

DISTRICT LEVEL INTERNAL EXAMINATION COMMITTEE, HAILAKANDI  
REVISIONARY EXAMINATION - 2026

CLASS - X

ENGLISH

Full Marks - 90

Time - 3 Hours

Section - B (45 Marks)

Pass Marks - 13

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

SECTION - B

1. Why did Lencho become angry after receiving the money from the post office ? 2
  2. What made the postmaster and another employee of his office to open the letter of Lencho ? 2
  3. Why does Nelson Mandela say that both the oppressor and the oppressed are robbed of their humanity? Answer with reference to the autobiographical text "Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom." 2
  4. Explain why Coorg is described as a place of rolling hills and dense forests in the chapter "Coorg" by Lokesh Abrol ? 2
  5. If you were travelling through Assam like Rajvir in the chapter "Tea from Assam" by Arup Kumar Datta, how would you use the information about tea plantations to explain the importance of tea to a tourist ? 2
  6. Why did Valli find the bus journey both exciting and frightening in the chapter "Madam Rides the Bus" by Vallikkannan ? 2
  7. Explain how the poet contrasts the life of the tiger in the zoo with that of the tiger in the forest in the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo" by Leslie Norris. 2
  8. Why did Belinda and the other animals think that Custard was a coward in the poem "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" by Ogden Nash ? 2
  9. Why does Amanda imagine herself as a mermaid or an orphan in the poem "Amanda" by Robin Klein ? 2
  10. Give antonyms of the words 'sorrowful' and 'solitary'. 2
  11. Explain how Ausable used his wit and presence of mind to get rid of Max in the story "The Midnight Visitor" by Robert Arthur. 4
- Or
- Describe the character of Horace Danby as portrayed in the story "A Question of Trust" by Victor Canning
12. Explain how Griffin misused his power of invisibility in the story "Footprints Without Feet" by H. G. Wells. 4

Or

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Describe how the hack driver fooled the narrator throughout in the story "The Hack Driver" by Sinclair Lewis.

13. Write an essay in about 100 words on any of the following: 5  
A) Uses and Abuses of Mobile Phones      B) Your Aim in Life

Or

Write a story on the basis of the following outlines. Give a suitable title.  
A farmer's son — lazy and careless — father ill — calls son to his bedside — tells about hidden treasures in the field — son digs all over — finds no treasure — plants crops — field yields rich harvest — realizes that hard work is the real treasure.

14. Suppose you are Arshad / Priya. You have noticed that your locality is suffering from poor sanitation and irregular garbage disposal. This is causing foul smell and spreading diseases apart from being a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Write a letter to the Editor of a local Daily highlighting the problem to attract the attention of the authorities concerned. 3

Or

Write a report on the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti in your school to be published in your school magazine. Your report should include the following points -

- a) Date and venue of the programme
  - b) Hoisting of the Tricolour and singing of the National Anthem
  - c) Talk on Gandhi's life and struggles where students and teachers participated
  - d) Speech by the Chief Guest, a renowned educationist of the locality
  - e) Speech by the Principal and closure of the programme.
15. Write the nearest equivalents of the following sentences in the language of your MIL subject. 3
- a) You will fail unless you work hard.
  - b) Practice makes a man perfect.
  - c) India is emerging fast as a global power.

Or

Write the substance of the following paragraph.

It is very difficult to get rid of bad habits. That is why bad habits should not be formed during the early years of life of an individual. Idleness is one such bad habit. Every boy and girl should be diligent. They should avoid idleness like poison. Some boys and girls love to remain in bed long after daybreak and get out of bed most unwillingly. Even after that they waste time over trifles and spend as little time as they can in studies. As a result, they fail to learn as much as they should. What is worse, they become so accustomed to such bad habits that they can not shake them off - even with their greatest efforts. Their bad habits keep them bound in its grip throughout.

16. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. 1×3=3
- a) The teacher was pleased — the performance of the students.
  - b) She is fond — listening to classical music.
  - c) The train arrived — the station late at night.
17. Change the following direct speeches into indirect. 1×2=2
- a) The teacher said to the students, "You must complete the assignment by tomorrow."
  - b) The doctor said to the patient, "Take this medicine twice a day."
18. Change the following sentence into an exclamatory sentence without bringing any change in its message. 1  
You have done well

## SECTION - A

Each question carries one mark for question No. 1 to 45  
Choose the correct answer of the following questions.

