

Time : 1½ Hours

**FIRST TERM ENGLISH LANGUAGE-I**

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Total No. of Questions : 40 (Printed Pages : 16) Maximum Marks : 40

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- (i) The question paper is divided into four sections I, II, III and IV. All questions are compulsory.
  - (ii) Every question has four choices for its answers (A), (B), (C), (D) and only one of them is the correct answer.
  - (iii) On the OMR sheet, for each question number, darken with a ball point pen only ONE bubble corresponding to what you consider to be the most appropriate answer from among the four choices.
  - (iv) Please note that it is not possible to change the answer once you have filled up the bubble with a ball point pen. Hence sufficient care must be taken while darkening the bubbles.
  - (v) For each question, you will be awarded ONE mark, if you have darkened only the bubble corresponding to the correct answer. In all other cases, you will get zero mark. There is no negative mark.
  - (vi) Only one OMR sheet will be provided.
  - (vii) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

## SECTION I (Reading Skills)

Read the following passage :

Travelling plays an important role in our education. The terms 'travelling' and 'education' are interlinked because when you travel you experience and learn. The instinct of travelling leads a man to see the unseen, to know the unknown and to unveil the mystery. In ancient times, travelling was very difficult and risky as there were no proper roads and transport. A traveller had to pass hills and forests. He had to face the fury of nature, wild beasts, robbers and many other obstacles.

With the triumph of science, travelling has now become easy, cheap, quick and pleasant. Inventions in the field of transport have enabled man to take up voyages across the world. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from Kutch to Kalimpong in the east, our country provides hundreds of places known for architecture, scenery, culture, music, history, dance etc. A visit to historical places will give students a practical insight into the past events. It also exposes one's mind to diverse cultures. It is a proven fact that educational tours increases our knowledge and widens our intellect.

Therefore one must take part in educational tours as it is both entertaining and instructing.

Source : The Indian Express, Words 193

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following by choosing the best alternative from those provided.**

- (1) What does the instinct of travelling lead a man to do ? 1
- (A) To face the fury of nature, wild beasts and other obstacles
  - (B) To pass hills, forests, oceans and seas
  - (C) To see the unseen, to know the unknown and to unveil the mystery
  - (D) To close his mind and heart to the outside world

- (2) In ancient times, why was travelling considered to be difficult and risky ? 1
- (A) Because there were good roads but no proper transport
  - (B) Because there was good transport system but no proper roads
  - (C) Because it was a mystery
  - (D) Because there were no proper roads and transport
- (3) How have inventions in the field of transport benefitted man ? 1
- (A) Enabled man to walk to different places
  - (B) Enabled man to take up voyages across the world
  - (C) Helped man to communicate wirelessly
  - (D) Helped man to widen his horizons
- (4) Why should students visit historical places ? 1
- (A) As it will give them a practical insight into the past events
  - (B) As it will hinder their thinking and intellect
  - (C) Because it is compulsory to see these places
  - (D) Because it will give them an insight into the future events

**Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below :**

- (5) Unveil 1
- (A) Conceal or hide something
  - (B) To make something easy
  - (C) Reveal or show something new
  - (D) To put a veil over something

- (6) Diverse 1
- (A) Showing similarities of people
  - (B) Belonging to ancient times
  - (C) Something recent and modern
  - (D) Showing great deal of variety or difference

**Find a word in the above passage that means the following :**

- (7) Violence and anger seen in a natural phenomenon : 1
- (A) Hills
  - (B) Beasts
  - (C) Fury
  - (D) Voyages
- (8) The art of designing and constructing buildings : 1
- (A) Music
  - (B) Architecture
  - (C) Mystery
  - (D) Culture

Read the following passage carefully :

Among the numerous days celebrated the world over, the one that profoundly impacts the present as well as the future generations, is the World Bicycle Day. On 3rd June every year, since 2018, the U.N. General Assembly dedicated this day to celebrate the joy of riding bicycles. This simple structure of a bicycle has a lever, pulley, wheel and axle and requires only air and a bit of energy to function. However, it has proved itself to be a friend to all mankind.

The bicycle symbolizes adaptability and sustainability. The World Bicycle Day therefore draws attention to the benefits of using the bicycle. It is an environmentally friendly and sustainable means of transport. Governments around the world are adopting and promoting this eco-friendly conveyance system. Apart from being eco-friendly, cycling also promotes good physical and mental health. Therefore cycle your way to good health and promote a healthy environment.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose a suitable title and choose the para-wise main topics and sub-topics using the format given below. Do not write single word or sentence. Use only meaningful phrases :

Title : ..... 9 .....

I : .....10 .....

II : ..... 11 .....

A : ..... 12 .....

B : ..... 13 .....

