

HSC 12TH STANDARD
ENGLISH
MODEL QUESTION PAPER - 3

Duration: 2.30 Hrs.

Marks -90

Section- A

I) Answer all the questions

20x1 =20

Choose the correct options given below:-

1. Choose the **synonym** of the underlined word in the following sentence.

Due to the rain the ground was teeming with life.

- (a) full of (b) meeting (c) looked (d) suffer

2. Choose the **clipped form** of the word 'fanatic'.

- (a) fant (b) fan (c) natic (d) fanat

3. Choose the meaning of the **foreign word** in the sentence :

We must have a good rapport with the officials.

- (a) close relationship (b) agreement (c) settlement (d) talk

5. Replace the underlined word with the appropriate **phrasal verb**:

I can't tolerate his behaviour anymore.

- (a) put up with (b) put down
(c) put off (d) put out

6. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'Kitchen garden'.

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

7. Choose the most accurate one of the *four* given words opposite to the underlined word:

It is heartening to meet Laxmi.

- (a) lightning (b) motivating
(c) discouraging (d) pleasing

8. Replace the underlined word with a **euphemistic** expression:

The lavatory is in the ground floor.

- a) toilet b) bathroom c) restroom d) urinal

9. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'perform'

- a) ic b) ion c) ance d) ence

10. Choose the appropriate synonym of the underlined word.

With the tin, we **clambered** into the school bus.

- (a) moved (b) climbed
(c) chased (d) crawled

11. Complete the sentence choosing the correct quasi- modal

Children _____ to develop patriotism.

- a) dare b) ought c) need d) used

12. Choose the right definition for the given term 'regicide'

- (a) killing a member of a society (b) killing a member of a gang
(c) killing a member of a community (d) killing a member of a royal family

13. Choose the correct plural form of "alumnus"

- a) alumne b) alumni c) alumna d) alums

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

I feel **honour bound** to help him because I promised I would.

- a) required to do something as a moral duty b) admired
c) neglected d) refused

15. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'existence'.

- (a) out--- (b) non--- (c) inter--- (d) out---

17. Choose the singular form of "larvae"

- a) Larvum b) larvus c) larvam d) larva

18. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym **SALT**

- (a) Strategy Arms Limited Treaty (b) Strategic Automatic Limitation Treaty.
(c) Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (d) Strategy Arms Limitation Treaty

19. Choose the **antonym** of the underlined word in the following sentence.

He not only **followed** it but inspired millions of people.

- (a) controlled (b) preceded (c) inspired (d) attracted

20. Identify the sentence pattern of the following.

Hari is an NSS volunteer.

- a) SVC b) SVO c) SVA d) ASV

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. *“I shot at him as he at me,
And killed him in his place*
a) Who killed whom?
b) What is the place referred to here ?
22. *“Still, like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave”*
(a) What are beating like ‘muffled drums’?
(b) Mention the figure of speech used in the above lines.
23. *“You cannot rob us of the rights we cherish,
Nor turn our thoughts away”*
(a) Who do you think this line is addressed to?
(b) Identify the two sets of alliterated words.
24. *“It launch’d forth filament, filament, filament, out of itself,
Ever unreeling them, ever tirelessly speeding them.”*
25. *“Like a golden swarm of fireflies you came.”*
(a) Explain the comparison.
(b) Mention the figure of speech used in the line.
26. *“Like a king in exile, uncrowned in the underworld”*
(a) Who was the king in exile?
(b) Mention the figure of speech used in this line.

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

27. Combine the following using a relative pronoun.

They were a set of four brothers. They were known for their toughness.

28. If I had seen Malar at the bus stop, I would have told her to wait. (Begin with Had)

29. Change the reported form to direct speech.

Vinodh told that he had studied all the lessons the previous day.

30. Unless Children are vaccinated, they will fall ill. (Transform into a compound sentence)

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. *“And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.”*
32. *“We claim to dwell, in quiet and seclusion,
Beneath the household roof.”*
33. *“And I thought of the albatross,
And I wished he would come back, my snake.”*

Part-II

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

34. What do our ancient books say about women?
35. Whom or what did Johnson say he has ‘devoted’ his book to ?
36. Where was the cruel bomb dropped?

