

PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION, 2023-24

Class : X

Sub : ENGLISH

Full Marks : 90

Time : 3 hrs.

SECTION - A

Choose correct options for the following :

1 x 45 = 45

1. The person reacted first on seeing Lencho's letter to God was _____
A. The Postmaster B. A farmer
C. The Postman D. Lencho's Wife.
2. " _____ he stuck to his resolution " Here, 'resolution' means _____
A. reservation B. recommendation
C. direction D. decision
3. "The boys ran out to collect the frozen pearls." Here 'the frozen pearls' refer to _____
A. Pearls B. hailstones
C. Salt D. flowers
4. How does Nelson Mandela define the meaning of courage ?
A. Triumph over fear B. Triumph over love
C. Triumph over selfishness D. Triumph over poverty
5. According to Mandela, What is the greatest wealth of a nation ?
A. minerals B. gems
C. diamonds D. people
6. Which flame, as Mandela says, can be hidden but never extinguished ?
A. Man's love B. Man's hatred
C. Man's natural way D. Man's goodness
7. The people of coorg are _____
A. too egoistic B. very lazy
C. fiercely independent D. very lonely
8. Tea was first drunk in China in _____
A. 2000 B.C. B. 2300 B.C.
C. 2700 B.C. D. 3100 B.C.
9. Thirty percent of coorg's area is covered with _____
A. Coffee plantation B. Tea plantation
C. Spices D. evergreen rain forests

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10. The weather is perfect for visitors in coorg _____
 A. From September to March B. From April to July
 C. From May to August D. From June to October
11. The conductor calls Valli 'Madam' because _____
 A. She dressed like a lady B. She behaved like a lady
 C. She was a daughter of rich parents D. She was sitting with a lady
12. What did Valli have to resist on village fair day to save money for the bus ride ?
 A. Balloons B. Merry-go-round
 C. Toys D. Peppermints
13. "It was the slack time of day". It was _____
 A. Morning B. Noon
 C. Afternoon D. Evening
14. Read the statements (a) and (b) about Nelson Mandela and choose the correct answer :
 { A. Nelson Mandela spent twenty years in prison
 { B. Nelson Mandela joined the African National Congress for the freedom of his people.
 A. (a) is true (b) is false
 B. (a) is false (b) is true
 C. Both (a) and (b) are true
 D. Both (a) and (b) are false
15. Buddhist monks are settled in _____ which is very close to coorg.
 A. Bylakuppe B. Nisargadhama
 C. Mangalore D. Mysore
16. What was the most likely response that the postmaster expected in Lencho's second letter ?
 A. Grief B. Gratitude
 C. Shock D. Dissatisfaction
17. Horace Danby robbed a safe every year _____
 A. to live in style B. to live comfortably
 C. to support his family D. to buy rare and valuable books
18. What was the piece of evidence against Horace Danby ?
 A. his lighter B. his gloves

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- C. his fingerprints D. his footprints
19. Griffin swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became as ____ as a sheet of glass.
A. Shining B. thick
C. transparent D. thin
20. When Griffin was roaming in London, it was ____
A. Mid winter B. Summer
C. Rainy season D. Autumn
21. Who was the Hack Driver actually ?
A. Fritz B. Gustaff
C. Gray D. Oliver Lutkins
- 22 How did Fowler really feel before entering Ausable's room ?
A. excited B. entertained
C. relaxed D. boring
23. Which of the statements given below is NOT TRUE about the two friends- Rajvir and Pranjol ?
A. Pranjol was a youngster from Assam.
B. Rajvir did not like reading detective stories.
C. Rajvir was going to Assam for the first time.
D. Pranjol was not interested in the greenery outside.
24. The poet uses the ball as a symbol of the boy's ____
A. sense of adventure.
B. carefree childhood days
C. ability to bounce back
D. extended family
25. The word 'harbour' does not have a meaning similar to ____
A. port B. pier
C. dock D. cargo
26. "In a world of possessions". Here the word 'possessions' means ____
A. process B. possess
C. health D. wealth

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27. The tiger has velvet like ____
A. hair B. skin
C. paws D. nose
28. Match the following with appropriate choices ____
a) inhabitant i) calm
b) acne ii) relax
c) languid iii) resident
d) tranquil iv) a skin condition
A. a - i, b - iii, c - iv, d - ii
B. a - iii, b - iv, c - ii, d - i
C. a - iv, b - iii, c - i, d - ii
D. a - iii, b - iv, c - i, d - ii
29. "They are so placid and self contained" The word 'Placid' means ____
A. clumsy B. greedy
C. peaceful D. jealousy
30. Mustard was the name of a ____
A. dog B. dragon
C. cat D. mouse
31. Mr. Bell rang ____ bell of alarm and I woke up.
A. a B. an
C. the D. one
32. Please give me ____ time to finish the work.
A. little B. few
C. a few D. a little
33. Ranjit had called me before he ____ for the show.
A. had left B. has left
C. have left D. left
34. Nobody ____ where he lives.
A. know B. knew
C. knows D. known
35. She excels ____ dancing.
A. at B. in
C. by D. for
36. The train is running ____ time.
A. to B. for
C. at D. in

