

Distict Level Internal Examination Committee, Barpeta
Pre-Board Examination - 2025

Class - X

Sub - English

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks - 90

(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions)

Section - A

Choose the correct option for the following : 1×45=45

1. What were the tall, shady trees in the tea gardens for ?

(Ref : Tea from Assam)

- (a) They were for aesthetic purpose. (b) They were fruit trees.
(c) They were to provide shade. (d) They were for timber.

2. Assertion (A) : Mandela's sense of freedom expanded from a simple, personal concept to a profound political one.

Reason (R) : This change was driven by his growing realization that the freedom of his community was inextricably linked to his own.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true, but R is false.
(d) A is false, but R is true.

3. Assertion (A) : The story "Madam Rides the Bus" teaches that true growth comes from experiences, not just words.

Reason (R) : Valli's emotional change was possible only because of what she saw and felt.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true, but R is false.
(d) A is false, but R is true.

4. The poet observes the boy's reaction to the loss of the ball. What does this observation teach the poet ? (Ref : The Ball Poem)
- (a) That all boys are emotional.
 - (b) The value of a toy.
 - (c) People must learn to cope with loss.
 - (d) That children should not be given toys.
5. If Horace had suspected the young lady, what should he have done ?
- (a) Escaped immediately.
 - (b) Locked her in a room.
 - (c) Called the police.
 - (d) Stolen jewels secretly.
6. Lencho's faith was so strong that he did not question the sender of the letter. Which detail from the story supports this statement ?
- (a) He was surprised to receive money from God and was grateful.
 - (b) He showed the letter to his family after opening it.
 - (c) Lencho immediately suspected the post office employees of stealing the money.
 - (d) He became angry and wrote another letter to God.
7. The "Kuppia" is a long, black coat with an embroidered waist-belt, worn by the :
- (a) Women of Coorg.
 - (b) Children of Coorg.
 - (c) Men of Coorg.
 - (d) All people of Coorg.
8. Assertion (A) : In the story "A Letter to God", the postmaster felt a sense of irony at the end of the story.
- Reason (R) : The postmaster felt sorry for he could not arrange hundred pesos for the farmer.
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - (c) A is true, but R is false.
 - (d) Both A and R are false

16. Assertion (A) : The tea pluckers were women.
Reason (R) : They carried bamboo baskets on their backs.
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R supports A.
(b) Both A and R are false.
(c) A is false, R is true.
(d) Both A and R are true.
17. If _____ message you get, forward to me.
(a) Some (b) a (c) any (d) the
18. The phrase - "He should be lurking in shadow" conveys which of the following about the Tiger's natural state ?
(a) His desire for privacy.
(b) His stealth and predatory instincts.
(c) His fear of human beings.
(d) His need for rest.
19. A Newspaper Report must have the following features :
(i) An attractive heading.
(ii) Place, date & time.
(iii) Written in passive voice and third person's viewpoint.
(iv) Elaborate and extensive.
- (a) Only (i) & (ii) (b) Only (i) (ii) & (iv)
(c) Only (ii) & (iii) (d) Only (i), (ii) & (iii)
20. Why is the use of the oxymoron 'quiet rage' an effective literacy device in the poem "A tiger in the Zoo" ?
(a) It creates a sense of peacefulness and calm within the zoo.
(b) It shows that the tiger is not truly angry, but rather sad.
(c) It highlights the tiger's position in captivity and in wild state.
(d) It makes the tiger seem more threatening to the readers.
21. I can not agree _____ your proposal.
(a) with (b) to (c) at (d) in

22. Why can the poet's admiration of animals be considered a critique of modern human behaviour ?
- It highlights the need to study animals.
 - It compares physical strength.
 - It exposes the moral decline in human society.
 - It praises science and technology.
23. What is the central theme of the poem "The Ball Poem" ?
- The importance of Toy.
 - The value of money.
 - Epistemology of loss
 - Sense of responsibility.
24. Assertion (A) : Max jumped on to the balcony of Ausable's hotel room.

Reason (R) : Henry, the policeman, came following the instruction of Ausable to arrest Max.

