

ENGLISH PAPER – I 10th Public Exam Question Paper 2014

MARCH – 2014
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

We were denied (i) permission to enter the drive way. Our house had caught fire while we were away and had erupted (ii) into flames. The firemen who were fighting the flames were staunch (iii) in their task of quenching (iv) the fire. We stood forlorn(v) watching them and wondering where we would sleep that night.

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| (i) | (a) debarred | (b) discharged |
| | (c) refused | (d) renewed |
| (ii) | (a) burst | (b) spread |
| | (c) kindled | (d) grew |
| (iii) | (a) alert | (b) fast |
| | (c) rapid | (d) steady |
| (iv) | (a) filling | (b) satisfying |
| | (c) extinguishing | (d) wetting |
| (v) | (a) forsaken | (b) longing |
| | (c) angry | (d) afar |

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

A popular (i) film star driving his car rashly at top speed was chased by the traffic police, captured (ii) and put in jail. His fans felt that this act of the police was invidious (iii) and went on a riot, breaking up shop windows and attacking buses in an act of brutality (iv). Seldom (v) had the city seen such violence.

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| (i) | (a) famous | (b) unpopular | (c) happy | (d) gentle |
| (ii) | (a) released | (b) arrested | (c) arrived | (d) returned |
| (iii) | (a) pleasant | (b) fair | (c) unjust | (d) reasonable |
| (iv) | (a) violence | (b) kindness | (c) perfection | (d) cruelty |
| (v) | (a) always | (b) rarely | (c) later | (d) often |

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following :

10x1=10

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of ILO ?
- (a) International Law and Order
 - (b) International Labour Organisation
 - (c) Indian Legal Orientation
 - (d) Inter - state Lawful Ordinance
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in meaning :
- (a) The colour of your hair is black.
 - (b) The colour of your hare is black.
5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word :
He washed his hands in the wash basin.
6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word 'fast' to form a compound word ?
- (a) play
 - (b) food
 - (c) run
 - (d) cycle

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7. What is the plural form of the word 'stratum' ?
- (a) stratas
 - (b) stratii
 - (c) strata
8. Attach a prefix to the word 'violet' from the list given below to complete the sentence.
Some times _____ violet rays are harmful.
- (a) trans
 - (b) inter
 - (c) ultra
 - (d) over
9. Replace the underlined words in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning :
Students should have a friendly relationship with their peers.
- (a) get off
 - (b) get on
 - (c) get up
 - (d) get in

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10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words :
(a) beautiful (b) astronomy (c) application
11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence :
As the car passed, it _____ the rainwater.
(a) shook (b) spattered
12. Construct a sentence using one of the words given below:
(a) popular (b) popularly (c) popularity
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as noun.
You performed gracefully.
14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning ?
We will always remember those happy days.
(a) Will we forever remember those happy days ?
(b) Will we ever forget those happy days ?

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SECTION - II

(GRAMMAR : 25 MARKS)

PART - I

Answer all the following :

10x1=10

Respond to the following as directed.

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence ?
If I won a lottery, _____.
(a) I will buy a BMW car.
(b) I would buy a BMW car.
(c) I would have bought a BMW car.
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence :
His father gave him his school bag.
(a) SVOC (b) SVIDO (c) SVOA

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17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.
I'm not late, _____ ?
(a) are'n't ? (b) am'I (c) have'I ?
18. Complete the sentence.
Very few toys in this shop are _____ as this one.
(a) more expensive (b) as expensive (c) most expensive
19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below.
Seldom do buses stop here.
(a) Buses do stop here often
(b) Buses never stop here
(c) Buses do not stop here often

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20. Complete the sentence with a correct prepositional phrase :
_____ the rains, the teams continued to play the match.
(a) On account of (b) In the event of (c) In spite of
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence.
I enjoy _____ stories for children.
(a) write (b) to write (c) writing
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.
The Principal wanted to discuss _____ with the teachers.
(a) on the matter (b) about the matter (c) the matter
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence.
Every child jumps with joy at the sight of _____ elephant.
(a) an (b) a (c) the
24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence.
My Uncle will visit me _____ May.
(a) at (b) in (c) on

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PART - II

Answer all the following

5x2=10

Rewrite as directed ;

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence :
Maran is very tired. He cannot finish the work.
26. Rewrite the sentence in the other voice.
Children enjoy cartoon serials very much and they watch these programmes for a long time.
27. Rewrite the sentence in direct speech.
The teacher asked me whether I was going to join the Medical course or the Engineering course.