(9) ..... 1

(A) Bicycle-Environmentally Unfriendly

(B) World Environment Day

(C) Importance of Cycling

(D) Adaptability and Sustainability

(10) ..... 1

(A) Dangers of Cycling

(B) Structure of a Bicycle

(C) Consequences of Cycling

(D) Bicycle-Enemy to Mankind

- (11) ..... 1
- (A) Disadvantages of Cycling
  - (B) Types of Bicycles
  - (C) Characteristics of a Bicycle
  - (D) Benefits of Cycling
- (12) ..... 1
- (A) causes environmental degradation
  - (B) non eco-friendly conveyance
  - (C) causes noise pollution
  - (D) eco-friendly and sustainable means of transport
- (13) ..... 1
- (A) promoting physical and mental health
  - (B) causing severe health problems
  - (C) increasing green house gases
  - (D) cycling, a stressful activity

## SECTION II

### (Writing Skills)

Read the following classified advertisement carefully and fill in the blanks choosing the best alternatives from those given below :

You are Kirsten/Kiah Fernandes, Proprietor of Eden Garden Nursery, Airport Road, Vasco, Goa. Your nursery has a wide variety of plants and garden accessories for sale. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper, giving the necessary details. Contact Kirsten/Kiah Fernandes. Mob. : 9822615624

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ has a variety of plants for sale--ornamental, fruit-bearing, medicinal, flowering and non-flowering. \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_, manure, vermicompost, fertilizers, seeds and soil. Open from Monday to Saturday. Time 9.00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Special 10% discount. Contact- Kirsten/Kiah Fernandes. Ph. No. : 9822615624

(14) .....

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- (A) FERTILIZER FOR SALE
- (B) Accessories for Sale
- (C) FOR SALE
- (D) Nursery for Sale

(15) .....

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- (A) Paradise Garden Nursery
- (B) Eden Garden Nursery
- (C) Bloom Garden Nursery
- (D) Green Garden Nursery

(16) .....

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- (A) Also for sale garden tools
- (B) Also for sale stationery items
- (C) We also rear animals
- (D) We also breed fish

### SECTION III

#### (Grammar)

Choose the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given within the brackets :

- (17) In order to stay fit, children ..... engage in some kind of sport everyday. 1

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the modal of compulsion)

- (A) could
- (B) must
- (C) would
- (D) can

- (18) Tina wrote a beautiful poem on 'Friendship'. 1

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the Passive Voice)

- (A) A beautiful poem on 'Friendship' has been written by Tina
- (B) A beautiful poem on 'Friendship' is being written by Tina
- (C) A beautiful poem on 'Friendship' had been written by Tina
- (D) A beautiful poem on 'Friendship' was written by Tina



(19) As soon as I saw rainbow in the sky, my heart leaped with joy. 1  
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using 'No sooner ..... than')

- (A) No sooner did I see a rainbow in the sky my heart leaped with joy
- (B) No sooner I saw a rainbow in the sky my heart leaped with joy
- (C) No sooner did I see a rainbow in the sky than my heart leaped with joy
- (D) No sooner I saw a rainbow than my heart leaped with joy in the sky

(20) I humanity is not practised, there will be no peace. 1  
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using 'Unless')

- (A) Unless humanity is practised, there will be peace
- (B) Unless humanity is practised, there will be no peace
- (C) Unless humanity is not practised, there will be no peace
- (D) Unless there is peace, there will be humanity

(21) The Pilot said to the passengers, "Please fasten your seat belts." 1  
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence in the indirect Speech)

- (A) The Pilot demanded the passengers to fasten their seat belts
- (B) The Pilot told the passenger to fasten his seat belt
- (C) The Pilot requested the passengers to fasten their seat belts
- (D) The Pilot suggested to the passengers to fasten their seat belts

(22) No other bird is as small as the Bee Hummingbird. 1

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the Superlative Degree of Comparison)

- (A) The Bee Hummingbird is smaller than any other bird
- (B) The Bee Hummingbird is smaller than most other birds
- (C) The Bee Hummingbird is the smallest bird
- (D) The Bee Hummingbird is a smaller bird

(23) The pizza is too spicy for me to eat. 1

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence by removing 'too' and using 'so.....that')

- (A) The pizza is so spicy that I could not eat it
- (B) The pizza is so spicy that we cannot eat it
- (C) The pizza is so spicy that I cannot eat it
- (D) The pizza was so spicy that I could not eat it

(24) Joe always ..... about cricket but he is always seen .....  
badminton. 1

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence by choosing the verb in the right tense)

- (A) is talking, playing
- (B) talks, playing
- (C) talked, played
- (D) had been talking, had been playing

