

Subject Code : C1

PRE-FINAL EXAMINATION – 2026

English

Full Marks : 90

Pass Marks : 27

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Section - A

Choose the correct option for the following questions :

1x45=45

1. " It is really getting bad now, " exclaimed the man. [Hint : A Letter to God].
The word 'exclaimed' here means _____
(A) shouted (B) cried out suddenly and loudly
(C) announced (D) spoke out
2. Chronologically re-arrange the sequence of events that took place in Lencho's life as described in the text :
(a) The older boys were working in the field. (b) The woman called them all for dinner
(c) The woman was preparing supper (d) The smaller ones were playing near the house.
(A) c a d b (B) b a c d (C) c a b d (D) d c b a
3. Why are locusts mentioned in the text?
(A) To show how unpredictable farming can be. (B) To compare this event to a past experience
(C) To suggest that God was playing a role in the events.
(D) To indicate how much damage was done to the crops.
4. What does Nelson Mandela describe as ' the glorious human achievement' ?
(A) End of colonial rule (B) Liberation from oppression and discrimination.
(C) Establishing supremacy of the blacks. (D) Gaining international support.
5. " When my comrades and I were pushed to our limits". The underlined phrase means
(A) pushed by the guards to the wall.
(B) could not endure suffering any longer.
(C) took more than our share of beatings.
(D) could not sustain life further.
6. Why was it impossible to fulfill the main obligations in South Africa?

- (i) Because of the policy of Apartheid (ii) Because they were born Black.
(iii) Because they were born White. (iv) Because it was not allowed in South Africa.
7. The following destinations are mentioned in "Coorg".
(A) Both (i) & (ii) (B) only (iii) (C) Both (i) and (iv) (D) only (iv) 14.
- (i) Mangalore (ii) Mysore
(iii) Karnataka (iv) Brahmagiri Hills.
(A) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) (B) (iii), (iv), (i), (ii) (C) (ii), (i), (iii), (iv) (D) (ii), (iii), (i), (iv) 15.
8. Match column 'A' with column 'B' and choose the correct option.
- | A | B |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Kodagu | i) smallest district of Karnataka. |
| 2. Ever green rainforest | ii) hospitality |
| 3. Managalore | iii) thirty percent |
| 4. Coorgi homes | iv) Coastal town. |
- (A) 1-i, 2-iii, 3-ii, 4-iv (B) 1-i, 2-iv, 3-iii, 4-ii (C) 1-iii, 2-i, 3-ii, 4-iv (D) 1-i, 2-iii, 3-iv, 4-ii 16.
9. Assertion (A) : The most laidback individuals converts to the life of high energy adventure.
Reasoning (R) : Ample adventurous sports provisions for the tourists.
- (A) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A) 18.
(B) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
(C) (A) is false, but (R) is true 19.
(D) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
10. What does 'clattered' mean in the sentence " The train clattered into Mariani junction"?
(A) moved smoothly (B) came to a sudden stop
(C) make a loud, repetitive sound (D) passed quietly. 20.
11. From the statements given below, one statement is false or untrue. Choose it from the options given below.
(A) Rajvir's father is the manager of a tea garden. (B) Both Rajvir and Pranjol are classmates in Delhi.
(C) Pranjol invited Rajvir to visit his home during the summer break. 21.
(D) Pranjol's father is the manager of a tea garden in upper Assam.
12. At the end of the story, how is Mr. Barua most likely to feel about Rajvir?
(A) entertained (B) impressed 22.
(C) satisfied (D) thrilled.
13. Valli did not get off the bus at the town because---

- (A) she did not have enough money to buy something. (B) she was not interested to see the town
(C) she was afraid to have a look at the sights of the town. (D) she was afraid of the bus conductor

14.

Select the correct option for (i) and (ii)

i) Valli found the elderly woman repulsive.

ii) The woman had large piercings in her ears, wore ugly ear rings and was chewing betelnut.

(A) (i) is True, (ii) is False

(B) (i) is False, (ii) is True

(C) (ii) is the cause of (i)

(D) Both (i) and (ii) are False

15.

From your reading of the poem 'Amanda' which word given below is not an attribute of Amanda's characters.

(A) Swift

(B) Day dreamer

(C) Escapist

(D) Introvert

16.

The literary device used in the line - " stop that slouching and sit up straight"

(A) Anaphora

(B) Assonance

(C) Metaphor

(D) Alliteration.

17.

In the poem, " A Tiger in the Zoo" the words ' stalks and 'sliding' refer to---

(A) movement of the tiger

(B) emotion of the tiger

(C) helplessness of the tiger

(D) anger of the tiger.

18.

In the animal world no one is _____

(A) respectable

(B) unhappy

(C) popular

(D) respectable or unhappy. [Hint : 'Animals']

19.

' Tokens' stands for

(A) symbols

(B) qualities

(C) greetings

(D) proofs.

20.

What kind of a poem is " The Tale of Custard the Dragon"

(A) sonnet

(B) religious

(C) ironical ballad

(D) humorous ballad.