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28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using the 'If' clause.
The bus breaks down. I won't be able to attend the class.
29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.
Neethu's ribbon is 10 cm long.
Neela's ribbon is 12 cm long.
Nirmala's ribbon is 13 cm long.
Nirupama's ribbon is 9 cm long.
Nivetha's ribbon is 15 cm long.

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PART - III

30. Punctuate the following sentence :

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Oh For this i get two thousand pounds

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. Why was Hughie upset ?
32. What is the significance of art ?
33. What kind of character should you acquire while you are a student ?
34. What will be the future if the Himalayan glaciers become ice - free ?

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35. Why is the world of domestic workers invisible ?
36. Which is the smallest of all birds ?
37. What did the author see at the Royal Museum ?

PART - II

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

38. (a) Briefly describe the scene from the arrival of the water - tanker till its departure.

OR

- (b) Describe briefly how birds migrate.

OR

- (c) What was the result of Hughie's mistaking the Baron for a beggar ?

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SECTION - IV

(POETRY : 20 MARKS)

PART - I

Quote from memory any one of the following extracts :

1x5=5

39. (a) Five lines of the poem. "Going for water".
From : "But once within
To a staying hand".
- (b) The first five lines of the poem, "The cry of the children".
From : "For oh,"
To : stooping.

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PART - II

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

5x1=5

40. "A Geode can split to reveal
A dazzling sight to view!"
What do you mean by "Geode" ?
41. "A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling strings;
And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings".
Whom does 'she' refers to ?
42. "If you can meet with triumph and disaster;
And treat those two impostors just the same".
Who are the two impostors ?
43. "I breed my brood where'r I will".
Whom does 'I' refer to ?
44. "Only bloodshot eyes betray
Deep pride, then reverence".
Why are the eyes bloodshot ?

PART - III

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

5x1=5

45. "The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin
I care not where the skies begin;
I spread my wings through all the din;"
Pick out the words that rhyme in these lines.

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46. Sinews taut yet steady.
Pick out the words in alliteration.
47. "If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds worth of distance run,
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,
And what is more, you'll be a man, my son".
Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
48. "Have you noticed how some people
May seem plain as plain can be?"
Identify the figure of speech employed here.

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49. Like pearls, and now a silver blade.
Choose the figure of speech used here.
(a) Simile (b) Oxymoron (c) Personification

PART - IV

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

50. (a) Describe the various qualities of manliness.
OR
(b) According to Paul Holmes what is "inner beauty" ?
OR
(c) Describe how the Shilpi gradually changes a virgin rock into a statue of a God.

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SECTION - V

(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS : 20 MARKS)

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

Our Earth is the only planet with a variety of plants, animals and the micro organisms living either in the aquatic or the terrestrial habitats. An environment with rich biological diversity is the basis for human existence. The equilibrium status of living and non living factors in an environment is known as balance in nature. It is disturbed at times due to natural calamities like storm, flood, pests, outbreak of diseases and fire. Rapid population growth, industrialization and urbanization are the causes for deforestation exploiting fauna and flora against eco system. The Indian Parliament has passed the Wild life Protection Act in 1980 to preserve and protect our natural wealth.

Questions :

- (a) Which is the basis for human existence ?
- (b) How is balance in nature established ?
- (c) Mention some natural calamities that disturb the balance in nature.
- (d) Which Act has been passed in our country to protect the forests ? When was it passed ?
- (e) The fauna and flora are affected due to :
 - (i) the plants of a particular environment
 - (ii) the animals living in a particular area
 - (iii) deforestation

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

- (a) Neither the doctor nor the nurse are available.
- (b) The dog fell along the river.
- (c) Apples are not sweet as mangoes.
- (d) Helen is junior than me.
- (e) I have two brother - in - laws.

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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



Questions :

- (a) What do you see in the picture ?
- (b) Would you like to have a fish tank in your house ? Why ?
- (c) How would you feed the fish in the fish tank ?
- (d) Usually where do you find fish ?
- (e) What would happen to your fish if you take it out of the fish tank ?

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