



- 8) Match the Column A with Column B with reference to the lesson “I Believe Books will Never Disappear” and choose the correct option.

A

B

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| A) Grimm’s Fairy tales | i) Borges’s Mother |
| B) Dona Leonor | ii) Homer |
| C) The Odyssey | iii) Tales in English version |
| a) A-i, B-ii, C-iii | b) A-iii, B-i, C-ii |
| c) A-ii, B-iii, C-i | d) A-iii, B-ii, C-i |

- 9) Identify the sequence of events that led Marcus Ibe to become the Culture Minister.

- a) Not too successful mission school teacher – politics came to village – wisely joined politics – got elected in elections and became Culture Minister.
- b) politics came to village – wisely joined politics – Not a successful mission school teacher – got elected in elections and became Culture Minister.
- c) wisely joined politics – Not a successful mission school teacher – politics came to village – got elected in elections and became Culture Minister.
- d) got elected in elections and became Culture Minister – wisely joined politics – politics came to village – Not a successful mission school teacher.

- 10) Water knows the righteous rage of _____.

- a) Kamma Landlords
- b) Samaria woman
- c) Karamchedu Suvarthamma
- d) Pepsi man



11) Fill in the blanks with the passive form of the verb given in the brackets.

(3 × 1 = 3)

Monaco was called a toy kingdom. A murder _____ (commit) in that kingdom. The criminal _____ (sentence) to death by the judges. But the kingdom had no resources to execute the criminal. So the criminal _____ (ask) to run away.

12) Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expressions given in brackets.

(2 × 1 = 2)

The traffic in the big cities is increasing by _____ day by day. It has become difficult for the commuters to _____ when they are caught in a traffic jam.

[To keep one's shirt on, to look upto, leaps and bounds]

13) Read the following paragraph and match the pronouns in side A with the nouns/noun phrases in side B they refer to :

(5 × 1 = 5)

The college day was held in the college auditorium where (a) the students were seated in their best dresses. The chief guest who (b) was a folk singer entertained the students with her rhythmic songs which (c) the students enjoyed a lot. They (d) participated in various cultural activities. The college day concluded with a cultural programme by the teachers. It (e) was a memorable day in the students life.

A

B

a) Where

i) College day

b) Who

ii) College auditorium

c) Which

iii) Chief guest

d) They

iv) Folk singer

e) It

v) Students

vi) Rhythmic songs



PART - B

II. Answer **any three** of the following questions in **two** sentences/words/phrases each. **(3 × 2 = 6)**

- 14) What did Vandana Shiva learn from Chipko movement?
- 15) Name any two poet friends mentioned by Don Gonzalo in the play "A Sunny Morning".
- 16) Mention the two reasons for which the poet loved his beloved in the poem "When You Are Old".
- 17) How does the poet create Heaven on Earth?

III. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **60** words each : **(4 × 3 = 12)**

- 18) How does Juliet express her passionate love for Romeo?
- 19) What does the Earth University teach us, according to Vandana Shiva?
- 20) What changes does the foot undergo after being condemned to live in a shoe?
- 21) How does Jorge Luis Borges define poetry?
- 22) Describe briefly the complicated Bowing hierarchy followed by the Japanese.
- 23) What are the memories recollected by Challapalli Swaroopa Rani when she sees water?

IV. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 100 words each :

(3 × 4 = 12)

- 24) Why could not the king of Monaco execute the criminal for committing a murder?
- 25) Parents should not be too possessive of their children and try not to live their dreams through their children. How does Khalil Gibran justify this, in the poem "On Children"?



- 26) The lure of money is greater than loyalty and ethics. Substantiate with reference to the lesson "The Voter".
- 27) What were the imaginary stories narrated by Don Gonzalo and Dona Laura about their past in the play "A Sunny Morning"?
- 28) A healthy competition between Tammanna and Basavaiah turning into rivalry is the reason for their own destruction. Elucidate.
- 29) What are the measures taken by Sheela Rani Chunkath to improve literacy and mobility in the lesson "Where there is a wheel"?

PART - C

V. 30)

- A) Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it :

(9 × 1 = 9)

Saalumarada Thimmakka is an Indian environmentalist from Karnataka who is known for planting and caring for thousands of trees. She is called as 'Tree – Woman'.

Thimmakka was born in a poor family in a small village in Gubbi taluk, Tumkur district, Karnataka. Thimmakka could not go to school due to poverty and lack of facilities. She was married to Sri. Bikkale Chikkayya of Hulikal village. At the age of forty, she wanted to end her life as she could not conceive. She started planting banyan trees along with her husband. They started with 10 banyan saplings on either side of the road along a stretch of 4 km in the first year. They took care of the plants just like their children. Every year, the count of trees kept on increasing. There have been more than 8000 other trees grown by Thimmakka and her husband.

Recognition began to come Thimmakka's way from the year 1995, a good five years after her husband's death. Although Thimmakka did not receive formal education, her work has been honoured by many institutions. She has been recognized by the Government of India and was conferred with the Padmashri award in 2019, which is one of the highest civilian awards in the country. There is also an environmental organization named after her in the U.S. called Thimmakka's Resources for Environmental Education.



One should note that A rustic and illiterate village woman has left no stone unturned to save Mother Earth, making it a better place to live for the future generations. Her thought provoking words “Green is my sword, make it yours” should be a true inspiration to all of us for a sustainable and nurturing Earth.

