

English Paper - I

Time : 2 1/2 Hours.

Marks : 50

(1 - 8) Answer each of the following questions in about THREE sentences. $8 \times 2 = 16$

1. Why did Dr. Barnard find the suffering of children heart-breaking?
(In Celebration of Being ALive)
2. What are the four vows taken by the Missionaries of Charity? (Mother Teresa)
3. What did the poet do as the snake was going into the hole? (Snake)
4. How did Anna happen to work for Mrs. Bates? (Circus Cat, Alley Cat)
5. How was Rex's mettle tested? (Snapshot of a Dog)
6. What did the keeper do to the weasel, the crow and the magpie? (The Gallows)
7. What happened to one of the twin brothers in the end? (The Case for the Defence)
8. What did the forest department officials do to stop the fire? (Fire in the Forest)

(9 - 24) Write the answers to these questions in your answer book.

(9 - 13) Choose the correct meanings of the words on the left and write them in your answer book. $5 \times 1/2 = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

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| 9. | apprehensive | : | hopeful | comprehensive | worried | offensive |
| 10. | apathetic | : | miserable | unkind | unimportant | indifferent |
| 11. | assiduously | : | cleverly | carefully | slowly | humorously |
| 12. | scorch | : | scratch | dry | consume | burn |
| 13. | correlative | : | similar | striking | corresponding | relative |

(14 - 18) Note the meaning of each underlined word in the sentence in which it occurs. Select the option that conveys the meaning and write it in your answer book. $5 \times 1/2 = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

14. He was leading an austere life.
(a) simple (b) luxurious (c) busy
15. She never took advantage of anyone.
(a) helped (b) encouraged (c) exploited
16. The street looked deserted after the festival.
(a) dry (b) empty (c) dirty
17. She put on an old dress.
(a) wore (b) washed (c) bought
18. She turned back instinctively.
(a) carefully (b) involuntarily (c) slowly

(19 - 24) Choose the alternative that best fills the blank in each sentence and write it in your answer book. $6 \times 1/2 = 3$

19. My sister is very (imaginary, imagination, imaginative)
20. He me to post the letter. (reminded, remembered, remained)
21. She couldn't the expensive dress. (effort, afford, accord)
22. Gambling is in India. (illegal, illicit, illegitimate)
23. The players were after the victory. (refuted, stuttered, elated)
24. Swimming is my favourite (reformation, recreation, retardation)

(25 - 28) Find the wrongly-spelt word in each of the following sets and write it correctly in your answer book. $4 \times 1/4 = 1$

25. importent dependent comment parent
26. refer defer preffer suffer
27. conscience audience patience balence
28. creator driver owner plumber

(29 - 36) Write out in your answer book the words of your choice against the questions numbers.

(29 - 32) In each set, find the words in which the underlined part is pronounced in the same way as in the key word. $4 \times 1/4 = 1$

29. let : love exam better set
30. thing : the thumb then them
31. pull : could fool cut call
32. least : list test yield earn

(33 - 36) Find the word in each set that rhymes with the key word. $4 \times 1/4 = 1$

33. wear : tire fare gear dear
34. great : feat bite fate treat
35. blood : food good stood flood
36. coast : post lost cost frost

37. Read the following passage in which the end of each sentence is not indicated. Decide where each sentence ends. Write out the last word of each sentence with the appropriate punctuation marks by (.) or (?) or (!). $4 \times 1/2 = 2$

Everyone was shocked what a strange sight how could this happen they couldn't believe what they saw

38. Use commas, full-stops, exclamation / question / quotation marks where necessary and rewrite the sentences in your answer book. $3 \times 1/2 = 1 1/2$

Are we going out tonight he asked
I don't feel like it why don't we go tomorrow she asked

(39 - 43) Read sentence (a). Then complete sentence (b) using the ideas in (a). Keep sentence (b) as close in meaning as possible to sentence (a). Write it in your answer book. $5 \times 1 = 5$

39. (a) It was raining. We didn't stop the match.
(b) Though

40. (a) The committee members discussed the matter thoroughly.
 (b) The matter
41. (a) He didn't study well. He failed.
 (b) If
42. (a) "I will come to your house next week", she said to him.
 (b) She
43. (a) We bought a new pen. It doesn't write very well.
 (b) The new pen

44. Identify the part of speech of each underlined word. Write down the words and their parts of speech in your answer book. $4 \times 1/2 = 2$

We eagerly waited for the new movie.

