

II PUC ENGLISH
Revised Model Question Paper 2022-2023

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Max. Marks: 100

Instructions:

- a. Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
- b. Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
- c. One-mark questions attempted more than once will be awarded zero.
- d. All questions including Multiple-Choice Questions from section I should be answered in the first three pages only.
- e. For Multiple-Choice questions, choose the correct answer and rewrite it.
- f. Answers to question number 28 (a –j) and 29 (i–iii) should be in sequence and at one place.

I. Answer the following questions by choosing the right option. 12X1= 12

(Answer to this section should be in sequence and written on the first three pages of the answer book.)

1. Romeo compares ——— to a ‘rich jewel’ in an ‘Ethiope’s ear.
 - a. Montague
 - b. Rosaline
 - c. Juliet
 - d. Shakespeare

2. The army in Monaco consisted of ——— number of men in ‘Too Dear!’
 - a. seventy
 - b. sixty
 - c. fifty five
 - d. seventy five

3. In 'When You Are Old' the speaker loved the pilgrim soul of his beloved and also loved her ——— .
 - a. wealth
 - b. beauty
 - c. happiness
 - d. sorrows

4. There were ——— priests sitting on Gonzalo’s usual bench in the park in ‘A Sunny Morning’.
- a. three
 - b. four
 - c. five
 - d. two
5. During the Chipko Movement's dramatic actions mentioned by Vandana Shiva, the woman who led resistance against her husband was ———.
- a. Carolyn Merchant
 - b. Vandana Shiva's mother
 - c. Bachni Devi
 - d. Vandana Shiva's sister
6. According to the narrator of 'The Gardener' man would lose his name on ———
- a. becoming wealthy
 - b. composing ballads
 - c. reaching old age
 - d. acquiring friends
7. ——— will never disappear according to Borges.
- a. Telephones
 - b. Swords
 - c. Books
 - d. Ploughs
8. In 'Heaven If You Are Not Here On Earth', the poet creates heaven on ——— .
- a. streams
 - b. gardens
 - c. surf
 - d. Earth
9. The Japanese stores employ _____ to greet customers.
- a. singing girls
 - b. dancing girls
 - c. bowing girls
 - d. clapping girls
10. Marcus Ibe was a ——— before entering politics in ‘The Voter’.
- a. school teacher
 - b. bicycle repairer
 - c. village chieftain
 - d. state minister

11. _____ sanctioned fifty mopeds for Arivoli women activists according to P. Sainath.

a. WHO

b. UNESCO

c. WTO

d. UNICEF

12. _____ is the new name acquired by water as mentioned in the poem 'Water'.

a. Sparkling Water

b. Mineral Water

c. Clean Water

d. Healthy Water

13. **Complete the following by filling the blanks using the right forms of verb given in the brackets.** **3x1=3**

In no time cycling became a way of life in Pudukkottai. It _____ (introduce) as a tool of social change. Mobility, facilitated by cycling _____ (include) as a part of literacy drive. The idea _____ (propose) by Sheela Rani Chunkath, the district collector.

14. **Fill in the blanks by choosing appropriate expressions given in the brackets.** **2x1=2**

It was the time of election. The campaign in Umuofia was _____. All knew that the honourable minister would have a _____.

(in a soup, landslide victory, in full swing)

15. Fill in the blanks with the right linker given in the brackets. 4x1=4

(because, finally, gradually, that)

Rivalry between Tammanna and Basavaiah looked like healthy competition in the beginning. _____ it rose to such a pitch _____ they started competing in buying each acre of land in the village. _____ no land in the village was left for buying. Even then Basavaiah was not happy _____ he had 200 acres less than Tammanna.

16. Rearrange the jumbled segments to form a meaningful sentence. 1x1= 1

Don Gonzalo/ handkerchief / his / used / as a shoe brush

II Answer any eight of the following choosing at least two from the poems in a paragraph of 80-100 words each. 8x4=32

17. Why does Juliet want Romeo to be cut out in little stars?
18. How does the narrator describe the 'Toy Kingdom' in 'Too Dear!'?
19. What attitude should parents have towards their children according to the poem, 'On Children'?
20. Write a note on 'Navdanya Farm' and 'Navdanya Movement'.
21. How does Dona Laura describe her best friend's death to Don Gonzalo in 'A Sunny Morning'?

22. The rivalry between Tammanna and Basavaiah started moving from the visible to the invisible domain. Explain.
23. How does the foot become imprisoned in the shoe in 'To The Foot From Its Child'?
24. Explain how the people of Japan respect each other's privacy according to George Mikes.
25. Why was Roof in a fix while casting his vote in 'The Voter'?
26. Explain the role played by Sheela Rani Chunkath in the cycling movement in 'Where There Is A Wheel'.

III Answer the following in about 200 words.

1x6=6

27. Both Romeo and Juliet employ contrasting images in their expression of appreciation and admiration for each other. Elaborate.

