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Sub - English

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Full Marks :90

(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.)

[Section – A]

Choose the correct options for the following :

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1. What did Lencho do throughout the morning ? (Hint : A Letter to God)
 - (a) Watched the river
 - (b) Watched the sky
 - (c) Watched the field
 - (d) Watched the valley
2. continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination. Give the meaning of "deprivation" from the given option : (Hint : Nelson Mandela)
 - (a) Being treated differently
 - (b) Freedom from restrictions
 - (c) State of one's not having one's rightful benefits
 - (d) Had a very low opinion of
3. "Amanda" is a poem written by -
 - (a) Ogden Nash
 - (b) Leslie Norris
 - (c) Robin Klein
 - (d) John Berryman
4. Arrange the following according to the sequence in which they take place in the story "A Letter to God" by G.L. Fuentes.
 - (i) Lencho is devastated at the loss of his crops
 - (ii) Lencho appeals to God by writing a letter
 - (iii) A sudden hailstorm strikes Lencho's field
 - (iv) Lencho's field is ripe with the corn
 - (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)
 - (b) (iv), (iii), (i), (ii)
 - (c) (iv), (iii), (i), (ii)
 - (d) (iv), (i), (ii), (iii)

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5. Examine the Assertion and Reason Statements related to the story "Nelson Mandela" and choose the correct option :

Assertion (A): The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people.

Reason (R): The policy of apartheid discriminates and separates people on the basis of race.

- (a) Both 'A' and 'R' are true and 'R' is the correct reason for 'A'.
(b) Both 'A' and 'R' are true and 'R' is the incorrect reason for 'A'.
(c) 'A' is false and 'R' is true.
(d) 'A' is true and 'R' is false.
6. "A plague of Locusts would have left more than this..." With reference to the prose piece, "A Letter to God" by G.L. Fuentes.
Choose the meaning of the underlined word given below :
(a) Insects (b) Flies (c) Animals (d) Birds
7. In the poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo", the line "stalking the length of his cage" means –
(a) A tiger runs to and fro in his cage.
(b) A tiger walks slowly in his cage.
(c) A tiger takes measure of his cage.
(d) A tiger sees the length of his cage.
8. Which word given below means moving slowly in the poem "Amanda"?
(a) Slouching (b) Drifting (c) Blissfully (d) Ignoring
9. "It's really getting bad now" – Why does the speaker in the context of "A letter to God" say so in the quoted line?
(a) Because the rain destroyed the speaker's fields.
(b) Because the rain changed into hailstorm.
(c) Because the rain did not pass quickly.
(d) Because the rain did not pass quickly and transformed into hailstorm.
10. The workers decided to form _____ union. Choose the correct option.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) some
11. Read the following statements with reference to the prose piece "Coorg".
Statement 1: The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent.

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Statement 2: The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army and the first Chief of the Indian Army General Cariappa was a Coorgi.

- (a) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.
(b) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.
(c) Both the statements are false.
(d) Both the statements are true.
12. Consider the statements 'A' and 'B' and choose the correct answer :
A: Nisargadhama is an island in Coorg.
B: Mahaseer is a large freshwater fish found in Coorg.
(a) 'A' is incorrect and 'B' is correct.
(b) 'A' is correct and 'B' is incorrect.
(c) Both 'A' and 'B' are correct.
(d) Both 'A' and 'B' are incorrect.
13. Read the following sentence with reference to the Poem "Amanda" and identify the figure of speech used in the sentence. "There is a languid, emerald sea where the sole inhabitant is me - a mermaid drifting blissfully."
(a) Metaphor (b) Alliteration
(c) Simile (d) Repetition
14. "My country is rich in" In which the speaker's country is rich in? (Hint : Nelson Mandela)
(a) Hills and rivers (b) Agriculture
(c) Gems and Minerals (d) Forests and Lakes
15. According to the author of "Coorg", the people of Coorg are possibly descendants of the _____ or the _____.
Choose the correct option to fill the blanks.
(a) Arabs and Afghans (b) Africans and Greeks
(c) Africans and Afghans (d) Arabs and Greeks
16. Where is Coorg ?
(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Telangana (c) Karnataka (d) Kerala
17. Match the following and choose the correct option.
(A) Mahaseer — (i) Tibetan Monks
(B) Canoeing — (ii) Adventure

