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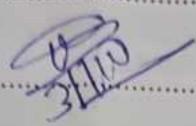
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- Note : (i) There are **39** questions in all divided into two parts.
(ii) All questions are compulsory.
(iii) Marks for each question are indicated against it.
(iv) Q. Nos. **1** to **19** are carrying **1** mark each. Some of them are in subparts that include MCQ, Fill in the blanks, True-False, Match the column, One-word answer type questions.
(v) Q. Nos. **20, 22** to **29, 31** to **33, 35** and **37** are short answer questions carrying **2** marks each. Answers to these questions should not exceed **30** words each.
(vi) Q. Nos. **21, 30** and **34** are carrying **3** marks. Answers to these questions should not exceed **40** words.
(vii) Q. Nos. **38** and **39** are carrying **4** marks each. Answers to these questions should not exceed **100** words.
(viii) Q. No. **36** is a long answer question carrying **5** marks. Answer to this question should not exceed **150-200** words.
(ix) Questions have to be attempted *either* from Optional Module I *or* Optional Module II in all Sections.

- (1) Answers of all questions are to be given in the Answer-Book given to you.
(2) 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 2:15 p.m. From 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the Answer-Book during this period.

PART-A

Section-A

(Prescribed Texts)

1. Choose the correct alternatives :

- (a) What items are used to provide light in the scene in the poem, *Night of the Scorpion*? 1×2=2
(A) Flashlights
(B) Candles and lanterns
(C) Fire torches
(D) Oil lamps

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(b) What kind of 'heaven' does the poem, *Where the Mind is Without Fear* describe?

- (A) A heaven of freedom (B) A heaven of dreams
(C) A heaven of sleep (D) A heaven of stars

2. Answer the following questions : 1×3=3

- (a) How long did it take for the poison to lose its sting, and what was the mother's reaction?
(b) Why does the poet long to visit her grandmother's house again?
(c) How does the poet describe the 'tireless striving' of people?

3. Read the text carefully and identify the True and False sentences : 1×3=3

The critical factor for a renewed and effective strategy for preventive education is massive, unflinching and unrelenting advocacy at all levels and support of political authorities at the highest National level, according to UNESCO.

To achieve this, audiences worldwide, starting with those most at risk, must be reached in culturally appropriate ways, and preventive education must be interconnected with the local way of life.

- (a) Preventive education strategies require consistent advocacy at only the local level.
(b) Support from political authorities at the highest National level is crucial for preventive education, according to UNESCO.
(c) Reaching audiences worldwide, especially those most at risk, is not necessary for preventive education.

4. Match the columns with reference to *Bholi* : 1×4=4

- (i) Bholi (Sulekha) (a) A timid girl who gains confidence and speaks up for herself
(ii) Ramlal (b) A loving but socially influenced father who values family honour



(iii) Bholi's mother

(c) A practical yet harsh woman concerned about societal expectations

(iv) Bishamber Nath

(d) A greedy and mean prospective groom

5. Choose the correct alternatives :

(a) Why was Doctor Benson out that night?

(A) To catch criminals

(B) To save a woman's life

(C) To meet Evans

(D) To go to the hospital

(b) How did the narrator react to Aunt Pramela's comments?

(A) Laughed quietly

(B) Remained silent

(C) Started crying

(D) Gaspd in shock

Section-B

(Non-Prescribed Texts)

Read the following passage carefully and answer Question Nos. 6 and 7 :

Indian indigenous games and sports have long been integral to the country's cultural fabric, providing not only entertainment but also a robust source of physical exercise.

Games such as Kabaddi, Kho-kho, and Mallakhamb are deeply rooted in Indian traditions and contribute significantly to overall fitness.

Kabaddi, a high-energy contact sport, enhances cardiovascular endurance, muscle strength, and agility. It requires player to hold their breath while raiding, which boosts lung capacity and stamina. Kho-kho, a tag game played in teams, improves speed, reflexes, and strategic thinking, promoting teamwork and social interaction. Mallakhamb, a traditional gymnastic sport performed on a wooden pole or rope, is excellent for building core strength, flexibility and coordination. It demands a high level of physical fitness and mental focus, making it a



complete workout. Other indigenous sports like Kushti (traditional wrestling) and Gilli-Danda (a bat and ball game) also provide rigorous physical activity, enhancing strength, agility, and hand-eye coordination.

