District Level Internal Examination Commitiee
Pre-Board Examination, 2023
Class - X
Sub - English

Time - 3 Hours   **Full Marks -90**

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

Answer all the questions of question no.1 to question no. 45 in the OMR
sheet by filling the appropriate oval.

[PART- I (MCQ)]

1. Choose the correct answer :   1×45=45

   (i) Why did the postmaster decide to reply to Lencho's letter ?
      (a) He was a good man.   (b) He left empathetic.
      (c) To keep Lencho's faith in God. (d) All of the above.

   (ii) Lencho compared the quantum of damage of his cornfiled with .
      (a) Attack by rats   (b) Attack by crows.
      (c) Devastating flood   (d) Plague of locusts

   (iii) Where did Lencho expect the downpour to come from ?
      (a) North   (b) North-East
      (c) North- West   (d) South- East

   (iv) "...... bunch of crooks" - Choose the option that does not
      collate with "bunch of- "correctly.
      (a) Bunch of - keys   (b) Buch of -grapes
      (c) Bunch of - flowers   (d) Bunch of - islands

   (v) Which is a country's greatest wealth according to Mendela ?
      (a) It's minerals   (b) It's gems
      (c) It's people   (d) Both a and b

   (vi) Mendela learnt the meaning of courage from
      (a) The people of South Africa   (b) Brave comrades
      (c) His family members   (d) Fellow dignitaries

(vii) "But the decades of oppression and exploitation of the blacks produced heroes like .... and ...."
    (a) Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulus   (b) Mandela, Zenani
    (c) Mr. de klerk, Thabo Mbeki   (d) All of the above

(viii) What was it that the nation needed to be liberated from ?
    (a) Poverty   (b) Gender discrimination
    (c) Deprivation   (d) All of the above

(ix) The other name of coorg is ......
    (a) Karnataka   (b) Mangalore
    (c) Kodavus   (d) Kodagu

(x) The best time of the year to visit coorg is ......
    (a) March to September   (b) September to March
    (c) April to September   (d) September to April

(xi) The area of Nisargadhama is ......
    (a) 30 acre   (b) 40 acre   (c) 60 acre   (d) 64 acre

(xii) This refreshing chapter 'Tea from Assam' has been brought to us by ......
    (a) Arup Kumar Datta   (b) Lokesh Abrol
    (c) G.L Fuents   (d) R.K. Laxman

(xiii) Tea came to Europe in ..... Century.
    (a) Fifteent   (b) Sixteenth
    (c) Seventeenth   (d) Eighteenth

(xiv) The sprouting period of tea lasts from ..... to .....
    (a) October to December   (b) May to July
    (c) January to March   (d) April to June

(xv) How much money did Valli pay for her to and from Journey ?
    (a) Fifty paise   (b) Sixty paise
    (c) Seventy paise   (d) Eighty paise

(xvi) What was Valli's tiny wish ?
    (a) to ride the bus   (b) to ride a car
    (c) to ride the merry-go-round   (d) to ride bicycle

(xvii) Why should the tiger be lurking in shadow ?
    (a) Out of anger   (b) Out of fear
    (c) To catch the deer   (d) both (a) and (b)

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(xviii) Where is the tiger's strength locked ?
    (a) Behind the Zoo   (b) Behind the bars
    (c) Behind the jungle   (d) Behind the shadow

(xix) Why does Amanda dream to be an orphan ?
    (a) To avoid nagging   (b) Just dreaming
    (c) New experience   (d) Bored at her house

(xx) How is silence described in the poem Amanda ?
    (a) Sweet   (b) Golden
    (c) Silver   (d) Quite

(xxi) Where does the poet wish to live ?
    (a) With his family   (b) With the animals
    (c) In the jungle   (d) In an isolated place

(xxii) The poem " Animals" is composed by
    (a) Leslie Norris   (b) Robin Klein
    (c) John Berryman   (d) Walt Whitman

(xxiii) What has the boy lost ?
    (a) His ball   (b) His bat
    (c) His money   (d) His book

(xxiv) How does the boy react at the loss of his ball ?
    (a) Stares   (b) Stands rigid
    (c) Trembles   (d) All of the above

(xxv) A dime is equal to .....
    (a) Five cents   (b) Ten cents
    (c) Six cents   (d) Twelve cents

(xxvi) The name of Belinda's dog was .....
    (a) Ink   (b) Blink
    (c) Mustard   (d) Custard

(xxvii) Max entered into Ausable's room through the ....
    (a) Balcony   (b) Main door
    (c) Roof   (d) Back door

(xxviii) Who, according to Ausable was knocking at the door ?
    (a) The police   (b) The waiter
    (c) The painte   (d) Fowler

