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| Qn No | Model Answer | Marks |
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| I | **Multiple Choice Questions** | **4×1=4** |
| 1 | **Read the following sentence and choose the infinitive:** | |
| | My friend came to my room to ask for English notes.<br>(A) came (C) asking (B) ask (D) to ask | |
| | **Ans: (D) to ask** | |
| 2. | **Choose the appropriate question tag for the following statement:** | |
| | The players played fantastically, .....<br>(A) don't they? (B) do they? (C) didn't they? (D) did they? | |
| | **Ans: (C) didn't they?** | |
| 3. | **Read the given conversation and choose the language function for the** | |
| | **underlined sentence:** | |
| | Vasant: Hello Vishal , How are you ?<br>Vishal : Hello, I'm fine, thank you.<br>Student: Where are you working now?<br>Teacher: <u>I am working in Dehli .</u><br>(A) Offering help (B) Making request<br>(C) Giving information (D) Asking information | |
| | **Ans: (C) Giving information** | |
| 4 | **Read the following conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most** | |
| | **appropriate word/words to complete if clause:** | |
| | Priya: Hello Girish . Why are going to school so early ?<br>Girish : Maths teacher is taking special class today..<br>Priya : I don't know. If you had told me earlier I .....come with you.<br>(A) will have (B) wouldn't have (C) would have (D) shall have | |
| | **Ans: (C) would have** | |

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| **II** | **Do as Directed.** | **12x1=12** |
| **5** | **Which one of the following words has one syllable?** | |
| | All. Any. Animal , Enemy | |
| | **Ans: All.** | |
| **6** | **Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition:** | |
| | India got freedom .....1947. | |
| | **Ans: in** | |
| **7** | **Fill in the blank with the suitable linker:** | |
| | Shakespeare was both a playwright ..... poet. | |
| | **Ans: and** | |
| **8** | **Combine the following sentences using 'so……that':** | |
| | Vasudev was very tired. He could not run. | |
| | **Ans: Vasudev was so tired that he could not run.** | |
| **9** | Use the word **'problem'** as a **noun** in your own sentence | |
| | **Ans: Correct Sentence (Ex : The problem is easy to solve.)** | |
| **10** | **Fill in the blank using the correct article:** | |
| | Which is ..... most beautiful city in Karnataka ? | |
| | **Ans: the** | |
| **11** | **Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of the verbs given in the brackets:** | |
| | When he entered my house, we .....( be+ watch) the news on T .V. | |
| | **Ans: were watching** | |
| **12.** | **Change the following sentence into passive voice**: | |
| | Gopi is preparing tea. | |
| | **Ans: Tea is being prepared by Gopi .** | |
| **13.** | **Write the correct form of the word given in the brackets:** | |
| | The little girl's words brought great ___ (relieve) to the frightened sailors. | |
| | **Ans: relief** | |
| **14.** | **Change the following sentence into comparative degree:** | |
| | Satish Gujral is the greatest artist in India. | |
| | **Ans: Satish Gujral is greater than any other artist in India.** | |
| **15.** | **. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:** | |
| | The students walked in complete <u>silence.</u> | |
| | **Ans: Noun.** | |
| **16** | **Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech:** | |
| | Shivaraj : Hello Savitri , how are you?<br>Savitri : Fine, thank you.<br>Sivaraj : <u>When did you purchase this dress ?</u><br>Savitri : I purchased yesterday .<br>Sivaraj asked Savitri ..... | |
| | Ans: Sivaraj asked Savitri when she had purchased that dress. | |
| **III** | **Editing :** | **1x2=2** |
| **17** | He had receive a messages from the Palace of Nations in Geneva. | |
| | Clues: a) Verb form to be corrected b) Noun plural to be corrected | |
| | Ans: He had receive**d** a message from the Palace of Nations in Geneva. | |
| | a) received b) message | |

