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Question Paper / प्रश्न-पत्र

Maximum Marks : 60

अधिकतम अंक : 60

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x4=4

We have started off what scientists call the 'sixth great extinction event' condemning thousands of species of plants, insects, birds and animals to a forever farewell. For many of them, we know only too well the reasons why they are in such dire straits-and, in so many cases, are doing damn all about it. The Great Indian Bustard, a truly magnificent bird (and one which Salim Ali cannily proposed be named the National Bird) has been robbed of its habitat and is being made to blunder into live wires strung across its airspace or get minced by giant wind mill propellers. They are down to just 100 birds they say and we, of course, are only now scrambling to retrieve the situation.

The extinction of distant species does not really affect most of us; but it's a different matter when you see it happen in your own little neck of the woods, and can't for the life of you understand the reason why.

This is particularly so when species, which are close relatives of the vanished one and with similar lifestyles, seem to be thriving in my neck of the woods, for example, large grey-babblers have more or less vanished, while their cousins the jungle babblers are doing just fine.

- (A) What does the 'sixth great extinction' signify ? 1
- (B) What is happening to the Great Indian Bustard ? 1
- (C) What surprises the writer most of all ? 1
- (D) Which word in the passage (para 1) means the same as : reclaim ? 1

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2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x4=4

There existed a time, a generation ago, when many people memorised the bombastic passages of Dr. Samuel Johnson and the like to be able to cite them and impress others. In my younger days, my uncle would train his fingers like a gun and say he would knock us, vertically to horizontally, terrorising us further with some strange words such as 'perambulations' and 'perpendicularity'. One would score high marks by using flowery expressions. Even simple 'pranams' would be 'infinite humble prostrations at your lotus feet'. It seemed 'never make it simple' was the maxim then.

Becoming a literature student had its charms and pleasures. Charles Lamb and his 'Dream children'... captivated us as much as Dr. Johnson's funny formulations did. We learned to 'breathe in one language and exhale in another'. Later, being a teacher, brought in further changes. Now, communicating and transacting became more important than merely impressing. Naturally, the mission now was to make it as simple as possible. Making yourself understood was the ultimate purpose, and flowery language then was the first casualty.

- (A) How did people try to impress others in olden days? 1
- (B) What was the maxim then? 1
- (C) What change took place when the writer became a teacher? 1
- (D) Which word in the passage (para 2) means the same as 'fatality'/'loss'? 1

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x4=4

The commander of the British Army in Burma in World War II, Field Marshal Lord Slim, lauded their ability, declaring: 'It was the elephant's dignity and intelligence that gained our respect. To watch an elephant building a bridge, to see the skill with which the great beast lifted the huge logs and the accuracy with which they were placed in position, was to realise that the trained elephant was no mere transport animal, but indeed a skilled sapper.

Nothing compares to exploring the jungle on an elephant, observing other wild animals from close quarters. Guided mainly by the feet of the mahaut, the great animal wades through rivers so deep you have to lift your feet to stay dry. The elephant raises its trunk to breathe, like the snorkel of a submarine. It pushes through grass towering above the riders' heads, and a threatening branch in the forest is easily broken off on a brief command from the mahaut. When well-trained, an elephant will face up to a tiger or a rhino, despite its inbuilt nervousness. Elephants can climb and descend steep banks, although their natural inclination is to make trails following easy gradients, which engineers often find ideal tracks for making roads.

- (A) For what did Lord Slim want to respect the elephant? 1
- (B) Why did he call the elephant a skilled sapper? 1
- (C) What happened to a threatening branch during a jungle safari? 1
- (D) Why did it feel nervous when it came face to face with a tiger or a rhino? 1

4. Your school organised an educational trip to a historical place. You accompanied the students. Write a report on the trip in about 100 words describing how the trip impacted the students. 4

5. Write a letter to the Hon'ble Minister of Transport of your state about the inadequate transport facilities in your city. You are Malti, a concerned citizen. 4

- 6. (A) Fill in the blank with an appropriate Modal. 1
Living in such a filthy environment can be very difficult.
- (B) Fill in the blank with an appropriate Modal. 1
If you really work hard, you could be a topper in the class.
- (C) Fill in the blank with an appropriate Modal. 1
I could work for hours when I was young.
- (D) Identify the Tense of the following sentence. 1
Ravi could have reached the station in time.

