

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- As he is late so he is punished.
- She was sleeping when her mother arrives.
- I never travelled on an aeroplane, didn't I?
- You may speak politely to the elders.
- She is one of the best player in the team.

45. Quote from memory

From : Let me but .....  
To : ..... back in fear.

#### SECTION V

#### PART - IV

IV. Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints. 1x8=8

46. a) Prospero and Miranda - island cave - help of Ariel - raises storm - the shipwreck - the command of Prospero - Ferdinand separated - brought to cave - Miranda meets Ferdinand - both surprised - Prospero tries Ferdinand with hard tasks - Ariel brings Alonso and Antonio to Prospero - both repent - dukedom restored to Prospero - marriage of Miranda and Ferdinand.

(OR)

- b) Holland - land - below sea level - dikes protected the country - everyone did best to - protect - Holland - Years ago - little - boy Peter - lived Holland - His father - attended - dyke gates - opened - closed dykes - one day - Peter mother - gave cakes to Peter - to be given - old blind friend of Peter - across the dyke - Peter happily left home - Peter visited - old man - returned near by the dyke - heard - water trickling - stopped to see - small hole - dyke - called for help - in vain - he put his little - finger - throughout the night - slept near the dyke - morning - found by passer by - alerted the people - Peter - The little hero of Holland

47. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 4x2 =8

India created history by winning the Women's Cricket World Cup under the leadership of Harmanpreet Kaur. This victory fulfilled a dream built over many years by pioneers like Shantini Rangswamy, Diana Edulji, Mihaili Raji, and Jhulan Goswami. In the final held at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, India defeated South Africa by 52 runs in front of a loud and energetic crowd. The win has been compared to India's famous 1983 World Cup triumph, as it marks a major turning point for women's cricket. Coach Amol Muzumdar, a highly respected domestic player, also enjoyed his moment of glory. India's path to the title was not easy, as the team had lost three league matches and faced heavy criticism. But players like Shafali Verma, Deepshi Sharma, Smriti Mandhana, and Jemimah Rodrigues rose to the occasion. This victory shows that Indian women have finally secured their place on cricket's biggest stage.

Questions:

- Who was the captain of the Indian women's cricket team that won the World Cup?
- Where was the final match of the Women's Cricket World Cup played?
- Which players are mentioned as pioneers of women's cricket in India?
- Name two players who contributed strongly to India's victory in the tournament.

(OR)

Read the poem and answer the questions.

#### At the Crossroads

Beneath the sky of fading light,  
Two silent paths appeared in sight,  
Unsure of where each one would lead,  
I paused with hope, yet felt the need  
To choose a trail my heart found right.  
One seemed smooth, with voices near,  
The other quiet, unclear but dear.  
My thoughts wrestled with fear and dream,  
For life flows not like gentle stream,  
But asks for courage to persevere.  
I stepped ahead with trembling pace,  
Not knowing what I had to face.  
Though doubts returned along the way,  
A whisper inside made me stay—  
"Your choice will shape your destined place."

Questions:

- Why does the speaker hesitate before choosing a path?
- What contrast is shown between the two paths?
- What message does the poem give about decision-making?
- Why does the poet say "Your choice will shape your destined place"?

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#### PART - I SECTION - I

Note : Answer all the question Choose the most appropriate answers from the four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

14x1=14

- Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the italicized words.

- The manager ascertained the stock. a) predicted b) doubted c) confirmed d) questioned
- He acted intuitively to lock the door. a) thoughtfully b) logically c) carefully d) instinctively
- His nerves seemed quervoluted. a) calmed b) upset c) energized d) satisfied

- Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.

- The grandfather was indignant. a) furious b) angered c) pleased d) satisfied
- His brother would always dévoir his catch. a) consume b) nibble c) gulp d) swallow
- The students repeated lessons in unison. a) discord b) chorus c) simultaneously d) accord

- Choose the correct plural form of the word 'policeman'.

- a) police b) policemen c) polices d) policemen

- Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'origin'.

- a) al b) tion c) ment d) ish

- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'p.m.'.

- a) post morning b) prime minute c) post meridiem d) past minute

- Complete the following sentence with appropriate idiomatic phrase.

- a) The young entrepreneur is dedicated and is sure to ..... in her field. b) go away c) go out d) go off

- Choose the correct word to pair it with 'dry' to form a compound word.

- a) wash b) house c) ice d) cleaning

- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate prepositional phrase from the options given below.

- a) ..... the weatherman, we can expect more cold weather this week. b) Result of c) According to d) Owing to

- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:

- a) The children ..... in the ground when the teacher arrived. b) were playing c) had played d) are playing

- Choose the appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.

- a) before b) even though c) if d) as soon as

- Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two.

15. What happened to the young seagull when it landed on the green sea?
16. Why was the narrator sorry to have paid attention to the footsteps?
17. Who is Mr. Calverton Smith?
18. Is it possible to control the computer screen with eye gaze?

- Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following. 3x2=6

19. She's today's woman. Today's woman dear.  
Love her, respect her, keep her near...  
a) Is the poet talking about the women of the previous generation?  
b) How should a woman be treated?



