

ENGLISH
Third Language
(Model Question Paper -3) 2025

Class: 10

Max.marks: 100

Time: 3:15m

Instructions :

1. The 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

(Questions 1 - 5): Read the following passage carefully.

MIDWAY between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore sits a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of god. This land of rolling hills is inhabited by a proud race of martial men, beautiful women and wild creatures.

Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. As one story goes, a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled here when return became impractical. These people married amongst the locals and their culture is apparent in the martial traditions, marriage and religious rites, which are distinct from the Hindu mainstream. The theory of Arab origin draws support from the long, black coat drifted from been carried along gently by air martial having to do with war canopies roof-like coverings that form shelters prime here, best mainstream a tradition which Traditional Coorgi dress most people follow with an embroidered waist-belt worn by the Kodavus. Known as kuppia, it resembles the kuffia worn by the Arabs and the Kurds.

(Glimpses of India)

Now, answer the following questions below.

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1. What is the passage about?
2. What is special with the location and people living there?
3. The people of Coorg are possibly of _____ descent.
 - A) Greek or Arabic descent
 - B) Greek or Indian descent
 - C) Arabic or American descent

4. An embroidered waist-belt worn by the Kodavus is known as _____.
 A) Kuffia
 B) Kuppia
 C) Kurda
5. How much percentage of evergreen rain forests cover the district of Coorg?
 A) 50%
 B) 30%
 C) 70%

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

Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink,
 And the little grey mouse, she called him Blink,
 And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,
 But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,
 And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,
 Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,
 And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.

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 Dragon)

Now, answer the following questions.

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6. What did Custard, The dragon cry for?
7. How brave was Belinda?
8. What was the name of the little yellow dog?
 A) Custard
 B) Mustard
 C) Blink
9. What did Ink and Blink do?
 A) Chased barrel full of bears
 B) Chased lions down the stairs
 C) Cried for nice safe cage
10. Which of the following is TRUE according to the poem above?
 A) Custard showed true courage.
 B) Custard cried for an iron safe.
 C) Belinda is the name of Dragon.

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

On the morning of the third day, however, he thought of the books he wanted and he knew he would have to look for another safe. But he never got the chance to begin his plan. By noon a policeman had arrested him for the jewel robbery at Shotover Grange.

His fingerprints, for he had opened the safe without gloves, were all over the room, and no one believed him when he said that the wife of the owner of the house had asked him to open the safe for her. The wife herself, a gray-haired, sharp-tongued woman of sixty, said that the story was nonsense.

Horace is now the assistant librarian in the prison. He often thinks of the charming, clever young lady who was in the same profession as he was, and who tricked him. He gets very angry when anyone talks about 'honour among thieves'. **(A Question of Trust)**

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

5 x 1 = 5 M

11. The police arrested Horace for a robbery. Where did he do it?

- A) in a guest house
- B) at Shotover Grange
- C) in the kitchen

12. What did Horace like very much?

- A) jewellery
- B) books
- C) garments

13. According to Horace, who asked him to open the safe?

- A) his dear wife
- B) the house owner
- C) house owner's wife

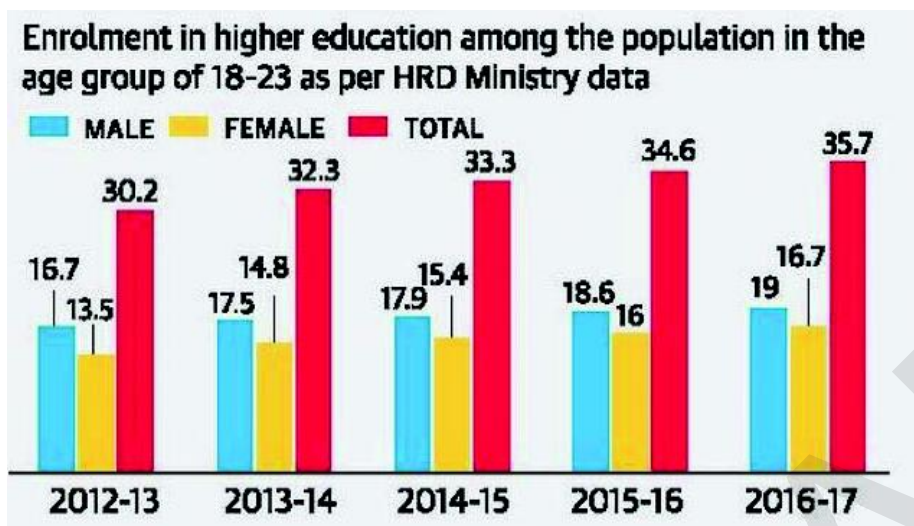
14. What evidence made the police arrest Horace?