21.

In ' The Ball Poem", the ball is a symbol of

(A) materialistic gain

(B) the boy's nature

(C) playing with toys

(D) boy's childhood.

22.

The big truth of life that the boy learns is _____.

(A) not to lose things

(B) to value things

(C) to lose and forget

(D) the need to understand the nature of loss.

38. The teacher gave me _____ useful advice.
(A) many (B) much (C) more (D) most
39. _____ the prayer hall it is forbidden _____ talk.
(A) at, to (B) in, to (C) on, in (D) to, at
40. An example of a sentence in passive voice is:
(A) Let me do it. (B) Have you invited him ?
(C) I was not invited. (D) I did not know you.
41. Of the following, the sentence with a mistake is :
(A) She knows swimming. (B) She knows how to swim.
(C) She knows to swim. (D) She does not swim.
42. Choose the correct sentence:
(A) He went abroad for higher studies. (B) He went abroad for higher study.
(C) He prefers tea than coffee. (D) He resembles like you.
43. An example of simple sentence is :
(A) He came and met me. (B) I know his name and address.
(C) When he came here, he met me. (D) He is poor but happy.
44. The family of the deceased performed some religious _____.
(A) rights (B) right (C) wrights (D) rites.
45. I am your friend, _____ ?
(A) isn't it ? (B) amn't I ? (C) aren't I ? (D) am I ?

Section - B

Answer the following in briefly :-

2x10=20

46. Why did Lencho hoping for rain while looking at the sky towards the North-east?
47. People get support from family and friends during bad times. How does Lencho's family react after the harvest is ruined by hailstorm ?
48. How does Mandela contrast the systems of government in Mandela's country in the first decade and in the final decade of the twentieth century ?
49. " Oh, this is tea country now", What made Pranjol say so ?
50. Why is Coorg called the land of rolling hills ?
51. "Never mind", she said, " I can get on by myself. I don't have to help me . What idea do you get regarding the character of Valli from the above statement?

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52. Why does the tiger express his rage quietly ?

53. How does custard fight out the pirate ?

Read the passage and answer the following :

The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a licence.

54. How far is the tradition of courage and bravery of the coorgis recognised in modern India?

55. Give the comparative degree of 'most'. What is the noun form of 'permit' ?

Section - C (Rapid Reader)

Answer the following :-

56. What impression do you form of Ausable as a secret agent from " The Midnight Visitor? 4

OR

" Horace Danby was good and respectable - but not completely honest." How is this apt for horace Danby?

Why can't he be called a typical thief? 2+2 = 4

57. What happened to the inn's owner and his wife in Griffins bedroom ? [HINT : Foot Prints Without Feet] 4

OR

The lawyer was befooled by the hackdriver. How?

Section - D (Composition)

58. Write an essay on any one of the following: 5

(a) National Park in Assam.

(b) The causes and effects of Drug Addiction.

(c) A singer whom you like most.

OR

Write a story on the basis of the following outlines. Give a suitable title to it. Add moral if possible.

Outlines : A good boy disobeys his parents – gets into bad company – father gives him some ripe apples – tells to lay them aside for a few days – places among them a rotten apple – it spoils the good ones – a lesson on bad company.

59. You are Neelam / Niraj. Write a letter to the editos of a local English newspaper stressing the need of plantation in your city / town. Bring to focus the importance of plantation of trees for the dwellers and laying out the duties and responsibilities of the citizens and administration in this regard. 3

OR

Your school has celebrated the Childrens' Day recently. Use the following information to write a report.

Date : 14 th November, 2025. Time : 10 am onwards

Place : School premise

Chief Guest : The Deputy Commissioner of your district.

Events : Welcome speech by the Principal of the school. Games and Sports, Fancy Dress Competition, Quiz Competition. Speech by one teacher and a student about Childrens' Day, Feast.

60. Translate the following into the language as per your MIL subject :

1x3=3

- (a) India is a republic country.
- (b) Zubeen Garg is no more.
- (c) Do you go to school regularly ?

OR

Write a substance of the following :

In every country people imagine that they are the best. The Englishman thinks that he and his country is the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything that is French; the Germans and the Italians think no less of their countries. Many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. But really there is no person who has not some good in him and some bad. In the same way there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must adopt the good wherever we find it and try to give up the bad wherever it might be .

Section - E (Grammar)

61. Do as directed :

1x6=6

- a) He said, "We can never be happy here". (change into Indirect Speech)
- b) I have read the book very carefully. (Identify the tense of the sentence. Write a sentence in the same tense form using the verb 'do')
- c) My father is a businessman. He has an expensive car. (Combine the two sentences into a single one using a relative pronoun)
- d) Who does not want to be rich ? (Transform the sentence into an Assertive sentence)
- e) No other river is as long as the Mississippi (Change the sentence into Superlative Degree)
- f) Make sentence with any one of the following : bag and baggage, break into.

OR

His father sells rice. (Rewrite the sentence using the verb 'deal' followed by an appropriate preposition in place of 'sells'.)