- 7. (A) Identify the Tense of the following sentence. 1
I am going to London tomorrow.
- (B) Identify the Tense of the following sentence. 1
Rashi has been studying in this school since 2020.
- (C) Change the Voice in the following sentence. 1
Ananya should have completed this job.
- (D) Change the Voice in the following sentence. 1
At last the police caught the thief.

- 8. (A) Change the Voice in the following sentence. 1
Why did Sunil use such language?
- (B) Fill in the blank with the proper form of the given Verb. 1
Fifteen minutes will be (be) allowed to each candidate now.
- (C) Fill in the blank with the proper form of the given Verb. 1
None can be (be) so deaf as those who will not hear.
- (D) Fill in the blank with the proper form of the given Verb. 1
Either the cat or its kittens are (be) missing.

9. (A) Use a Connector to fill in the blank in the following sentence. 1
 Asha uses water when making pasta while my wife uses eggs.
- (B) Use a Connector to fill in the blank in the following sentence. 1
 Anil won't take the medicine even though it has been prescribed.
- (C) Use a Connector to fill in the blank in the following sentence. 1
 We don't know whether Sunil will be selected to bat today in the match.
- (D) Identify the Clause of the underlined part of the given sentence. 1
 Forgive us as God forgives us.

10. (A) Identify the Clause of the underlined part of the given sentence. 1
 The doctor has given me the medicines which I must take.
- (B) Identify the Clause of the underlined part of the given sentence. 1
The report that he is unwell is not true.
- (C) Identify the Part of Speech of the underlined word in the given sentence. 1
Both the cashier and the accountant have disappeared.
- (D) Identify the Part of Speech of the underlined word of the given sentence. 1
 The chances of our success are even.

11. (A) Identify the Part of Speech of the underlined word in the given sentence. 1
 Ram went away after you had left.
- (B) Rearrange the following jumbled groups of words to make a meaningful sentence. 1
 (i) things to show 3 (ii) I shall have 1 (iii) when you 4
 (iv) many curious 2 (v) are there 5

- (C) Rearrange the following jumbled groups of words to make a coherent sentence. 1
 (i) good work 2
 (ii) all those 1
 (iii) have done 4
 (iv) good work 5
 (v) who have meant 2
- (D) Rearrange the following jumbled groups of words to make a coherent sentence. 1
 (i) is mild 4
 (ii) his past utterance 2
 (iii) contrasted with 2
 (iv) the present speech 1

12. (A) In 'Julius Caesar' who says 'et tu, Brute' and why? 1
- (B) In Shakespeare's 'Antony and Cleopatra' who said the following lines and about whom? 'Age cannot wither her nor custom stale'. 1
- (C) 'Three years she grew in sun and shower' 1
 who is 'she' in the Wordsworth poem beginning with this line? 1
- (D) In which poem did Coleridge describe his feelings for Sara Hutchinson? 1

13. (A) Which character from Greek mythology did Shelley choose to describe Keats in an elegy on the death of the latter? Adonais 1
- (B) 'O for a draught of vintage that hath been cooled a long age in the deep delved earth, Tasting of flora and the country green'... 1
 In which poem of Keats do the above lines occur? Ode to Autumn
- (C) Byron was inspired by the unusual beauty of his cousin Sir Robert Wilmont's wife, Mrs. Anne Wilmont. Which poem did he write to describe her beauty? 1
- (D) Who wrote the poem ending with these lines? 1
 'And miles to go before I sleep. Robert Frost
 And miles to go before I sleep'.

