

**HSC 12TH STANDARD**  
**ENGLISH**  
**MODEL QUESTION PAPER - 2**

**Duration: 2.30 Hrs.**

**Marks -90**

**Section- A**

**I) Answer all the questions**

**20x1 =20**

**Choose the correct options given below:-**

1. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which equates with that of the italicized lexical item in the following sentence

And dip their napkins in his *sacred* blood

2. Choose the appropriate syllabification for the word - **Communication**

a)com-mu-ni-ca-tion    b)com-mu-ni-cat-ion

c)com-mu-n-ic-ation    d)com-mu-nic-a-tion

3. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which equates with that of the italicized lexical item in the following sentence

There was *perplexity* to be disentangled

a)excitement    b)sick    c)complication    d)several

4. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the italicized word in the following sentence

We saw the highest *abandoned* village in the world

a)adapted    b)unrestrained    c)deserted    d)inhabited

5. Choose the tetra-syllabic word

a)geographical    b)organization    c)fantastic    d)comprehensive

6. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the italicized word in the following sentence

The teacher *pretended* to be indifferent

- a)similar      b)happy      c)interested      d)sad

7. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of LAN

- a) Local Area Network      b) Locality Area Network  
c) Local Area Net      d) Local Area Networking

8. Choose the correct combination for the compound word “*birth place*”

- a) Noun+ Verb    b) Noun + Adjective    c) Noun + Noun    d) Noun + Adverb

9. Choose the correct combination for the blended word ‘Pixel’

- a) Picture + element    b) picture + Electricity    c) Picture + electronics    d) Pix + Element

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence :

Rangarajan *alias* sujatha has written thrilling novels

11. Choose the right definition for the given term ‘*theophobia*’.

- (a) Fear of food      (b) Fear of dreams  
(c) Fear of God      (d) Fear of home

12. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence

The leader’s death came like a **bolt from the blue**

- a)unexpected event      b)expected happening  
c)sudden happening      d)serious accident

13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb into single word

You must **go by** the rules of the institution

- a)follow    b)avoid    c)check    d)watch

14. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word- **practice**

- a) mal \_\_\_    b) pre \_\_\_    c) post \_\_\_    d) tri \_\_\_

15. Identify the sentence pattern of the following

We call Gandhiji, Mahatma

- a)SVIODO    b)SVOC    c)SVOA    d)SVCA

16. Fill in the blank choosing the correct **preposition**.

He ran \_\_\_\_\_ the street

a) in b) at c) into d) to

17. Choose the clipped form of the word **internet**

a) intern b) net c) network d) tern

18. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expression

My mother is a **housewife**

a) homekeeper b) housekeeper c) homemaker d) housemaker

19. Choose the correct meaning of the **cliché**.

' Kith and Kin'

Umar \_\_\_\_\_ father is an engineer, constructed this building

a) who b) whose c) which d) whom

### Section – B

**II. Answer any seven of the following :**

**7x2=14**

i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four (4) of the following: (4 × 2 = 8)

21. “ *So let us unobtrusive and unnoticed,*

*But happy none the less”*

a. What is meant by unobtrusive?

b. Who are happy none the less ?

22. *O winged seeds! You crossed the furrowed seas,*

*To nestle in the warm and silent earth.*

a. Mention the figure of speech in the given lines

b. Why did they cross the furrowed seas.

23. *In the world’s broad field of battle,*

*In the bivouac of life*

- a. What do you mean by bivouac?
- b. Pick out the words in alliteration.

24. *The voice of education said to me*

*He must be killed.*

- a. Who must be killed?
- b. Why did his voice say so?

25. *Yes : quaint and curious war is !!*

- a. What do you mean by “ Quaint” ?
- b. Why is war quaint and curious ?

26. *Ceaseless musing, venturing, throwing, seeking the spheres to connect them.*

- a) Who is musing continuously?
- b) What do you mean by “ Venturing” ?

