

KVS NVS TIER 2 PGT English Question Paper held on 29 March 2026

1. Fill in the blank with the appropriate option :
We went to the Adventure Island with _____ friends.
(1) a little (2) much (3) a few (4) any

2. Identify the type of adjective in the given sentence.
He has no money with him.
(1) Adjective of quality (2) Adjective of quantity
(3) Demonstrative adjective (4) Interrogative adjective

3. Join the given sentences with an appropriate Conjunction.
Take bed rest. You are fully recovered.
(1) so (2) till (3) therefore (4) because

4. Choose the option which correctly changes the Voice in the given sentence.
This teacher teaches us science.
(1) Science is being taught to us by this teacher.
(2) We are taught science by this teacher.
(3) We are being taught science by the teacher.
(4) Science is being taught to us by the teacher.

5. Choose the option which correctly changes the given sentence from Direct to Indirect Speech.
Arun said to Ram, "Where are you going ?"
(1) Arun asked Ram where he was going.
(2) Arun asked Ram where he is going.
(3) Arun asked Ram where was he going ?
(4) Arun asked Ram where is he going ?

6. Identify the part which contains an error in the given sentence.
Astronauts are the people which travel outside the earth's atmosphere in spaceships
(A) (B) (C) (D)
(1) (A) (2) (B) (3) (C) (4) (D)

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7. Choose the correct option which changes the Voice in the given sentence.
English is spoken all over the world.
- (1) English has been spoken all over the world.
 - (2) People speak English all over the world.
 - (3) English is speaking all over the world.
 - (4) We speak English all over the world.
8. Rewrite the verb given in brackets in its appropriate form by choosing the correct option.
Rice _____ (grow) in many parts of the world.
- (1) has grown
 - (2) grown
 - (3) grew
 - (4) is grown
9. Choose the option which correctly changes the Voice in the given sentence :
What do you like ?
- (1) Is anything liked by you ?
 - (2) What is liked by you ?
 - (3) What is done to be liked by you ?
 - (4) What are you liked to do ?
10. Identify the Tense of the given sentence.
I have been waiting for him for two hours.
- (1) Present Perfect
 - (2) Past Perfect
 - (3) Present Perfect Continuous
 - (4) Present Continuous
11. 'Postcolonial literature' is primarily concerned with :
- (1) exploring issues of identity, displacement and resistance to colonial legacy.
 - (2) celebrating the achievements of colonial administration.
 - (3) documenting historical events of the colonial period.
 - (4) promoting assimilation into Western culture.
12. 'What's in a name ? That which we call a rose / By any other name would smell as sweet'. Which one of the following Shakespearean characters speaks these words ?
- (1) Othello
 - (2) Hamlet
 - (3) Romeo
 - (4) Juliet

13. According to which of the following authors "Reading maketh a full man" ?
(1) Wordsworth (2) Bacon (3) Coleridge (4) Pope
14. Choose the correct option :
Why does Hamlet suspect that his father was murdered ?
(1) His mother told him.
(2) His uncle gave him the hint.
(3) His father appeared in his dream.
(4) His sister confided in him.
15. In Shakespeare's Macbeth, the theme of 'Fair is foul and foul is fair' primarily represents :
(1) the beauty of Scottish landscape.
(2) the inversion of moral values and deceptive appearances.
(3) the relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.
(4) the supernatural powers of the witches.
16. The novel 'Far From the Madding Crowd' does not deal with the theme of :
(1) love (2) honour (3) faithfulness (4) betrayal
17. Bathsheba Everdene in 'Far From the Madding Crowd' did not marry Gabriel Oak because she was fiercely :
(1) independent (2) humble (3) introvert (4) against marriage
18. Which one of the following is a travelogue by Vikram Seth describing his journey from Nanjing to New Delhi via Tibet ?
(1) The Humble Administrator's Garden
(2) The Golden Gate
(3) From Heaven Lake
(4) Silicon Valley
19. Who was the first Indian to win the Booker Prize ?
(1) Vikram Seth (2) Anita Desai (3) Amitav Ghosh (4) Arundhati Roy

