

**Instructions :**

- Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
- Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
- One mark questions attempted more than once will be awarded zero.
- For multiple choice questions choose the correct answer and rewrite it.

**I. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each :****12x1=12**

- Who was first called to give the evidence when the commission sat to take the evidence in 'The Gentlemen of the Jungle'?
- In the line 'I love to rise on a summer morn' of 'The School Boy' 'I' refers to \_\_\_\_\_  
a) The huntsman    b) The school boy    c) The poet
- According to Tejaswi, what is said to be on the verge of extinction in 'Around a Medicinal Creeper'?
- Why did the narrator wake up at four in the evening in 'Oru Manushyan'?
- According to the poet, how do the people feel when they hand out a ten-pound note in 'Money Madness'?
- \_\_\_\_\_ is an illiterate fishmonger by morning and a crusading educationist by afternoon in the lesson 'Babar Ali'.
- What did Bhima's mother give Bhima to drink when he was a baby in 'Watchman of the Lake'?
- What does the speaker wish to be in the poem, 'If I was a tree'?
- Farmer's wife compares 'The worm-eaten cotton pods' to her \_\_\_\_\_  
a) crops    b) children    c) husband
- What was a common custom prevalent in Maryland when Fredrick Douglass was a child?
- Where does the old woman offer to take the narrator in the poem 'An Old Woman'?
- Why were Jacopo and Nicola waiting for the last bus from Padua in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?

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

- Why did the man protest on seeing the personnel of the Enquiry commission in 'The Gentlemen of the Jungle'? How did the animals defend themselves in this matter?
- Contrast the school boy's joy in the summer morning with his experience in the school in 'The School Boy'?
- How did Mara lose all his teeth on the side of his mouth in 'Around a Medicinal creeper'?
- Give an account of the embarrassing experience of the narrator at the restaurant in 'Oru Manushyan'.
- Why did Babar Ali volunteer himself to begin a school in his village?
- How differently did Mara treat the fisherman and the visitor in 'Watchman of the Lake'?
- Describe the predicament of the widow in the poem, 'The Farmer's Wife'.
- How is the plight of the old woman depicted in the poem, 'An old Woman'?
- Explain the role played by Nicola and Jacopo during the war in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.
- What harsh realities of life have drawn the speaker's attention much more than the beauty of his beloved in 'Do not Ask of Me, My Love'?

**III. Answer ONE of the following in about 200 words :**

**1x6=6**

23. Difficulties of life must not destroy one's hopes and aspirations. Explain this with reference to Frederick Douglass' life story.

**OR**

Bring out the significance of Mara's dream and sacrifice in 'Watchman of the Lake'.

**OR**

The poem, 'If I was a Tree' is a satire on social discrimination. Explain.

**IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it :**

**10x1=10**

Nelson Mandela, the world's most famous political prisoner, was born in Umata on 18 July 1918. His father was a main councilor to the chief of the Themba Tribes. As a boy he loved spending time with tribal elders. Hearing the stories of his ancestor's valour during the wars, he too dreamt of making his own contribution to the freedom struggle. He met Walter Sisulu in Johannesburg, who helped him to join a law firm. At the end of the second world war, he and his friends joined African National Congress youth league.

Mandela served over 27 years in prison, initially on Robben Island for 18 years, and later in Pollsmoor Prison and Victor Verster prison. An international campaign lobbied for his release. He was released in 1990, during a time of escalating civil strife. Mandela joined negotiations with president FW de Klerk to abolish apartheid and establish multi racial elections in 1994, in which he led the ANC to victory and became South Africa's first black president. He published his autobiography in 1995. During his tenure in the Government of National Unity, he invited several other political parties to join the cabinet. During the negotiations, to end apartheid in South Africa, he promulgated a new constitution. He also created the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate past human right abuses. While continuing the former government's liberal economic policy, his administration also introduced measures to encourage land reform, combat poverty, expand health care services. Mandela became an elder statesman, focusing on charitable work in combating poverty and HIV / AIDS through 'The Nelson Mandela Foundation.'

In 1991 the government repealed the last of the laws that formed legal basis for apartheid. Mandela and de Klerk shared the 1993 peace prize for their efforts to establish democracy and racial harmony in South Africa. In 1994 Mandela became the first elected black president of South Africa. In 1999 he retired from public life, returned to his home town in the Transkei province to spend his remaining days in peace.