14. (A) Which novel of Hemingway is based on some events during the World War I? 1
- (B) Which novel of Hawthorne describes a classic story of sin, guilt and redemption where the leading character is Hester Prynne? 1
- (C) Who wrote the poem beginning with the lines :
'Because I could not stop for Death-
He blindly stopped for me...?' 1
- (D) In which major play of Shaw does he express his disapproval of the romantic view of love and war? 1
15. (A) Who wrote a satirical poem titled 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S.'? 1
- (B) I.P.S officer, Keki Daruwala was awarded Sahitya Akademi Award in 1984 for his book of poems _____. 1
- (C) Out of her seven autobiographies, the first one, 'I know why Caged Bird Sings' describes the young and early years of her life. Who is the writer? 1
- (D) The first Latin American to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1945 was _____. 1

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1. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

The cautious are not always cowards.

- (1) attentive (2) brash (3) chary (4) gingerly

2. In his 'Ode on Indolence', Keats saw Love, Ambition and Poesy :

- (1) on a painting (2) on an urn (3) in his dream (4) in his garden

3. The content part of an application for a job will begin with :

- (1) I wish to apply for _____
 (2) I think I am most suitable _____
 (3) I am twenty years old _____
 (4) I wish to draw your attention _____

4. Anita Desai's daughter Kiran Desai received Booker Prize in 2006 for her work :

- (1) The Inheritance of Loss •
 (2) The Loneliness of Senia and Sunny
 (3) Hullabaloo in the Gaava Orchard
 (4) Both (2) and (3)

5. Walt Whitman, in addition to being a poet, was also :

- (1) only a journalist (2) a lawyer (3) only a novelist (4) both (1) and (3)

6. Identify the Clause of the underlined part of the given sentence.

Who knew he would one day become a minister ?

- (1) Principal (2) Noun (3) Adjective (4) Adverb

7. Choose the option that correctly changes the Voice in the given sentence.

Ram was taken to the hospital by us.

- (1) We took Ram to the hospital. •
 (2) We have taken Ram to the hospital.
 (3) We had to take Ram to the hospital.
 (4) We would take Ram to the hospital.

8. Identify the Clause of the underlined part of the given sentence.

If you do not waste, you will not want.

- (1) Principal (2) Noun (3) Adjective (4) Adverb

9. Choose the option which correctly fills in the blank with the proper form of the given Verb.

If Ravi _____ (arrive) in time, he would have caught the train.

- (1) would have arrived (2) arrived
 (3) had arrived • (4) would arrive

10. In Coleridge's poem, the ancient mariner shot dead :

- (1) an eagle (2) a sea gull (3) an albatross • (4) a goose

11. As a journalist, Hemingway went to Spain to cover the Spanish Civil War which formed the basis of his novel :

- (1) A Farewell to Arms (2) The Sun Also Rises •
 (3) For Whom the Bell Tolls (4) A Moveable Feast

12. Identify the Clause of the underlined part of the given sentence.

Do you know when the train will arrive ?

- (1) Principal (2) Noun (3) Adjective (4) Adverb •

13. In 'As You Like It', Orlando saves his estranged and cruel brother Oliver from an attack of :

- (1) robbers (2) a lion (3) a tiger (4) the rebels •

14. The miserable life led by tea garden workers in pre-independence Assam is shown in Mulk Raj Anand's novel/novels named :

- (1) Two leaves and a bud (2) Coolie
 (3) Untouchable (4) Both (2) & (3)

15. Identify the Tense of the given sentence.

Since a long time she has been waiting for you.

- (1) Present Indefinite (2) Present Perfect
 (3) Present Continuous (4) Present Perfect Continuous •

16. Choose the option which correctly changes the Voice in the given sentence.

You may soon forget it.

- (1) You might soon forget it. (2) It may soon be forgotten by you. •
 (3) It might soon be forgotten. (4) You may have soon forgotten it.

17. Identify the Part of Speech of the underlined word in the given sentence.

He has lost his all in gambling.

