

GRAND TEST 2024-25 : ENGLISH KEY

Section A Reading Comprehension (30 Marks)

1. The passage is about Coorg, a picturesque district in Karnataka, known for its lush landscapes, coffee plantations, and unique cultural heritage.
 2. Coorg is uniquely located between Mysore and Mangalore, featuring evergreen rainforests and a distinct population with a proud martial tradition, possibly of Greek or Arabic descent.
 3. **A)** Greek or Arabic descent
 4. **B)** Kuppia
 5. **B)** 30%
6. Custard the dragon cried for a nice safe cage.
 7. Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears.
 8. **B)** Mustard
 9. **B)** Chased lions down the stairs
 10. **A)** Custard showed true courage
11. **b)** He became disappointed.
 12. **c)** the thief
 13. **c)** He knew that Hari tried to steal.
 14. **a)** His thoughts were clean.
 15. **b)** He will change his behaviour.
16. i) The bar-chart shows enrollment in higher education among the population aged 18-23.
 - ii) The reference period is from 2012-13 to 2016-17.
 - iii) **b)** More men were enrolled in higher courses.
 - iv) **c)** 2012-13
 - v) **b)** There is a gradual improvement of enrollments.
17. **The correct order of sentences is: c e a d b**
 - 1) c) Two crows prepared a nice nest and made it their home.
 - 2) e) There was a black cobra in the hollow and ate the newly born birds.
 - 3) a) The crows went to a jackal and sought his advice.
 - 4) d) The jackal assured the birds and asked the birds to be brave.
 - 5) b) Powerful enemies can be overcome with the use of wit.

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Section B Grammar & Vocabulary (40 Marks)

18. He is the new principal **whom** I worked with before.
19. A car **can be driven by** Siddhu.
20. Gowtham Buddha said that he wanted a handful of mustard seeds.
21. a) on. b) of
22. a) meet - met
b) successfully - successful
c) the - a
d) His - He
23. i) the ii) an.
24. i) When she was a student, she used to love music very much.
ii) In his childhood, he would swim in the river every morning.
25. i) He made an interesting short speech.
ii) She wore a blue Kancheepuram saree.
(Any relevant answer can be considered)
26. You **should stop biting** your nails;
It is a bad habit. **Or**
You **should not bite** nails.
27. a) beautiful = good-looking
b) death = end of life
c) luckily = fortunately
d) ingenuity = creativity

28.
a) friend × enemy
b) replied × ignored, neglected
c) common × rare
d) collect × scatter
29. a) forget b) neighbour
30. i) **misunderstood** ii) functional.
31. i) resilience – resilience
ii) officeals – officials
32. i) 'Thoroughfare' means the main road through a place such as a city or village.
ii) The motel was off the main thoroughfare.
33. i) He worked extra hours to **make up for** his absence.
ii) The little boy was **quaking in his boots** before the exam.
34.
i) get along with **(b)** have good relation with
ii) stay in **(d)** stay indoors
iii) look after **(a)** to take care of
iv) plunge in **(c)** go straight to the topic
- (Any relevant answer can be considered)**

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Section C Creative Expressions (30 Marks)

35. Answer any ONE of the following.

A) Conversation between the pilot and the officer at the control station:

Pilot: Excuse me, ma'am. I just landed my plane, but I had lost all contact with the control station. The compass wasn't working, and I couldn't see anything because of the storm.

Officer: That's strange! We didn't receive any signals from your aircraft. How did you manage to land safely?

Pilot: A mysterious black aeroplane appeared in the sky and guided me through the storm. I followed it blindly until I saw the runway.

Officer: A black aeroplane? That's impossible! There was no other aircraft flying at that time. Are you sure about what you saw?

Pilot: Absolutely! It was flying ahead of me, and its pilot was signalling me to follow. But when I landed, it disappeared.

Officer: This is really mysterious. No record of such a flight exists. You must have been incredibly lucky!

Pilot: I guess so... but I wonder who that pilot was and where he went.

Or

B) Valli's Experience on the Bus Ride:

I was so excited as I finally got onto the bus for my first journey to town. The moment I stepped in, I took in everything—the colourful seats, the friendly conductor, and the noisy passengers. The conductor had a big smile and called me "madam," which made me giggle.

As I sat by the window, I was mesmerized by the sights outside. The green fields stretched far and wide, and the canal sparkled under the sunlight. The palm trees swayed, and the blue sky looked endless. I loved watching the cows that suddenly ran across the road, making the driver slow down.

The passengers were chatting and laughing. Some looked busy, while others enjoyed the ride like me. I felt like a grown-up, traveling alone and seeing the world. It was the most thrilling experience of my life!

Valli

36. Answer any ONE of the following.

A) Letter to the Superintendent of Police regarding traffic congestion:

Manoj
APMS
Pathapatnam.

Date : 05 March 2025

The Superintendent of Police
Srikakulam

Respected Sir,

Subject: Request to Deploy Traffic Constables Near Our School

I am writing to bring to your attention the severe traffic congestion near our school during morning and evening hours. The heavy rush of vehicles creates a chaotic situation, making it difficult for students and parents to reach on time. Moreover, the absence of traffic control increases the risk of accidents.

We kindly request you to deploy traffic constables near our school to regulate vehicle movement and ensure the safety of students. Your intervention in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Or)

B) Speech on the Importance of Book Reading on International Literacy Day:

Good morning everyone,

Today, on International Literacy Day, I would like to talk about the importance of book reading in our lives. Books are the gateway to knowledge, imagination, and wisdom. They help us grow intellectually and emotionally.

Sadly, in today's digital age, book reading among students is declining. Instead of reading, many spend hours on mobile phones and social media. However, books play a crucial role in personal and academic success. They improve vocabulary, enhance thinking skills, and develop creativity. A good book can inspire, motivate, and change lives.

As students, we must cultivate the habit of reading. Whether it's fiction, biographies, or academic books, reading helps us gain new perspectives and makes us better individuals. Let us make book reading a daily habit and ensure a brighter future for ourselves and society.

Thank you.

37. Answer any ONE of the following.

A) 'Wh' Questions for the underlined parts :

- A) What was not going to be hard to open?
- B) How was the burglar alarm (built) ?
- C) Why did he go into the hall ?
- D) What did Horace think ?
- E) What described the house and its rooms? (Or)

B) Paragraph based on the Pie Chart:

The given pie chart represents the market share of various smartphone vendors in 2013. Samsung had the largest market share, accounting for 38% of the total sales. Micromax held the second position with 16% of the market. Other brands like Sony and Lava had smaller shares of 5% and 4.7%, respectively. The category labeled as "Others" covered 26.3% of the market, indicating the presence of various smaller competitors. This data highlights Samsung's dominance in the smartphone industry during 2013, while other brands competed for a smaller portion of the market.

Signature of the Teacher.

Signature of the Principal/ Headmaster

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