## SECTION IV

### (Textual)

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the best alternative from those provided below :

*"..... and realized with pain  
that she looked as old as she was  
but soon put that thought away  
and looked at young trees sprinting"*

- (25) The figure of speech in the last line is : 1
- (A) Alliteration
  - (B) Personification
  - (C) Simile
  - (D) Metaphor
- (26) What thought did the speaker try to put away ? 1
- (A) The thought that her mother was old and may even die
  - (B) The thought that her mother was young
  - (C) The thought that her mother might shout at her
  - (D) The thought that the trees were sprinting

Answer the following questions by choosing the best alternative from those provided below :

- (27) In the poem "Elementary School Classroom in A Slum", why has the speaker used the phrase 'sour cream walls' ? 1
- (A) To show that the children are happy and smiling
  - (B) To show that the classroom is dull and gloomy
  - (C) To show that the classroom is painted with bright colours
  - (D) To show that the future of the children is bright

(28) In the poem 'Keeping Quiet', what will counting up to twelve help us achieve ? 1

(A) It will help us to introspect and achieve a sense of understanding

(B) It will help us to create a lot of noise and chaos

(C) It will help us to destroy marine life

(D) It will help us to argue and fight for our rights

Answer the following questions by choosing the best alternative from those provided below :

(29) Why did M. Hamel blame the parents for the poor performance of the children at school ? 1

(A) Parents wanted their children to help them in their household work

(B) Parents wanted their children to water M. Hamel's garden

(C) Parents wanted them to go fishing with M. Hamel

(D) Parents preferred to send them to work on farms to earn a little more money

(30) In the lesson 'Lost Spring', why is Saheb not happy working at the tea stall ? 1

(A) Because he has lost his money

(B) Because he has lost his carefree look

(C) Because he has to study hard to become an engineer

(D) Because he has no time to watch television

(31) In the excerpt, 'I want to be a motor mechanic', how will Mukesh realize his dream ? 1

- (A) By watching educational videos at home
- (B) By reading books on mechanics
- (C) By going to a garage and learning the skill
- (D) By learning from his friends

(32) What did W. Douglas plan to do when his feet hit the bottom of the pool the first time ? 1

- (A) Make a big jump, come to the surface, and walk to the edge of the pool
- (B) Make a big jump, come to the surface, lie flat and paddle to the edge of the pool
- (C) Make a jump and come to the edge of the pool
- (D) Make a light jump, hold on to a rope and float to the edge of the pool

(33) How did the Rattrap peddler deceive the Crofter ? 1

- (A) By taking his belongings
- (B) By telling his secrets to others
- (C) By robbing the 30 Kronor bills
- (D) By secretly selling the Crofter's cottage

- (34) Why did Gandhi chide the lawyers ? 1
- (A) For collecting a big fee from the sharecroppers
  - (B) For not collecting any fee from the sharecroppers
  - (C) For helping the sharecroppers wholeheartedly
  - (D) For collecting a small fee from the sharecroppers
- (35) Why did Gandhi not want any help from Charles Freer Andrews to solve the problem of the sharecroppers ? 1
- (A) As it would show the strength of the Champaran people
  - (B) As it would show the weakness of the Champaran people
  - (C) As Charles Freer Andrews would cheat the people
  - (D) As the Champaran Episode was a simple problem
- (36) In the lesson 'Poets and Pancakes', what was the task assigned to Asokamitran in the Gemini Studios ? 1
- (A) To mix paint in a large vessel
  - (B) To put make up on the crowd players
  - (C) To write the script to be enacted in the plays
  - (D) To cut out newspaper clippings on various subjects
- (37) What caused the lack of communication between the Englishman and the people at Gemini studios ? 1
- (A) The Englishman spoke in the Italian language
  - (B) The Englishman spoke fluently and clearly
  - (C) The Englishman's accent was beyond their comprehension
  - (D) The Englishman's speech was inspiring

- (38) According to Christopher Silvester, why do celebrities despise being interviewed ? 1
- (A) As they feel comfortable talking to an interviewer
  - (B) As they lack the skill in talking to the interviewer
  - (C) As they believe that it is an unwarranted intrusion into their lives
  - (D) As it helps them to become very popular in the society
- (39) What does the novel 'The Name of the Rose' by Umberto Eco deal with ? 1
- (A) It is a historical novel dealing with the kings of the past
  - (B) It is a comedy intended to cheer the audience
  - (C) It is a fairy tale imparting a moral to children
  - (D) It is a detective yarn dealing with metaphysics and theology
- (40) Where did Sophie go with her father and brothers every week ? 1
- (A) To the arcade to buy clothes
  - (B) To watch United play football
  - (C) To the theatre for a movie
  - (D) To the wharf across the water