- (1) Noun • (2) Pronoun (3) Adjective (4) Adverb

18. Choose the proper Connector to fill in the blank.
They can listen to music _____ they disturb nobody.
(1) provided that (2) so that (3) after (4) before

19. Toni Morrison got Nobel prize in literature for her _____
(1) The Bluest Eye (2) entire work (3) Jazz (4) Song of Solomon

20. Identify the Tense of the given sentence.
It has been raining since morning.
(1) Present Indefinite (2) Present Perfect
(3) Present Continuous (4) Present Perfect Continuous

21. Choose the option in which the jumbled group of words can be rearranged to form a coherent sentence.
(A) though he was
(B) the lion was
(C) seriously wounded
(D) not killed
(1) ACDB (2) BADC (3) BCAD (4) CBAD
X X X

22. Choose the Punctuation Mark that correctly fills in the blank.
Aruna will succeed _____ you, never.
(1) Comma (2) Semi-colon (3) Colon (4) Dash

23. Choose the option in which the following jumbled group of words can be rearranged to form a coherent sentence.
(A) very powerful and
(B) a time there
(C) cruel giant
(D) lived a
(E) once upon
(1) EBDAC (2) BCEDA (3) ACBDE (4) CDAEB
X X X

24. Choose the phrase which correctly fills in the blank in the given sentence.
Rama has _____ a claim for compensation.
(1) put in (2) put up with (3) put off (4) put on

25. Choose the word nearest in meaning to the underlined word.
I felt disconcerted when I could not get the first prize.
(1) abashed (2) dismissed (3) deluded (4) derided

26. In Shakespeare's play, Macbeth's ambition was to become the :
(1) Thane of Cawder (2) Thane of Glamis
(3) King of Scotland (4) King of England

27. Ted Hughes, Britain's Poet Laureate (1964 - 98), was married to an American poet _____ for a period of six years.
(1) Sharon Olds (2) Ada Limon (3) Andrea Gilson (4) Sylvia Plath

28. Choose the option that correctly fills in the blank with the proper form of the given Verb.
The captain along with his team _____ (arrive) now.
(1) had arrived (2) are arriving (3) have arrived (4) has arrived

29. Choose the correct Punctuation Mark to fill in the blank.
What a beautiful rainbow _____.
(1) question mark (2) sign of exclamation
(3) semi-colon (4) colon

30. The first novel published by Ruskin Bond dealing with the life of an orphaned Anglo-Indian boy was :
(1) The Blue Umbrella (2) The Room on the Roof
(3) Cherry Tree (4) Angry River

31. In which poem of Shelley do we find the line :
'If winter comes, can spring be far behind ?'
(1) Ode to the West Wind (2) To a Sky-lark
(3) Ozymandias (4) The Cloud

32. Choose the option which correctly describes the underlined idiom in the given sentence.
Richa took my advice in good part while making a choice of profession.
(1) a large part of (2) without thinking
(3) without offence (4) whole heartedly

33. Choose a proper Modal to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
Anil _____ come, but I should be surprised.
(1) will (2) shall (3) can (4) might
34. The letter to a newspaper should have salutation as :
(1) My dear sir (2) Dear Mr. Editor •
(3) Dear sir (4) My dear Mr. Sharma
35. It is better to give them jobs even if they are making munitions than give them free meals says the protagonist's father in Shaw's _____.
(1) Major Barbara (2) Pygmalion
(3) Man and Superman • (4) The Apple Cart
36. Choose the phrase which correctly fills in the blank in the given sentence.
We mostly _____ our teachers to understand and enjoy poetry.
(1) look at (2) look into (3) look after (4) look to •
37. Based on which novel of R.K. Narayan was a movie made in 1957 ?
(1) The Guide • (2) Mr. Sampat (3) Malgudi Days (4) The Dark Room
38. Choose the Modal that correctly fills in the blanks.
You _____ not rush to the station. The train has already left.
(1) should (2) may (3) need • (4) might
39. Choose the option which correctly describes the underlined idiom in the given sentence.
Achint can turn his hand to anything he wants.
(1) to change (2) to apply oneself to •
(3) to oppose (4) to redirect
40. In his poem, 'The Solitary Reaper' Wordsworth compares the reaper's song to that of a :
(1) Cuckoo of Arabian sands (2) Cuckoo of the Hebrides
(3) Nightingale of the Hebrides (4) Nightingale of highlands

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