20. The Romantic movement's emphasis on 'spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings' was articulated in :
- (1) Samuel Johnson's 'Preface to Shakespeare'.
 - (2) John Dryden's 'Essay on Dramatic Poesy'.
 - (3) William Wordsworth's 'Preface to Lyrical Ballads'.
 - (4) Matthew Arnold's 'The Study of Poetry'.
21. Choose the option which fills in the blank with the correct **Conjunction** :
- We shall stay here _____ you return.
- (1) so
 - (2) because
 - (3) till
 - (4) that
22. Choose the correct Preposition to fill in the blank.
- She has been suffering _____ fever since Monday.
- (1) of
 - (2) at
 - (3) for
 - (4) from
23. Identify the **Part of Speech** of the underlined word in the following sentence.
- As a child he was dominated by his father.
- (1) Adjective
 - (2) Adverb
 - (3) Verb
 - (4) Noun
24. Choose the correct adjective to fill in the blank in the given sentence :
- He was sitting with his children, a child on _____ side of him.
- (1) every
 - (2) farther
 - (3) each
 - (4) another
25. Insert the correct **Pronoun** in the given sentence.
- I _____ went there.
- (1) myself
 - (2) itself
 - (3) himself
 - (4) yourself
26. Identify the clause of the underlined part of the following sentence.
- Make hay while the sun shines .
- (1) Adjective
 - (2) Noun
 - (3) Adverb
 - (4) Principal

27. Identify the clause of the underlined part of the given sentence.
No one knows where he is.
- (1) Adverb (2) Noun (3) Adjective (4) Principal
28. Choose the option which correctly changes the given sentence from Indirect to Direct Speech.
Rakesh reported to the teacher that he had lost his book.
- (1) Rakesh said to the teacher, "I have lost my book".
(2) Rakesh said to the teacher, "I have lost the book".
(3) Rakesh said to the teacher, "He has lost his book".
(4) Rakesh said to the teacher, "He had lost the book".
29. Choose the correct option in which the given sentence has been changed into Passive Voice.
Do not give alms to the beggars.
- (1) Beggars are not given alms.
(2) Alms should not be given to the beggars.
(3) Alms are not given to the beggars.
(4) Alms were not given to the beggars.
30. Identify the **Tense** of the following sentence :
Next month, they will be performing in the stadium.
- (1) Future Continuous (2) Future Perfect Continuous
(3) Future Perfect (4) Simple Future
31. Which of the following is **not** a character in Dryden's 'Essay of Dramatic Poesy' ?
- (1) Eugenius (2) Samuel (3) Lisideius (4) Neander
32. 'Lyrical Ballads' was published jointly by :
- (1) Wordsworth and Shelley (2) Milton and Keats
(3) Wordsworth and Coleridge (4) Coleridge and Keats
33. The Satirical allegory of the Russian Revolution in a novel entitled 'Animal Farm' was written by :
- (1) Thomas Hardy (2) George Orwell
(3) T.S. Eliot (4) Charles Dickens

34. Which of the following statements about Arundhati Roy's 'The God of Small Things' is most accurate ?
- (1) It is a straightforward chronological narrative about independence.
 - (2) It is primarily a political satire on contemporary government.
 - (3) It employs non-linear narrative and explores caste, forbidden love and childhood trauma.
 - (4) It follows the conventions of traditional Indian epic poetry.
35. Choose the correct option :
Imogen is a character in which of the following works of Shakespeare ?
- (1) Twelfth Night
 - (2) Cymbeline
 - (3) Love's Labour Lost
 - (4) Pericles
36. Choose the correct option :
What are the characteristics of post modernism art ?
- (1) Antiauthoritarianism only
 - (2) Only relativism-many truths, not one
 - (3) Insistence of naturalism
 - (4) Both (1) and (2)
37. Choose the correct option :
Which of the following odes is not written by Keats ?
- (1) Ode to a Nightingale
 - (2) Ode to Autumn
 - (3) Ode on Intimations of Immortality
 - (4) Ode on a Grecian Urn
38. Which of the following characteristics is most closely associated with modernist literature ?
- (1) Adherence to classical unities and formal poetic structures.
 - (2) Moral didacticism and social reform.
 - (3) Experimentation with form, fragmentation and stream of consciousness.
 - (4) Idealization of rural life and celebration of nature.
39. Which of the following awards have been conferred upon Vikram Seth ?
- (1) Sahitya Akademi Award only
 - (2) Padma Shri only
 - (3) Both (1) and (2)
 - (4) Pulitzer Award