**ii) Do as directed ( Any three ) 3x2=6**

27. Report the following dialogue :

Sundar : I lost my wallet on the way.

Saira : Did you have money ?

Sundar : I had fifty rupees and my ID card in it.

28. The sun was bright. The pictures came out well. ( Combine using if )

29. Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.

If you should be late once again, you will lose your job.

30. Venkat shared his lunch with the boy. He had only one sandwich. (form a complex sentence using ‘though’)

**Section – C**

**III. Answer any seven of the following ; 7x3=21**

**Part-I**

i) Explain any two (2) of the following with reference to the context: (2 × 3 = 6)

31. To die, and not a heart that does not love us  
Know where we’re laid.

32. The spoils of ages, global merchandise  
Mingling in your strains!

33. But ranged as infantry,  
And staring face to face,

### Part-II

ii) Answer any two (2) of the following briefly. (2x3=6)

34. What is a writer of dictionaries doomed to do?

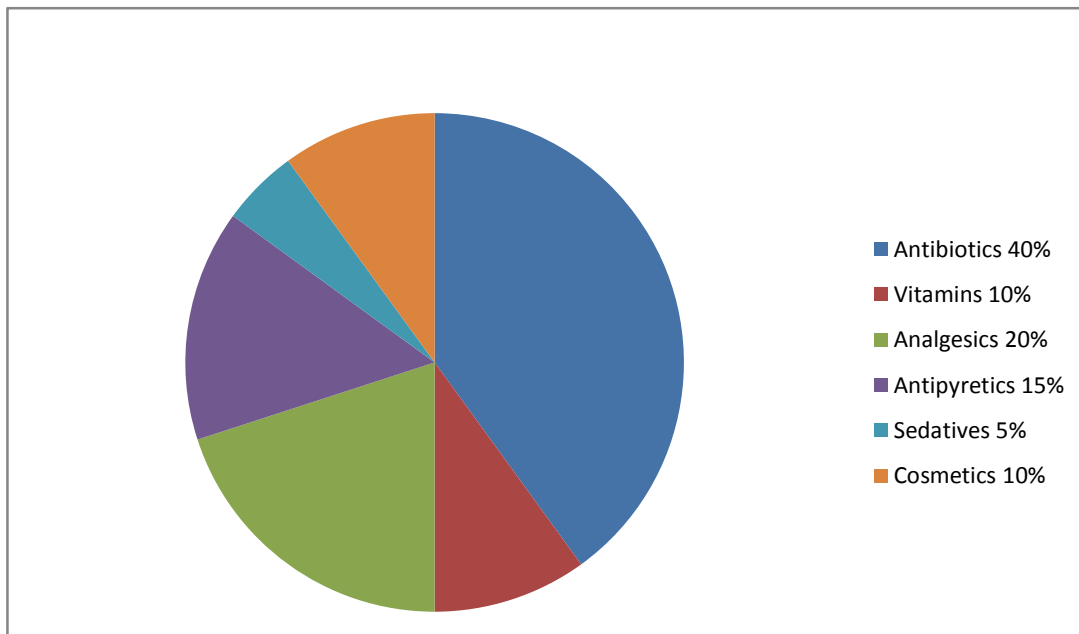
35. Which were the countries that were involved in the bombing of Hiroshima?

36. Give reasons as to why it is difficult to keep warm in the Tibetan mountain range.

### Part -III

iii) Answer any three of the following ( 3x3=9)

37. Study the pie-chart given and answer the questions that follow :



#### ***Questions :***

- Name the drug which has the least sale record in the store?
- How many types of drugs are being sold at this store?
- Which drug is twice the sale of analgesics?

38. Write a dialogue between a tourist and a guide. ( Minimum of three exchanges)

39. Describe the process of binding a book .

40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:

- a) All that glitters is not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) Make \_\_\_\_\_ while the sun shines.
  - c) Barking \_\_\_\_\_ seldom bites.
- ( Hay, Dog, Gold)

Section- D

IV) Answer the following : 7x5=35

**41. Answer in a paragraph (of about 150 words) any one (1) of the following:**

- a) Gandhiji's views on women.
- b) Gunga Ram and his superstitious beliefs.

