

# DISTRICT LEVEL INTERNAL EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

## PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2024

### ENGLISH

#### CLASS - X

Full Marks : 90  
Pass Marks : 27

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

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## SECTION - A

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Choose the correct options for the following : ( From Q. No. 1 to 10)

- (1) ..... in the last decade of the twentieth .....
- What does the underlined word mean?
- (a) 25 years (b) 10 years  
(c) 50 years (d) 15 years
- (2) The word 'thrifty' means \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) spend money carelessly (b) spend money uselessly  
(c) spend money carefully (d) spend money on friends
- (3) Coorg is the smallest district of \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Assam (b) Bihar  
(c) Kerala (d) Karnataka
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ were waiting to receive Pranjol and his friend at Mariani Junction.
- (a) Pranjol's parents (b) Pranjol's brother  
(c) Pranjol's uncle (d) Pranjol's friends
- (5) Valli's deepest desire was to \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) go to the market (b) go to play  
(c) ride on the bus (d) go to school
- (6) Lencho grew \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) corn (b) rice  
(c) vegetable (d) wheat
- (7) According to Mandela, the greatest wealth of South Africa is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) diamonds (b) trees  
(c) gold (d) its people
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most decorated Regiments of the Indian Army.
- (a) Gorkha Regiment (b) Coorg Regiment  
(c) Rajput Regiment (d) Jat Regiment
- (9) Pranjol did not share Rajvir's excitement on seeing a tea garden because \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) he was drinking tea (b) he was brought up on a plantation  
(c) he was reading a book (d) he was painting
- (10) Lencho wrote a letter to \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) his wife (b) the postmaster  
(c) his sons (d) to God

Choose the correct answer for the following : ( From Q. No. 11 to 30)

- (11) The rhyming word for 'dragon' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) house (b) wagon  
(c) bright (d) mustard
- (12) The word 'languid' means \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) relaxed (b) sad  
(c) excited (d) angry
- (13) The tiger is locked in a \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) room (b) jail  
(c) concrete cell (d) house
- (14) The boy has lost his \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) cycle (b) toy  
(c) teddy (d) ball
- (15) The poet Walt Whitman wants to live with \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) humans (b) birds  
(c) animals (d) friends
- (16) The pirate fired \_\_\_\_\_ bullets.
- (a) four (b) two  
(c) three (d) five
- (17) Amanda is told not to eat \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) sweets (b) bananas  
(c) chocolates (d) almonds

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- (18) Horace Danby had a business of making \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) shoes (b) locks  
 (c) umbrellas (d) pens
- (19) Ausable spoke with an \_\_\_\_\_ accent.  
 (a) French (b) German  
 (c) American (d) Indian
- (20) The narrator was sent to New Mullions to serve summons on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) Fritz (b) Gustaff  
 (c) Oliver Lutkin's mother (d) Oliver Lutkins
- 21) Valli was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
 a) 10 b) 8 c) 11 d) 6
- 22) Bodhidharma cut off his eyelids because \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) he felt sleepy during meditation b) he could see better  
 c) he would look handsome d) he was told to do so
- 23) The ceremonies took place \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) at Mandela's house  
 b) in Johannesberg  
 c) at the sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Building  
 d) in a village
- 24) The Coorgi who was the first Chief of the Indian Army is \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) General Rao b) General Prasad  
 c) General Cariappa d) General Gogoi
- 25) Lencho's house was situated \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) near the postoffice b) beside a river  
 c) beside a hill d) on the top of a hill
- 26) The emotion shown by the tiger while stalking in his cage is \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) joy b) sorrow c) anger d) love
- 27) Amanda yearns for \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) freedom b) love  
 c) sweets d) cakes
- 28) The centre of the theatre world was located at \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) Lincoln Street b) Drury Lane  
 c) Mahatma Gandhi Lane d) Stuart Lane
- 29) Horace Donby liked to collect \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) coins b) stamps  
 c) rare paintings d) rare and expensive books
- 30) Fowler's 'first authentic thrill of the day' was \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) a man holding flowers b) a man holding a gun  
 c) a man holding a book d) a man holding a child

Choose the right determiners : ( From Q. No. 31 to 32)

- (31) Many people were invited, but only \_\_\_\_\_ turned up.  
 (a) few (b) a few (c) the few (d) fewer
- (32) My father is \_\_\_\_\_ teacher  
 (a) the (b) an (c) a (d) that

Choose the appropriate prepositions : ( From Q. No. 33 to 34)

- (33) He finished the work \_\_\_\_\_ four hours.  
 (a) on (b) in (c) over (d) at
- (34) Shoes are made \_\_\_\_\_ leather.  
 (a) from (b) of (c) with (d) any

Choose the correct option for the given question.

- 35) Which of the following sentence is correct?  
 (a) His handwriting is unlegible.  
 (b) His handwriting is nonlegible.  
 (c) His handwriting is underlegible.  
 (d) His handwriting is illegible.

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Which option correctly reflects the sentence with a change in voice(Active/Passive). (From Q. No. 36 to 37)

- 36) Who can trust a liar ?
- By whom can a liar be trusted?
  - Whom can a liar be trusted ?
  - A liar can be trusted by whom ?
  - A liar by whom can be trusted ?

- 37) The tiger was killed by the hunter.
- The tiger by the hunter was killed.
  - The hunter killed the tiger.
  - The tiger killed the hunter.
  - The hunter by the tiger was killed.

In the following(From Q. No. 38 to 39) a sentence has been given in direct/indirect form. Out of the four alternatives choose the one which best expresses the same sentence in indirect / direct form.