40. John Keats' concept of 'Negative capability' refers to :
- (1) the poet's duty to express negative emotions.
 - (2) a technique for creating pessimistic imagery.
 - (3) the rejection of all forms of poetic beauty.
 - (4) the ability to remain in uncertainties without reaching for fact and reason.
41. A 'Notice' does not necessarily contain :
- (1) Receiver's address
 - (2) Heading
 - (3) Date
 - (4) Message
42. Which of the following is not appropriate for writing a Notice ?
- (1) use of passive voice for objectivity
 - (2) heading and date
 - (3) precise vocabulary
 - (4) personal opinions without evidence
43. The closing of a letter to the editor of a newspaper should be :
- (1) Yours sincerely
 - (2) Your truly
 - (3) Yours faithfully
 - (4) Yours obediently
44. The language of an Article must not have:
- (1) clarity
 - (2) clutter
 - (3) conciseness
 - (4) coherence
45. Choose the correct option from those given below :
- A formal invitation is always written in _____.
- (1) Future Tense
 - (2) Present Tense
 - (3) Past Tense
 - (4) Past Continuous Tense
46. Fill in the blank with the correct adjective.
- Health is _____ riches.
- (1) more profitable than
 - (2) most profitable than
 - (3) profitable to
 - (4) little profitable than

47. Choose the option in which the following jumbled group of words can be rearranged to form a coherent sentence.
- (A) a wood cutter
(B) go into jungle
(C) Raju was
(D) to cut trees
(E) who would
- (1) (B), (A), (D), (E), (C)
(2) (E), (B), (A), (C), (D)
(3) (C), (A), (E), (B), (D)
(4) (A), (E), (D), (B), (C)

48. Choose the option in which the following jumbled group of words can be rearranged to form a coherent sentence.
- one of the /rulers/ Ashoka was/ greatest/ of India
- (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- (1) (A), (B), (D), (E), (C)
(2) (C), (A), (D), (B), (E)
(3) (C), (D), (B), (A), (E)
(4) (B), (E), (A), (D), (C)

49. Identify the part of the following sentence which contains an error.

According to the present market rate twelve dozen apples costs one hundred rupees.

- (A) (B) (C) (D)
- (1) (A) (2) (B) (3) (C) (4) (D)

50. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition.

This book consists _____ three parts.

- (1) of (2) in (3) at (4) for

51. Choose the word which means the same as 'Cantankerous' in the sentence :

His grandfather was a **Cantankerous** old man.

- (1) bad-tempered (2) pleasant (3) good-tempered (4) contented

52. The wedding of the rich man's daughter proved to be an extravaganza.

The underlined word here means :

- (1) tedious (2) flop show
(3) spectacular show (4) uninspiring

53. Choose the option which gives the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence :
- He burned the midnight oil to pass the exam.
- (1) to waste valuable resources.
 (2) to work or study late into the night.
 (3) to destroy evidence of wrong doing.
 (4) to create artificial lighting.
54. Which of the following idioms means the same as 'to visit somebody's house, office etc.' ?
- (1) Call at (2) Call off (3) Call for (4) Call on
55. The whole evening he was on tenterhooks.
 In this sentence, 'on tenterhooks' means the same as 'A state of _____'.
- (1) Confidence (2) Certainty (3) Ignorance (4) Confusion
56. Choose the word **opposite** in meaning to the underlined word - in the given sentence :
- Life on earth is ephemeral . Everyone has to die.
- (1) transient (2) permanent (3) fleeting (4) momentary
57. Choose the option which correctly describes the underlined idiom.
 Keep on working hard, don't rest on your laurels .
- (1) to sleep peacefully after hard work.
 (2) to be satisfied with past achievements.
 (3) to celebrate success with loved ones.
 (4) to take a well-deserved vacation.
58. Choose the correct option giving the correct explanation of the underlined word :
- Mr. Sharma teaches us Anthropology .
- 'Anthropology' provides a deep study and understanding of _____.
- (1) animals (2) fishes (3) humans (4) plants
59. Choose the word similar in meaning to the underlined word in the given sentence :
- He is known for his perspicacious nature.
- (1) pessimistic (2) perceptive (3) persistent (4) stupid
60. He is frustrated by being treated as a man of straw.
 'A man of straw' means :
- (1) An important person (2) A royal person
 (3) A farmer (4) An unimportant person

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Question Paper / प्रश्न-पत्र

Maximum Marks : 40

अधिकतम अंक : 40

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

The library at Shantiniketan held secrets that no catalogue could capture. Between the weathered spines of forgotten volumes, Professor Menon discovered marginalia that revealed intellectual conversations spanning decades. A student had questioned Tagore's interpretation of the Upanishads, another hand, perhaps another student, had offered a gentle rebuttal. These anonymous scribblings constituted a parallel university, where learning transcended the boundaries of time and formal instruction. Menon understood that education, at its finest was never merely the transmission of certified knowledge from expert to novice. It was an ongoing dialogue, sometimes whispered across generations through pencilled notes in library margins, sometimes thundering through lecture halls. The true scholar was not one who accumulated facts but one who learned to listen to these many voices and added his own thoughtful contribution to the eternal conversation.