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

37. Study the following table which gives information about the classification of foreign tourists from three countries according to their mode of travel to India in 2012. Write three sentences on your inference about the data.

| Country or Nationality | Arrivals (in Numbers) | Proportion to the total (%) | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----|------|
| | | Air | Sea | Land |
| America | 59709 | 94.7 | 1.1 | 4.2 |
| Japan | 29374 | 94.3 | 0.1 | 5.6 |
| Spain | 50743 | 97.6 | 0.6 | 1.8 |

38. Describe the process of making a cup of tea.
39. Write a dialogue between a doctor and a patient. (minimum of three exchanges)
40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:
 - a) A stitch in time saves _____.
 - b) A bird in hand is worth _____ in a bush.
 - c) A picture is worth a _____ words.
(thousand, nine, two)

Section- D

IV) Answer the following : 7x5=35

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

- a. How did Mark Antony win the public of Rome to his side?
- b. Describe the trekking experiences of Deshpande.

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

- a. Bring out the message of the poem 'The Man He Killed'.
- b. Walt Whitman's comparison of the spider to the human soul.

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

Paris besieged – Morrisot and sauvage – two friends- fond of fishing- got password – French Colonel- crossed the checkpost- started fishing- caught by Prussians- chief demanded password- shot dead (or)

Ivan Dmitritch – middle class man- satisfied- wife – bought a lottery ticket- Ivan - newspaper result- series 9499- dreams- winning number 46 not 26- hatred.

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

sets a perfect example of adaptability. If it is moved to a strange place, it is able to adapt itself to that place and to its thousand peculiarities without a murmur of complaint. It is able to learn and adapt to a new family's ways and customs. It is quick and ready to please. Man, being accustomed to comfort and wealth will be lost if suddenly stripped of all he is accustomed to. A dog also teaches us a thing or two about, unselfish love. When a dog knows death is approaching, it tries, with its last vestige of strength, to crawl away elsewhere to die, in order to burden its owners no more. A dog does things with all vigour. However, when there is nothing to do, it lies down and rests. It does not waste its strength and energy needlessly. Many working people are burning the candles at both ends. Many suffer nervous breakdowns due to stress. Perhaps, they should learn to rest like a dog does. A dog above all is truly man's best friend.

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]

Wanted

Technician – Diploma holder with computer knowledge, fluency in English and good communication skills, Minimum 3 Years Experience.

Apply to : Post Box No : 1998

C/o. The Hindu

Chennai - 02.

(or)

Write a paragraph on “ Deforestation” or “ Information Technology”

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

- a. I saw an one rupee note on the road.
- b. Catherin bought half litre of milk
- c. It has been raining since five hours.
- d. The cat jumped on the wall.
- e. One of his brother is in Srilanka.

(or)

Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- a) Our _____ is a man of _____. (Principle/ principal) (2)
- b) The sun _____(rise) in the east. (Correct Tense form) (1)
- c) Prizes were given at the end of the event. This is an example of _____ passive form. (1)
He continued to bowl _____ his shoulder injury (Use a suitable phrase/preposition)(1)

47. Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue.

- a. It was thrilling win for Roger Federer
- b. Palestenians have decided to go to pools.
- c. A new software is adopted to make operations easier
- d. This oil massage will refresh you a lot.
- e. Britney Spears will release a new album next month

[*Music , Computer , Politics , Sports , Health*]

(or)

Read the following passage and answer in your own words

The origins of the English Dictionary are found in the late 16th century when people became aware of the two levels of English (‘learned’, ‘literacy’ distinct from ‘spoken’, ‘popular’) to an extent that made it desirable to gloss one’s level in the other’s terms. Cawdrey’s ‘Table Alphabetical of Hard Words’ (1604) containing about 3000 words might be called the first English dictionary but it is ‘The Dictionary of the English Language’ brought out in 1755 by

Dr. Samuel Johnson that stands as one of the two great landmarks in English lexicographical history.

Johnson's objective was to produce "a dictionary by which the pronunciation of our language may be fixed, and its attainment facilitated; by which its purity may be preserved, its use ascertained, and its duration lengthened." He wrote the definitions, some playfully, of over 40,000 words illustrating them with about 114,000 quotations drawn from every field of learning and literature from the 16th century onwards.

The work, though scanty in etymological knowledge remained without rival until the creation of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) (1884-1926) edited by a group of lexicographers.

The OED attempts to give a full history of the development of all English words since the 12th century with full illustrative quotations, ordered according to the principal distinct sense of the word. It has been updated by a series of supplements through the centuries. The possibility of one organized on synchronic, rather than historical, principles was brought close when in 1984 the OED files began to be converted into a computerized database.

- a. When was the first English dictionary compiled?
 - b. Why was it compiled?
 - c. What are the features of Johnson's dictionary?
 - d. Of the two landmarks of English lexicographical history which is more in use today?
 - e. What dictionary do you use and how often do you use it?
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