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ENGLISH

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Time : 3 Hours 00 Minutes]

[Total No. of Questions : 36]

[Max. Marks : 80

- Instructions:**
- 1) Answer the questions in all the sections.
  - 2) Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
  - 3) Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
  - 4) For multiple choice questions (MCQs), choose the correct answer and rewrite it.
  - 5) Answers to question numbers 30A (a – i) or 30B (a – i) should be in sequence and at one place.
  - 6) For question numbers 30, 31, 32 and 36, internal choices are there. Hence answer either A or B.
  - 7) For **PART – A** questions, only the first written answers will be considered for evaluation.

**PART – A**

I. Answer the following questions by choosing the right option: (10 × 1 = 10)

1) In 'Romeo And Juliet', the word 'garish' is used to describe \_\_\_\_\_.

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|-----------|-----------|
| a) Romeo  | b) Sun    |
| c) Ethiop | d) Juliet |

2) In the story 'Too Dear!', \_\_\_\_\_ business did the Kinglet of Monaco monopolise.

- a) gambling
- b) marketing
- c) travelling
- d) gardening

3) Choose the right sequence of incidents as they happen in the life of Vandana Shiva.

- a) she took part in Chipko Movement
  - started Navdanya Farm
  - her ecological journey started in the Himalayas
  - started Navadanya Movement
- b) her ecological journey started in the Himalayas
  - she took part in Chipko Movement
  - started Navadanya Movement
  - started Navadanya Farm
- c) started Navadanya Farm
  - started Navadanya Movement
  - she took part in Chipko Movement
  - her ecological journey started in Himalayas
- d) started Navadanya Movement
  - started Navadanya Farm
  - she took part in Chipko Movement
  - her ecological journey started in the Himalayas.

4) In 'A Sunny Morning', when Dona Laura says, "Your sight must be keen", she \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) complements Don Gonzalo's eye sight
- b) makes fun of Don Gonzalo's eye sight
- c) says that Don Gonzalo can see everything
- d) advises Don Gonzalo not to use spectacles



9) According to George Mikes, in Japan, eating soup \_\_\_\_\_ is a sign of appreciation.

- a) without any noise
- b) after bowing a person
- c) with fearful noise
- d) while driving a car

10) Complete the analogy with reference to 'Where There Is A Wheel'.

Fatima : a school teacher :: Manormani : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) a village health nurse
- b) a quarry labourer
- c) an anganwadi worker
- d) an Arivoli central coordinator

11) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate passive form of the verb given in the brackets.

(3 × 1 = 3)

Borges observes that all things \_\_\_\_\_ (have, give) to us for a purpose. All that happens to us \_\_\_\_\_ (must, see) as raw materials. This material \_\_\_\_\_ (transmute) into art and thus eternal works are made.

12) Fill in the blanks with appropriate expressions given in the brackets. (2 × 1 = 2)

The criminal complained that the King of Monaco had ruined his character and people would \_\_\_\_\_ on him and in addition, he had got \_\_\_\_\_ of working. Thus he claimed pension.

[out of the way, get rid of, turn their backs]

- 13) Read the following paragraph and match the underlined pronouns in side A with the nouns/noun phrases in side B they refer to. (5 × 1 = 5)

I (a) had to go to the Chief General Manager with some important papers for approval. He thoroughly went through them (b) and recommended certain changes. After the discussion, while I was leaving he invited me to join the dinner at his (c) residence along with my family, on the coming Sunday. He informed that he was inviting Mr. Raman Roy, who (d) was the Managing Director of a popular start up establishment 'MINISHAS' that (e) has created a new sensation in the IT sector. I accepted his cordial invitation and soon departed to my office.

A	B
(Pronouns)	(Nouns/ Noun Phrases)
a) I	i) papers for approval
b) them	ii) Chief General Manager's
c) his	iii) the narrator
d) who	iv) MINISHAS
e) that	v) Mr. Raman Roy
	vi) Chief General Manager

### PART – B

- II. Answer any three of the following questions in one or two sentences each: (3 × 2 = 6)

- 14) Mention any two expressions that Juliet uses to glorify Romeo's charm in 'Romeo And Juliet'.
- 15) What did the speaker, in 'When You Are Old', ask his beloved to dream of?
- 16) Name any two things that teach the foot it cannot fly in the poem 'To The Foot From Its Child'.
- 17) List any two benefits that Roof avail from Marcus Ibe in 'The Voter'.

III. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **60** words each: **(4 × 3 = 12)**

- 18) Bring out the interrelationship among the bows, arrows and the archer with reference to the poem 'On Children'.
- 19) How does Don Gonzalo recall the beauty of 'The Silver Maiden' in 'A Sunny Morning'?
- 20) What are Borges' views on his mother?
- 21) Kuvempu says, 'Heaven lies all over!'. Substantiate this with reference to his poem 'Heaven If You Are Not Here on Earth'.
- 22) Explain the basic rules of bowing inside a Japanese family as observed by George Mikes.
- 23) How does Challapalli Swaroopa Rani voices the agony of the Panchamas in the poem 'Water'?

IV. Answer any **three** of the following questions in about **100** words each: **(3 × 4 = 12)**

- 24) How did the criminal lead his life after his release in 'Too Dear!'?
- 25) Rabindranath Tagore highlights the significance of forest in his essay 'Tapovan'. Explain.
- 26) Describe the story of Laura Llorente as narrated by Dona Laura in 'A Sunny Morning'.
- 27) "The old man's arrival led to many changes in the owner's life". Illustrate this with reference to 'The Gardener'.
- 28) Sketch the life of Marcus Ibe from a failed school teacher to a successful politician as narrated in 'The Voter'.
- 29) What are the economic implications of cycling in the lives of rural women of Pudukkottai as documented in 'Where There Is A Wheel'?

## PART – C

V. 30)A) Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it: (9 × 1 = 9)

Lata Mangeshkar is an Indian playback singer widely regarded as one of the greatest singers of all time. Born in Indore, Madhya Pradesh in 1929, she is the elder sister of an equally renowned singer Asha Bhonsle. Lata has recorded songs for over a thousand Hindi films and has sung in more than thirty-six regional Indian languages.

Lata has also recorded several private albums and has lent her voice to many non-film songs, ghazals, nazms, bhajans and classical music. Her career has spanned nearly eight decades and she has been honoured with several awards including the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour and the most prestigious cine award, The Dada Saheb Phalke Award.

The daughter of a theater artist, Lata Mangeshkar, began her singing career at a very young age. She first sang for the Marati film 'Kiti Hasaal' in 1942 at the age of thirteen. She was shot to fame with her song 'Aayega Anewala....' from the movie 'Mahal' in 1949.

Her association with the veteran music director S.D. Burman made her a household name and she soon became 'The most sought-after playback singer in Bollywood'. She has recorded songs for some of the biggest blockbusters in the history of Indian cinema, including 'Mother India', 'Guide' and many others.

Lata's illustrious singing career has brought her 'Padma Bhushan' in 1969, 'Padma Vibhushan' in 1999 and 'Bharat Ratna' in 2001. She has bagged several National Film Awards including a record, seven best female playback singer awards. She has also been conferred numerous international awards, including 'The Legion of Honor' by the French Government in 2001 and 'The Crystal Award' in 2004 by the World Economic Forum. Leaving behind a great legacy, she breathed her last on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

C. Ramachandra, the renowned music composer of yesteryears, had said, "Her voice is beautiful that if she playbacks for some ordinary-looking actress, her face would look gracious!". Kavitha Krishnamurthy, another fantastic singer, remarked, "My love on film music arises because of Lataji's melodious songs".

The then Prime Minister, at the sad demise of Lata, said that, "He was anguished beyond words as the kind and caring Lata didi has left us". He tweeted, "she leaves a void in the musical arena of our nation that cannot be filled". Batting Maestro, Sachin Tendulkar led from the front in paying tributes to the singing legend, "I consider myself fortunate to have been a part of Lata didi's life. She always showered me with love and blessings. With her passing away, a part of me lost too".