**42. Answer in a paragraph (of about 150 words) any one (1) of the following**

- a) What is the message of the poem 'A Psalm Of Life'?

**43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:**

In the beginning of the world-all animals worked for man -except camel-animals complained to man -man asked him to work double time-animals angry-complained to Djinn-Djinn talked to the camel-camel merely said."Humph"-Djinn created the humph for the camel-camel could never get rid of that humph.

(or)

Mr.Nuttel came to visit Mrs.Sappleton-met Vera-narrated tragedy-three years ago-Mrs.Sappleton's husband and two younger brothers went for shooting -didn't return-Window wide open-Mrs.Sappleton entered -soon the three arrived with the spaniel-Framton Nuttel rushed out-Vera said-he was once hunted by a pack of dogs-her speciality-Romance at short notice.

44. Write a summary or Make notes of the following passage

The Cacti, a native in American deserts, adapts to the dry surroundings by having unique body structures. The plant has swollen stems to help store water that carries it through months. By having sharp pines instead of leaves, water loss through respiration is minimized. Besides, these pointed pines also help the plant ward off grazing animals, thus enhancing its survival period.

Besides plants, there are also animals with distinct surviving tactics in deserts too. For instance, Skinks ( desert lizards ) metabolize stored fats in their bulbous tails, producing water to supplement their needs, just like what camels do with the stored food in their humps

during long journeys through deserts. Antelopes like the addax, have very low water needs and hence are able to tolerate the conditions in deserts, extracting moisture from the food they eat.

Finally, there are the sandgrouses ( desert birds ) which do not have special features to overcome the drought-like nature in deserts. Hence, to survive in these hot, dry deserts, they need to spend a large part of their time flying in search of waterholes.

**45. Read the following advertisement and prepare a resume/bio-data/CV considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified:**

[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]

**Situation Vacant**

Post Graduate Teacher ( English) Specialized in extra – curricular activities (NSS,NCC,etc),  
Minimum : 3Years of Experience. Salary Negotiable.

Apply to : Post Box No : 1307

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**46. i) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them :**

- a. Neither of the boys are guilty.
- b. Balaji is junior than me.
- c. He is a honourable man.
- d. Slow and steady win the race.
- e. The news are very good.

**(or)**

**ii) Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- a. Vandana's \_\_\_\_\_ daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to the new situation well. ( Adopted/ adapted)
- b. Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ play the piano. ( Fill in with a modal verb)
- c. He \_\_\_\_\_ read many books during his school days( Fill in with a semi-modal)
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ you have an entry pass, you can get in ( Use a suitable link word)

**47. Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:**

- a) Shakespeare's plays are read by many people.
- b) The yield of wheat has increased.
- c) Fastfood is a growing health hazard.
- d) My brother is planning to go to the US.
- e) Dhoni was declared the Man of the Series.

( Sports, Nutrition and Dietetics, Travel, Literature, Agriculture)

**( Or)**

**Read the following passage and answer in your own words.**

The first flags were probably in China. People flew flags in China over 4,000 years ago. Each part of the army had its own flag so the soldiers could see their leaders. Early flags were sticks of wood. They had pictures cut into the wood. Iran had metal flags about 3,000 years

represents, a continent. It means that people from five continents – Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America – come to play. Railway lines also use flags. Railway flags tell the trains what to do. For example, a red flag tells the train to stop, just like a stop sign. A blue, white, or green flag tells the train that it can go. A blue flag on the side of a train means someone is working on the train. It means nobody can move the train.

- a. How many flags do most ships fly?
  - b. What were the first flags made of?
  - c. Does every country have a flag?
  - d. Mention the role of a railway flag.
  - e. Describe the Olympic flag.
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