Read the following passage and answer Question Numbers 1 - 6.

"Today, all of us do, by our presence here ... confer glory and hope to newborn liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud.

We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bandage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

Never, never, and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will experience the oppression of one by another

The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.

Let freedom reign. God bless Africa!"

1. What historic change does the speaker say has finally been achieved?  
A. Economic independence      B. Cultural unity  
C. Political emancipation      D. Military victory
2. What does the phrase "newborn liberty" most nearly mean in the passage?  
~~A~~ A recently discovered land      ~~B~~ Newly achieved freedom  
~~C~~ A developing economy      ~~D~~ A youthful population
3. Which situation best reflects the idea of a "common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity"?  
~~A~~ One nation defeating another in war  
~~B~~ A country gaining wealth through trade  
~~C~~ Nations uniting to celebrate the end of oppression  
~~D~~ A government increasing military power
4. Why does the speaker mention that they were "outlaws not so long ago"?  
~~A~~ To criticize other nations  
~~B~~ To highlight the contrast between past oppression and present freedom  
C. To justify acts of rebellion  
D. To express regret for past actions
5. Which pledge made by the speaker would most strongly promote equality in society?  
~~A~~ Hosting international guests      ~~B~~ Celebrating political freedom

C. Liberating people from poverty and discrimination

D. Remembering past struggles

6. Which statement best summarizes the overall message of the passage?

A. Freedom is difficult to achieve but easy to maintain

B. Political freedom alone guarantees success

C. A painful past has led to a hopeful future built on justice and equality

D. International recognition is more important than national unity

Read the following passage and answer question numbers 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Environmental degradation refers to the deterioration of the natural environment through the depletion of resources such as air, water, and soil, the destruction of ecosystems, and the extinction of wildlife. Human activities, including industrialization, deforestation, and unsustainable agricultural practices, are major contributors to this degradation. As populations grow and consumption increases, the pressure on natural systems continues to intensify.

Climate change is one of the most significant consequences of environmental degradation. The excessive emission of greenhouse gases, primarily from burning fossil fuels, traps heat in the atmosphere and leads to global warming. This results in rising sea levels, more frequent extreme weather events, and disruptions to ecosystems, which in turn affect food security, water availability, and human health.

Addressing environmental degradation requires coordinated global and local efforts. Governments can implement policies promoting renewable energy, conservation, and sustainable development, while individuals can contribute by reducing waste, conserving energy, and supporting environmentally responsible practices. Long-term solutions depend on balancing economic development with environmental protection to ensure sustainability for future generations.

7. Which of the following actions best demonstrates the application of ideas from the passage at a community level?

A. Studying historical data on climate change

B. Listing causes of environmental degradation

C. Debating whether climate change exists

D. Implementing a local recycling and energy saving programme.

8. What is the relationship between industrialization and climate change as described in the passage?

A. Industrialization reduces greenhouse gas emissions

B. Industrialization has no effect on natural ecosystems

C. Industrialization contributes to environmental degradation, which leads to climate change

D. Climate change causes industrialization to increase

9. Which policy would be the most effective based on the passage's arguments for

addressing environmental degradation?

- A. Expanding fossil fuel extraction to support economic growth
- B. Ignoring local actions and focusing only on individual responsibility
- C. Promoting renewable energy while supporting sustainable development
- D. Reducing environmental regulations to encourage industrial output

Which of the following is the best new initiative that aligns with the long-term solutions suggested in the passage?

- A. Designing a business model that prioritizes profit over environmental impact
- B. Creating a national plan that integrates economic growth with ecosystem conservation
- C. Increasing the use of single use plastics for convenience
- D. Developing industries without considering resource limits

Answer Q. Numbers 11, 12 and 13 with reference to your reading of the chapter "A Letter to God" by G L Fuentes.

1. If Lencho had received only half the money he asked for, which action would best show his character as presented in the story?

- A. He would thank the postmaster for his honesty
- B. He would stop believing in God
- C. He would write another letter to God asking for the remaining amount
- D. He would decide to earn money by working harder

2. Which of the following best evaluates the postmaster's decision to collect money for Lencho?

- A. It was dishonest because the postmaster deceived Lencho
- B. It was foolish because Lencho never thanked him
- C. It was kind and humane, showing compassion and empathy
- D. It was unnecessary because God would have helped Lencho

3. Which alternative ending would most effectively preserve the theme of faith in the story?

- A. Lencho discovers the truth and thanks the postmaster
- B. Lencho stops believing in God after receiving less money
- C. Lencho writes another letter blaming the post office employees
- D. Lencho receives help from his neighbours instead of writing to God

"Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour....." which of the following is closest to the meaning underlined part of the sentence quoted from 'coorg' ?

