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I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its alphabet in the space provided against each question.

15 × 1 = 15

1. Why did the postmaster refuse to give Andy his master's letter ?

Andy .....

(A) did not tell his master's name (B) refused to pay eleven pence postage  
(C) called the postmaster a cheat (D) asked impertinent questions.

Ans. :

2. The audience in the great Hall of Columbus, at Chicago clapped for two minutes because Vivekananda .....

(A) spoke about the greatness of all religions (B) spoke for a long time  
(C) addressed the audience as 'Brothers and Sisters of America'  
(D) said that Hinduism taught all religions are true.

Ans. :

3. What was the subject chosen by Kalpana for her higher studies ?

(A) Electronics (B) Architecture (C) Machine tools (D) Aerospace engineering.

Ans. :

4. Nehru calls European countries as

(A) Barbarous (B) Cultured (C) Dignified (D) Civilized.

Ans. :

5. The lady who was called the Nightingale of India was

(A) Vimal Gulwadi (B) Sarojini Naidu (C) Laxmi Swaminathan (D) Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.

Ans. :

6. The farmer and his friends went to the palace to

(A) meet the courtiers (B) present mangoes to the king (C) get boiled eggs (D) get some favour from him.

Ans. :

7. How was the poet's mother like ?

(A) Sita (B) Savitri (C) Kasturbai (D) An ordinary woman.

Ans. :

8. The best interpreter of God is

(A) devotees (B) monks (C) God himself (D) great persons.

Ans. :

9. The Lord of Tartary would like to sleep on a cot made of  
(A) rose wood (B) silver (C) gold (D) ivory.

Ans. :

10. Which one of the following words means 'valley' ?

(A) River (B) Pool (C) Dale (D) Wood.

Ans. :

11. The word that takes the prefix 'in' is

(A) fortunate (B) fortune (C) pertinent (D) direct.

Ans. :

12. "The camel is the ship of the desert."

The figure of speech used here is

(A) Metaphor (B) Simile (C) Personification (D) Synecdoche.

Ans. :

13. Shekhar works hard. Here the word hard is

(A) a noun (B) a verb (C) an adjective (D) an adverb.

Ans. :

14. .... you want me to attend the meeting tomorrow ?

The auxiliary verb that is to be filled in the blank is

(A) Do (B) Does (C) Did (D) Is.

Ans. :

15. One word for "One who does the scientific study of the sun, the moon, etc." is

(A) an Astronaut (B) an Astronomer (C) a Pilot (D) a Scientist.

Ans. :

II. 16. Match the words in List-A with their meanings in List-B. Write the correct answer in the space provided :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

List-A	List-B
(a) scimitar	(i) fine
(b) don	(ii) small
(c) feeble	(iii) dress
(d) garment	(iv) knife
(e) pretty	(v) weak
	(vi) strong
	(vii) put on
	(viii) a sword.

III. Fill in the blanks :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

17. Fill in the blank with appropriate Preposition :  
The girl bought a dictionary ..... Rs. 600.

18. Fill in the blank with the appropriate Conjunction :  
..... I ran fast to the bus station, I missed the bus.

19. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets :  
Raju is working in the police department. His work ..... ( be + appreciate ) by all the officers in the department.

20. Fill in the blank with an appropriate 'article' :  
Dr. Ambedkar was ..... man of principles.

21. Fill in the blank with appropriate form of the word given in the brackets :  
Students must write the answers ..... ( satisfactory ).

IV. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each :  $10 \times 2 = 20$

22. How are the satellites useful ?

23. Why do people of Europe think that they are more civilized than the people of Asia and Africa ?

24. What makes you think that Sarabhai was kind-hearted man ?

25. How can you say that Kalpana, as a girl was unique ?

26. What did Lankesh's mother live for ?

27. Where according to Tagore, can God be found ?

28. What does Gabriel Okara want to relearn and from whom ?

29. Why did Gandhiji sit in the Persian class ?

30. Why did Bhima go in search of the Saugandhika flower ?

31. What trick did Nino play to make his wife and daughter stay in the village ?

V. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 3 = 15$

32. "He would not give it to me, Sir."

a) What is the 'it' ?

b) Who would not give it to him ?

c) Why did he not give it to him ?