45. Rewrite the following after making necessary corrections. $1 \times 1 = 1$

I am remembering your name very well.

46. Rewrite the following passage making improvements that you think are necessary. $1 \times 2 = 2$

Yesterday my sister came to visit us. My sister is working in a company in the city. The city is more than 100 kilometres away. The city is big.

(47 - 51) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it. $5 \times 1 = 5$

August 4, 1875 was a sad day for children all over Europe, particularly Denmark, since it was the day that Hans Christian Anderson, one of the greatest story-tellers, breathed his last. Born 70 years earlier in the slums of Odense to a literate, but impoverished shoemaker, the message that he conveyed through his life was, "It does not matter if you are born in a duck-yard, as long as you are hatched from a swan's egg". While the mental gifts of his father made him literate, his superstitious mother opened for him the world of folklore. Having lost his father at 11 he had to work as an apprentice to a weaver and tailor. He had a beautiful voice which enabled him to seek a career in theatre as a singer, dancer and actor. He was associated with the Royal Theatre where one of its directors, Jonas Collins, gave him a grant to go through grammar school.

47. Why was August 4, 1875 a sad day for children in Europe?
48. Why did Anderson have to take up apprenticeship at the age of eleven?
49. What influence did Anderson's parents have on him?
50. How did Anderson manage to make a career in theatre?
51. How was Anderson able to go to school?

52. Read the following passage.

As with other aspects of space exploration, the Soviet Union was in the forefront in the design of space stations. The first space station was the Salyut I, which was placed in orbit in 1971. It was just 15 metres in length. Soviet astronauts lived and worked aboard the Salyut I for 24 days. In the next few years, the Soviet Union launched six space stations. All were named Salyut.

The United States launched its only space station Skylab I in 1973, using a modified version of the Saturn V moon rocket. Apollo spacecraft similar to those used for the mission to the moon were used to take the crew from the earth to Skylab I and back. In February 1974, after the third crew returned, Skylab I was abandoned. It re-entered the earth's atmosphere in 1979, and burnt up.

Now read the following statements and find SIX of them which are in agreement with the passage. Write only the letters of the TRUE statements.

$6 \times 1/2 = 3$

- (a) The Soviet Union was ahead of the US in space exploration in the early 70s.
- (b) The first US space station was called Saturn V.
- (c) The first Soviet space stations were called Salyut.
- (d) The Soviet astronauts lived aboard Salyut I for 24 days.
- (e) The first US space station was launched in 1973.
- (f) Salyut I weighed 15 tonnes.
- (g) Skylab I was abandoned in 1979.
- (h) The Apollo spacecraft transported the crew from Skylab I and back.
- (i) Salyut I was launched in 1971.
- (j) The second US space station was called Skylab II.

(53 - 55) Read the following passage.

The desert camel, known as the 'ship of the desert', is perfectly made for his hard life. He has sharp teeth which enable him to bite and chew roots and even thorns. He eats dry shrubs and grasses. When the camel finds water, he drinks enough to store about seven litres. This he is able to use for three or four days. The water is kept in 'tanks' that can be closed off from his stomach and opened when he wants to drink. His body tissues also function as storage cells. At the age of four months, he grows a lump of fat on his back. He draws nourishment from the fat when he has no other food to eat. This lump of stored fat is what makes the 'hump' on a camel's back.

In order to travel over the soft sand of the desert, the camel has broad. Flat feet covered with rubbery skin. Because the desert camel has to kneel and lie on sand quite often, he grows thick pads on the bottom of his belly and on his knees.

Now complete the following statement. In each case, write down the number of the statement and your choice in your answer book.

$3 \times 1/2 = 1 \frac{1}{2}$

53. The hump on the camel's back is -
- (a) to store water for him to drink.
 - (b) to store fat for his nourishment.
 - (c) to carry people on his back.
54. The camel has thick pads on the bottom of his belly and on his knees -
- (a) to protect him from heat in the desert.
 - (b) to protect him from enemies.
 - (c) to enable him to kneel and lie on sand.
55. The camel is called the ship of the desert because -
- (a) he is well adapted to life in the desert.
 - (b) he carries water in the desert.
 - (c) he is very big and strong.