These games are not just physical activities, they instill discipline, resilience, and a sense of community. By participating in these sports, individuals engage in comprehensive workouts that promote health and well-being, highlighting the importance of preserving and promoting indigenous games in contemporary fitness routines.

6. Complete the following sentences : 1×3=3

- (a) Mallakhamb ____ core strength, flexibility and coordination.
- (b) The significance of preserving and promoting indigenous games ____ health, well-being, and holistic growth.
- (c) Indian indigenous games and sports is cultural fabric and a source of ____.

7. Choose the correct alternatives : 1×3=3

- (a) What is the impact of Kabaddi on physical fitness?
 - (A) It only enhances muscle strength
 - (B) It primarily focuses on flexibility
 - (C) It enhances cardiovascular endurance, muscle strength and agility
 - (D) It does not require any physical effort
- (b) Which of the following is a benefit of playing Kho-kho as mentioned in the passage?
 - (A) It only improves hand-eye coordination
 - (B) It promotes teamwork and social interaction
 - (C) It focuses solely on building core strength
 - (D) It requires minimal physical activity
- (c) How do indigenous games contribute to emotional and social development?
 - (A) They discourage discipline and resilience
 - (B) They instill discipline, resilience, and a sense of community
 - (C) They have no impact on social interaction
 - (D) They only focus on individual performance

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8. Read the following passage and identify the True and False sentences :

Comic books have long been a beloved medium that captivates children's imaginations and makes reading an enjoyable experience. With their vibrant illustrations, dynamic characters, and engaging storylines, comics offer a unique blend of visual and textual storytelling that appeals to young readers.

One of the primary reasons comic books are so effective in encouraging children to read is their ability to make stories come to life through pictures. The colourful and expressive artwork helps to convey emotions and actions in a way that purely text based books may not, making it easier for children to understand and connect with the story. This visual element also helps to develop their comprehension skills as they learn to interpret the sequential art and follow the narrative.

Moreover, comic books often feature a wide range of genres and themes, from superhero adventures to historical tales and everyday life stories. This variety ensures that there is something for every child's interests, keeping them engaged and motivated to read more.

Additionally, the concise and dialogue driven format of comics can make reading less intimidating for reluctant readers. The combination of short text bursts with captivating images keeps the pace lively and encourages continuous reading.

Overall, comic books are a powerful tool in fostering a love for reading among children. They transform the reading experience into an exciting and enjoyable activity, sparking curiosity and creativity while building literacy skills.

- (a) Comic books are enjoyed by people of all ages, including adults.
- (b) Illustrations in comic books help children understand and connect with the story.
- (c) Comic books feature a wide range of genres, not just superheroes.
- (d) The concise and visual format can make reading less intimidating for some children.
- (e) Comic books can significantly contribute to a child's literacy development.
- (f) Promoting a fear of reading is **not** mentioned as a benefit of comic books.



Section-C
(Grammar)

9. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of verbs :

1×3=3

- (a) He _____ (practice) the piano for three hours.
(b) We _____ (~~see~~^{saw}) a beautiful rainbow after the rain stopped.
(c) I _____ (watch)^{at} a movie when the power went out.

10. Choose the correct alternatives :

1×4=4

(a) In the sentence, "They left the door standing open", 'standing' functions as a/an

- (A) gerund (B) participle
(C) finite verb (D) infinitive

(b) Which of the following sentences contains a non-finite verb?

- (A) The cat is sleeping on the sofa.
(B) He wants to become a doctor.
(C) They are working on the project.
(D) I have seen that movie.

(c) In the sentence, "Reading books is her favourite hobby", the non-finite verb is a/an

- (A) gerund (B) participle
(C) finite verb (D) infinitive

(d) In the sentence, "He decided to move to another city", the non-finite verb is a/an

- (A) gerund (B) participle
(C) finite verb (D) infinitive

11. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words to make 'Wh' questions : 1×2=2

(a) _____ are you going for your vacation?

We are going to Goa.

(b) _____ are you going to Mumbai?

I am going to Mumbai next month.



Section-D
(Functional Writing Skills)

12. Choose the correct alternatives :

1×4=4

(a) In a formal letter, what is the correct way to address the recipient in the salutation?