20. The worst thing is that if anyone stays among them too long, he will learn their ways;  
 a) What is the worst thing that can happen if anyone stays with them?  
 b) What are the ways of the Grumble family?  
 21. Not a crumb to be found  
 On the snow-covered ground;  
 a) What couldn't he find on the ground?  
 b) Why was the ground covered with snow?

22. It never grows leaves,  
 Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.  
 It just sits there never getting small or ever growing tall.  
 a) What does 'it' refer to?  
 b) In what way the tree is a mystery?

#### SECTION - III

3 x 2 = 6

- Answer any THREE of the following.  
 23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.  
 Nobody should violate the rules.  
 24. Rewrite into indirect speech. Johnson said, "Did you enjoy it?"  
 25. Punctuate the following: I know that you did it said Holmes  
 26. Rewrite the following sentence in compound sentence. Though he is old, he walks fast.  
 27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
 a) thirty / is / than / silver / now / before / times / costlier  
 b) was / Tarini / second / Indian / the / Navy / the / sailboat / of

#### SECTION - IV

1x2=2

- Answer the following question.  
 28. A stranger asks you to direct him to the railway station. Guide him with your directions to reach his destination.



#### PART - III SECTION - I

2x5=10

- III. Answer any TWO of the following in utmost ten lines.  
 29. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.  
 30. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.  
 31. Justify that "Technology is a boon to the disabled."  
 32. Give an account of the last day of M.Hamel in school

#### SECTION - II

2x5=10

- Answer any TWO of the following in utmost ten lines.  
 33. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.  
 34. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.  
 35. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions given below.  
*Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,  
 It will vanish and the stars will shine again,  
 Because, for all our power and weight and size,  
 We are nothing more than children of your brain!*  
 a) Pick out the rhyming words.  
 b) Pick out the rhyming scheme.  
 c) Mention the figure of speech used in the first line.  
 d) Pick out the alliterated words in the first line.  
 36. Paraphrase the following stanza.  
*Strong is she in her faith and beliefs,  
 "Persistence is the key to everything,"  
 Says she. Despite the sighs and groans and means,  
 She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!*

#### SECTION - III

1x5=5

- Answer any one of the following.  
 37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent Order:  
 (a) He took care of the orderliness in the clinic.  
 (b) Zigzag was great trouble in the house.  
 (c) Dr. Krishnan was surprised by the sudden change in Zigzag.  
 (d) Gone was Zigzag's bored and grumpy expression.  
 (e) Dr. Krishnan took him to the clinic.  
 38. Read the following Passage and answer the questions that follow.

The country Shining was governed by a despotic leader who though a warrior, had a great and cowardly shrinking from anything suggestive of filth, health and strength. This caused him to sent out a cruel proclamation. The entire province was given strict orders to immediately put to death all aged people. These were barbarous days, and the custom of abandoning old people to die was not uncommon. The poor farmer loved his aged mother with tender reverence, and the order filled his heart with sorrow. But no one ever thought twice about obeying the mandate of the governor, so with many deep and hopeless sighs, the youth prepared for what at that time was considered the kindest mode of death.

Questions:

- a) Who governed the country Shining?  
 b) What was the cruel proclamation given by the leader?  
 c) What was not uncommon?  
 d) Why was the poor farmer's heart filled with sorrow?  
 e) Did anyone think to disobey the governor's order?

#### SECTION - IV

4x5=20

- Answer any four of the following.  
 39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.  
 Watch world, No 2, Gandhi Bazaar, Tanjore - Discount upto 20% on kids watches - offer valid from 15th December to 26th January only. Rush.  
 40. You are Deena studying X std in GHSS, Trichy. Write a letter to your Headmaster / Headmistress requesting a study certificate to open a new savings account in the nationalized bank.  
 41. You are Ajay / Ajitha. Head of the cultural Club in your school. Your school is participating in The State level dance competition next month. Write a notice to the students inviting them to participate.  
 42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following the passage.

Healthy food is essential for building a strong and healthy life. It provides our body with important nutrients such as proteins, vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, good fats, fibre, and water. These nutrients support proper growth, give us energy, and improve our immunity. Foods like fresh fruits, vegetables, sprouts, whole grains, nuts, milk, eggs, fish, and adequate water help keep the body fit and active. They improve brain function, strengthen bones and muscles, maintain healthy skin, and protect us from illnesses. Healthy eating also improves concentration, memory, and emotional balance, which is important for students to perform well in studies, sports, and daily tasks. In contrast, junk food includes items that may taste good but have very little nutritional value. Examples are burgers, pizzas, French fries, chips, soft drinks, chocolates, pastries, instant noodles, and packaged snacks. These foods contain high sugar, salt, unhealthy fats, and artificial additives. Regular intake of junk food can cause obesity, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, dental issues, and poor digestion. It also reduces immunity and affects brain development, making children tired and less focused. Developing healthy eating habits from childhood is important. Families and schools should promote homemade and natural foods, drink enough water, and limit junk food to occasional intake.