

PUC I MID-TERM EXAMINATION

Time: 3.15 hours

English – 02

Max. Marks: 100

Note: (a) Follow the instructions & the prescribed limit while answering the questions.

(b) Write the correct questions number as it appears on the question paper.

(c) One mark questions attempted more than once will be awarded zero.

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

1) What kind of Judgment did the man expect?

Ans: The man expected the judgment to be in his favour and believed that the hut would naturally be returned to him.

2) How did the lion decide to solve the problem?

Ans: The lion commanded his ministers to appoint a commission of enquiry to solve the problem.

3) What drives the boy's joy away in the poem 'The School Boy'?

Ans: The very thought of going to school drives the boy's joy away.

4) When would the medicines lose their potency according to the belief of the native doctors?

Ans: According to the native doctors, if they tell others about their medicines, the medicines would lose their potency.

5) Mention the curse about the medicinal plant.

Ans: The medicinal creeper has been cursed by a sage. The curse is that when someone needs this plant, they will not find it.

6) What was the narrator doing to earn a living?

Ans: The narrator taught the skill of writing addresses to migrant laborers from nine-thirty till eleven in the night.

7) How much money did the narrator have in his pocket as his life's savings?

Ans: The narrator had fourteen rupees in his wallet as his life's savings.

8) How are people without money, usually treated?

Ans: The people without money are usually treated as beggars, they are humiliated, degraded by all.

9) How does the speaker want to be purified in the poem 'If I was a Tree'?

Ans: By burning in the holy fire the speaker wanted to be purified.

10) The village headman asked Mara to keep away from the road workers because

Ans: He was disturbing the workers.

11) Mara was trembling at the king's palace because

Ans: He was worried about the lake.

12) Why has the speaker's husband committed suicide?

Ans: Because his cotton crops failed as a result he failed to repay the debts.

II. Answer any Eight of the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words each. 8x4=32

13) How did the elephant sneak into the man's hut?

Ans: The man, out of pity allowed the elephant to put his trunk into his hut. As soon as the elephant put his trunk inside the hut he slowly pushed his head inside and then flung the man out in the rain and laid down comfortably inside.

14) What does the school boy love to do on a summer morn? What drives his joy away?

Ans: In the poem the poet speaks in the persona of a school child that wakes up in the morning. He loves to rise early in summer morning to enjoy the chirping sound of the birds, Huntsman's horn and the melody of skylark singing. But all the happiness gets driven away when he realizes that he has to go to school. The main theme is the sorrow that the boy feels at the very thought of going to school.

15) What did Mara's wife find on opening the packet of meat?

Ans: Mara and his friend had caught a barking deer. They skinned and cleaned it and divided the meat. Mara covered his share of meat with certain leaves and took it home. His wife prepared the masala with spices, put the water to boil and opened the packet with the leaves. To her surprise, she found a live wild buck instead of the meat.

16) How did the restaurant keeper was over reacting when the narrator could not pay the bill?

Ans: Narrator's wallet has been picked by someone. He conveys to the owner of the restaurant about the same. The restaurant keeper with a loud laughter caught him by the lapels of his coat and cried out loudly

saying that such tricks would not work there and if he fails to pay the bill, his eyes would be gouged out. Here the restaurant keeper was a little over-reacting and drawing the attention of the crowd.

17) How does money trigger fear in an individual?

Ans: The poet D.H. Lawrence takes us through the situations wherein money influences every individual from all walks of life. Money can trigger fears when one has it and when one doesn't have it. It can create pangs in an individual who has to hand out a pound note and it can even create a tremor in someone who has to hand out a ten-pound note. Money makes us quail and a strange terror envelops us without it.

18) How is Babar Ali's routine described by the writer?

Ans: Babar wakes up every morning at 7 and starts his day by doing some household chores. Then he takes an autorickshaw first and later walks five kilometres to the Cossimbazar Raj Govinda Sundari Vidyapeeth where he is a class XII student. After his school he makes his way to an afternoon school where he is the headmaster of a school of 800 students.

19) Why does the speaker want to be a tree?

Ans: The poet feels that a tree in nature lives a better life. The bird wouldn't ask the tree what caste it belongs to before building its nest. The shadow of the tree doesn't feel defiled when the sunlight falls on it. The tree's friendship with the cool breeze and the leaves would be sweet. The raindrops do not withdraw thinking that the tree is a dog-eater. When the tree branches out further from its root, the mother earth wouldn't flee shouting for a bath as it happens with humans.

20) How did Mara manage to draw the attention of the king? Why?

Ans: Mara managed to draw the attention of the king by jumping in front of his procession from a tree. He did this to inform the king about his dream in which goddess commanded to build the tank for river Veda.

21) Why do you think Babar Ali took the initiative to start his own school?

Ans: Babar noticed that many children were deprived from literacy because their families couldn't bear the expenses in his village. He wanted to change that. Ironically, he is still among the privileged ones in his village, because unlike most children there, he went to school and got formal education. He was better off also in being the son of Nasiruddin Sheikh who initially supported his son's venture with his own income. Coming from a privileged family Babar realized he must do something for the other children in his village.

22) What series of contrasts does the speaker draw between herself and her husband in the poem 'The Farmer's Wife'?

Ans: The farmer's wife contrasts how the farmer, only had to face pain and humiliation before he died, where as she has faced it all her life. Second biggest contrast between them is that she is optimistic who chose life, where as her husband chose death.

III. Answer any One of the following questions in about 200 words.

6x1=6

23) Why would mother earth not flee according to the speaker in the poem 'If I was a Tree'?

