

BK - 3

GRAND TEST - 2024 - 2025

Third Language - ENGLISH

Class : X]

(Max. Marks : 100)

[Time : 3.15 Mnts.

Academic standards	Reading comprehension	Grammar & Vocabulary	Creative Expression	Total	Grade
Marks Allotted	30	40	30	100	
Marks Obtained					

Name of the Student : Roll No. :

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

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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.

5 x 2 = 10

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

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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.

5 x 1 = 5

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.

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

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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. 5 x 1 = 5

I awoke late next morning to find that Anil had already made the tea. He stretched out his hand towards me. There was a fifty-rupee note between his fingers. My heart sank. I thought I had been discovered.

"I made some money yesterday," he explained. "Now you'll be paid regularly."

My spirits rose. But when I took the note, I saw it was still wet from the night's rain.

"Today we'll start writing sentences," he said.

He knew. But neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything. I smiled at Anil in my most appealing way. And the smile came by itself, without any effort.

(The Thief's Story)

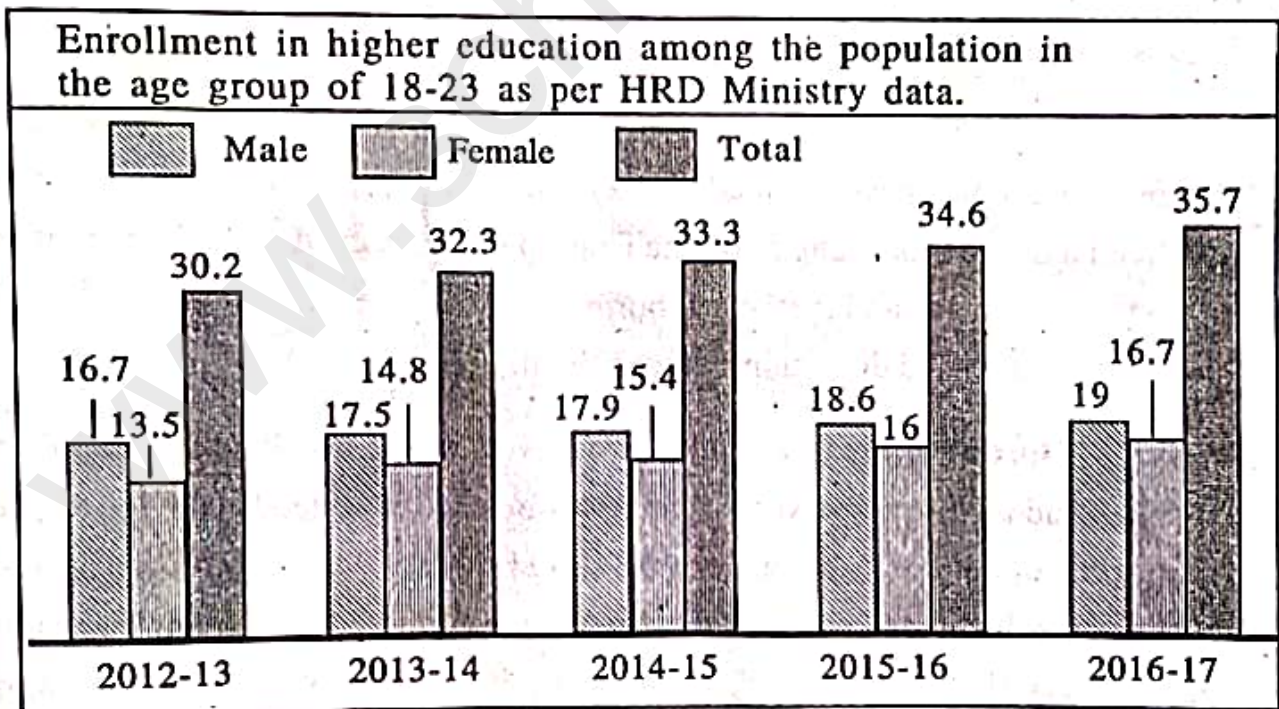
Choose the appropriate answer from the options given:

11. 'My heart sank'. What does the sentence mean? []

- a) He jumped up and down.
- b) He became disappointed.
- c) He felt fear of being caught.

12. 'He stretched out his hand'. Who does 'He' refer to? []
 a) the publisher b) the writer c) the thief
13. 'He knew'. What did 'he' know? []
 a) He knew that it rained.
 b) He knew that he studied well.
 c) He knew that Hari tried to steal.
14. 'The smile came by itself'. Why? []
 a) His thoughts were clean.
 b) So far, he held the smile back.
 c) The incident was amusing.
15. What will the narrator probably do after this? []
 a) He will help the poor.
 b) He will change his behaviour.
 c) He will go from there at once.

(Question 16): Study the following Bar chart.



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Now, answer the following questions.

5 x 1 = 5

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

(Question 17) : Read the following passage carefully.

There was a big banyan tree, where two crows - husband and wife, had prepared a nice nest and made it their home. In the hollow of the same tree, lived a black cobra. The crows had a problem because the black cobra would climb up the tree and eat the newborns, whenever the female crow hatched her eggs. They could do nothing to save them.