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(xxix) How long had Horace been studying the house at shotover Grange ?
    (a) One week   (b) More than one week
    (c) Two weeks   (d) More than two weeks
(xxx) Where was the theatrical company shop situated ?
    (a) Village Iping   (b) Drury lane
    (c) Boston   (d) River side
(xxxi) What do you mean by "ecentric" ?
    (a) Common   (b) Calm
    (c) Uncommon   (d) Ordinary
(xxxii) What was Bill's real name ?
    (a) Fritz   (b) Oliver Lutkin
    (c) Gustatt   (d) Grary
(xxxiii) Choose the right determiner.
    We live in ..... R.C.C. Building.
    (a) A   (b) An   (c) The   (d) None of the above
(xxxiv) I recieved ..... help from my friends.
    (a) Much   (b) Many   (c) Any   (d) More
(xxxv) A busy person has ..... time to waste.
    (a) few   (b) little   (c) a few   (d) a little
(xxxvi) Choose the right preposition :
    Happiness consists ..... speaking the truth.
    (a) of   (b) in   (c) on   (d) with
(xxxvii) Curd is made ..... milk.
    (a) of   (b) by   (c) from   (d) with
(xxxviii) The ship is bound ..... England.
    (a) in   (b) to   (c) by   (d) for
(xxxix) Choose the correct form of verbs -
    The bell had rung before we ..... school.
    (a) reach   (b) reached
    (c) had reached   (d) reaches
(XL) If he ....., I would have helped him.
    (a) come   (b) comes
    (c) came   (d) had come

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Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :
"It was slack time of the day and there were only six to seven passengers in the bus. They were all looking at Valli and laughing with the conductor. Valli was overcome with shyness, avoiding everyone's eyes she walked quickly to an empty seat and sat down. It was a new bus, its outside painted a gleaming white with some green stripes along the sides. Inside, the overhead bars shone like silver."

(XLI) Who was laughing at Valli ?
    (a) The bus driver   (b) The bus conductor
    (c) All the passangers   (d) The old Women
(XLII) Who was going on a bus journey, just to fulfill her dream ?
    (a) Valli   (b) Valli's mother
    (c) Valli's aunt   (d) The old women
(XLIII) Write the adjectival form of 'Shyness'?
    (a) Shyness   (b) Shyless
    (c) Shyful   (d) Shy
(XLIV) Which word in the passage means the same as 'Shining'?
    (a) Slack   (b) Gleaming
    (c) Shone   (d) Overhead
(XLV) What can you tell about the conductor from the text ?
    (a) He was funny   (b) He was grumpy
    (c) He was quiet   (d) All of the above

(PART- II)

2. Answer the following questions :   8×2=16

    (a) Why did the postmaster decide to answer Lencho's letter to God ?
    (b) Why did Lencho write his second letter to God ?
    (c) Why were two national anthems sung in the inauguration ceremony ?
    (d) What are the sports that one can enjoy in coorg ?
    (e) Why did Pranjol not share Rajvir's excitement of seeing the tea garden ?
    (f) Why did Valli refuse to look out of the window on her way back ?

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(g) How does the tiger terrify the villagers ?

(h) Why did Belinda cry for help ?

3. Answer any two from the following questions :   4×2=8

    (a) Who was Max ? Why did he enter into Ausable's room ?

    (b) " Horace Danby was a meticulous planner but still he faltered."
Where did he go wrong and why ?

    (c) What curious episode occures in the clergyman's study ?

    (d) How did the Hack driver befool the lawyer ?

4. Answer the following questions as directed :   6×1=6

    (a) The teacher is correcting our copies. (Change into passive voice).

    (b) By whom can a lair be trusted ? (Change into Active voice).

    (c) The teacher said to the students," I shall teach you grammer tomorrow." (Change into indirect speech)

    (d) Rahul asked me if I could lend him my book.
(Change into Direct speech)

    (e) The old man knew that his death was _____ (imminent/eminent).
(Choose the correct alternative)

    (f) It is raining since morning. (Re-write the sentence correctly)

5. Write an essay on any one of the following :   5

    (a) Science in Everyday life.

    (b) A festival you like most.

Or

Wrtie a story using the following outlines given below and add a suitable title to it.   5

    " A thirsty crow found a water pitcher -- water was too low down -- it picked up stones -- the water rose -- the crow easil drank water."

6. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper drawing attention of the authority against the abnormal price hike of essential commodities. 3

Or

Prepare a report for newspaper using the following information given below :

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→ Chowk Bazar destroyed by a huge fire.

→ November 10, 2023

→ Time- 8:00 p.m

→ A Gas cylinder burst in a hotel

→ Fire spread

→ Fire brigade arrived after 15 minutes

→ No body injured.

7. Translate the following sentences in to your mother tongue :   3×1=3

    (a) The train had left before we reached the station.

    (b) Do you know how to swim ?

    (c) The girl is not only beautiful but also intelligent.

Or

Give the substance of the following passage :   3

    The value of man's life is measured by not the number of days he has lived but by the number of good deeds he has done. A manmay live a long life without doing any great and noble deed. Such a man's life is useless and man is forgotten as soon as he dies.But a man who does noble work for the benefit of mankind lives in the memory of people long after his death,though he may live a short life. So, we should devote our precious days to per forming noble deeds as far as possible.

8. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

    Socrates, the great Greek philosopher, tried hard to controll him self and was resolved never to make a show of his temper. He belived that any angry man was more of a beast than a human being.He had a wife who used to lose her temper on the slightest excuseand tried her to irritate the cool and calm philosopher.

    (i) What was Socrates ?   1

    (ii) What did Socrates believe ?   1

    (iii) Where did Socrates belongs to ?   1

    (iv) Choose the word from the passage which means "to make someone annoyed "?   1

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