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- (C) Kuffia — (iii) Fish
(D) Bylakuppe — (iv) Arab
(a) A-i, B-ii, C-iii, D-iv (b) A-iii, B-ii, C-ii, D-iv
(c) A-iii, B-ii, C-iv, D-i (d) A-iii, B-ii, C-i, D-iv
18. 'Peso' is the currency of _____.
(a) The USA (b) Latin America (c) Spain (d) Australia
19. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a _____.
Choose the correct option to fill the blank. (Hint : A Letter to God)
(a) Heavy Rain (b) Storm (c) Hail (d) Shower
20. "I saw that it was not just my freedom that was curtailed, but the freedom of everyone." Choose the word opposite to the underlined word in the quoted sentence from "Long Walk to Freedom."
(a) Reduced (b) Diminished (c) Increased (d) Decreased
21. What does the tiger's 'quiet rage' signify in the Poem "A Tiger in the Zoo"?
(a) The tiger's anger against the night sky.
(b) The tiger's acceptance of its fate.
(c) The tiger's plot to escape from the cage.
(d) The tiger's intense frustration at being locked in the cage.
22. "I was not born with a hunger to be free. I was born free --free in ____ way that I could know". Fill in the blank using correct option
(a) every (b) some (c) a (d) many
23. "My boyhood freedom was an illusion." Choose the correct meaning of the underlined word in the context of 'Nelson Mandela'.
(a) Something that is always real
(b) Something that is fake
(c) Something that appears to be real but is not
(d) Something that is a dream
24. Read the following lines from "A Tiger in the Zoo" -
"He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass."

- The tiger should lurk near the water hole to -
(a) Refresh itself (b) Drink water
(c) Catch its prey (d) Terrorise the villagers
25. In "Coorg", which period of the year is referred to as the "Season of Joy"?
(a) September to February (b) September to December
(c) September to March (d) September to January
26. How is the "silence" described according to the poem 'Amanda' ?
(a) Silver (b) Golden (c) Platinum (d) Diamond
27. In the poem 'Amanda', what is imagined for Amanda when she pictures herself in a tower ?
(a) Mermaid (b) Orphan (c) Rapunzel (d) None of these
28. "The structure they created formed the basis of one of the harshest, most inhumane societies the world has ever known." What structure is Mandela talking about with reference to prose piece Nelson Mandela ?
(a) Oppression of women and the girl child.
(b) Discrimination against the Poor and Lower Caste.
(c) Racial domination against the black people.
(d) Poverty and suffering of the black people.
29. Read the following two statements from "The Midnight Visitor" and choose the correct option :
Statement 1: In the story, Ausable's presence of mind is more effective than physical strength.
Statement 2: The Midnight Visitor revolves around the lesson that one should not be judged by one's appearances only.
(a) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.
(b) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.
(c) Both the statements are false.
(d) Both the statements are true.
30. Read the following statements with reference to 'A Question of Trust' and choose the correct option :
Statement 1: Horace Danby is a successful locksmith but has a hidden passion for rare books.
Statement 2: The story concludes with Horace Danby being caught by the police, while the woman escapes with jewels.

- (a) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.
 (b) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.
 (c) Both the statements are true.
 (d) Both the statements are false.
31. Choose the correct tense form of the verb given in bracket to complete the sentence below :
 Bishal ____ (have) his lunch before he came here.
 (a) had (b) had had (c) has had (d) will have
32. Is there any ____ in the bench? Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.
 (a) place (b) room (c) vacancy (d) seat
33. He gave away ____ money he had to the beggar.
 Fill in the blank using correct option :
 (a) little (b) a little (c) the little (d) very little
34. Identify the 'tense' of the following sentence :
 "It has been raining since morning."
 (a) Simple Present (b) Present Continuous
 (c) Present Perfect (d) Present Perfect Continuous
35. Name the poetic device used in the line : "He stalks in his vivid stripes."
 (Hint : A Tiger in the zoo)
 (a) Metaphor (b) Assonance (c) Consonance (d) Oxymoron
36. She went to the ____ for an inspection. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.
 (a) Sight (b) Cite (c) Shite (d) Site
37. Select the correct combination of the sentences for the given sentences:
 "He is not sincere. He is not honest."
 (a) He is not sincere and honest.
 (b) He is not only sincere but also honest.
 (c) He is neither sincere nor honest.
 (d) He is either sincere or honest.
38. With reference to "A Tiger in the zoo", the Poem draws a contrast between ____ and ____.
 (a) Animals, human beings (b) Tiger in a zoo, humans