The crows went to a jackal, who lived in a nearby banyan tree, to seek his advice. They narrated everything to him and requested his advice for them to get rid of their problem. They said, "O Friend, It has become dangerous to live here. Please tell us how we can protect our children from being eaten up by the wicked black cobra. The jackal replied, "Please don't give up. Even powerful enemies can be overcome with the use of wit."

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

5 x 1 = 5

- a) The crows went to a jackal and sought his advice.
- b) Powerful enemies can be overcome with the use of wit.
- c) Two crows prepared a nice nest and made it their home.
- d) The jackal assured the birds and asked the birds to be brave.
- e) There was a black cobra in the hollow and ate the newly born birds.

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
He is the new principal. I worked with him before.
19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice'. 2
Siddhu can drive a car.
20. Change the following into Reported speech. 2
Gowtham Budha said, "I want a handful of mustard seeds."
21. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given in brackets. $2 \times 1 = 2$
 - a) The aeroplane had no lights..... its wings. (for, on, by)
 - b) This book consists forty pages. (off, of, with)
22. Edit the following passage. 4 x 1 = 4

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) _____

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23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. $2 \times 1 = 2$

- i) I could not see _____ black aeroplane.
- ii) Students need to fill out _____ application form to join the course.

24. Change the following into Repeated action in the past using 'would/used to'. $2 \times 1 = 2$

- i) When she was a student, she loved music very much.
- ii) In his childhood, he swam in the river every morning

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun - modifiers. $2 \times 1 = 2$

- i) He made a short speech. The speech was interesting.
- ii) She wore a saree. It is a Kancheepuram saree. It is blue in colour.

26. Give suitable advice for the situation given below. $1 \times 2 = 2$

Your brother is always biting nails. Advise him not to do it.

27. Read the following passage carefully and write the synonyms of the underlined words choosing the words given in the box. $4 \times 1 = 4$

creativity, end of life, good-looking, despair, fortunately

I finished my poem, and it was beautiful (a)! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death (b) by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily (c), Mr Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the ingenuity originality and inventiveness (d), adding his own comments, and to several other classes as well.

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

4 x 1 = 4

When I casually mentioned to a friend (a), he has casually replied (b) that I had better get one in the Tigris marshes, for there were as common (c) as mosquitoes and were often tamed by the Arabs. We were going to Basara to the Consulate - General to collect (d) and answer our mail from Europe.

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

2 x 1 = 2

We just get along somehow, my angel, thanks to your prayers, and so on. Sit down, please do. Now, you know, you shouldn't _____ (a) (forget/ forgetfulness/ forgetful) all about your _____ (b) (neighbourhood/neighbour/ neighbouring), my darling.

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

2 x 1 = 2

i) He totally _____ understood 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

i) sentence, resilience, humanity, thousand _____

ii) beverage, beautiful, distance, officials _____

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

Now, answer the following questions using the information above.

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

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i) What does 'thoroughfare' mean?

ii) Pick the sentence in which 'thoroughfare' was used.

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. $2 \times 1 = 2$

i) Phrasal verb: make up for

Ans : _____

ii) idiomatic expression: quaking in the boots

Ans : _____

34. Match the following. $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$

Part - A

i) get along with

[]

ii) stay in

[]

iii) look after

[]

iv) plunge in

[]

Part - B

a) to take care of

b) have good relation with

c) go straight to the topic

d) stay indoors

SECTION - C

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

35. Answer any ONE of the following. 10

A) In the lesson 'The Black Aeroplane', The pilot wants to land the flight and tries to contact the ground station. But he could not as the sky was full of clouds and the ground control does not respond. Even the compass fails. But, dramatically he landed the aeroplane safe in those conditions. meets an officer and at the control centre and talks to her.

Now, write a possible conversation between the pilot and the officer in the control station.

(Or)

B) In the lesson 'Madam Rides the bus', Valli got into the bus in the village to go to the town. She devours everything in and around the bus. She looks outside through the window at the canal, Palm trees, grassland, distant mountains and blue, blue sky. The green fields are wonderful to her. She admired the cows running across the street, the passengers travelling along with her.

Imagine you are Valli and write your experience with the sight of Landscape, Conductor and Passengers.

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

(Or)

- B) Books are very important sources of knowledge. They help us develop intellectually. Book reading a very good habit. It needs to be cultivated in student life. But, now book reading among students is not up to the mark.

Prepare a script for speech on the occasion of International Literacy Day (ILD), 08th September, 2024. Include the benefits of book reading, and how it can help in individuals progress and prospects.

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

The safe (A) was not going to be hard to open. After all, he had lived with locks and safes all his life. The burglar alarm was poorly built (B). He went into the hall to cut its wire (C). He came back and sneezed loudly as the smell of the flowers came to again. How foolish people are when they own valuable things (D). Horace thought. A magazine article head (E) described this house, giving a plan of all the rooms and a picture of this room.

Now, frame 'Wh' questions to get the underlined parts as answers. 10

(Or)

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

Smart Phone Vendor Market Share - 2013