- 38) The teacher said to the students, "Be sincere".
- The teacher said to the students to be sincere.
  - The teacher told the students to be sincere.
  - Be sincere the teacher told the students.
  - The teacher advised the students to be sincere.

- 39) The man asked how old I was ?
- The man asked, "How old are you?"
  - The man said, "How old was I ?"
  - The man said, "How old you are ?"
  - The man asked, "Old how I was ?"

Choose the correct tense form of the verb from the alternatives given in the questions(From Q. No. 40 to 41).

- 40) We (know) each other for the last ten years.
- We had know each other for the last ten years.
  - We have known each other for the last ten years.
  - We know each other for the last ten years.
  - We has known each other for the last ten years.

- 41) When he entered my room, I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter.
- When he entered my room, I had write a letter.
  - When he entered my room, I had been writing a letter.
  - When he entered my room, I wrote a letter.
  - When he entered my room, I was writing a letter. <https://www.assamboard.com>

Choose the grammatically correct option of the sentences given in the questions(From Q. No. 42 to 43)

- 42) The news are true.
- |                      |                          |
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| a) The news is true. | b) True are the news.    |
| c) True is the news. | d) Are true the news is. |

- 43) The train will leave in time.
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| a) The train will leave by time.   | b)The train will leave on time.  |
| c) The train will leave with time. | d)The train will leave the time. |

Choose the correct option of the combination of sentences given in the following.(From Q. No. 44 to 45)

- 44) He is poor. He is honest.
- He is poor but he is honest.
  - He is poor but he is an honest.
  - Honest he is and poor.
  - Poor he is honest is he.
- 45) Where does he live ? Do you know it ?
- Where he lives do you know ?
  - You know where he lives ?
  - He lives where do you know it ?
  - Do you know where he lives ?

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## SECTION - B

46. Make a sentence each with any two of the given phrases: 1×2=2  
 Pass away; bring up; look into

47. Give short answers to the following : 2×7=14

- (i) Why did Lencho tell his sons that they would have to go hungry that year?
- (ii) What are the "high-energy" adventure sports offered by Coorg to visiting tourists?
- (iii) Two national anthems were sung on the day of the inauguration. Why?
- (iv) How did Valli find out information about the bus journey?
- (v) Why did Lencho write a second letter to God?
- (vi) Name Belinda's pets.
- (vii) What does "in the world of possessions" mean?

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48. Answer the following questions :

- (i) How does Ausable manage to make Max believe that there is a balcony attached to his room? 4

Or

Horace Danby was a meticulous planner but still he faltered. Where did he go wrong and why? 2×2=4

- (ii) "Griffin was rather a lawless person". Comment. 4

Or

Why did the lawyer hate his work in the law firm? What made him happy one day? 2×2=4

49. Write an essay on any one of the given topics 5×1=5

- (i) My daily life.
- (ii) Pollution

Or

Write a story using the outline given below. Give a suitable title.

An old farmer had four sons --- all good for nothing ----- the farmer was very anxious about them ----- the farmer on his death bed --- summons his sons----- tells them that a considerable treasure lies buried in the long neglected fields----- then the farmer dies ----- the sons at work in the field to find the treasure ----- dig hard-----rains come ----- sow the seeds ----- a rich harvest ----- get the treasure now.

50. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper about the absence of street lights in your locality. 3

Or,

Prepare a newspaper report using the information given below :

- Date : 31st December
- Time : 9:30 AM
- Place : Thanacharali, Dibrugarh
- A speeding motorbike knocked down an old man on the road.
- The man dies, the biker severely injured
- Police and ambulance arrive
- The injured and the dead sent to AMCH.

51. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

- i) The house — the only one in the entire valley — sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Through out the morning Lencho — who knew his fields intimately — had done nothing else but see the sky towards the north-east.

a) Mention the things that could be seen from Lencho's house. 2

b) The word 'crest' means \_\_\_\_\_ 1

c) What was the only thing that the earth needed? 1

d) What did Lencho do throughout the morning? 2

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- ii) Once a king wanted to appoint an honest man for collecting taxes of his kingdom. There were many candidates for the post and a day was fixed for selecting the most honest man from among them. The candidates arrived, they were seated in a big room where a lot of gold and silver coins were kept. After some time, they were led to the presence of the king and asked to dance. Only one of the candidates obeyed while all the others refused to obey. The Minister declared the one who danced to be the only honest man. The king wanted to know how dancing could prove him to be honest. The Minister compelled the other candidates to show their pockets. They were filled with the king's coins. The king now understood why they had refused to dance. The honest man was chosen and the others were jailed as thieves.
- a) What sort of man did the king want to employ? 1
- b) Find in the passage a word that means a country ruled by a king or a queen. 1
- c) What were the candidates asked to do? 1
- d) How many candidates obeyed the King's order? 1

52. Translate into the language as per your MIL/(IL) subject : (any three) 1/3/20

- i) The sun sets in the west.
- ii) What are you doing now?
- iii) Mother said to me, "Don't tell lies."
- iv) I love to play cricket.

or,

Write the substance of the following passage :

Man is the maker of his fortune. We cannot prosper in life if we are afraid of labour. People generally think that success in life depends on luck. This is not true. Men of science have toiled day and night to invent things which have added joy to our lives. Life is not a bed of roses. Life will be miserable if we shrink from labour and fail to earn enough money to meet our daily expenses. Industry is the secret of success not only for an individual but also for a nation. China and America are the most powerful nations of the world today. They have attained such power and position by virtue of the earnest labour of their people. We too must work hard if we want to raise the prestige of our country.

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