Ans: In the poem the mother earth wouldn't flee when the roots of the tree branch out. The mother earth nourishes and sustains every living organism without any discrimination. Nature has a wonderful system of coordination and peaceful co-existence. So, the mother earth wouldn't flee. This is in total contrast with the human world where the high caste member runs for a holy bath on encountering a lower caste individual. The poet finds nature to be a perfect haven to be without facing any insult and humiliation. This is because humans have built barriers among themselves based on their castes. The upper caste individuals feel that they are superiors and enjoy the privileges. In contrast, the lower caste people are denied their rights. Besides, this discrimination further divides human society making the life of the suppressed even more miserable.

OR

Was the headman justified in calling Mara a lunatic? Give reasons.

Ans: The headman is a man of limited knowledge. He is rude and is interested in pleasing the king. He fails to understand the urgency of Mara to meet the king and tell his dream. He asked the workers, to bind him and put him in the cellar. It was the good sense of Bhima that made him escape and reach out to the king and narrate his dream which provided a perennial lake to the citizens.

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

10X1=10

Swami Vivekananda was born to Vishwanath Datta and Bhuvanewari Devi in Calcutta on Monday, 12 January 1863. His childhood name was Narendranath Datta or simply Naren. The Datta family was rich,

respectable, and renowned for charity, learning, and a strong spirit of independence. Vishwanath Datta was an attorney-at law in the Calcutta High Court. He was proficient in English and Persian languages. Bhuvaneshwari Devi was a pious woman. She was deeply religious. Narendranath was an all-rounder. He could sing well. He was good at sports and had a ready wit. He liked to meditate. He would get lost in his thoughts about God.

24) Where did Swami Vivekananda born? Ans: in Calcutta

25) Who were the parents of Swami Vivekananda? Ans: Vishwanath Datta and Bhuvaneshwari Devi

26) When did Swami Vivekananda born? Ans: 12 January 1863

27) What was Swami Vivekananda's father? Ans: an attorney-at law

28) Bhuvaneshwari Devi was a woman. Ans: pious

29) Swami Vivekananda was proficient in and languages. Ans: English and Persian

30) What was the childhood name of Swami Vivekananda? Ans: Narendranath Datta

31) Naren was the pet name of Ans: Swami Vivekananda

32) Swami Vivekananda disliked to meditate. (True/false) Ans: False

33) What do you mean by 'proficient' in this passage? Ans: expert

V.A) Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles & Prepositions given in brackets. 10X1=10

34. Many years ago Eskimos did not have permanent homes. They wandered place place and then settled down some time. Their main occupations were fishing and hunting. They caught whales, sharks, seals and fish that are found in the icy waters of the North Pole. They also hunted animals that are found the Polar Regions. When they did not get any more food, the Eskimos shifted their residence to another area. They did very little cooking. Their main items food were fish and meat. It was never cooked. They preferred to eat it raw. They used to eat egg also. There is hut to live the hunter. Then they reached palace to offer them. king was very happy to see them.
(answer: from, to, for, in, of, the, an, a, the, the)

B) Fill in the blanks with suitable form of verbs given in brackets. 5x1=5

35. Shrujan (be + work) in the hospital. He (study) MBBS. He (be) known for helping nature and kind heart. He (be + award) with Best Doctor in the department. Presently he (be + practice) in Government hospital.
(Ans: is working, studied, is, was awarded, is practicing)

C) 36. Choose the suitable Homophone of the following. 5x1=5

1. We had many apples to carry. (to/too/two) Ans: too
2. I a horse at the Marina beach. (road/rode) Ans: rode
3. The books are over on the shelf. (their/there) Ans: there
4. Smitha went to the market to vegetables (by, buy) Ans: buy
5. Speaking is prohibited. (allowed, aloud) Ans: aloud

D) 37. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 5x1=5

1. Radha/Does/film/?/sings/songs
Ans: Does Radha sing film songs?
2. sight/what/beautiful/a!/!
Ans: What a beautiful sight!
3. your/how/treat/parent s/do/you
Ans: How do you treat your patients?
4. snakes/afraid of/you/are
Ans: Are you afraid of snakes?
5. the/took/he/deed/the/signed/and/money
Ans: He took the money and signed deed.

E) 38. Correct the following sentences and rewrite them. 6x1=6

1. He sing a melodious song.
Ans: He sings a melodious song.
2. We does not interestd in playing.
Ans: We do not interest in playing.

3. He is my one of the best friend.

Ans: He is my one of the best friends.

4. Mouses are disturbing a lot.

Ans: Mice are disturbing a lot.

5. I prefer either coffee and tea.

Ans: I prefer either coffee or tea.

6. She do not go to college today.

Ans: She does not go to college today.

F 39. Rewrite as directed.

4x1=4

1) Ramesh never comes again. It's correct question tag is

A) don't he ? B) did he? C) does he? D) doesn't he?

Ans: C) does he?

2) Fill in the blanks with choosing the appropriate words given in the brackets

Did you have a ____ for lunch? (pear/ pair)

Ans: pear

3) Write the correct form of the word given in the bracket.

The boys are _____ (discuss) about historical monuments.

Ans: discussing

4) Frame a question to get underlined word as answer.

Raju is studying English grammar.

Ans: What is Raju studying?

40. Write an application to the PDO of the gram panchayat to sanitize your college. Your letter should include the following points.

5x1=5

Date of sanitizing

Need of arrangements

Request for maintain SOP

Ans:

From,

Suraj

Government High Schol,

Malgudi.

Date: 07.04.2021

To,

The Panchayat Development Officer

Grampanchayat,

Malgudi

Respected sir,

Subject: Regarding to sanitize our college.

With reference to the subject, I would like to draw your kind attention to sanitize our college on 20.12.2021. The whole world is suffering from the Coovid-19. It is very dreadful disease. We must save our life from this deadly disease. Make arrangement of social distance and provide free masks to college students. So kindly sanitize and maintain SOP rules as per government order.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Suraj