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- (c) Tiger in a zoo, tiger in a forest (d) Humans, tiger in a forest
39. Choose the correct combination of the sentence for the given sentences : "She is very intelligent. She can solve any problem".
 (a) She is very intelligent and she can solve any problem.
 (b) Since she is intelligent, she can solve any problem.
 (c) She is so intelligent that she can solve any problem.
 (d) She is very intelligent, so she can solve any problem.
40. The synonym for "reluctant" is -
 (a) Eager (b) Willing (c) Hesitant (d) Enthusiastic
41. She ____ to the US next month. Choose the correct option
 (a) is going (b) will go (c) goes (d) has gone
42. We ____ dinner when the doorbell rang.
 (a) have (b) were having (c) had (d) had had
43. I don't have ____ time to waste.
 (a) much (b) many (c) few (d) the little
44. Choose the conjunction that combines the following two sentences :
 Sentence 1 : The old car was unreliable.
 Sentence 2 : It still had sentimental value.
 (a) And (b) So (c) But (d) Because
45. ____ of the two options is acceptable.
 (a) Every (b) Both (c) Either (d) Each

[Section-B]

Answer the following questions briefly :

2×7=14

46. How is the wild life of Coorg? (Hint : Coorg)
47. "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives".
 Examine the irony that was awaiting Lencho as soon as the storm was over. (Hint : A Letter to God)
48. How was Mandela overwhelmed with a sense of history?
 Or
 "In life, every man has twin obligations ..." Describe the twin obligations as stated by the author in the prose piece 'Nelson Mandela'.

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49. "Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!
Remember your acne, Amanda!
Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!
" With reference to the poem Amanda, answer the following:
(a) Who is the speaker here?
(b) Why is Amanda asked not to eat chocolate?

50. "He should be snarling around houses
At the jungle's edge,
Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorising the village!"
With reference to the poem A Tiger in the zoo by Leslie Norris,
answer the questions given below:
(a) Who is 'he' referred to?
(b) How does 'he' terrify the villagers?

51. How had the military general's attitude changed and why?
(Hint: Nelson Mandela)
52. "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter.
Starting up a correspondence with God!" With reference to "A letter
to God", answer the following:
(a) Who is 'I' referred to here?
(b) Who wrote the letter to whom?

[Section-C]

53. Give a character sketch of Horace Danby with reference to
"A Question of Trust." 4

Or

Describe the meeting between Ausable and Flower.
(Hint: The Midnight Visitor)

54. Who was Ausable? How did Ausable get rid of Max? 1+3=4
Or

Who was Horace Danby? How did he show dexterity in robbing?
(Hint: A Question of Trust)

[Section-D]

55. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate
determiners given in the brackets : 2×1=2
(a) _____ of the boys was rewarded. (any/each/every)
(b) I belong to _____ party because both the parties are dishonest.
(either/neither/all)
56. Use the correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets : 2×1=2
(a) When he entered my room, I (read) my textbook.
(b) They two (be) friends for long
57. Rewrite as directed : 2×1=2
(a) The man created the trouble. The man was arrested.
(Change into Complex sentence)
(b) The theatre was full of _____ (audience/crowd/spectators).

[Section-E]

58. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that
follow :

"The rain was pouring down, turning the streets into rivers. A small
wooden boat was struggling against the strong current. Inside, a
young girl was trying to bail out the water with a bucket, her face pale
with fear. Suddenly, a strong gust of wind tipped the boat over, throwing
the girl into the raging water. She disappeared beneath the surface."

- (i) What was the weather like in the passage? 1
(a) Sunny (b) Rainy (c) Windy (d) Snowy
- (ii) What happened to the boat? 1
(a) It sailed smoothly (b) It capsized
(c) It got stuck on a rock (d) It was lifted by a bird
- (iii) What happened to the girl at the end? 1
(a) She swam to safety
(b) She was rescued by someone
(c) She disappeared beneath the water
(d) She climbed on to a nearby tree.
- (iv) Give the opposites of the words 'disappeared', 'beneath'. $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$

59. Translate into your own language :

1×3=3

- (a) There were only a few men present in the meeting.
- (b) If it rains, I shall not go to the market.
- (c) They were playing in the field.

Or

Give the substance of the following passage :

The real heroes are those whom the world knows not of. They work among the distressed. They do not expect any reward from others. They are moved by the suffering of others and their main object is to relieve them of their sufferings. Their only devotion is work of love. They do not hanker after fame and yet they get it. No medals glitter on their breasts, no poet sings in their praise. They work and die for others, but no stone is raised to mark their graves. Such heroes live unknown and die unwept, unhonoured and unsung. But they are the real heroes, the glory of a nation.

60. Write a story in about 150 words using the outlines given below.

Add a title to it.

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"A boy in a bank — suddenly saw some robbers raid the bank — the boy quietly escapes through window — informs the police — the robbers are caught".

61. Your grandfather is very upset about the rising prices and keeps thinking of his golden times when things were very cheap. You are convinced that inflation has made life difficult for common man. Write a letter in about 100 words to the editor of a national daily describing the difficulties faced by poor families.

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