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PART – A

Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the most appropriate alternative and write it in the space provided below each question. $35 \times 1 = 35$

1. Andy thought that the postmaster was impertinent because he
(A) asked Andy to pay eleven pence for the letter
(B) ignored Andy when he asked him for the letter
(C) called Andy a goose (D) asked Andy who his master was.

2. Andy refused to pay eleven pence because
(A) the postmaster called him a fool (B) it was a very small letter
(C) Mr. Durfy got a bigger letter for four pence (D) he had only four pence.

3. Narendra first heard of Sri Ramakrishna from
(A) his relative (B) Prof. W. W. Hastie (C) his parents (D) Prof. Wright.

4. B. S. Chandrashekhar was a great
(A) all rounder (B) pace-bowler (C) leg-spin bowler (D) batsman.

5. The opposition started bowling intimidatingly at Chandra because
(A) they wanted to hurt him and make his bowling ineffective
(B) it was a practice among fast bowlers
(C) they wanted to prevent him from scoring centuries
(D) they wanted to frighten him and enjoy themselves in the process.

6. Kalpana-1 is the name of
(A) a space-craft launched by America (B) a weather satellite
(C) the astronaut who died in the tragic explosion (D) a rocket launching station.

7. The students at Karnal gathered at the school premises the first time
(A) to mourn the death of Kalpana (B) to sing and dance
(C) to bid fare-well to Kalpana (D) expecting the safe landing of Columbia.

8. In the Paris underground railway 'Metro', seats are reserved for
(A) the handicapped (B) the survivors of the world war
(C) the war wounded people (D) the Europeans.

9. According to Nehru, the best sign of civilization is
(A) fine buildings (B) fine books

(C) a man who works selflessly (D) men who work together for the common good.

10. The most interesting thing about Shakuntala and Kurtakoti's wedding was

- (A) hundreds of freedom fighters had gathered for the marriage
- (B) about forty most wanted freedom fighters attended the marriage
- (C) the wedding was celebrated in prison
- (D) their wedding was known to the British officers.

11. The guards stopped the farmer at the gate because he

- (A) had not taken permission from the king
- (B) refused to give them some mangoes
- (C) talked to them impolitely
- (D) was wearing rugged and dusty clothes.

12. Mahapanditji was very happy when

- (A) Daksha solved his problem
- (B) none of the courtiers could solve his problem
- (C) he was declared the wisest person in the kingdom
- (D) the king looked puzzled.

13. "How stupid of him to say that !" This was said by

- (A) Passerby-1
- (B) Passerby-2
- (C) Passerby-3
- (D) The King.

14. The poet Lankesh compares his mother to

- (A) black fertile earth
- (B) Sita & Savitri
- (C) Sharada Devi & Kasturbai
- (D) an ideal Indian house-wife.

15. The poet's mother wept several times

- (A) when her son went wild
- (B) for coin, dead calf and ruined grains
- (C) when her husband went out of the way
- (D) when her buffalo ran away.

16. According to the poet, the interpreter of God is

- (A) the priest
- (B) the scriptures
- (C) God Himself
- (D) the poet.

17. Behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face. The word 'frowning' means

- (A) happy
- (B) show anger
- (C) ugly
- (D) gazing.

18. The Lord of Tartary would be summoned to meal by the music of the

- (A) flute
- (B) harp
- (C) mandoline
- (D) trumpeters.

Ans. :

19. In Tartary, the Lord's throne would be made of

- (A) ivory
- (B) silver
- (C) beaten gold
- (D) wood.

Ans. :

20. Bhima refused to jump over the monkey because

- (A) the monkey was very huge
- (B) he was frightened
- (C) the scriptures forbade it
- (D) it was against his conscience.

21. Bhima went in search of Saugandhika flower because

(A) he wanted to grow the plant in his garden (B) he wanted to please his beloved Draupadi
(C) he was charmed with its fragrance and beauty (D) Yudhishtira asked him to get some flowers.

22. Gandhiji requested the Headmaster to exempt him from gymnastics because he
(A) would be free to serve his father (B) disliked gymnastics
(C) could not reach the school on time (D) had no time to attend the classes.

23. Gandhiji went back to the Sanskrit class when
(A) he found Persian very difficult (B) the Persian teacher was very lenient
(C) the Sanskrit teacher persuaded him to come back to his classes
(D) the Persian teacher asked him to go back.

24. The Duchess went on strike suddenly when
(A) they moved from Milan to a house in the country
(B) she received a scrap book from her teacher in Milan
(C) her father refused to shift back to Milan (D) she disliked the countryside.

25. How did the Duchess react when Nino asked her to come down ?
(A) Climbed down (B) Climbed higher (C) Remained silent (D) Became angry.

26. Narendra's friends were frightened ran away Narendra stayed where he was. The appropriate conjunctions to be filled in the blanks are
(A) but, and (B) because, and (C) though, but (D) and, but.