33. "They shouted at him but he did not hear them."

a) When did they shout at him ?

b) Why did he not hear ?

c) What does this show about the person ?

34. "It is a very difficult question to answer."

- a) Which lesson is the extract taken from ?
- b) What is that question ?
- c) Why, according to the speaker, is it difficult to answer ?

35. "My whole kingdom is proud of you."

- a) Who does 'you' refer to ?
- b) Why is the speaker proud about the person ?
- c) Who said this ?

36. "Pray, tell us, what you did with it."

- a) Who does you refer to ?
- b) What is the 'it' ?
- c) What happened to 'it' at last ?

VI. Quote from memory : 4

37. Sweet .....  
 ..... why ?  
 You .....  
 ..... me ?  
 I kiss'd .....  
 ..... trees ?

OR

Judge .....  
 ..... grace ;  
 Behind .....  
 ..... face.  
 His .....  
 ..... hour ;

VII. Answer the following questions in five or six sentences each : 2 × 4 = 8

38. Narrate briefly the circumstances that made Kashibai use her car for drying cowdung cakes.

OR

Describe in your own words the last flight of Kalpana Chawla.

39. Describe the beggar maid. What made the king choose her as his queen ?

OR

Write in your own words the substance of the poem, "Tartary".

VIII. Rewrite as directed :

40. Change into passive voice : 1

Students did not waste time.

41. Add a question tag to the following statement : 1

Lalita works in a factory.

42. Write the other degrees of comparison : 2

Kamala is the most intelligent officer in our department.

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

43. Change into indirect speech : 2

Mahesh said to me, "Did you guide the students properly?"

44. Combine the following sentences using first as 'too...to' and then as, 'so...that' :2

It is very cold. I can't go out without wearing a coat.

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

45. Use the following word first as noun then as verb in meaningful sentences : 2

run

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

46. Point out the difference in meaning between the following pair of words using them in meaningful sentences : 2

sight, site.

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

IX. 47. Imagine that you are Pankaja / Shashidhar, 560, Nehru Street, Chikmagalur.

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend to your birthday celebration, using the clues given below : 5

About your welfare — date — arranged in a temple — a few relatives and friends invited — Pooja arranged — at 11 a.m. — please no gifts — come with your family members a day before.

OR

Write a letter to the President, Zilla Panchayat, Chikmagalur, using the clues given below :

Govt. High School in our village — strength 700 — rural part — 10 sections — only 8 classrooms — six teachers working — no permanent Headmaster — students suffering — request for providing classrooms and sufficient teachers.

X. 48. Write two paragraphs on any one of the following topics : 5

a) Importance of Forests

b) National Festivals

c) Television — advantages and disadvantages.

XI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Lal Bahadur was born on October 2nd, 1904 ( Gandhiji was born on the same date in 1869 ) at Mughal Sarai. His parents were Sharada Prasad and Dulari Devi. As a boy, Lal Bahadur was brave and kind. He was short and thin but full of courage and vitality. Once he and his uncle went for a stroll. It was getting dark. An old man who was selling mangoes saw them. He said, "It is getting dark I will sell these for one anna". ( Six paise of today for a hundred ) Lal Bahadur and his uncle agreed to buy. The vendor started counting fruits, '1, 2, 3, 4, ..... '. When he reached 50, Lal Bahadur asked him to stop. He gave the vendor one anna. Later his uncle asked him, why he had done so. Lal Bahadur replied, "A hundred mangoes for an anna is too cheap". He was prepared to suffer a loss because it was getting dark. It was hard on him. Therefore I gave him one anna instead of half an anna. This shows how kind Lal Bahadur was.

49. What kind of a boy was Lal Bahadur ? 1

"An old man who was selling mangoes saw them."

50. Who does 'them' refer to ? 1

51. How many mangoes did the vendor have ? 1

"Later his uncle asked him why he had done so."

52. What had he done ? 1

53. Why did he do so ? 1

54. Why did the vendor sell all his mangoes for one anna ? 1