(A) Dear [first name]

(B) Dear [last name]

(C) Dear [title last name]

(D) Dear [full name]

(b) Which of the following is the correct way to present main points in note-making?

(A) Writing complete sentences for each point

(B) Using abbreviations and symbols to shorten the points

(C) Using paragraphs for each main point

(D) Writing long descriptions for each point

(c) When summarizing in note-making, which of the following should be avoided?

(A) Using abbreviations and symbols for conciseness

(B) Writing complete sentences to explain key points

(C) Paraphrasing the original content in a brief form

(D) Including unnecessary details and examples

(d) Which of the following is an appropriate way to address the sender at the end of a formal letter?

(A) Yours sincerely

(B) Love

(C) Bye

(D) Best wishes

13. Read the statements carefully and identify them as True or False :

1×4=4

(a) In a formal letter, you should always use contractions like 'I'm', 'Can't' or 'Won't'.

(b) A formal introduction or background is necessary before starting the main points in a note.

- (c) The purpose of summarizing in note-making is to make the content shorter while retaining the key ideas.
- (d) The recipient's address is placed at the beginning of a formal letter after the sender's address.

14. Answer the following questions in one or two word(s) : 1×2=2

- (a) How should you conclude an article?
- (b) What kind of language style is preferred in informal writing?

Section-E

OPTION-I

(English for Receptionists)

Read the questions carefully and choose the suitable answer :

15. Which of the following is an example of a document a receptionist should have access to? 1
- (A) A reservation voucher
- (B) A salary slip of employee
- (C) Staff health insurance records
- (D) Guest reviews from external websites
16. A receptionist should be aware of which of the following to assist with local travel? 1
- (A) A list of local grocery stores
- (B) Railway timetable
- (C) Upcoming company events
- (D) The company's annual budget
17. The underlined expression used in this conversation is not appropriate on the phone. Choose the correct response from the opinion given : 1
- Receptionist : Good evening, Lakeview Inn. How can I be of service?
- Customer : I'm looking for a room for a weekend getaway.



Receptionist : Surely! Can you share the dates you need?

Customer : I'm looking at Friday, October 3rd to Sunday, October 5th.

- (A) When you will come?
(B) Could you share the dates you need?
(C) Not possible now. But shall consider it.
(D) Of course! Why not?
18. Which of the following is a typical task a receptionist may do related to telephone numbers? 1
- (A) Verify the caller's identity.
(B) Write the company's mission statement.
(C) Call guests to confirm their reservations.
(D) Schedule meetings for executives.
19. What should a receptionist know when speaking to callers? 1
- (A) How to multitask while on the call?
(B) What they want to say and how to say it briefly and directly?
(C) How to avoid answering the caller's questions?
(D) How to extend the conversation?

OPTION—II

(ESP for Office Use)

Read the questions carefully and choose the suitable answer :

15. Study the short exchanges/dialogues given below. Identify the relationship : 1

X : Good morning, Dr. Sharma. How are you today?

Y : Good morning, Mr. Patel. I am fine, thank you. How are you?

X : I am well, thank you.

- (A) Formal (B) Informal
(C) Neutral (D) None of the above

16. The short form 'FYI' is most likely used to
- (A) share a personal anecdote
 - (B) convey a piece of information
 - (C) express excitement or enthusiasm
 - (D) request a quick response
17. What is a good method for self-assessment in preparation for an interview?
- I. Ignoring your strength and weakness
 - II. Creating a list of your skills and how they align with the job
 - III. Focusing solely on your past experiences
 - IV. Claiming to be an expert in everything
- (A) All are true
 - (B) Only I is true
 - (C) Only II is true
 - (D) Both II and III are true
18. You have to write an email to Nova Travels, asking them to postpone your Bus tickets to Lucknow and the hotel accomodation they had booked for you. You will inform about the changed date in near future. Select the appropriate points from the following:
- (A) Cancel reservations, will decide upon new dates, regret the inconvenience caused
 - (B) Cancel reservations, will inform about the new dates, regret the inconvenience caused
 - (C) Postpone reservations, will inform about new dates, regret inconvenience caused
 - (D) Cancel reservations, will inform about new dates, requested to return the booking amount
19. You have to start a meeting in a conference at 11:00 a.m. Which expression would you use? Select the correct response.
- (A) Good morning friends
 - (B) Good morning my friends
 - (C) Good morning ladies and gentlemen
 - (D) Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen

PART-B

Section-A

(Prescribed Texts)

20. Answer any one of the following questions : 2

(a) Why does the speaker stand and look down one road for a long time?
(*The Road not Taken*)

(b) How does the speaker's reflection on her past reveal her current emotional state? (*My Grandmother's House*)

21. Answer any one of the following questions : 3

(a) What does the phrase "way leads on to way" suggest about the nature of life's decisions?