| IV | **Answer the following questions in 2–3 sentences each:** | **7x2=14** |
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| **18** | **Why did the storyteller say that the Americans were b*uena gente* ?** | |
| | **Ans:** The story teller said that the Americans are b*uena gente* because they did not want to cheat Don Anselmo and they were willing to pay Don Anselmo twice the money for his land. Legally they owned the trees , they purchased all from all the children, | |
| **19** | **How did Dr Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhiji try to wipe out caste discrimination from India?** | |
| | Ans: Both Dr B R Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhiji tried their level best to wipe out caste discrimination. Mahatma Gandhiji and Babasaheb Ambedkar tried to bring unity among the Indians. Gandhiji did so by reminding the higher castes of their duty towards the depressed classes. Babasaheb reminding the oppressed of their rights to Equality with the upper castes. One stressed on the duties, while the other stressed on the rights. | |
| **20** | **Aunt Sushila was a generous lady. How would you justify this statement?** | |
| | Ans: Anant's family stayed with Aunt Sushila in Bombay. Her apartment was not big but there was always room for them. | |
| **21** | **How can you prove that scientists are the most practical people in the world?** | |
| | Ans: According to the author, the scientists are the most practical people in the world. It is through the work of the scientists that we have medicines, electronics, new sources of energy, modes of transport, the green revolution, new brands of the industry from defence to entertainment. antibiotics, biotechnology, synthetic fibres, genetic forensic diagnosis, etc. This proves that scientists are the most practical people in the world. | |
| **22** | **. What activities do men do on the land, according to the poem, 'I am The Land'?** | |
| | Ans: Man buys land, digs and plants trees, grows fruit on it. Children dance and play on land. Man, also fences and makes boundaries over the land. Man pollutes the land by waging war. | |
| **23** | **Why did Patil, the sub-inspector come to Mohan's house?** | |
| | Ans : Patil, the sub-inspector had come there to enquire about the cyclostyling machine and to warn about a raid. He wanted to save them from the police raid because he knew Mohan's father. | |
| | OR | |
| | **How did Dicky Dolma feel when she climbed Mount Everest?** | |
| | Ans: Dicky Dolma could not describe the sight of Mount Everest. She had never imagined the beauty of Mount Everest. She felt that all the state awards and national awards were a nothing when compared to the experiences of seeing the sight of Mount Everest. | |
| **24** | **As a soldier, 'Haneef had various talents and interests in his youth'. Illustrate the statement.** | |
| | Ans: Haneef dabbled in art, sketched very well, made beautiful cards out of waste material, read a great deal and loved playing the drums. That is why the officers at 'Raj Rifs' made him get all his instruments from Delhi and form the music group 'Haneef'. | |
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| | **How can you say that Wangjia was a brave boy?**<br>Ans: Wangjia had two ways to find the bird of happiness. He never chose the easy way by killing enemies of the monsters. He rejected the wishes of the monsters politely and obeyed the most difficult tasks given by them. Whenever he thought of his village people, he forgot all his sufferings. Due of his courage, patience and love towards his people, he was able to find the bird of happiness and succeed in bringing back happiness to his village. | |
| **V** | **Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each:** | **2×3=6** |
| **25** | **How was Swami successful in fulfilling the intention of his father to prove his courage?**<br>Ans: The newspaper carried a report about a village lad who had fought bravely against a tiger, while he was returning home by the jungle path. Swami argued that a boy could not fight a tiger and it had to be a strong, grown-up person. His father disagreed saying that courage was more important. Swami was not ready to accept this. His father then challenged him to show his courage by sleeping alone in the office that night. While Swami was sleeping there, he saw a dark figure. Believing it to be the devil, Swami dug his teeth into its leg. It turned out to be a notorious burglar whose loud cry brought others to the scene. The burglar was caught and Swami became a hero overnight. | |
| **26** | **The Jazz player proved that he was highly skilled in music. Justify.**<br>Ans: The Jazz player was like an Ancient Mariner. He had a wrinkled face, closed eyes with full of wearies. His wore a faded blue old shirt which had turned dark due to sweat. Its collar was frayed. He wore an old undone necktie and an old jacket held his sagging stomach. He had a rundown shoe with paper in them. His unshaven face showed pain. Across his chest was an old alto saxophone. He felt, he had a message for the people of the world. | |
| **VI** | **Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:** | **4×3=12** |
| **27** | **" But all he could now think of was saving a stranger's life.**<br>a) Who does 'he' refer to?<br>**Ans: Baleshwar Mishra**<br>b) Who was the stranger?<br>**Ans: Roma Talreja**<br>c) What had happened to the stranger?<br>**Ans : She had fallen off a train, by the tracks.** | |
| **28** | **"I will perform it myself."**<br>a) Who is the 'I'?<br>**Ans : 'I' refers to Columbus**<br>b) When did the speaker say so?<br>**Ans : Francisco refused to bring Guillermo to him**<br>c) What does 'it' mean in the context?<br>**Ans : To put the first man to move towards Columbus in the irons.** | |
| **29** | **"Beta, you have to go to school and learn."**<br>a) Who said the above words?<br>**Ans : Satish's father (Mr.Avtar Narain) said the above words.**<br>b) Who is referred as 'beta' here?<br>**Ans : 'Beta' here refers to Satish.**<br>c) When did the speaker say these words?<br>**Ans : When Satish was not ready to go to a new school, the speaker said these words.** | |

