

Time : 3 Hrs 15 Min.

Instructions:

1. This question paper has 37 questions in three Sections (A,B, and C)
2. Answer all the questions on a separate answer book supplied to you.
3. 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 3 hours for writing the answers.
4. Answer all the questions of Section -B (Grammar and Vocabulary) in the same order at one place in your answer book.

SECTION-A (Reading Comprehension)

Q.No.(1-5): Read the following passage carefully.

Gautama Buddha (563 B.C. 483 B.C.) began life as a prince named Siddhartha Gautama, in northern India. At twelve, he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu sacred scriptures and four years later he returned home to marry a princess. They had a son and lived for ten years as befitting royalty. At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, heretofore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed. He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. (*The Sermon of Benares*)

Now, answer the following questions. 5×2=10M

1. How did the Buddha begin his life?
2. What prompted Gautama to leave his princely life and seek enlightenment?
3. How long did Gautama wander before he decided to sit for enlightenment?
A) Seven years B) Seven months C) Five years
4. The Buddha got enlightenment under
A) a neem tree
B) a peepal tree
C) a banyan tree
5. What was the monk doing when Gautama saw him?
A) Begging B) Sleeping C) Crying

(Questions 6 - 10)

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears
And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,
Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage

(The tale of Custard the Dragon).

Choose the correct answers to the following questions 5 × 1 = 5 M

6. How brave was Belinda?
7. What is the name of the dragon?
8. What did Ink and Blink chase?
A) Lions B) fox C) bear
9. Mustard's brave was compared to that of a/an...
A) tiger B) fox C) bear
10. What did the dragon cry for?
A) A huge rug B) A nice safe C) A double barreled gun

Q.No.(11-15)

Read the following stanza carefully.

She looked at him with an irritated eye and declared impatiently, "What do you suppose I have to wear to such a thing as that?" He had not thought of that; he stammered, "Why, the dress you wear when we go to the theatre. It seems very pretty to me..." He was silent, stupefied, in dismay, at the sight of his wife weeping. He stammered, "What is the matter? What is the matter?" By a violent effort, she had controlled her vexation and responded in a calm voice, wiping her moist cheeks, "Nothing. Only I have no dress and consequently I cannot go to this affair. Give your card to some colleague whose wife is better fitted out than I."

(The Necklace)

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given : 5×1= 5M

11. Why was Madam Loisel impatient?
A) She had nothing to wear for the ball
B) She was unwell
C) She was not interested in the ball

12. What was Madam Loisel's suggestion to her husband?
A) To attend the ball without her
B) To give the invitation to one of his colleagues
C) To borrow money and buy her a nice dress

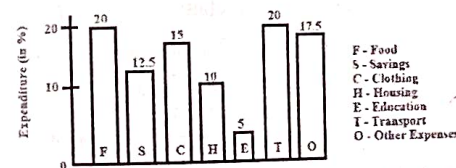
13. What did Matilda's husband suggest she wear to the event?
A) A new dress
B) Her wedding dress
C) The dress she wears to the theatre

14. How did Matilda's husband feel when he saw her weeping?
A) He was angry
B) He was indifferent
C) He was silent and stupefied

15. What reason did Matilda give for not being able to attend the event?
A) She was feeling unwell
B) She had no dress to wear
C) She did not want to go

16. Study the following Bar diagram.

Family expenditure in a month



Now, answer the following questions. 5×1= 5M

- (i) What is the chart about?
- (ii) How many expenditure items are given?
- (iii) Which is the highest expenditure?
A) Food and Transport
B) Other Expenses
C) Education
- (iv) Which is the least expenditure?
A) Education
B) Food
C) Clothing

- (v) Choose the correct statement based on the bar - graph
A) Food and Transport are equal expenditure.
B) Education is the highest expenditure.
C) Savings and housing are equal expenditure.

17. Read the following passage carefully.

Bapuji is in prison, but the magic of his message has stolen the hearts of millions of Indians. Men and women, and even little children, come out of their little shells and become India's soldiers of freedom. You and I are fortunate to see this happening before our eyes and to take some part ourselves in this great drama. What shall we play in it? If we are to be Indian soldiers we have to respect India's honour, and that honour is a sacred trust. It is not an easy matter to decide what is right and what is wrong. One little test I shall ask you to apply whenever you are in doubt. Never do anything in secret or anything that you wish to hide. For the desire to hide anything means that you are afraid and your fear is a bad thing and unworthy. Be brave and all the rest follows.

Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order. 5×1= 5M

- a) The sacred trust is to respect India's honour.
- b) The magic of his message has won the hearts of Indians.
- c) If you are in doubt don't do anything in secret or anything you wish to hide.
- d) Others follow you if you are brave.
- e) Bapuji is prisoned.

SECTION - B GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Note : Answer all the questions of Section - B in the same order at one place in your answer book.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'where' 2M
The aeroplane landed at the airport. It is very calm.
19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice'. 2M
We are shelling peas for drying.

20. Change the following into Reported Speech. 2M

Valli said, "I can take care of myself."

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given in brackets. 2×1=2M

(i) Ravi's grandparents were waiting ____ (a) them. (for/about/through)

(ii) Does he want to come ____ (b.) the park with us. (to/ by/ for)

22. Edit the following passage. 4×1=4M

Trekking in the area has resulting (a) in the trampling of these delicate plants by human and ponies. As an (b) result, the government of India was compelled for (c) ban all mountaineering , trekking expeditions but (d) livestock grazing in the area, with effect from February 20,1983.

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. 2×1=2M

(i) On ____ day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history.

(ii) Who could be social with such ____ person.

24. Change the following into repeated action in the past using 'would/used to' 2×1=2M

(i) In my old neighborhood, we played soccer in the street

(ii) When I was young , I enjoyed building model airplanes..

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifier. 2×1=2M

(i) I tried a dish. It was spicy and full of flavor.

(ii) She bought a car. The car is luxurious and blue.

26. Give a suitable advise for the situation given below. 2×1=2M

The floods destroyed the Singh Nagar area. in Vijayawada. Advise your classmates to donate some money to help the people.

27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box. 4×1=4M

Tired, glimmered, compassion, roadside, ruled, mourning

Kisa Gotami became weary (a) and hopeless, and sat down at the wayside (b), watching the lights of the city, as they flickered (c) up and were extinguished again. At last the darkness of the night reigned (d) everywhere.

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words. 4×1=4M

My late aunt and her husband, from whom, as you knew, I inherited (a) my land, always had the greatest respect (b) for your father and your late mother. The Lomovs and the Chubukovs have always had the most friendly (c), and I might almost say the most affectionate (d), regard for each other.

29. Fill in the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets. 4×1=4M

We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient (a) (Buddha/ Boudha/ Buddhist) ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt (b) (sleep/asleep/sleepy) during meditations.

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes and Suffixes given in the brackets. 2×1=2M

(i) He was__ literate until he took classes (ir, il)

(ii) This method is completely ____ effective.(un, in)

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. 2×1=2M

i) Helicopter, sacrifices, wrought, generations

ii) Thought, breakfast, straiight, storm

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below. 2×1=2M

overcome /əʊvə'kʌm/

verb (overcame, overcome)

• succeed in dealing with (a problem or difficulty):
He overcame his pain for a time.

• defeat (an opponent):
An experienced England team overcame the determined home team.

Now, answer the following questions using the information above.

a) Write the parts of speech of the word 'overcome'
b) What are the synonyms of the given entry.

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. 2×1=2M

(i) Phrasal verb : Come up with

ii) Idiomatic expression : Bite the bullet

34. Match the following 4×1/2=2M

A

B

1. Plunge in () A) Keep indoors
2. Move up () B) Have a good relationship with
3. Get along with () C) Go to the next grade
4. Stay in () D) Go straight to to topic

SECTION - C

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

35. (A) Imagine a dialogue between Lencho and a neighbour, where Lencho shares his plan to write a letter to God asking for help.

10 M

OR

(B) Imagine you are Ausable. You met Fowler, a young writer. He was disappointed at your looks. Write a diary entry in this context

36. (A) You are Sudha from Palaparthivari street, Vijayawada. Write a letter to a local bookstore, Manohar Publishers, located on Eluru road, Vijayawada, requesting to place an order for several books you're interested in purchasing.

10M

(OR)

B) You are the secretary of Srujana Society. Your society was once a name for cleanliness is now facing complaints of unhygienic conditions.

Write a speech persuading the members to maintain Cleanliness in the society.

37. (A) Read the following passage carefully focusing on the underlined parts.

New clothes had never been made for Bholi. The old dresses of her sisters (A) were passed on to her. No one cared to mend or wash her clothes. But today she was lucky to receive a clean dress (B) which had shrunk after many washings and no longer fitted Champa (C). She was even bathed and oil was rubbed into her dry and matted hair (D). Only then did she begin to believe that she was being taken to a place better than her home! (E)

Now frame 'WH' questions to get the underlined parts as answers. 10M

OR

(B) Study the following and write a paragraph based on the line graph.

The given line graph provides information about changes in birth and death in New Zealand between 1901 and 2101.