Or

The function of books is irreplaceable. Explain with reference to 'I Believe that Books will Never Disappear'.

Or

P Sainath says, 'A humble vehicle can be a tool for women's empowerment' in 'Where There is a Wheel'. Discuss.

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it. 10x1=10

The story of the domestic cat's relationship with humans is an interesting tale. The cat has been the object of adoration, reverence, hatred and even persecution by humans throughout time.

Cats were first domesticated by the ancient Egyptians as early as 3000 BC. African wild cats started preying upon the mice and rats that filled the Egyptian grain stores and it didn't take long for the Egyptians to become appreciative of the cats' help in eliminating the rodent population. Killing a cat, even when accidental, was punishable by death. Egyptians shaved away their eyebrows as a symbol of grief when their pet passed away; they would even mummify the cat and bury it in a special cemetery, with supplies of mummified rats for the afterlife. From Egypt, cats spread to other parts of the world. They were great success in the East, where they were again thought to have magical and mystical qualities. Artists in China and Japan celebrated these animals in their art. In Japan, cats are seen as lucky. One of the most known is the beckoning cat, often regarded as good luck charm for both households and businesses.

The cat spread across Europe during the Roman Empire. The Romans kept the animals to be petted and for companionship, as well as for controlling the rat and mice population. Cats were represented mainly as working animals in Roman art, and there is little indication of reverence or mystical powers given to them.

During the Middle Ages, however, cats became an object of superstition and were associated with evil. They were often believed to be endowed with powers of black

magic and suspected of being owned and used by witches. As a result, cats were beaten, killed and driven away from towns and villages. The destruction of cats was so extensive that disease carrying rats flourished, contributing greatly to the wide spread of epidemics and plagues throughout Europe.

Not surprisingly, the Europeans once again began to realize the value of cats in eliminating rodents and cats gradually regained acceptance as household pets.

In 1871, the very first 'cat show' was held in London. The cat association was formed in 1887 in Britain called 'the National Cat Club of Great Britain'.

28.

- a. Mention any one of the feelings of a man towards cat.
- b. When were cats first domesticated?
- c. What did the cats eliminate to win the appreciation of Egyptians?
- d. Egyptians shaved away their eye-brows when a cat
- e. Mention one of the qualities that the East attributed to cats.
- f. Who celebrated cats in their art?
- g. In which art were cats represented as working animals?
- h. Disease carrying rats flourished..... (contributing/contributed) to wide spread epidemics.
- i. Name the cat association formed in Britain.
- j. Add prefix to the word 'lucky' to form its antonym.

29. Read the following lines and answer the questions set on it.

3x1=3

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;

i) What colour is the wood?

ii) The speaker sees before him

a) a dense forest. b) two roads diverging in a forest. c) a crossing.

iii) How many travellers are there?

V.

30. Report the following conversation.

5x1=5

Don Gonzalo : I want a bench to myself.

Juanito : There is none.

Don Gonzalo : That one over there is mine.

Juanito : There are three priests sitting there.

Don Gonzalo : Rout them out.

31. Complete the following dialogue.

4x1=4

(Two friends at college)

Mohan : Hi Ramesh. Good morning.

Ramesh : _____ (Responding to greeting)

Mohan : _____ your cell phone for a moment? (Requesting)

Ramesh : Sure, no problem. _____ (Offering)

Mohan : It will only be a minute or two.

Ramesh : Take your time. No rush.

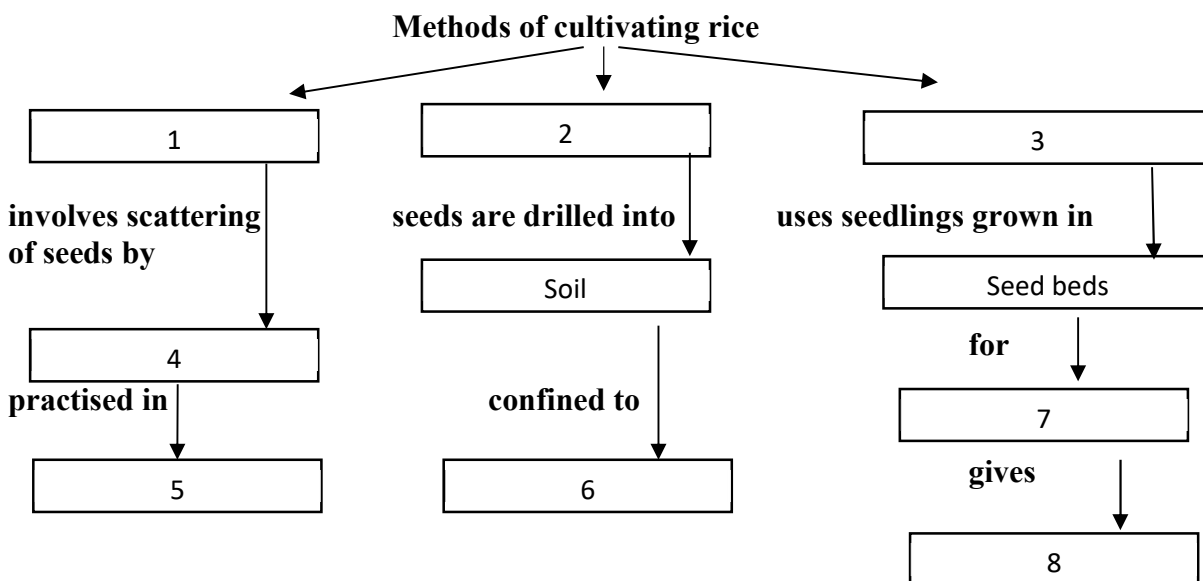
Mohan : _____ (Expressing gratitude)