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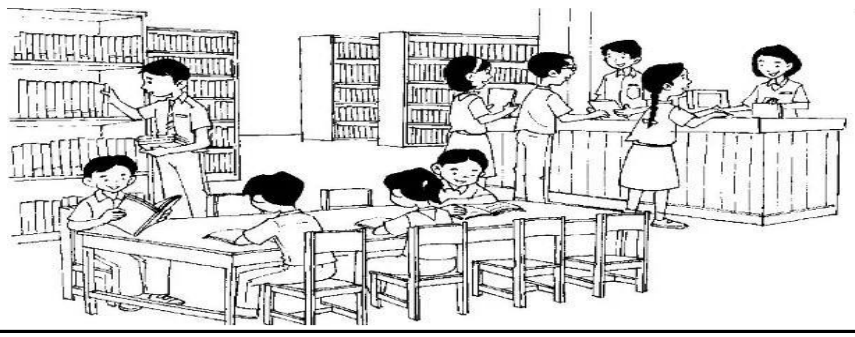
| **30** | **. "There won't be any calendar, there won't be any clock."**<br>a) Who is the speaker?<br>**Ans:The poet, Norman Nicholson.**<br>b) Why won't there be any calendar and clock?<br>**Ans : There is no concept of day and night or time in space. So, calendars and clocks are not useless.**<br>c) What is the speaker referring to as 'there' in the sentence?<br>**Ans : In space.** | |
| **VII** | **Profile into a paragraph** | **1×3=3** |
| **31** | Name : Dr. Ramachandra<br>Age 62 years<br>Height and weight : 5'6'', 60 Kilo<br>Education MSc, PhD<br>Profession Retired Professor<br>Family : 2 children, both Engineers<br>Hobbies : Writing stories, singing, social work<br>Reasons for popularity : Helps people in difficulty, good at leadership training, youth supporte | |
| **Ans** | The above profile describes about Dr. Ramachandra. He is 62 years old. His height is 5'6" and weight is 60 Kilos. He completed MSc and PhD. He is a retired professor. He has 2 children. Both of them are engineers. Writing stories, singing and social work are his hobbies. He is a very popular person because he helps people in difficulty. He is good at leadership training and youth supporter. | |
| **VIII** | **Story Development** | **1×3=3** |
| **32** | Salt merchant--had a donkey-- that carried heavy loads of salt on its back -donkey had to cross a stream to transport the salt to other villages-----Once the donkey slipped in water-----salt dissolved in water-----load became lighter------donkey felt happy------repeats the donkey's evil intensions-------plans to teach it a lesson-----loads cotton on donkey's back----- as donkey falls in water cotton becomes heavy-----donkey repents. | |
| **Ans** | A salt merchant had a donkey that carried heavy loads of salt on its back. The donkey had to cross a stream to transport the salt to other villages. Once the donkey slipped in water, the salt dissolved in water, and the load became lighter. The donkey felt happy and repeats the donkey's evil intentions/plans to teach it a lesson. So, the merchant loads cotton on the donkey's back. As the donkey falls in water, cotton becomes heavy because it absorbs water. The donkey repents. | |
| | Moral: Cheating might lead to a short success. | |
| **IX** | **Picture Description.** | **1×3=3** |
| **33** |  | |