- A is true, R is true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - Both A and R are false.
 - A is true but R is false.
 - Both A and R are true, but R doesn't support A.
25. Based on the poem "The Tale of Custard the Dragon", match column A with column B and choose the correct answer from the options given below :

A

- Dragon's Toes
- Furious tiger
- Weeek
- Ink

B

- Mouse's giggling
- Daggers
- Trickled down
- Mustard

- 1 - (ii), 2 - (iv), 3 - (iii), 4 - (i)
 - 1 - (iv), 2 - (iii), 3 - (ii), 4 - (i)
 - 1 - (ii), 2 - (iv), 3 - (i), 4 - (iii)
 - 1 - (iii), 2 - (ii), 3 - (i), 4 - (iv)
26. Choose the passive form of the following sentence :

The parents wrote a letter to the principal.

- A letter was writing to the principal by the parents.
- A letter had been written to the principal by the parents.
- A letter is written to the principal by the parents.
- A letter was written to the principal by the parents.

27. Choose the proper order of the events from the options given below :
- (i) Mrs. Hall fell down from the stairs.
 - (ii) She and her husband turned away in terror.
 - (iii) Mrs. Hall heard a sniff close to her ear.
 - (iv) The chair pushed them both out of the room.
 - (v) The room was haunted by spirits.
- (a) v, i, iii, iv, ii (b) iii, ii, iv, i, v
 (c) i, iv, v, iii, ii (d) v, iii, ii, iv, i
28. Raktim _____ appeared for a teaching job interview.
- (a) briefly (b) shortly (c) recently (d) finely
29. Use an appropriate question tag :
- They will participate in the competition, _____ ?
- (a) are they ? (b) will they ? (c) won't they ? (d) won't we ?
30. ICT has both positive and negative _____.
- (a) affects (b) effects (c) efacts (d) afact
31. Identify the type of sentence :
- When it rains, you should not go out.
- (a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
 (c) Compound sentence (d) Interrogative sentence
32. Who was the Hack Driver actually ?
- (a) Fritz (b) Gustaff (c) Oliver Lutkins (d) Aray
33. Find out the relative pronoun from the following sentence :
- This is the house that Jack built.
- (a) This (b) that (c) Jack (d) built
34. Fill in the blank with appropriate modal from the options :
- Applications _____ be sent before 20th December.
 (more polite instruction)
- (a) must (b) should (c) may (d) can
35. What is the speaker's tone towards Amanda throughout the poem ?
- (a) Loving and gentle (b) Caring and encouraging
 (c) Nagging and critical (d) Indifferent and unconcerned

36. Read the following sentences and state whether correct (C) or incorrect (IC) : (C/IC)

(i) We have bought some furniture.

(ii) He is my cousin brother.

(iii) The teacher gave me some advise.

(iv) She is fond of fish.

(a) i - C, ii - C, iii - IC, iv - C (b) i - C, ii - IC, iii - IC, iv - IC

(c) i - C, ii - IC, iii - IC, iv - C (d) i - C, ii - C, iii - C, iv - C

37. Who had collected the second letter ? (Ref : A Letter to God)

(a) The postman

(b) The postmaster

(c) Lencho

(d) A post office employee

38. I bought this pen _____ five rupees.

(a) at

(b) in

(c) for

(d) of

39. Statement 1 (S1) : Valli's enthusiasm faded by the end of the bus journey and she refused to look out of the window any longer.

Statement 2 (S2) : The sight of the dead cow horrified her, and she experienced the fear of death for the first time.

(a) Both S1 and S2 are false. (b) Both S1 and S2 are true.

(c) only S1 is correct.

(d) S1 is true, but S2 is false.

40. The extract from Mandela's autobiography imparts lessons on :

(a) The meaning of freedom.

(b) The meaning of courage and humanity.

(c) The idea of democracy and duties of citizen.

(d) All of the above.

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (Q.no - 41 to 45)

The great university of life is full of experiences, but to make full use of those experiences, all of us –students, teachers and professors –have to be cautious and on guard. The most essential requisite is character. If your character is lacking and you leave the

precincts of the alma mater without your character fully developed, you will be wasting an opportunity of a life-time.

The real danger of India lies in our disunity. The poison of communalism was spread in the past. You should draw a curtain over it. Only then could we equip ourselves for the freedom that has come to us. We must know what our duty is as true citizens. Unless we learn to shoulder our responsibility in the true spirit of discipline and citizenship we can not go ahead.