Questions:

- a) Name any one of the international awards conferred on Lata Mangeshkar.
- b) What was Lata's father?
- c) Lata Mangeshkar's singing career has lasted for about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. 80 years
  - ii. 60 years
  - iii. 90 years
  - iv. 40 years.
- d) Where was Lata Mangeshkar born?
- e) What was the first film of Lata as a playback singer?
- f) The Bollywood music director long associated with Lata Mangeshkar was \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill in the blank)
- g) "..... with her passing way, a part of me lost too". Who lamented like this at Lata's death?
- h) Write the antonym for 'honour'.
- i) Which word in the passage means, 'an empty space'?

Or



30)B) Read the following poem and answer the questions set on it:

(9 × 1 = 9)

**Reverie of the Poor Susan**

– by William Wordsworth

At the corner of the wood street, when daylight  
appears,

Hangs a Thrush that sings loud, it has sung  
for three years:

Poor Susan has passed by the spot, and has  
heard

In the silence of morning the song of the Bird.

"It is a note of enchantment; what ails her? she sees

A mountain ascending, a vision of trees;

Bright volumes of vapour through Lothbury  
glide,

And a river flows on through the vale of  
cheapside.

Green pastures she views in the mist of the dale,

Down which she so often has tripped with her  
pail;

And a single small cottage, a nest like a dove's

The one only dwelling on earth that she loves.

She looks, and her heart is in heaven: but  
they fade,

The mist and the river, the hill and the shade:

The stream will not flow, and the hill will not rise,

And the colours have all passed away from her  
eyes!

Questions:

- a) What does the phrase, 'a mountain ascending' connote?
- b) Mention any one of the phenomenon that look fades away.
- c) What has Susan heard in the silence of the morning?
- d) What does Susan carry when she goes down the green pastures?
- e) In the poem, 'Reverie' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. a day dream
  - ii. a nightmare
  - iii. an alert behaviour
  - iv. a noise of the river.
- f) Write any one of the phrases that indicate Susan is not alive.
- g) Where does Susan see bright volumes of vapour?
- h) How is Susan's cottage described?
- i) Complete the analogy:  
fade : shade :: rise : \_\_\_\_\_

#### PART – D

VI. 31) A) Rewrite as directed:

(4 × 1 = 4)

- i) The coach is angry \_\_\_\_\_ his players.  
(Use appropriate preposition)
- ii) life/the/is/spice/of/variety  
(Rearrange the above segments into a meaningful sentence)
- iii) The list of items \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) on the table.  
(Choose the verb that agrees with the subject)
- iv) You \_\_\_\_\_ (do) a good job, yesterday.  
(Fill in the blank with appropriate form of the verb given)

Or

B) Fill in the blanks with the right linkers:

(4 × 1 = 4)

(thus, hence, yet, because)

Motor cars are extremely expensive in Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ of crippling and murderous import duties. \_\_\_\_\_ almost everyone owns a car here, \_\_\_\_\_ the roads in Brazil have heavy traffic. \_\_\_\_\_ the pedestrian's life is becoming more hazardous everyday.

32) A) Rewrite as directed:

(2 × 1 = 2)

i) Milinda's father is a doctor.

(Frame a 'Wh' question to get the underlined word as answer)

ii) The members understood the situation.

(Change into a question using the right form of 'Do')

Or

B) Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them.

(2 × 1 = 2)

i) Why did you brought this?