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37. The students ____ the teacher on Teacher's day for twenty years of his dedicated teaching.
 A. facilitated B. felicitated
 C. fantasized D. fecilitation
38. If I take an auto, I'll get late _____ ?
 A. is it B. will I
 C. won't I D. haven't I
39. Passive voice of "I have lost my pen" is ____
 A. My pen is lost by me.
 B. My pen was lost by me.
 C. My pen has been lost.
 D. My pen have been lost.
40. The teacher said to Reba, "Why are you so late ?"
 A. The teacher asked Reba why was she so late.
 B. The teacher asked Reba why she was so late.
 C. The teacher asked Reba why is she so late.
 D. The teacher asked Reba why she is so late.
41. Find the incorrect sentence.
 A. We are proud for our country.
 B. The teacher gave us much good advice.
 C. One of my friends is leaving for Japan.
 D. China is to the north of India.
42. You insulted him. This is his complaint.
 A. His complaint was that you insulted him.
 B. His complaint is that you insult him.
 C. This is his complaint that you insulted him.
 D. This was his complaint that you insulted him.
43. I ____ here for a week.
 A. am B. have been
 C. has been D. were

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44. It is time he ___ home.
 A. is going B. will go
 C. has gone D. went
45. She could not ___ a single point in favour of her.
 A. Site B. Sight
 C. Cite D. Side

SECTION - B

46. Give short answer to the following : 2 x 8 = 16
- Why did Lencho prefer a plague of locust to the hailstorm after he had seen his corn field ?
 - What did Nelson Mandela yearn for as a youngman in Johannesburg ?
 - Why did Lencho not show the slightest surprise on seeing the money in the envelop sent to him ?
 - What did Rajvir see after entering Dhekiabari Tea Estate ?
 - In what sense was Valli different from other girls of her age ?
 - What are the animals that a visitor is likely to see in Coorg ?
 - What are the things the tiger cannot do for being locked in the cage ?
 - How did Custard the dragon save Belinda from the pirate ?
47. Answer any two from the following : 4 x 2 = 8
- Give a brief description of how Ausable won victory over Max's scheme to take away the report ?
 - Horace Danby was a meticulous planner but still he faltered. Where did he go wrong and why ?
 - "Griffin misused his scientific discovery" ___ How would you assess Griffin as a scientist ?
 - Why was the young lawyer sent to new Mullion ? What does he first think about the place ?

SECTION - C

48. Write an essay on either of the following topics : 5 x 1 = 5
- The festival you like most.
 - Benefits of physical exercise.

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OR

Write a story using the outlines given below and add a suitable title to it.

A fox sees grapes hanging high ___ wishes to have some of them ___ jumps
"the grapes are sour".

49. Translate into the language as per your MIL Subject :

1 x 3 = 3

- i) The natural scenery of Assam is very beautiful.
- ii) Can you write Assamese ?
- iii) Silver is not as precious as gold.

OR

Write a substance for the following :

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The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser does a large amount of hard work before others get up. In the early morning the mind remains fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that the work done at that time is generally well done. In many case the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and such exercise supplies him with as lot of energy that lasts till evening. By beginning the day so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the works he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry on any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before he goes to bed. <https://www.assamboard.com>

SECTION - D

50. Answer either (a) or (b)

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- a) Write a letter to your father / guardian requesting him / her to send you some money that your need to buy books.
- b) Prepare a report for a local daily on celebration of "Gandhi Jayanti" at your school, on the basis of information given below :
 - i) Date and time 5 JAN, 9AM
 - ii) Function organised by the student union.
 - iii) Presided over by the Principal / Headmaster.
 - iv) Speakers including students spoke on the significance of the day.
 - v) Closing of the function.

51. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

Guru Nanak was a saint who founded the Sikh religion. He was born on 20th October, 1469 in a small village called Talwadi in Punjab. He preached love and equality of men and was against caste system. He also preached Hindu Muslim unity and went to Macca and Madina. His followers came to be known as 'Sikhs'. Guru Grantha Sahib is the only holy scripture of the Sikh. It is written in Gurumukhi. Guru Nanak breathed his last on September 22, 1539.

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| i) | Who was the founder of the Sikh religion ? | 1 |
| ii) | When was Guru Nanak born ? | 1 |
| iii) | What is the name of the holy scripture of the Sikh ? | 1 |
| iv) | In what language is Guru Grantha Sahib written ? | 1 |

(B') Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The conductor was a jolly sort, fond of joking. "Oh, please don't be angry with me, my fine madam", he said. "Here, have a seat right up there in front. Everybody move aside please- make way for madam."

It was the slack time of day, and there were only six or seven passengers on the bus. They were all looking at Valli and laughing with the conductor. Valli was overcome with shyness. Avoiding everyone's eyes, she walked quickly to an empty seat and sat down.

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| i) | What kind of person was the conductor ? | 1 |
| ii) | "They were all looking at valli and laughing with the conductor"- Who were 'they' referred to here ? | 1 |
| iii) | Why were there only a few passengers on the bus ? | 2 |
| iv) | How did Valli take her seat on the bus ? | 2 |

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