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| **Ans** | This picture is about library. This picture is a poem without words. This is a black and white picture. In the school library, students are engrossed in their books. Three kids sit at a table, reading intently. One boy stands by the shelves, picking out a book. At the counter, two girls are speaking with a librarian, likely checking out books. Another boy talks to a student at the counter while a librarian assists. The scene depicts a quiet, studious atmosphere typical of a school library. Students are focused on reading and borrowing books. The librarians are helping with book transactions. Overall, it's a calm and academic environment fostering learning. | |
| | **Alternative question for Visually impaired candidates only.** | |
| | **(InlieuofQ.No.33) Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own:** | |
| | a) look after (Ans: The youngers should look after their old parents. | |
| | b) switch off ( Ans : The boys switch off the lights everynight.) | |
| | c) take off ( Ans :The flight takes off at 9 PM) | |
| | **Ans : Grammatically correct sentences** | |
| **X** | **Quote from memory:** | **1×4=4** |
| **34** | **The** quality of mercy is not strain'd; | |
| | It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven | |
| | Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest: | |
| | It blesseth him that gives, and him **that takes.** | |
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| | **OR** | |
| | **O say what** is that thing call'd light, | |
| | Which I must ne'er enjoy. | |
| | What are the blessings of the sight, | |
| | O tell your poor **blind boy!** | |
| **XI** | **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:** | **1×4=4(2+2)** |
| **35** | Every year during autumn and early winter, birds travel from the northern regions of Asia, Europe, and America to the southern warmer lands. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. Birds are usually punctual unless delayed by bad weather. During their long flights over hills, forests, plains, and large stretches of water, they face many dangers and hardships. Sudden storms can drive them far off course, and some may be blown out to sea and drowned. At night, bright lights can confuse them, slowing their flight. The migration speed of birds usually ranges from 48 to 64 km per hour, rarely exceeding 80 km per hour. The greatest mystery of bird life is their ability to travel such long distances with precision and endurance. | |
| | a) When do birds travel from northern regions to southern warmer lands and why? | |
| | Ans : Every year during autumn and early winter, birds travel to warme lands because the northern regions become very cold during this time. They travel to warmer places to find food and shelter. | |
| | b) What is described as the greatest mystery of bird life? | |
| | Ans : The greatest mystery of bird life is their ability to travel such | |
| | long distances with precision and endurance. | |