VI.

32. Read the following passage and make notes by drawing and filling the boxes given below.

8x½=4

There are three methods of rice cultivation. They are broadcasting, drilling and transplanting. The broadcasting method involves scattering of seeds by hand and it is practised in less fertile hilly areas. In drilling method, seeds are drilled into the soil. This method is confined to peninsular India. The transplanting method uses seedlings grown in seed beds for four weeks. It requires abundant supply of labour and water but gives higher yields.



33. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement which appeared in 'Deccan Herald' dated 3rd September 2022. 5x1=5

Wanted
Office Assistants
Qualification: II PUC pass. Computer Knowledge must.
Apply within fifteen days to: The Manager
Pushpa Industries
Mysore Road, Mandya 571403

(Write XXX for your name, YYY for your address)

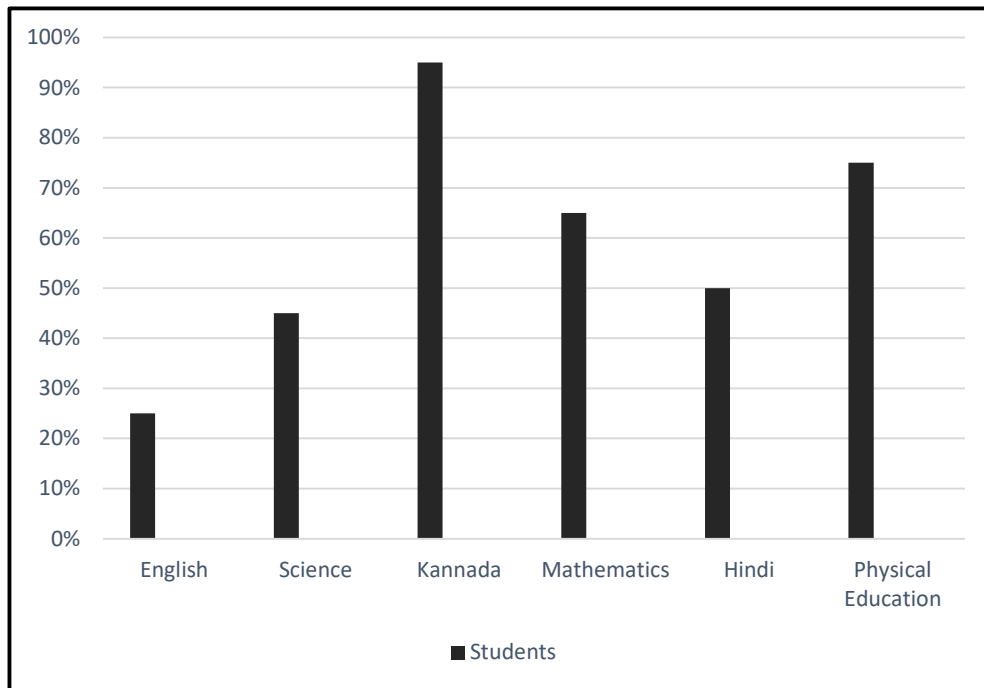
34. Imagine that you are the secretary of your college's 'Eco Club' and you are required to deliver a speech on the importance of ecological balance. Prepare a speech of about one hundred words based on the points mentioned below:

5x1=5

- What is ecological balance – why is ecological balance important?
- Impact of global warming on Earth
- Imbalance resulting in floods and droughts etc.
- Shortage of food grains – rise in diseases like Covid19 etc.
- The need for immediate response to address this issue

Or

Following bar graph represents data regarding X standard students' preference of subjects. Based on the information, write a report in 120 words.



VII

35. What do the underlined words in the following paragraph refer to? 4x1=4

In Egypt, wild cats preyed upon rats that were destroying grains (i) which were stored in granaries. In Rome, cats were treated as working animals and not much respect was given to (ii) them. The Europeans owned cats for fancy. (iii) They started breeding them at home. In Japan, the beckoning cats were seen as lucky since (iv) their charm was believed to protect households.

(i) which:.....

(ii) them :.....

(iii) They :.....

(iv) their :.....

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