41. In life we all receive lots of experiences. Usefulness and utility of those experiences solely depends upon :

- (a) Knowledge (b) responsibility
(c) Character (d) Teachers

42. Examine the statements whether true or false. Then choose the correct option :

- (i) Disunity creates trouble in Indian Society.
(ii) Character building above communalism is more important.
(iii) Need to curtail some unnecessary freedom.

- (a) i - True, ii - True, iii - True (b) i - False, ii - True, iii - False
(c) i - True, ii - True, iii - False (d) i - True, ii - False, iii - True

43. Choose a word in the passage that means 'educational institute' :

- (a) Precinct (b) University (c) Professors (d) Alma Mater

44. Fill in the blank with an appropriate phrase :

We cannot enjoy our freedom unless we _____.

- (a) listen to our teachers and professors.
(b) discourage communal hatred.
(c) equip ourselves for the freedom.
(d) promote disunity and discipline.

45. What is the passage all about ?

- (a) Students, teachers and professors.
(b) University of life and experience.
(c) duties and responsibility of citizen.
(d) Communication and freedom.

Section - B

2×8=16

Answer the following briefly :

46. What problems did Valli face during the planning phase of her bus ride ?
47. How does the hailstorm change the course of the story ? Write briefly.
48. Write a short note on the people of Coorg.
49. Which does Mandela think is natural, to love or to hate ? Discuss.
50. Explain the expression "quiet rage" in the context of the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo."
51. What are the adolescent characteristics Amanda shows ?
52. What lesson did the boy learn after losing the ball ? (Ref : The Ball Poem)
53. Explain the meaning of "A friend in need is a friend indeed" in the context of "The Tale of Custard the Dragon."

Section - C

Answer the following :

54. How did the young lady confuse Horace Danby and cause a crime ? 4

Or

Briefly describe how Ausable defeated Max's scheme to take away the report. 4

55. How does the hack driver mislead the lawyer ? What does this reveal about his character ? 2+2=4

Or

Assess the character of Griffin. 4

Section - D

56. Use the correct form of the tense of the verbs given in the brackets : 2
 - (a) He (leave) for Europe last Friday.

- (b) It is time we (play) football.
57. Change the voice of the following : 1×2=2
(a) Our principal delivered a speech on Children's day.
(b) Who told you the story ?
58. Change the form of Narration : 1×2=2
(a) Mother said to me, "What will you do after the examination ?"
(b) She proposed that we should go for a walk.
59. Combine the following pairs of sentences into a single sentence: 1×2=2
(a) Walk fast. You will miss the train.
(b) The woman is not sincere. She is not honest.
60. Make sentence using **any two** of the verb phrases : 1×2=2
Keep back, make out, look for, send for

Section - E

61. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics : 5
(a) Punctuality
(b) Importance of Smart Phone in Education
(c) Newspaper

Or

Write a story on the basis of the following outline. Give a suitable title. 5

Tina loves drawing –but no paint brush –an old man gifted her one –whatever she paints becomes real –helped the poor villagers with clothes, food, books etc. –One greedy man forced to paint Gold –She refuses –She is locked –She paints a key and escapes.

62. Write a report for a local daily on the basis of the information given below : 3

- 26-11-2025
- Howly
- Constitution Day observed at DHK High School.

- After morning assembly, art competition, quiz competition, dance competition, extempore speech and Debate competition held.
- Students participated
- Teachers and headmaster gave valuable speech.
- Prizes were distributed among the winners.

Or

Write a letter to your friend describing him/her about your journey to an important place. 3

63. Translate the following sentences into the language as per your MIL/IL subject : 1×3=3

- The train left the station on time.
- He speaks neither English nor Hindi.
- As soon as he went there, he got the news.

Or

Write a substance of the following : 3

Climate change has become one of the most urgent challenges faced by the world today. Rising temperatures, melting glaciers and unpredictable weather patterns are clear signs of this crisis. Human activities such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation and rapid industrialization release large amount of carbon dioxide into the natural balance of the planet. As a result, many regions experience extreme heat, heavy rainfall, floods and prolonged draughts. These changes threaten agriculture, wildlife and human health. To combat climate change, it is important for individuals and nations to adopt sustainable practices, conserve energy and protect forests. Immediate action is necessary to safeguard the earth for future generations.

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