marker. The marker is black and permanent.
- ii) He bought a shirt. The shirt is white and cotton.

26. Give a suitable advice for the situation given below. (2)



Your brother rides the bike very fast. Advise him to be cautious.

27. Read the following paragraph and write synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box. (4×1=4)



dive, gather, scold, hopeless, edge, top

Even when each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink (a) flapped their wings, and flew away, he failed to muster up (b) courage to take that plunge (c) which appeared to him so desperate (d).

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words. (4×1=4)

Luckily (a) the seat booked (b) for me was at the extreme front (c). I covered (d) the floor around my feet with newspapers. <https://www.apboardonline.com>

29. Fill in the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets. (2×1=2)

Kisa Gotami became weary and _____ (a) (hope, hoped, hopeless), and sat down at the wayside watching the lights of the city, as they flickered up and were _____ (b) (extinguish, extinguishes, extinguished) again.

30. Complete the words with correct prefixes and suffixes given in the brackets. (2×1=2)



- i) He gave the editor a _____ honest (dis/mis) account of events.
- ii) I was not mind _____ (ful/full) of the fact that not so many years before they would not have saluted but arrested me.



31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write correct spelling. (2×1=2)

- i) Palpitation, tracking, beetels, interfere _____
- ii) Tempre, partridge, squeezer, remember _____

(2×1=2)

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below.

deny  **AW** /di'naɪ/ verb
(de-nies, deny-ing, de-nied, de-nied)

WORD FAMILY
deny verb
denial noun
undeniable adj.
undeniably adv.

1 to say that sth is not true: ~ sth to deny a claim/a charge/an accusation ◊ The spokesman refused either to confirm or deny the reports. ◊ ~ (that)... She denied (that) there had been any cover-up. ◊ There's no denying (the fact) that quicker action could have saved them. ◊ it is denied that... It can't be denied that we need to devote more resources to this problem. ◊ ~ doing sth He denies attempting to murder his wife. **2** ~ sth to refuse to admit or accept sth: She denied all knowledge of the incident. ◊ The department denies responsibility for what occurred. **3** (formal) to refuse to allow sb to have sth that they want or ask for: ~ sb sth They were denied access to the information. ◊ ~ sth to sb Access to the information was denied to them. **4** ~ yourself (sth) (formal) to refuse to let yourself have sth that you would like to have, especially for moral or religious reasons

Now, answer the following questions using the information above.

- What is the part of speech of the word deny?
- What is the noun form of deny?

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own.

- Phrasal verb : Plunge in

Ans : _____

- Idiomatic expression : Caught my eye.

Ans : _____

34. Match the following :

Part - A

- heartbreaking ()
- homesick ()
- blockhead ()
- law-abiding ()

Part - B

- obeying and respecting the law
- producing great sadness
- missing home and family very much
- an informal word which means a very stupid person

SECTION - C
(Creative Expression)

35. A) In the lesson 'A letter to God' Lencho wrote a letter to God to send him 100 pesos to sow his field again and to live until the crop comes. He addressed the letter to 'God'. On seeing the letter addressed to God, the Postman was astonished. He showed the letter to the Postmaster. He broke out laughing. Now, write a possible conversation between Postman and the Postmaster.

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B) In the lesson 'Madam Rides the Bus' Valli was able to fulfill her strong desire to travel to the town by bus. It was a great experience for her. She was overwhelmed with joy but she was unable to share her experiences with anybody since it was done incognito. She wished to share the feelings of her wonderful journey to the town with her diary.

Imagine you are Valli and write a diary entry in the above context.

36. A) You are a student of class X, Bright Public School, Amaravathi. The road leading to your school has become notorious for fast running vehicles. Students coming to the school in the morning and leaving in the evening are put to a great difficulty. School buses and parents who come to leave and take their children from school are put to inconvenience. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner, Amaravathi police to post traffic constables on duty in front of the school in the morning as well as in the evening.

OR

B) "Anger Management is more important thing in humans".

Based on the topic, prepare a script for speech using the following hints/clues given below.

- * As humans, one important thing to learn is how to manage their temper.
- * Some people tend to get angry quickly, while others remain calm.
- * Ill effects that result from anger.
- * Suggest ways to avoid losing temper in such situations.

37. A) Read the following passage carefully focussing on the underlined parts.

Bholi was seven years (A) old when Mangla was married. The same year a primary school for girls (B) was opened in their village. The Tehsildar Sahib came to perform its opening ceremony (C). He said to Ramlal, "As a revenue official you are the representative of the government in the village and so you must set an example to the villagers" (D). You must send your daughters to school (E).

Now frame 'WH' questions to get the underlined parts as answers.

OR

B) Study the following table and write a paragraph based on the information given in it.

Percentage of social media users by age in India in 2024. (Internet activities by age group)

Activity %	Age group						
	Teens	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27