(b) "Snakes symbolize decay and disruption." What relevance does the poet bring in by referring snakes in the poem?

22. What did Gerrard tell the intruder about himself? 2

23. How did Ved's father respond to the challenges posed by Ved's blindness? 2

OR

What were the contrasting beliefs of Ved's mother and father regarding his blindness and treatment?

24. What role does Nehru assign to science and technology? 2

Section-B

(Non-Prescribed Texts)

Read the following passage carefully and answer Question Nos. 25 to 27 :

Caring for pets at home is a deeply rewarding experience that brings joy and companionship to our lives. Pets, whether they are dogs, cats, birds or small animals require attention, love and proper care to thrive. Providing a safe and comfortable environment is the first step in ensuring their well-being. This includes regular feeding with nutritious food, access to clean water, and a cozy place to rest.



Routine veterinary checkups are essential to monitor their health and prevent diseases. Vaccinations, parasite control, and dental care are important aspects of maintaining their health. Grooming ensures pets' cleanliness and comfort while exercise promotes their well-being. Walks, interactive play, and enrichment activities keep pets active, happy and healthy, enhancing their overall quality of life.

Caring for pets requires understanding their needs, providing love, social interaction and mental stimulation. This strengthens bonds and enriches lives, teaching empathy, patience and joy. Their unconditional love and loyalty make the effort deeply rewarding.

25. What are the basic needs of pets mentioned in the text? 2
26. Why are routine veterinary checkups important for pets? Provide two specific reasons from the text. 2

OR

How does exercise contribute to a pet's overall well-being according to the passage?

27. Identify and explain two responsibilities of pet owners that help strengthen the bond with their pets. 2

Read the following passage carefully and answer Question Nos. 28 to 30 :

Wooden toys hold a special place in the hearts of many, evoking memories of simpler times and timeless play. In the olden days, these toys were not only the mainstay of childhood entertainment but also a testament to craftsmanship and creativity. Handcrafted with care and attention to detail, wooden toys were cherished for their durability and charm.

Handcrafted wooden toys, unique and love-filled, encouraged imaginative play with designs from simple blocks to intricate carvings. They fostered creativity, storytelling, and cherished connections to artisans or family makers.

Wooden toys promote tactile development and fine motor skills, valued for their safety, durability and absence of harmful chemicals. Often passed down as heirlooms, they preserve family traditions and memories, symbolizing a connection to the past.

In essence, wooden toys from the olden days were more than just playthings; they were integral to a child's upbringing, fostering creativity, resilience and a deep appreciation for simple joys.

28. (a) "Wooden toys are special due to their durability." What are the other qualities involved?

OR

- (b) How did handcrafted wooden toys encourage children's development, particularly in terms of creativity and skill-building?



29. In what ways do wooden toys symbolize a connection to the past and family traditions? 2
30. Find a word similar in meaning from the passage for each of the following: 1×3=3
- (a) Recalls
 - (b) Handmade
 - (c) Well-being

Section-C
(Grammar)

31. Fill in the blanks using the passive form of the verbs given in the brackets: 1×2=
- (a) The old castle _____ (visit) by many tourists when it _____ (use) to be open to the public.
 - (b) Delicious meals _____ (cook) by the chef who _____ (use) to work here.
32. Change the following into indirect speech: 1×2=
- (a) "Why are you late?" asked the teacher.
 - (b) He said, "I will call you later."
33. Join the following sentences using the connectors given against each pair: 1×2=
- (a) The restaurant was very busy.
We managed to get a table. (despite)
 - (b) He missed the bus.
He woke up late. (because)

Section-D
(Functional Writing Skills)

34. Answer any one of the following questions:
- (a) Make a summary of the following passage:

Storytelling is an ancient art form that has been used for centuries to educate children with moral values. This tradition has been a cornerstone of cultural heritage across the globe, where elders, parents, and teachers impart wisdom through engaging narratives. These stories often feature characters and scenarios that reflect the complexities of life, helping children understand right from wrong in a meaningful and memorable way.