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| **XII** | **Answer the following question in about 8–10 sentences:** | **1×4=4** |
| **36** | **Why do you think that Ruskin Bond's grandmother was a grown-up woman with childish habits and desires? Substantiate.** | |
| | Ans: The poet Ruskin Bond calls his grandmother 'genius' as she could climb trees even at the age of 62. She was passionate about climbing trees. She could climb any type of tree, spreading or high. Everyone feared that granny would fall from the tree one day. Neighbours and friends advised her to stop that practise. But she laughed and said she would not stop. Once, she climbed a tree but couldn't come down. After the rescue, the doctor recommended a week's bed rest. But for granny, it was like a brief season in hell. Once she recovered, she demanded a house to be built on a tree. The poet's father was dutiful, fulfilled his mother's wish, so that granny could live in a tree house, upholding her right to live in a tree. | |
| | . OR | |
| | **Narrate the conversation between the poet V. K. Gokak and mother India.** | |
| | Ans: The poem 'The Song of India' is a conversation between the poet V.K.Gokak and mother India. The poet asks if he could sing about Himalaya mountains and three seas. But mother asks him to sing about beggars, lepers and the poor who swarm the streets. When the poet asks the mother if he might sing about temples, soldiers, seers and prophets, she becomes furious and orders him to sing about millions of hard-working people and helpless poor children living in bleak and dark homes. Further the poet nervously asks her if he could sing about dams, lakes, ship building yards, technology and atomic age. She told him to add in his song about the many strikes and social unrest that happens in the society.Ultimately the poem ends with an optimistic view. Mother India shows him the vision of a bright future of our nation. After the conversation | |
| | **OR** | |
| | **How did the sailors regain their confidence to overcome a great peril, in the poem ,'Ballad of the Tempest'?** | |
| | Ans: It was a dark, stormy night in winter. A ship was out at sea. Huge waves hit against the ship while the sea was roaring hungrily. The sailors with scared that they would die. So, they crowded together in the cabin. None could sleep. Not even the strongest among them. They sat in the darkness and prayed. As the tempest continued, the captain gave up hope and said that they were lost. At that point, the captain's little daughter held his hand and innocently spoke to her father saying that the same God,who protected them on land would protect them at ocean. Her faith in God filled the seamen with hope. The seamen kissed her for being so hopeful. All of them relaxed and they started cheering each other's spirit. By next morning, the storm cleared and they reached the harbour safely. | |
| **XIII** | **Write an essay on any one of the following:** | **1×4=4** |
| **37** | . **a) Ban on Plastic** | |

Plastic things are integral part of human being. We have been using plastic day-to-day for many reasons. We use plastic bags, plastic container, plastic bottles, plastic toys and so on. These are cheaply available in the market. All of these do make our lives easier. But the more we use plastic and dispose of it into the environment, we are facing more risks.

There are numerous reasons to ban plastic. Some of these includes Plastics are non-biodegradable. Thus, disposing them of is the biggest challenge. Waste plastics are polluting the land and water. Plastics have become a threat to the life of animals living on earth as well as in water. Chemicals released by waste plastics enter the soil and make it infertile. Plastics lead to drainage problem. Burning plastic causes air pollution. Plastics are a major cause of environmental pollution. It is necessary to ban plastics before they ruin our planet completely.

We, the educated should control the use of plastic bags. Instead of using plastic bags we should use eco-friendly alternatives to plastic bags. We should carry cloth bags. We should spread awareness about the harmful effects of plastics.

The government has taken many measures to ban single use plastics. However, the implementation of this rule is yet to reach perfection. We should remember to Reduce, Refuse, Reuse and Recycle plastics. “Think green. Avoid plastics”

**B) Internet**

Today the Internet is the most powerful tool in the world. The Internet is a collection of various services and resources. However, like every single innovation in science and technology, Internet has played an important part in our daily life,

The foremost target of Internet has always been the communication. We can avail the facilities of email; we can chat for hours with our friends. With the help of such services, it has become very easy to establish a kind of global friendship where you can explore other cultures of different countries. Information is the biggest advantage internet is offering. The Internet is a virtual treasure of information. Any kind of information on any topic is available on the Internet., Entertainment is another popular reason explaining why many people prefer to surf the Internet. Downloading games and songs, visiting chat rooms or just surfing the web are some of the pleasures people have discovered. Students have also benefitted immensely with the use of internet. In case any of their lectures gets missed in the class, Internet has all the required information. Online coaching has also benefitted the students who do not have access to good educational institutes in their area for the preparation of competitive exams such as JEE and NEET, etc.

