

**Section - A (Vocabulary - lexical competencies - 30 Marks)**

I a) Choose the most accurate of the four given contexts which equates with that of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. 5 X 1 = 5

1. She maintained a brilliant academic record.  
a) The sun is shining      b) We watched the match on T.V.  
c) The manager was standing outside the room.      d) He is an outstanding student.
2. Where did this grit come from.      a) I appreciate his determination.  
b) He is courageous.      c) She comes from Chennai.      d) Arvind is powerful
3. Tarry a little; there is something else.      a) Don't go near the fire.  
b) He spent only a little.      c) Please wait for a minute.      d) Little boys are innocent.
4. Thy lands and goods are, by the laws of Venice confiscate.  
a) The boys ridiculed the beggar.      b) The government took away all the property of the thief.  
c) He translate the whole poem.      d) We are sure of winning the match.
5. Kesavan you should relinquish the land  
a) It is good to register all documents.      b) We should cultivate the land once again.  
c) He gave up his bad habits.      d) He prayed for Justice.

b) Choose the most accurate of the four given words opposite to the italicised word.

6. There is no power in the Tongues of man to alter me. 5 X 1 = 5  
a) argue      b) change      c) fix      d) frighten
7. The Ganges looked majestic.      a) great      b) beautiful.      c) humble      d) shining
8. This strict court of Venice.      a) Lenient      b) rigid      c) strong      d) big
9. Though her family initially resisted.      a) prevented      b) disliked      c) proposed      d) accepted
10. But the fifty was parched dry.      a) drain      b) close      c) wet      d) same

c) Answer any ten of the following. 10 X 2 = 20

11. Write a sentence using the plural form of *child or medium*.
12. Use the idiom '*look after*' in a sentence of your own.
13. Write a sentence using the expanded form of *NLC*.
14. We \_\_\_\_\_ different types \_\_\_\_\_ phones in our shop. (*Fill in the blanks with (cell / sell)*)
15. The workers spent the \_\_\_\_\_ day repairing the \_\_\_\_\_ in the water pipe.  
(*Fill in the blanks with whole / hole*)
16. Write a sentence using the expanded form of *CAD*.
17. *Syllabify any two words.* caravan, activity, doctor, merchant.
18. *Syllabify any two words.* Banana, donkey, salvation, introduction.
19. Write a sentence of your own using the word '*park*' as noun and verb.
20. Write a sentence of your own using the American English word for '*Biscuit*'.
21. Write a sentence of your own using the American English word for '*lorry*'.
22. Write a sentence of your own using the word with prefix '*im*' or suffix '*less*'.
23. Write a sentence of your own using the '*clipped*' words from '*telephone and laboratory*'.

**SECTION - B (GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCIES - 20 MARKS)**

II a) Fill in the blanks of the following sentences. 10 X 1 = 10

24. Eveteasers \_\_\_\_\_ be severely punished. (*use a modal verb*)
25. Kumar \_\_\_\_\_ (*buy*) a book yesterday. (*use the given verb in suitable form*)
26. Slow and steady \_\_\_\_\_ (*win*) the race. (*use the verb in suitable form*)
27. People \_\_\_\_\_ live in villages are really healthy. (*use a relative pronoun*)
28. The book \_\_\_\_\_ you bought yesterday was costly. (*use a relative pronoun*)
29. There is a huge tree \_\_\_\_\_ our house. (*use a phrase / preposition*)
30. Frame a sentence in the pattern *SVOC*.
31. How \_\_\_\_\_ you ask me such a question. (*use a semi - model*)
32. Water is boiled in the kettle. This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ passive voice.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ he is tall, he is unable to touch the roof. (*use a suitable link word*)

b) Transform the sentences as instructed. 5 X 2 = 10

34. *Report the dialogue.*  
Student : May I come in Sir?  
H.M. : Yes, What do you want?  
Student : I want my T.C. Sir.  
H.M. : You can come tomorrow with your father to get T.C.
35. If I were the Chief Minister, I would double the scholarship. (*Begin with 'Were'*)
36. As he was poor, he discontinued his studies. (*Rewrite as a compound sentence*)

37. The day broke. Birds came out of their nests. (*combine the sentence using 'when'*).  
 38. He was poor but he paid the fees. (*change into complex*)

**SECTION - C (READING COMPETENCIES - 15 MARKS)**

- III a) Identify each sentence with the field in the list of the words given below.  $5 \times 1 = 5$   
 39. Vishwanathan Anand has won world chess championship title.  
 40. Oil rich food causes cardiac problems.  
 41. Journey by train is more convenient.  
 42. The NSS volunteers organized a medical camp in the village.  
 43. New syllabus is really beneficial to students. (*Education, Sports, Nutrition and Diets, travel, Social service*)

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.  $5 \times 2 = 10$   
 Lake Vostok is about 250 kms long and 40kms wide making it one of the largest lakes. But no body has yet touched its waters. This is because it lies under almost four kms of ice in the centre of Antarctica below Russia's Vostok station. Surprisingly its water is not frozen. Heat from the earth's interior and the insulating properties of the thick blanket of ice above it keep the water in a liquid state. Though the existence of the lake was suspected since the 1970's, Russian and British scientists using RADAR technology confirmed it only in 1996.

44. Where is Lake Vostok?  
 45. Who confirmed the existence of the lake?  
 46. What keeps its water in a fluid state?  
 47. Why couldn't we touch the waters of Lake Vostok?  
 48. What technology was used to confirm the lake?

**SECTION - D (WRITING COMPETENCIES - PROSE MARKS - 15)**

- IV a) Answer any one of the following in a paragraph about 100 words.  $1 \times 5 = 5$   
 49. Kalpana Chawla's education and initial career.  
 50. How does Portia turn the argument against Shylock?  
 51. Describe the efforts made by Kesavan Nair to retain the land.

b) Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following.  $1 \times 10 = 10$

52. Write an essay on Chawla's path to the "Milkyway".  
 53. The qualities Mercy as expressed by Portia.  
 54. How does Kesavan Nair yield his much loved land to the neighbour?

**SECTION - E (LITERARY COMPETENCY - POETRY MARKS - 20 MARKS)**

- V a) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below.

- i) For I am off to outer space tomorrow morning  
 Who is off to outer space tomorrow morning?  $6 \times 1 = 6$   
 ii) It is the star to every wandering bark.  
 56. What do you mean by wandering bark?  
 iii) I listened motionless and still.  
 57. Who listened motionless and still?  
 iv) Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
 Admit impediments. Love is not love.  
 58. What do you mean by the marriage of two minds?  
 59. What do impediments mean?  
 v) There won't be any calendar, there won't be any clock;  
 Day light will be on the switch and winter under lock.  
 60. Why there is no need to keep a clock in the space?

b) Read the following three sets of lines and answer the questions given below.

- i) I'll be writing no letters; I'll be posting no mail.  
 For with nobody to visit me and not a friend in hail.  
 61. Write down the rhyming words.  
 ii) Some natural sorrow, loss or pain  
 That has been and may be again!  
 62. Write down the alliteration in the above lines.  
 iii) In solitary confinement as complete as any gaol.  
 63. Mention the figure of speech.

c) Explain any two of the following.  $2 \times 3 = 6$

64. I'll be centre of my gravity, a universe of one;  
 65. \_\_\_ love is not love  
 Which alters when it alteration finds.  
 66. The music in my heart I bore  
 Long after it was heard no more.

d) Write a paragraph on any one of the following.  $1 \times 5 = 5$

67. The poet's feelings about his space travel the next day.  
 68. How love is constant according to Shakespeare?  
 69. The magical effect in the Solitary Reaper's song.