24. Who was called 'The World's most famous political prisoner'?
25. What did Nelson Mandela dream of as a boy?
26. What does the abbreviation 'ANC' stand for in the passage?
27. How many years was Mandela imprisoned in Robben Island?
28. What did Nelson Mandela do to end apartheid in South Africa?
29. Why did he return to his home town in 1999?
30. He worked hard for the \_\_\_\_\_ (expand) of health care services.  
(Fill in the blank by adding a suitable suffix to the word given in brackets)
31. Racial \_\_\_\_\_ (harmony) can hinder the development of a nation.  
(Add a prefix to the word given in brackets to make it a meaningful sentence)

32. Name the organisation which worked to combat poverty and HIV / AIDS.

33. Nelson Mandela and \_\_\_\_\_ shared the 1993 peace prize.

**V. A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions given in brackets : 1x4=4**

34. We decided to conduct the experiment and brought \_\_\_\_\_ litre of milk. So we put \_\_\_\_\_ milk and leaves \_\_\_\_\_ a mixer and switched it on. We watched \_\_\_\_\_ some time to see whether it would become curdled or remain as it was.

(a, an, the, into, to, for)

**B. Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of the verbs given in brackets : 1x4=4**

35. The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ (lead) me through a cool, tiled vestibule into the hospital we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) upstairs to a balcony. The two boys \_\_\_\_\_ (be) seated at the bedside of a girl and they \_\_\_\_\_ (smile) at her.

**C. Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject : 3x1=3**

36. This medicinal creeper \_\_\_\_\_ (has/have) small leaves resembling betel leaves. As it \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) not seen for most of the year, they probably tie it to a tree. It \_\_\_\_\_ (come/comes) up only in the rainy season.

**D. Correct the following sentences and re write them : 2x1=2**

37. Fresh juice is more better than soft drinks.

38. Where they are going?

**E. Re-write as directed : 6x1=6**

39. He turned to me and said, "put on your \_\_\_\_\_" (Clothes / cloths)

(Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word given in brackets)

40. The man gave \_\_\_\_\_ (protect) to the elephant.

(complete the sentence with the right form of the word given in brackets)

41. Flower pots / in / grown / Bonsai plants / are.

(Rearrange the segments to form a meaningful sentence)

42. The Englishman took out his gun, \_\_\_\_\_?

(Add a suitable question tag)

43. The narrator carried on a profession.

(Change into a question beginning with the right form of 'do')

44. The narrator lived in a big city.

(Frame a question so as to get the underlined words as answer)

**IV. A. Refer the following TV schedule and answer the questions set on it. 4x1=4**

|            | Time        |           |                |                |              |                 |
|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| TV Channel | 7-00        | 12-00     | 14-00          | 16-00          | 18-00        | 21-00           |
| NDTV       | News        | Talk Show | Afternoon News | Delhi News     | Mass Media   | Films This week |
| CNN-IBN    | Our leaders | News      | Asia pacific   | Interview      | Evening News | Panorama        |
| Chandana   | Meditation  | News      | Serial         | Karnatic Music | Kannada Film | Regional Focus  |

45. (i) Which channel would you watch to know about the latest films?  
(ii) When can you listen to music on Chandana?  
(iii) The Channel broadcasting a programme on mass media is \_\_\_\_\_  
a) Chandana b) CNN-IBN c) NDTV  
(iv) What programme is telecasted at 7.00 am on CNN-IBN

**B.46. Write a letter to your friend in Chennai requesting him/her to give you details about the computer courses available in his/her locality.** 1x5=5

**Include the following points in your letter.**

- The best computer teaching center
- different courses available
- fees structure
- duration of the course

**VII. A. Match the expression under column 'A' to its corresponding language functions under column: 'B.'** 5x1=5

| 47. | A                                  | B                     |
|-----|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|     | Expressions                        | Functions             |
| 1)  | Can I keep the book for few days?  | a. apology            |
| 2)  | I don't think it would be possible | b. gratitude          |
| 3)  | We remain ever grateful to you     | c. greeting           |
| 4)  | Hello, very good morning           | d. seeking permission |
| 5)  | I am extremely sorry for the delay | e. disagreeing        |

**B. Complete the dialogue :**

**1x4=4**

48. Sneha : Hello, Pavithra. How are you?  
Pavithra : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sneha : How was your exam?  
Pavithra : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sneha : Don't worry. You can do better next time.  
Pavithra : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sneha : No. I have to go home. Bye.  
Pavithra : \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Dialogue writing :**

**1x3=3**

49. Write a dialogue between a rider and a traffic policeman for riding without a licence. Cover the following points.
- Under age rider
  - Fine to be paid
  - request for an excuse