PAPER-III ANSWERS

Section -A

Reading Comprehension

Question (1 - 5):

- Gautama Buddha began his life as a prince named Siddhartha Gautama in Northern India
- Gautama encountered a sick man, an aged man, a funeral procession, and a begging monk. These experiences moved him deeply and prompted him to seek enlightenment.

- (A) Seven years
- (B) a peepal tree
- (A) Begging

Questions (6 -10):

- Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears.
- Custard is the name of the dragon.
- (A) Loins
- (A) tiger
- (B) A nice sage cage

Question (11 - 15):

- (A) She had nothing to wear for the ball
- (B) To give the invitation to one of his colleagues
- (C) The dress she wears to the theatre
- (C) He was silent and stupefied
- (B) She had no dress to wear

Question 16:

- Family expenditure in a month
- 7 expenditure items.
- A food
- B Food
- A Food and Transport are equal expenditure

Question 17:

- Bapuji is prisoned.
- The magic of his message has won the hearts of Indians.
- The sacred trust is to respect India's honour.

- If you are in doubt don't do anything in secret or anything you wish to hide.
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Section -B

Grammar & Vocabulary

- The airport where the aeroplane landed was very calm.
- Peas are being shelled for drying.
- Valli said that she could take care of herself.
- i) for ii) to
- a) resulted b) a c) to d) and
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- i) In my old neighborhood, we used to play soccer in the street.
ii) When I was young, I used to enjoy building model airplanes.
- i) I tried a spicy, flavorful dish.
ii) She bought a luxurious, blue car.
- You should donate some money to help the people.
- a) tired b) roadside c) glimmered d) ruled
- a) acquired b) disrespect c) unfriendly d) aloof
- a) Buddhist b) sleepy
- i) illiterate ii) ineffective
- i) helicopter ii) straight
- i) verb ii) succeed
- i) He came up with a wonderful idea.
ii) I decided to bite the bullet and finish the project.

- 1.D 2.C 3.B 4.A

Section - C : Creative Expression

35. A)

Lencho : Hey, can I talk to you for a minute?

Neighbour : Sure, Lencho. What's on your mind?

Lencho : Well, you know about the hailstorm that destroyed our crops, right?

Neighbour : Yeah, I heard about it. I'm sorry, Lencho. That must be tough.

Lencho : It's been really hard for us. We were counting on that harvest to get us through the year. But now, I'm thinking of writing a letter to God, asking for help.

Neighbour : To God? What do you mean?

Lencho : I know it sounds crazy, but I've heard stories of people who wrote letters to God. In times of need, and their prayers were answered. I figure it's worth a shot.

Neighbour : I see. Well, Lencho, I think it's important to hold on to hope in difficult times. If writing a letter to God gives you some comfort, then go for it.

Lencho : Thanks. I appreciate your support. Maybe if we all believe hard enough, something good will come out of this mess.

Neighbour : I hope so, Lencho. And if there's anything I can do to help, just let me know.

(OR)

B)

1st November 2024

Dear Diary,

Today, I had an interesting encounter with Fowler, the young writer. As soon as he walked into my room, I could see his surprise at my appearance. I'm used to people expecting secret agents to be sleek, glamorous, and full of high-tech gadgets. Instead, they find me - a middle-aged man in a somewhat worn suit, with nothing more exciting than a stack of papers and a cluttered desk.

Fowler's initial disappointment was evident. He probably expected a much more dramatic figure, someone who looked the part of a daring secret agent. It's always amusing to see how different the reality is from the movies. Despite Fowler's initial disappointment, I hope he realizes that being effective doesn't always mean looking impressive. True skill comes from handling situations wisely and staying calm, not from flashy appearances.

Yours,
Ausable

36. A)

Vijayawada,

1st November 2024.

To

The Manager,

Manohar Publishers,

Eluru Road, Vijayawada.

Subject: Letter Placing Order

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inquire about the possibility of placing an order for several books that I am interested in purchasing from your bookstore.

I have heard wonderful things about Book Haven and I am eager to explore the wide selection of books you offer. I have compiled a list of the books I would like to order, and I would appreciate it if you could assist me in acquiring these titles. The books I am interested in purchasing are as follows:

"Shiksha" by Manish sisodia

"Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen

If these titles are available at your bookstore, please let me know the procedure for placing an order

and any additional information I may need to provide. I am happy to visit your bookstore in person to finalize the order and make the necessary arrangements for payment and pickup.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon and hopefully adding these wonderful books to my collection.

Yours sincerely,

Sudha.

B) Good morning and a warm welcome to all the members of Srujana Society.