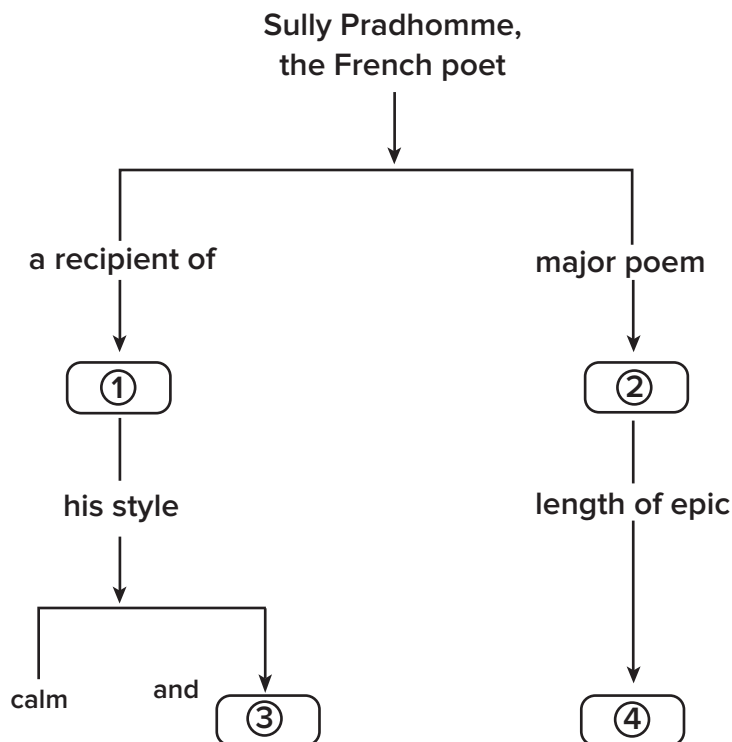
ii) Smitha is looking gorgeous in pink saree.

33) Read the following passage and make notes by filling the boxes that follow:

(4 × ½ = 2)

Sully Pradhomme, the French poet and essayist, was the first recipient of the Nobel Prize for literature in 1901. His works have a lyrical quality and melancholy world view. One of his major works is a 4000 line epic poem 'Le Bonheur'. He delved into philosophy of poetry and favoured a style that was calm and impersonal in

character. He was the first in the long list of illustrious writers who have won this prize, the latest being British playwright Harold Pinter.



34) Report the following conversation:

(5 × 1 = 5)

Roof : I work for Marcus Ibe.

Pop leader : We have plenty of work to do tonight. Are you taking this or not?

Roof : Will it not be heard outside this room?

Pop leader : We are after votes not gossip.

35) Complete the conversation.

(3 × 1 = 3)

[A telephonic conversation]

Shantha : Hello, I'm Shantha. Is this Bhairavi Medicals?

Manager : Yes mam. How can I help you?

Shantha : I need a cough syrup. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[enquires about home delivery]

Manager : Sure mam. \_\_\_\_\_

[asks for customer's address]

Shantha : No – 10, 'Anugraha', 4<sup>th</sup> Block Rajaji Nagar, Near Church, Bengaluru.

Manager : \_\_\_\_\_, Bye.

[assures home delivery]

Shantha : Thank you, Bye.

**PART – E**

VII. 36) A) Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement that appeared in "ECONOMIC TIMES" dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. (5)

<u>TITAN WATCHES (PVT) LIMITED</u>	
Requires	: ENGINEERS
Qualification	: B.E. with an excellent academic record. – Mechanical Engineering as an area of specialisation.
Additional qualification	: – Machine design and development skill is expected – expertise in computers – efficiency in English, Hindi and Kannada.
Experience	: Candidates with 2 years work experience are preferred.
Salary and additional perks	: No constraints to extraordinary performers.
Apply within 10 days to	: The Chairman (HR), Titan watches (pvt) Limited, #130, Tata Plaza, Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bengaluru –10

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

Or

- B) Imagine you are the secretary of the student union of your college. You are celebrating 'College Union Day'. You have invited Mr. GIRIDHAR KAMATH as the Chief Guest. You are assigned to introduce the guest to the audience. Prepare an introductory speech in about 120 words using the details given below. (5)

#### PROFILE

**Name** : Mr. Giridhar Kamath

**Native** : Sagara, Shivamogga

**Education** : MSc.,  
– IAS - 2004 batch : Rank-138

**Career** : – served as an Assistant Commissioner at BIDAR and GADAG.  
– Promoted as District Commissioner – DC of MYSORE and CHIKMANGALUR

**Achievements** : Effective implementation of government projects  
– provided basic facilities like roads, drinking water, health, schools, transport facility to rural areas  
– had good rapport with the public  
– non-corruptive, punctual and disciplined official  
– recipient of many state awards for excellent governance.

**Hobbies** : Photography, Music, Travel.

**Present post** : Director, Dept of School Education, Bengaluru

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