- a) Why was Thimmakka not able to go to School?
- b) Whom did Thimmakka marry?
- c) Where was Saalumarada Thimmakka born?
- d) Saalumarada Thimmakka is known as _____.
- e) Why did Thimmakka want to end her life?
- f) Which trees did Thimmakka and her husband plant?
- g) Name the environmental organization which is named after Thimmakka in the U.S.
- h) The idiom ‘left no stone unturned’ means _____.
 - i) Turning stones
 - ii) To be in trouble
 - iii) To explore every alternative
 - iv) To give up
- (i) The antonym of the word ‘known’ is _____.

OR

- B) Read the following poem and answer the questions set on it. (9 × 1 = 9)

Prayer of A Black Boy

Lord, I am so tired.

Tired I entered this world,

Far have I wandered since the cock crew,

And the road to school is steep.

Lord, I do not want to go into their school,



Please help me that I need not go again.
I want to follow father into the cool gorges
When the night is hovering over magic forests
Where spirits play before the dawn

Barefoot, I want to tread the red-hot paths,
That boil in midday sun,
And then lie down to sleep
beneath a mango tree.
And I want to wake up only
When down there the White man's
Siren starts to howl,
And the factory.

A ship on the sugar fields,
Lands and spits its crew,
of black workers into the landscape ...
Lord, I do not want to go into their school,
Please help me that I need not go again.

- a) Whom does the boy want to follow into the cool gorges?
- b) Where does the boy not want to go?
- c) Where does the night hover?
- d) What is the black boy requesting the Lord?
- e) How is the road to school?
- f) How does the boy want to tread the red-hot paths?
- g) Which tree does the black boy want to sleep under?
- h) When does the black boy want to wake up?
- i) The antonym of the word 'HOT' is _____.



PART – D

VI. 31)

A) Rewrite as directed : (4 × 1 = 4)

- i) Mount Everest is _____ tallest mountain peak in the world.
(Use appropriate article)
- ii) Love / Everything / and / fair / is / war / in
(Rearrange the segments into a meaningful sentence)
- iii) One of my friends _____ (is/are) a beautiful Bharathanatyam dancer.
(Choose the verb that agrees with the subject)
- iv) God _____ (help) those who help themselves.
(Fill in the blank with appropriate form of the verb given)

OR

B) Fill in the blanks with the right linker. (4 × 1 = 4)

[To begin with, However, that, also]

Tammanna and Basavaiah were rivals. If Tammanna bought four more acres adjacent to his land, Basavaiah _____ followed suit. If one had ten friends, the other acquired fifteen admirers. _____ all this looked like healthy competition. _____, gradually it rose to such a pitch _____ there was no land left in the village for them to buy.

32)

A) Rewrite as directed : (2 × 1 = 2)

- i) Students should not waste their time during exams, _____?
(Add a suitable question tag)
- ii) Childhood is the most enjoyable phase in a person's life.
[Frame 'wh' question to get the underlined word as answer]

OR

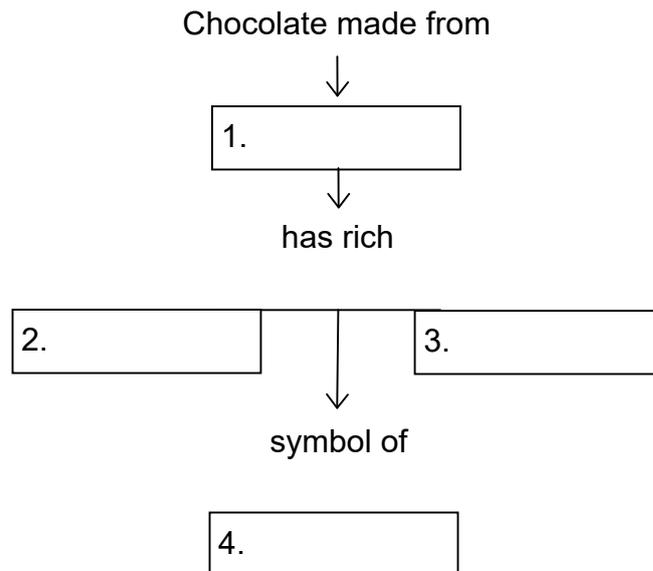
B) Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them. (2 × 1 = 2)

- i) Childrens love to eat ice-cream everyday.
- ii) Sannidhi goes for a walk on the Morning everyday.



- 33) Read the following paragraph and make notes by filling the boxes given below : (4 × $\frac{1}{2}$ = 2)

Chocolate is made from Cocoa-beans. Chocolate with its rich velvety texture and deep complex flavours, captivates the senses and has become a symbol of indulgence.



- 34) Report the following conversation. (5 × 1 = 5)

Alifano : Can we talk about Dona Leonor, your mother?

Borges : My mother was an extraordinary person

Alifano : What is Blindness to you?

Borges : Well, now it is a way of life. My duty is to accept it.

- 35) Complete the following dialogue : (3 × 1 = 3)

[Two friends meet in the park]

Devraj : _____ how are you? (Greeting)

Shivaji : Fine. Did you participate in the dance competition?

Devraj : _____ (giving information)

Shivaji : Wow ! congratulations.

Devraj : _____ (expressing gratitude)



PART – E

VII. 36)

- A) Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement which appeared in The Deccan Herald dated 5th March 2025. (5)

<p style="text-align: center;">WANTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Assistant</p> <p>Qualification : Any degree with Computer Knowledge</p> <p>Apply within 10 days to :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jaashritha Enterprises Industrial Layout J.P. Nagar Bangalore – 560076.</p>
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Write XXXX for name and YYYY for address.

OR

- B) Imagine that you are the President of the Youth Club. You are asked to speak on the impact of social media on Youth. Prepare a speech in about 120 words using the following information. (5)

Types of Social Media – connecting with the world – uses of social media – advantages and disadvantages – precautions to be taken by youth while using Social Media.

