

ENGLISH PAPER – I 10th Public Exam Question Paper 2013

MARCH – 2013
ENGLISH PAPER – I

Time Allowed: 2^{1/2} Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: This question paper contains Four Sections.

SECTION - I
(VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)

PART - I

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words : 5x1=5

Praveen had mastered (i) many skills and his accomplishments (ii) were many. He was always in the pursuit (iii) of his goals which were lofty. He worked in earnestness (iv) towards these goals, realized them and triumphantly (v) announced his success to the world.

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| (i) | (a) tried | (b) learnt |
| | (c) taught | (d) created |
| (ii) | (a) achievements | (b) acquaintances |
| | (c) qualifications | (d) applications |
| (iii) | (a) attempt | (b) chase |
| | (c) attainment | (d) description |
| (iv) | (a) quickness | (b) alertness |
| | (c) tenderness | (d) seriousness |
| (v) | (a) victorious | (b) untiringly |
| | (c) tolerantly | (d) consecutively |

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2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words : 5x1=5

Sir Philip Sidney's 'An Apology for poetry' is a rare (i) and essential (ii) critical documents. All the lovers of English literature remember (iii) the critic for it. It is also fascinating (iv) to note his glory (v) at the battle field. He sacrificed his life to save the life of a dying soldier quenching his thirst with his bottled water uttering "Thy need is greater than mine".

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| (i) | (a) common | (b) dear |
| | (c) unusual | (d) strange |
| (ii) | (a) crucial | (b) major |
| | (c) critical | (d) unimportant |
| (iii) | (a) think | (b) realise |
| | (c) forget | (d) recall |
| (iv) | (a) interesting | (b) boring |
| | (c) enthusiastic | (d) attractive |
| (v) | (a) shame | (b) power |
| | (c) fame | (d) popularity |

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PART - II

Answer any ten of the following :

10x1=10

3. The common expansion of BPO is :
 - (a) Bank Process Outsourcing
 - (b) Better Process Outsourcing
 - (c) Business Process Outsourcing
 - (d) Boyle Process Outsourcing

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct homophones :
Rama wants to _____ a flat _____ selling his house. (by/buy)

5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word :
This fellow is fifteen years old.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word head to form a compound word ?
 - (a) role
 - (b) leader
 - (c) manager
 - (d) master

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7. What is the plural form of the word 'criterion' ?
 - (a) criterions
 - (b) criteriae
 - (c) criteria

8. Add a suffix to the word announce from the list given below to complete the sentence.
The Headmaster made an announce _____.
 - (a) _____er
 - (b) _____ing
 - (c) _____ship
 - (d) _____ment

9. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with *one* of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning.
Smoking is injurious to health. So everyone must stop the habit.
 - (a) give away
 - (b) give in
 - (c) give up
 - (d) give out

10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words :
 - (a) Profile
 - (b) glum
 - (c) internal

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11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence.
Cherranpunji suffers from water shortage because the people _____ rain water.
(a) save (b) waste
12. Construct a sentence using *one* of the following words given below.
(a) life (b) live (c) lively
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a noun :
He was punished for his disobedience.
14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning ?
Shakespeare know neither Latin nor Greek.
(a) Shakespeare did not know Latin. He did not know Greek.
(b) Shakespeare knew both Latin and Greek.

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SECTION - II

(GRAMMAR : 25 MARKS)

PART - I

Answer all the following questions.

10x1=10

Respond all the following as directed.

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence ?
If Somu had studied well, _____.
(a) he will score more marks
(b) he would score more marks
(c) he would have scored more marks
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence :
Eve - Teasers must be punished severely.
(a) SVA (b) SVC (c) SVO
17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement :
The Sun sets in the west, _____ ?
(a) does it (b) isn't it (c) doesn't it

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18. Complete the sentence :
No other district in Tamil Nadu is _____ Tanjore.
(a) so fertile as
(b) more fertile than
(c) most fertile as
19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below :
We shall remain ever grateful to you.
(a) We shall never be grateful to you.
(b) We shall always remain ungrateful to you.
(c) We shall always be grateful to you.
20. Complete the sentence :
_____ his hard work, Mami will pass.
(a) On account of (b) In spite of (c) In the event of
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence :
My Son asked me _____ him a pen.
(a) buying (b) buy (c) to buy
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence :
Fools are susceptible _____.
(a) on flattery (b) for flattery (c) to flattery
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence :
Siva gave _____ one rupee coin to the blind beggar.
(a) a (b) an (c) the
24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence :
The ladder is placed _____ the wall.
(a) on (b) upon (c) against

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PART - II

Answer all the following :

5x2=10

Rewrite as directed.

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence.

The boy is very short. He cannot climb the tree.

26. Rewrite the sentence in the other voice :

The prizes were distributed to the winners by the Chief Guest and he was thanked by them.

27. Rewrite the sentence in the direct speech :

The Headmaster advised us to switch off the fans when we left the class.

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28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using the 'If' clause.

Sita studies well. She passes the exam.

29. Read the following sentences about a group of girls and write your observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison :

(a) Chandrika is 5 feet tall.

(b) Deepa is 5.2 feet tall.

(c) Naveena is 5.2 feet tall

(d) Pushpa is 5.5 feet tall

(e) Punitha is 6 feet tall.