Friends I believe you know why we all have gathered here. I received a letter from the municipal authorities complaining of the garbage disposal in our society. Garbage bins are placed at various places in the society. Yet many among us are not making use of them.

You all know that Srujana Society was one an exemplar for cleanliness and its hygienic maintenance. There was no violation of any rule framed by the society members. There once prevailed peace and healthy environment. But now the cleanliness and hygiene of the place has become a matter of concern. There are mounds of garbage building up at the corners of almost every street. Foul smell continues spreading all the time. Even at the entrance of the park where all the young kids of the society play there is garbage dumped and mosquitoes are breeding there. Now, the place has almost become inhabitable.

The issue has been brought to your notice several times even earlier but we all seemed to become quite insensitive to it. Friends, this is our home. We live, sleep, play here. Our children walk around these lanes and touch things around. As the rainy season is approaching I request all of you to use closed bins

and discard waste only in the bins provided and not on streets. Please separate plastic bottles and covers from the garbage and throw them in the bins for plastic section. Your co-operation is a must to keep the surroundings neat and tidy.

I would therefore urge you to keep the society clean and tidy and protect yourselves and your kids from the dangerous diseases caused by the breeding mosquitoes and flies. It is our home. Let us keep it clean.

37. A)

A) What kind of clothes had been passed on to Bholi?

B) What was Bholi lucky to have?

C) Whom did the dress didn't fit anymore?

D) What was done to Bholi?

E) What did Bholi begin to believe?

OR

B)

The graph shows birth and death rates starting from 1901 till 2101. Since 1901, the birth rate has remained more than the death rate until 2041. Birth rate was 20000 in 1901 and started increasing gradually. It peaked in 1961 to around 65000. From 1961, birth rate has fluctuated multiple times between 50000 and 60000. It is expected to decline for the coming years reaching approximately 42000 by 2101. On the other hand, the death rate stood at around 10000 in 1901 and then has increased steadily. It is expected to rise strikingly from 2021 before leveling off to approximately 60000 between 2061 and 2081.

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SECTION-A (Reading Comprehension)

Q.No.(1-5): Read the following passage carefully.

"No, no one will be looking for me," she said. The bus started, and again there were the same wonderful sights. Valli wasn't bored in the slightest and greeted everything with the same excitement she'd felt the first time. But suddenly she saw a young cow lying dead by the roadside, just where it had been struck by some fast-moving vehicle. "Isn't that the same cow that ran in front of the bus on our trip to town?" she asked the conductor. The conductor nodded, and she was overcome with sadness. What had been a lovable, beautiful creature just a little while ago had now suddenly lost its charm and its life and looked so horrible, so frightening as it lay there, legs spread-eagled, a fixed stare in its lifeless eyes, blood all over... The bus moved on.

(Madam Rides the Bus)

Now, answer the following questions. 5×2=10M

1. What does Valli see by the roadside?
2. What does Valli ask the conductor about the cow?
3. How does Valli feel when she sees the dead cow?  
A) Disgusted  
B) Nonchalant  
C) Sorrowful
4. Valli's excitement continued initially when the bus started to return because  
A) she made a lot of friends.  
B) there were the same wonderful sights  
C) the conductor became her friend

5. Which of the following is used to describe the dead cow?  
A) A fixed stare in its lifeless eyes  
B) A lovable beautiful creature  
C) Struck by a fast-moving vehicle

(Questions 6 - 10) : Read the following stanza carefully.

If ever you should go by chance  
To jungles in the east;  
And if there should to you advance  
A large and tawny beast,  
If he roars at you as you're dyin'  
You'll know it is the Asian Lion...

(How to Tell Wild Animals)

Choose the correct answers to the following questions 5 × 1 = 5 M

6. What does the lion's roar indicate?
7. Pick two words from the stanza that imply danger?
8. East refers to....?  
(A) Japan  
(B) Asia  
(C) Indonesia
9. Tawny means.....?  
(A) brownish orange  
(B) heavy  
(C) terrifying
10. Which of the following sounds does the lion make?  
(A) Roar  
(B) Mew  
(C) Howl

(Question 11 - 15) : Read the following passage carefully.

She remembered how a few days ago their old cow, Lakshmi, had been turned out of the house and sold. "N-n-n NO, no-no-no," she shouted in terror and pulled her hand away from her father's grip. "What's the matter with you, you fool?" shouted Ram Lal. "I am only taking you to school." Then he told his wife, "Let her wear some decent clothes today, or else what will the teachers and the other schoolgirls think of us when they see her?" New clothes had never been made for Bholi. The old dresses of her sisters were passed on to her.

(Bholi)