Apart from those advantages, Internet also has some disadvantages; Misuse of internet can spoil our life. These days the teenagers are found addicted to internet as they spend most of their time in internet playing online games, surfing social networking sites etc. As a result, they are lagging behind in their study. On the other hand, lots of people have become the victim of cybercrime. Some anti-social group use internet to deceive people through cheat-funds. Hackers may easily access our personal information that has been stored in internet. There are a host of games that are available on the internet and this has made most children to shun all outdoor activity.

Internet acquaints us with the latest happenings around the world. Internet has made our lives extremely comfortable as well as interesting. Nowadays we can’t live without Internet. 181

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| | **C) National Festivals:** | |
| | Indian National festivals like Independence Day, Republic Day, and Gandhi Jayanthi play a vital role in uniting the nation. They remind citizens of India's rich history, struggles for freedom, and the values of democracy and non-violence. These festivals foster patriotism, cultural pride, and a sense of belonging among Indians. | |
| | Independence Day (August 15): | |
| | Independence Day celebrates India's freedom from British rule in 1947. It's a day of pride, reflecting on the sacrifices of freedom fighters. The Prime Minister hoists the flag at the Red Fort, and citizens across the country celebrate with flag-hoisting, parades, and cultural events. | |
| | Republic Day (January 26): | |
| | Republic Day marks the adoption of India's Constitution in 1950. It's a celebration of India's transition to a democratic republic. The President unfurls the flag at Rajpath, New Delhi, with grand parades showcasing India's diversity, military strength, and cultural heritage. | |
| | Gandhi Jayanthi (October 2): | |
| | Gandhi Jayanthi honours Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. It's a day to reflect on his principles of non-violence, truth, and simplicity. People pay tribute through prayer meetings and events promoting peace and community service, keeping Gandhi's ideals alive. | |
| **XIV** | **Imagine that you are Soorya, studying in 10th Standard, Government High School, Gorur.** | **1 x 5 = 5** |
| **38** | **Write a letter to your father about your stay in the hostel.**<br>**From**<br>Soorya<br>10th Standard<br>Government High School, Gorur<br>24th August, 2026<br>**Dear father,**<br>How are you? I am fine and hope the same from your side. My studies are smoothly going on. I have adjusted to the hostel life. Our hostel is neat and clean and there are about 60 students. It has 20 rooms and each roommate shared by three students. Usually two juniors are put under a senior, who takes care of them. We have a good natured, soft spoken and disciplined warden. She is friendly with all the students. she doesn't tolerate any indiscipline. She has a firm conviction which makes the girls to follow all the rules and regulations of the hostel. The food served is of very good quality. We are provided breakfast, lunch and dinner which is not only tasty but also healthy and nutritious. My roommates are very friendly with me. My senior is a very caring and affectionate. We all live in an amicable, friendly environment.<br>Convey my regards to all at home.<br>Yours lovingly ,<br>Soorya<br>To<br>.....<br>**OR** | |

**Write a letter to the Editor, The Hindu, about accidents caused by rash driving of vehicles in your town.**

**From**
Soorya
10th Standard
Government High School, Gorur
24th August, 2026

**To**
The Editor
The Hindu
Bangalore

**Respected sir,**
**Subject : Accidents Caused by Rash Driving in Our Town**

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities and the public to the growing menace of rash driving in our town. In recent months, there has been a noticeable rise in the number of road accidents caused by reckless and speeding vehicles. Youngsters, in particular, are often seen riding two-wheelers without helmets and ignoring traffic rules. This not only endangers their lives but also poses a serious risk to pedestrians and other drivers. Many accidents have taken place near schools, residential areas, and busy market roads. Despite repeated complaints, traffic regulation is poor, and there is little to no presence of traffic police in key areas.I sincerely request the concerned authorities to take immediate steps, such as stricter enforcement of traffic laws, installation of speed breakers and CCTV cameras, and regular awareness campaigns on road safety. Let us work together to make our roads safer for everyone.

Thank you,

**Yours faithfully,**
**Soorya**