- A. to count
- B. to narrate
- C. to renounce
- D. to prevent

"I am an Orphan, roaming the street

I pattern soft dust with my hused, bare feet"

[Hint : Amanda]

Choose the correct antonym of the following word :-

A. Parented    B. Wealthy    C. Sheltered    D. housed

16. If the tiger could speak which contain would he likely to express.

[Hint : A Tiger in the zoo]

A. gratitude    B. Fear    C. Loneliness and Frustration    D. excitement

B. Courage is natural to all human beings

C. True courage involves facing fear and acting despite it

D. Fear disappears once freedom is achieved

Answer Q. Numbers 17, 18 and 19 with reference to your reading of the chapter "Coorg" by Lokesh Abrol.

17. If a tourist wants to experience both adventure sports and natural beauty as described in the chapter, which activity would best suit them in Coorg ?

A. Visiting historical monuments    B. River rafting on the Kaveri river

C. Attending urban cultural festivals    D. Shopping in city malls

18. Why does the author describe Coorg as a 'piece of heaven'?

A. Because it is located near the coast

B. Because many tribes migrated there over centuries

C. Because the people have different food habits

D. Because of its overall geography, valour and hospitality of the people.

19. Which of the following best justifies Coorg as an ideal destination for nature lovers?

A. It has evergreen forests, wildlife and scenic landscape

B. It offers commercial entertainment facilities

C. It has modern infrastructure and technology

D. It has a dense population and urban lifestyle

Answer Q Numbers 20, 21 and 22 with reference to your reading of the chapter "Tea from Assam" by Arup Kumar Datta

20. If a tea company wants to choose a location similar to Assam for tea cultivation, which condition mentioned in the chapter should it prioritise?

A. Dry climate with low rainfall    B. Cold climate with snowfall

C. Rocky soil with little water    D. Hot and humid climate with heavy rainfall.

21. Why does the author include the conversation about tea legends and global tea production in the chapter?

A. To entertain the reader with fictional stories

B. To describe the personal life of Pranjal

C. To criticize modern tea industries

D. To highlight the cultural and historical importance of tea

22. Which of the following best supports the idea that Assam plays a significant role in the world tea market?

A. Tea is grown in small household gardens

B. Assam has the world's largest tea-growing areas

23.  C. Tea is rarely consumed outside India  D. Assam imports tea from other countries  
Answer Q. Numbers 23 and 24 with reference to your reading of the chapter "Madam Rides the Bus" by Vallikkannan.

Why was Valli eager to ride the bus to the town?

A. She wanted to visit her relatives

B. She was curious to see the outside world beyond her village

C. She needed to buy gifts for her mother  D. She wanted to gram around the town.

24. If Valli had accepted the bus conductor's offer to buy her a drink, how would this most likely have changed the theme of the story?

A. It would highlight her dependence on adults

B. It would weaken her sense of independence and self-respect

C. It would make the journey more exciting and joyful

D. It would have no effect on the story's message

25. What does the poet mainly want to convey by contrasting the tiger's life in the zoo with its life in the forest? Answer with reference to your reading of the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo" by Leslie Norris.

A. Captivity takes away the tiger's freedom and natural instincts

B. The tiger enjoys human attention in the zoo

C. The forest is more dangerous than the zoo

D. The tiger is safer in the zoo than in the forest

26. Answer Q. Numbers 26 and 27 with reference to your reading of the poem "Amanda" by Robin Klein.

What is Amanda instructed not to eat in the poem?

A. Chocolates B. Tea C. Coffee D. Fruits

27. Why does Amanda imagine herself as a mermaid or an orphan in the poem?

A. She wants to become famous B. She dislikes her home

C. She wants to live in the sea.

D. She longs for freedom and peace, away from constant instructions.

28. Answer Q. Numbers 28 and 29 with reference to your reading of the poem "Animals" by Walt Whitman.

According to the poet, walt whitman which quality of animals does he admire the most?

A. Their simplicity and contentment B. Their obedience to humans

C. Their physical strength

D. Their intelligence

29. If a person begins to live without greed, jealousy, or complaints, which idea from the poem 'Animals' is being applied?