- A) the CCTV footage
- B) his footsteps
- C) his finger prints

15. What makes Horace angry?

- A) The rude behaviour of visitors to library.
- B) The rigours of the prison life.
- C) The discussion on 'Honour among Thieves'.

(Questions 16): Study the following Bar chart.



Now, answer the following questions.

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- What does the bar-chart show?
- Which period is taken as reference in the graph?
- What was the trend observed in the graph?
 - Women outnumbered men in admissions.
 - More men were enrolled in higher courses.
 - Men and women are equal in admissions.
- Of all, which year recorded LEAST number of enrollments?
 - 2016-17
 - 2015-16
 - 2012-13
- Choose the CORRECT statement based on the bar-graph.
 - The graph represents dropouts from higher education.
 - There is a gradual improvement of enrollments.
 - There is a gradual decline in women enrollment.

(Question 17): Read the following passage carefully.

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) was an Italian physicist, mathematician, astronomer, and philosopher who played a significant role in the Scientific Revolution. He is considered the “father of observational astronomy” and the “father of modern physics.” Galileo is known for his improvements to the telescope, which he used to observe and make important discoveries about the moons of Jupiter, the phases of Venus, and the dark spots on the Sun. He also developed the concept of the scientific method and made critical discoveries in the fields of kinematics and the strength of materials. The Catholic Church persecuted him for his support of heliocentrism, the idea that the Earth and other planets revolve around the Sun.

Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order.

5 x 1 = 5 M

- He developed scientific method and made important findings in physics.
- It was Galileo who improved telescope for astronomical observations.
- The Church punished him for his support of heliocentric theory.
- Galileo was born in Italy and is considered the pioneer in astronomy.
- With the help of the telescope he observed planets and their movements.

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 'whom' **2 M**

Shama is my friend. I like her very much.

19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice' **2 M**

Siddhu can drive a car.

20. Change the following into Reported Speech. **2 M**

The teacher said to the students, 'How did you write the exam?'

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

i) Your success dependsyour hardwork. (of, for, on)

ii) She applied a job in collector's office. (for, with, at)

22. Edit the following passage. **4 x 1 = 4 M**

I was still a thief when I meet (a) Anil. And though only 15,

I was a fairly successfully (b) hand. Anil was watching

the (c) wrestling match when I approached

him. His (d) was about 25 a tall, lean fellow.

a).....

b).....

c).....

d).....

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

1.landlord and his wife were up very early in the morning.

2. She uttered cry of joy.

24. Change the following into Repeated action in the past using 'would/used to'

i) When she was a student, she loved music very much.

2 x 1 = 2 M

ii) In his childhood, he swam in the river every morning .

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifiers. **2 x 1 = 2 M**

i) I bought a boat. It is a big one. It is a motor boat.

ii) He made a speech. It was an inspiring speech. It was a long speech.

26. Give a suitable advice for the situation given below. **2 x 1 = 2 M**

Your friend is coming on a bicycle to school. Suggest him/her to continue for good health.

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

face, particularly, completed, characteristics, lean

Max was slender (a), a little less than tall, with features (b) that suggested slightly the crafty, pointed countenance (c) of a fox. There was about him — aside from the gun — nothing especially (d) menacing.