27. Which of the following words does not rhyme with the other three ?
(A) Sprout (B) Route (C) Doubt (D) Stout.

28. Raju makes many mistakes, The question tag to be used here is
(A) doesn't he ? (B) does he ? (C) isn't he ? (D) is he ?

29. Honesty is the best policy.

The part of speech of the italicized word is (A) Adjective (B) Adverb (C) Noun (D) Verb.

30. The police have questioned a number of suspects. The passive form of the sentence is
(A) A number of suspects had been questioned by the police
(B) A number of suspects have been questioned by the police
(C) A number of suspects were questioned by the police
(D) A number of suspects are questioned by the police.

31. you go to Mysore yesterday ?

The correct word to be used in the blank is (A) Do (B) Did (C) Was (D) Were.

32. India is a country. The correct form of the word to be filled in is
(A) develop (B) develops (C) developing (D) development.

33. One word for 'one who does a scientific study on the sun, moon & stars' is
(A) astronomer (B) scientist (C) astrologer (D) astronaut.

34. 'My laugh in the mirror shows only my teeth like a snake's fangs.'
The figure of speech used here is (A) Personification (B) Metaphor (C) Simile (D) Synecdoche.

35. Which one of the following words does not take the prefix 'in' ?
(A) Accurate (B) Efficient (C) Active (D) Mortal.

PART – B

Quote from memory : 4

36. Sweet little
..... why ?
You lived
..... with me ?
I kiss'd
..... trees ?

OR

Within a
..... treasure
He came
..... pleasure.
Now it
..... bold,

Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below : $3 \times 3 = 9$

37. "I must, for it was I who was talking."

- a) Who does the 'I' refer to ?
- b) When did the speaker say so ?
- c) What does 'I must' mean in this context ?

38. "I am proud I did it."

- a) Who is the 'I' ?
- b) What does 'it' refer to ?
- c) Which lesson is the extract taken from ?

39. "Pray, tell us what you did with it ?"

- a) What is the 'it' ?
- b) What did he do with it ?
- c) When did he say so ?

Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each : $7 \times 2 = 14$

40. Why did the postmaster call Andy's master a goose ?

41. Who, according to Chandrashekhar, was the best man he bowled against and why ?

42. Why did Kalpana hold J. R. D. Tata in great esteem ?

43. Why do many people in Europe think that they are more civilized than the people of Asia ?
44. How can you say that Daksha was wise ?
45. Why did Cophetua decide to marry the beggar maid ?
46. What is the message of the poem 'Once Upon A Time' ?
Answer the following questions in a paragraph each : $2 \times 4 = 8$
47. What trick did Andy play on the Postmaster and why ?

OR

- What were the contributions of Vikram Sarabhai to Science ?
48. Write the substance of the poem 'Work Is Worship'.

OR

- What kind of life does Walter de la Mare want to live as the Lord of Tartary ?
49. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions choosing from the ones given in brackets : 2
(from, on, of, for, about)
Many stories are told Puttanna Koppa.

50. Write the correct tense forms of the verbs given in brackets : 2
When Manjula (be) six, she (be + admit) to the first standard.

51. Change into indirect speech : 2
He said to his friend, "How foolish of you to say that

52. Write the other degrees of comparison : 2
No other city in India is as expensive as Bangalore.

53. Find out the difference in meaning between the following pair of words using them in meaningful sentences : 2
Principal, Principle.

54. Use the following word in meaningful sentences first as noun and then as adjective :2
'Interest'

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in two or three sentences each :

A bee was very thirsty. It went to a tank to drink water. While it was drinking, it fell into the water and was almost drowned. A dove happened to reach there. She took pity on it. She plucked a large leaf from a tree and dropped it into the water. The bee climbed on the leaf. It thanked the dove and flew away.

Not long after this, the same bee saw a hunter. He was taking aim at the dove, who was on the branch of a tree. It saw that she was in danger. At once, it flew to the hunter's head and stung it. The hunter dropped the arrow. The dove flew away unharmed.

55. What was the danger the dove was in ? Who saved it ? 2
56. Why did the bee save the dove and how ? 2
57. Imagine that you are Meera / Mohan of Xth Standard, Vidya Kendra, Hubli.
Write a letter to your friend describing the 'Annual Day' celebrations in your school, using the clues given below : 5

Preparation — welcoming the chief guest, guests — entertainment programme — distribution of prizes — chief guest's advice to the students — your impression.

OR

Write a letter to your class teacher requesting him to grant you leave.

Class — reason for leave — the number of days required — how you will make good the loss of your absence in class.

58. Write a paragraph using the clues given below : 4

Midas — very greedy — prayed to God — whatever he touched should turn to gold — God granted — touched wall, furniture — became gold — very happy — touched food, daughter — turned to gold — wept in despair — prayed to God — God refused.

59. Write two paragraphs on any one of the following topics : 5

- i) The evil of dowry system
- ii) The advantages of a small family
- iii) National symbols.