- (A) What does the phrase 'Parallel University' in the passage refer to ? 1
 (B) How will you describe the concept of education as viewed by Professor Menon ? 1
 (C) According to the passage, who is a true scholar ? 1
 (D) What is 'marginalia' ? Explain with reference to the context. 1

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The contemporary enthusiasm for 'authentic' communication has led many educators to dismiss the teaching of formal rhetoric as artificial and constraining. Students as the argument goes, should express themselves naturally without the imposition of classical structures. Yet this perspective conflates authenticity with artlessness. The great orators and writers throughout history were not born with their eloquence; they cultivated it through rigorous study of rhetorical principles. When Martin Luther King Jr. employed anaphora in his speeches, or when Jawaharlal Nehru balanced his sentences with antithesis, they were deploying learning techniques to amplify their authentic convictions. Rhetoric does not suppress genuine expression, it provides the tools by which that expression can achieve its maximum impact. A Carpenter's authenticity is not diminished by, his mastery of tools; similarly, a communicator's sincerity is enhanced, not compromised, by command of rhetorical craft.

- (A) How will you explain the reference to Martin Luther King Jr. and Jawaharlal Nehru in the passage ? 1
 (B) What is the author's main argument/point of view ? 1
 (C) The author uses Carpenter's analogy primarily to stress which strategy ? 1
 (D) Explain the word 'conflates' as used in the passage. 1

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Planning in India has essentially been an effort to determine the overall direction of the economy by directing public investment accordingly. It was possible to conceive of outcomes on the basis of government spending between 1947 and 1985, when the public sector made up more than half the gross domestic product. Now that is neither possible nor desirable. The private sector accounts for three fourths of the gross domestic product reducing the role of public expenditure in meeting growth targets.

How can planning contribute to today's economy ? It should be conceived as a think tank. Planners should aim at meeting growth targets by ensuring that markets function efficiently. They can advise the government on market-specific policies that address lack of access to information. They can identify sunrise areas and promote research and innovation through public-private partnership. Simultaneously, planners should explore markets for products made by unskilled workers.

The eleventh plan aims at 9 percent 'inclusive' growth. Education is a big-ticket item with the planning commission. Sadly, health has not been given the same emphasis.

- (A) How will you define 'Planning' ? How can we derive maximum outcome from investment ? 1
- (B) What does the author expect the planner to do and how ? 1
- (C) The area of health has been given a secondary treatment. Is this statement true or not ? Give reason for your answer. 1
- (D) Explain 'Sunrise areas'. 1
4. An International Book Fair was organised by Children's Book Trust. The theme this year was 'Illustrated works for children'. You are Rahul, a student of B.L. Public School. You visited the fair and were impressed with the range and display of books. Write a formal description in about 100 words for your school magazine. 4
5. Write a letter to the Chairman, C.B.S.E. Preet Vihar, Delhi thanking him for decision of deleting some lessons from class XII textbooks (English) and requesting him to reduce the length of the passage in reading section. Sign yourself as Seema/Suresh. 4
6. Transform the following sentences as directed.
- (A) The committee has decided that the proposal will be implemented immediately. 1
(Change to Passive Voice)
- (B) "I shall never abandon my principles for temporary gains!" declared the leader. 1
(Change to Indirect Speech)
- (C) The plants were being watered by the gardener. 1
(Change to Active Voice)
- (D) I told Ram that she should not be trusted. 1
(Change to Direct Speech)

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles, if needed. 2
- (A) _____ man was walking down the street. From his clothes everyone knew that _____ man was from a strange country.
- (B) Use the correct forms of the given verbs to fill in the blanks. 2
- The patient _____ (be) unconscious when the doctor _____ (arrive).
8. Rewrite the following sentences correctly.
- (A) If he is fat then he will run slow. 1
- (B) No sooner I had arrived than he left. 1
- (C) Neither he comes nor he writes. 1
- (D) Until he does not try he must be punished. 1
9. (A) Name the autobiography of Gabriel Gracia Marquez. 1
- (B) Write down any two characteristics of Romanticism. 2
- (C) Why did Bathsheba not marry Gabriel Oak initially in Thomas Hardy's 'From the Madding Crowd' ? 1
10. R.K. Narayan creates the fictional town of Malgudi as a microcosm of Indian society. Describe with reference to any one of his works. 4