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words.

4 x 1 = 4 M

He escaped easily enough (a) from the boys who followed (b) his footprints in London. But his adventures were by no means over. He had chosen a bad (c) time of the year to wander about London without clothes. It was mid-winter. The air was bitterly cold (d) and he could not do without clothes.

29. Fill the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets.

2 x 1 = 2 M

Poor Kisa Gotami now went from house to house, and the people..... (a)(pity/ pitied/pitiable) her and said, "Here is mustard seed; take it!" But when she asked, "Did a son or daughter, a father or mother..... (b)(deadly/die/death) in your family?" they answered her, "Alas! the living are few, but the dead are many. Do not remind us of our deepest grief." And there was no house but some beloved one had died in it.

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes and Suffixes given in the brackets.

2 x 1 = 2 M

- i) He totallyunderstood what I said. (mis, dis)
- ii) I am surprised this phone is still function (al/el)

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling.

2 x 1 = 2 M

- i) sentence, resilience, humanity, thousand
- ii) beverage, beautiful, distance, officeals

32. Study the following dictionary entry.

2 x 1 = 2 M

thor·ough·fare /'θʌrəfeə \$ 'θʌroufer, 'θʌrə-/
 n 1 [C] the main road through a place such as a city or village: *The motel was off the main thoroughfare.* 2 no thoroughfare BrE a written sign used to tell people that they cannot go on a particular road or path

Now, answer the following questions.

- a) What does 'thoroughfare' mean?
- b) Pick the sentence in which 'thoroughfare' was used.

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own.

2 x 1 = 2 M

- i) Phrasal verb: ramble on

Ans.

- ii) Idiomatic expression: for ages

Ans.

34. Match the following.

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Part - A

Part - B

- | | | |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| i) calm down | () | a) be relaxed |
| ii) pick up | () | b) take something from ground |
| iii) break down | () | c) stop working |
| iv) wake up | () | d) make someone awake |

SECTION — C : CREATIVE EXPRESSION

35. A) In the lesson 'A letter to God', Lencho wrote a letter to God asking for help. When the postman saw the letter, he went to the postmaster laughing heatedly and showed him the letter. The postmaster also laughed but he was impressed by the faith of the man who wrote that letter. He decides to help Lencho, so as not to shake his faith in God.

Now, write a possible conversation between the postman and the postmaster in the above context. 10 M

(OR)

B) In 'The thief's story', Hari Singh steals money from Anil, and runs away to catch the 10:30 express to Lucknow to leave the city. But at the station, he does not board the train. He regrets his action thinking that he had betrayed Anil's trust and lost the chance of becoming a clever, respectful and educated man. In the end he decided to go back to anil and return his money.

Write a dairy entry of Hari Singh describing his feelings in the above context.

36. A) Traffic congestion has become a routine in your city. As a result, the travellers, students and other sections of people are under severe pressure of not reaching offices and schools in time. Your school area is also facing the same problem. The parents are facing difficulty to drop their children at school during morning hours and even while picking them up in the evening. You think there is a need of traffic constables at your school.

Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police to make a note of this issue and request him to post traffic constables at your school point to control traffic and avoid accidents. 10 M

(OR)

B) You have read the lesson "A Long Walk to Freedom". You liked Nelson Mandela's speech very much.

Now, prepare a script for speech on the subject of human rights, their violation and the need to implement the laws made for the protection of human rights.

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

Ramlal had seven (A) children — three sons and four daughters, and the youngest of them was Bholi (B). It was a prosperous (C) farmer's household and there was plenty to eat and drink. All the children except Bholi were healthy and strong (D). The sons had been sent to the city to study in schools and later in colleges. (E) Of the daughters, Radha, the eldest, had already been married. The second daughter Mangla's marriage had also been settled, and when that was done, Ramlal would think of the third, Champa.

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

10M

(OR)

B) Study the following pie-chart and write a paragraph based on the information given in it.