A. Humans are superior to animals

B. Animals represent a model of peaceful and honest living

C. Society needs strict rules

D. Animals should live in forests

30. Answer Q. Numbers 30, 31 with reference to your reading of the poem "The Ball Poem" by John Berryman.

What does the poet want the boy to learn from the loss of the ball?

- a) To be careful while playing      b) To accept loss as a part of life  
c) To ask for help from others      d) both a and d

31. If a child loses something valuable and learns to control his emotions instead of crying, which idea from the poem 'The Ball Poem' is being applied?

- a) Joy of childhood      b) Importance of play  
c) Being able to accept loss as a part of life      d) Anger management

32. If you were to create an alternative ending to "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" by Ogden Nash, that reinforces the poem's central message, which of the following endings would be most appropriate?

- A. Custard continues to be mocked by Belinda even after saving everyone, and he decides to leave the house forever.  
B. Custard refuses to fight the pirate, proving that his fear is stronger than his courage.

C. Belinda and her pets publicly acknowledge Custard's bravery and change the way they judge courage thereafter.

D. The pirate defeats Custard, and Ink and Mustard become the new heroes of the house.

33. Why does Max believe Ausable's story about the balcony outside his window?

- A. Max had seen the balcony earlier that night (Hint : The Midnight visitor)  
 B. Ausable showed him official documents  
 C. Ausable spoke confidently and logically, making the story sound convincing  
 D. The hotel manager confirmed the existence of the balcony

34. Suppose Horace Danby wanted to avoid getting caught while committing the theft at Shotover Grange. Which of the following actions, based on the lesson of the story, would have been most effective? Answer with reference to the chapter "A Question of Trust" by Victor Canning.

- A. Breaking into the house during the daytime  
 B. Trusting anyone he meets inside the house without verification  
 C. Checking the identity of the lady before handing over the jewels  
 D. Leaving the house immediately after opening the safe

35. Why did Griffin decide to become invisible, according to the chapter "Footprints Without Feet" by H. G. Wells?

- A. He wanted to entertain people and gain fame.  
 B. He wished to escape the law after committing a crime.  
 C. He believed invisibility would give him power and freedom from social control.  
 D. He wanted to help humanity through scientific discovery.

36. Choose the correct passive voice of the sentence :

"The teacher explains the lesson" :

- A. The lesson was explained by the teacher.       B. The lesson is explained by the teacher.  
C. The lesson has been explained by the teacher.  
D. The lesson will be explained by the teacher.

37. Identify the correct active voice of the sentence :  
 "The match was won by our team" :  
 A. Our team has won the match.      B. Our team wins the match.  
 C. Our team won the match.          D. Our team had won thje match.
38. Supply the missing word to produce a complete meaning.  
 Put ——— the flame.  
 A. On    B. Up    C. Out    D. Down
39. Fill in the blank with the correct alternative.  
 Nature is our mother, our first teacher. The greatest lesson that she ——— us is  
 to maintain an equilibrium in life.  
 A. Is teaching    B. Teaches    C. Has taught    D. Will teach
40. Fill in the blank with the correct option.  
 The experience of nursing an injured bird left me ——— grateful for knowing  
 the importance of being kind and compassionate to all creatures.  
 A. Feeling    B. Having felt    C. Felt    D. Feels
41. Supply the correct option from the given alternatives.  
 The district level competition awards have been announced and our school  
 team ———— the first prize.  
 A. Had won    B. Was winning    C. Will win    D. Has won
42. Select the most appropriate option.  
 They ——— their assignments in a week's time.  
 A. Will complete    B. Shall be completing    C. Will be completing    D. Will have completed
43. Choose the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the  
 following sentence.  
 Last week a child was not allowed to board the plane at Guwahati airport.  
 A. Child    Children    B. Last    Previous    C. The    A    D. At - In
44. Complete the following direction of a teacher in a classroom.  
 Take ——— what I dictate.  
 A. Up    B. Down    C. On    D. In
45. Choose the correct simple sentence combination of the following two sentences  
 from the options given below  
 Farmers use modern methods of cultivation. They wish to produce more food grains.  
 A. Farmers use modern methods of cultivation to produce more food grains  
 B. Farmers use modern methods of cultivation and wish to produce more food grains  
 C. Farmers use modern methods of cultivation because they wish to produce more  
 food grains  
 D. Farmers use modern methods of cultivation wishing to produce more food grains.