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PART - III

30. Punctuate the following sentence :

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Mother said to her son dont play with fire.

SECTION - III

(PROSE : 15 MARKS)

PART - I

Answer briefly any five of the following questions. Your answer should not exceed 30 words. 5x2=10

31. What was the condition laid down by the Colonel to allow Hughie's engagement to Laura ?
32. What are the two incidents that stress the importance of music as an essential art ?
33. What is the twofold duty to be acquired by students ?
34. What caused the commotion in the street where Chaya lived ?

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35. What are the age groups covered under the labour laws ?
36. Identify the reasons why birds migrate ?
37. How old is the Brihadeesvarar Temple ? Who built it ?

PART - II

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words. 1x5=5

38. (a) Who was Hughie ? How had Hughie treated the model who posed for Trevor ?
OR
(b) Describe the daily routine of Chaya and her family.
OR
(c) What makes the Brihadeesvarar temple unique and outstanding ?

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SECTION - IV

(POETRY : 20 MARKS)

PART - I

Quote from memory *one* of the following extracts :

1x5=5

39. (a) Five lines of the poem "Manliness"

From : "Except the will

To : you'll be a man, my son".

(b) Five lines of the poem "The cry of the children"

From : "The reddest flower

To : round and round".

PART - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below :

5x1=5

40. "A creature of that old distorted dream". Who is the 'creature' ?

41. "Softly in the dusk, a woman is singing to me" ?

When is the woman singing to the young poet ?

42. "But once within the wood, we paused

Like gnomes that hid us from the moon".

What are gnomes ?

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43. "I spawn and splash in distant spills

I breed my brood where'r I will",

What is meant by "distant spills" ?

44. "Decades of practice

Heirlooms of rich traditions".

How many years make a decade ?

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PART - III

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below : 5x1=5

45. "So now it is vain for the singer to burst into clamour
With the great black piano passionate. The glamour".
Pick out the words that rhyme in these lines.

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46. "A mirror of his changing moods".
Pick out the words in alliteration.
47. "For, all day, the wheels are droning, turning
Their wind comes in our faces, _____
Till our hearts turn, _ _ _ _ _ our head, with pulses burning,
And the walls turn in their places".
Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
48. "If you can meet with triumph and disaster ;
And treat those two impostors just the same".
Identify the figure of speech employed here.
49. "Now drops that floated on the pool
Like pearls, and now a silver blade".
What is the figure of speech used in these lines ?

PART - IV

Answer in a paragraph *any one* of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words. 1x5=5

50. (a) How does Archibald Lampman picturise a millionaire ?
OR
(b) What are D.H Lawrence's reminiscences about his childhood days ?
OR
(c) How does the birds life differ from the life of human beings as portrayed in Famida Y. Basheers poem "Migrant Bird" ?

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SECTION - V

(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS : 20 MARKS)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 5x2=10

51. Some insects are harmful to human beings. The poison of the black widow spider causes unbearable pain. It stiffens the muscles of the abdomen and causes death to some of the victims. Some kinds of mosquitoes carry germs that cause diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness. The mosquitoes pick up the germs and pass them on to the people they bite. Flies play a part in spreading such diseases as cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever. All insects which carry germs and spread diseases live and breed only in dirty places. So we can prevent such diseases if we keep our houses free of dirt.

Questions :

- (a) How harmful is the bite of the black widow spider ?
- (b) What are the diseases caused by mosquitoes ?
- (c) How do mosquitoes play a part in spreading diseases ?
- (d) Why are flies harmful to us ?
- (e) What is the necessity of keeping our surroundings clean ?

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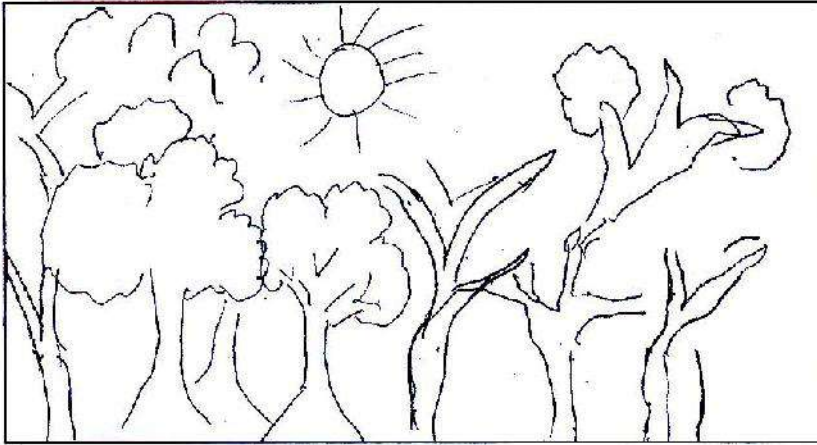
52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences : 5x1=5

- (a) The elephant is largest living animal on land.
- (b) Neither senthil nor sree are available.
- (c) Though he is ill but he is present.
- (d) I prefer milk than tea.
- (e) Stephen drive as rashly as Rafi.

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53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences of your own :

5x1=5



- (a) What do you see in this picture ?
- (b) In what season do you normally see trees without leaves ?
- (c) Suggest one reason why there are only some trees with leaves in this picture ?
- (d) Give your views on how to prevent loss of trees on our earth.
- (e) If you could change this picture, what would you add or take away ?

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