From the fables of Aesop to the *Panchatantra* tales of India, storytelling has been a powerful tool in teaching moral lessons. Stories like *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* emphasize the importance of honesty, while tales like *The Tortoise and the Hare* teach the value of perseverance and humility. Through captivating plots and reliable characters, these stories offer children a safe space to explore ethical dilemmas and consequences.



Storytelling nurtures imagination, empathy and critical thinking, helping children develop problem solving skills and emotional intelligence. It strengthens family bonds, preserves culture, and serves as an essential educational tool for moral and ethical development.

- (b) Make notes from the following passage in points only, using appropriate headings and subheadings. Also use at least two recognizable abbreviations :

A planetarium show offers an accessible and economical way to experience the wonders of space without leaving earth. These immersive presentations use advanced technology to project stunning visuals of the night sky, celestial bodies, and cosmic phenomena onto a domed ceiling, creating a realistic and awe-inspiring simulation of space exploration.

For a fraction of the cost of actual space travel, visitors can embark on a journey through the universe, exploring distant galaxies, witnessing the birth and death of stars, and learning about the intricate dynamics of our solar system. The captivating narration and high-definition graphics make the experience both educational and entertaining, sparking curiosity and a deeper appreciation for astronomy.

Planetarium shows offer educational insights into astronomy, history and mythology for all ages, making them ideal for schools and families. They incorporate the latest discoveries, fostering a sense of wonder and shared discovery, while providing a cost-effective and enriching space exploration experience.

35. Describe your experience of visiting a zoo or a wildlife sanctuary. 2

36. Attempt any *one* of the following questions : 5

(a) You are Sohan living at 15, Tulip Garden, Cochin. The streetlights in your neighbourhood have been malfunctioning for weeks, making the area unsafe at night. Write a letter to the Editor of a daily newspaper requesting immediate action.

(b) You are Nutan, a student of Blossoms School, Hyderabad. Write a letter to the Principal of the school regarding the lack of proper parking space for students.

Section-E

OPTION-I

(English for Receptionists)

37. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 2

(a) How should a receptionist treat guests and visitors, even when they are impolite?

(b) What becomes more important in case of unavoidable delays?



38. Answer any one of the following questions :

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(a) You are an operator at Maxwell Appliances. A customer calls to inform you that the refrigerator they bought a few days ago has stopped cooling. As your office only handles sales, guide the customer on how they can contact the service center for repairs and provide them with the required contact details.

(b) The Managing Director requests you to check all travel arrangements and ensure that he will reach Delhi from Nagpur by 15th March, 2025, 11:00 a.m. for a meeting with the sales team. Prepare the conversation.

39. Mr. Vikas has an appointment with Mr. Nishanth Rao, the HR Manager at Dion Apparels Ltd. at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Vikas calls to cancel the appointment due to a personal emergency, Mr. Nishanth Rao is on lunch break. You are the receptionist at Dion Apparels Ltd. Write out a message for Mr. Nishanth Rao.

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OPTION—II

(ESP for Office Use)

37. Answer any one of the following questions :

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(a) What essential details should be included in an accident report?

(b) What common mistakes should be avoided when writing a report?

38. Answer any one of the following questions :

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(a) You are the Sales Executive of Stylus Apparels, Chennai, deputed to survey the fashion market in Madurai to open a new store due to a growing number of young professionals in the area. Write a report to the Sales Manager, justifying why Madurai could be a suitable market for the new store, giving necessary reasons.

(b) Mr. Santhosh works as an Assistant Manager in a retail company in Kolkata. He has been asked to visit the company's outlet in Kanpur and submit a report on its sales performance and customer satisfaction. Write out a tour report to be submitted by Mr. Santhosh to Mr. Mahesh, the Operations Head.

39. Write an email addressed to Mr. Hemavathi, the Auditor General of the State, coming to your company for an audit. He requires details about your company's operations, employee welfare, and compliance practices. You are the PRO of your company, Gaya Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad. Mr. Hemavathi's email ID : hemavathi@gmail.com. Your email ID : gayasolutions@companymail.com.

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