

I P.U.C. MID-TERM EXAMINATION, SEPTEMBER - 2022-23

Time : 3.15 hours

ENGLISH-02

Max. Marks : 100

Note : (a) Follow the instructions & 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 in a word, a phrase or in a sentence each.

12X1=12

1. Who were the members of the Commission of Enquiry?
2. How did the lion decide to solve the problem?
3. How do the little ones spend the day in the school?
4. What does the school boy love to do on a summer morn?
5. Why had Mara lost his teeth on the right side?
6. What happened when the milk was mixed with the juice of the creeper's leaves?
7. What reason did the narrator give for sleeping all day and having food in the evening?
8. What work did the narrator do in the new city?
9. What happens if we do not regain our sanity about money?
10. How are people without money, usually treated?
11. Why did Babar Ali not use the rod in his school?
12. How does Babar Ali become an inspiration to millions of youths?

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

8X4 = 32

13. Why was the man unhappy with the members of the Commission Enquiry?
14. Describe the boy's experience in the school.
15. What does the incident of Mara's wife throwing leaves into fire tell us about Indians?
16. Give an account of the embarrassing experience of the narrator at the restaurant.
17. Collective madness of money affects the individuals. How does the poem bring this out?
18. How does Babar give the lesson? Where does he conduct his classes?
19. Why does the speaker want to be a tree?
20. How did the elephant justify its act of occupying the hut?
21. According to the poet how does formal education curb a learner's potential?
22. How did Krishna get cured his piles?

III. Answer one of the following in about 200 words.

6x1=6

23. Why do you think Babar Ali took the initiative to start his own school?

OR

Do you think the author is suggesting that Indian herbal medicine is better than allopathic medicine? Support your view.

OR

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

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

10X1=10

The diverse riches of the sea have always played a significant role in Oman's economy and lifestyle of her people. The nation's fishing, industry continues to increase in importance as research into its marine life grows stronger.

An animal that is of enormous importance to the south-eastern coast of Omanis, the abalone, a shellfish has become the centre of a multimillion dollar industry.

Once, abalone shellfish were brought to the surface in the hope that the soft tissue contained beautiful pearls. Today, the shellfish are caught for a different reason – restaurant menus! The fresh white shellfish has a distinctive and much admired flavour and it is the most highly valued product from Omani waters. It is fished exclusively along the shores of Dhofar.

This distinctive shellfish has only one shell, unlike other shellfish which have two. The shell is extremely beautiful. Light is diffracted by geometrically arranged crystals within the shell, creating a wonderful shine. The shells of several abalone can be used for decorative purposes, and to make jewellery and buttons.

Abalone live in shallow marine waters with rocky bottom conditions. Young abalone shelter in small groups, holding onto the underside of medium-sized boulders, whereas adults live grouped up to a dozen together in rocky cracks. They can only survive successfully in areas where cold, nutritious water rises from the sea bed. There, in the shallow, brightly lit conditions, the abalone shellfish live. The environmental requirements for cool water conditions are rarely met, and, as a result, the geographical occurrence and extent of abalone fisheries worldwide is extremely restricted.

The coast of Dhofar in Oman is one of the special environments that supports abalone populations. The southern shore of Oman experiences monsoon winds across the surface of the sea from April to September. As these winds skim the surface, the rich cold water from the depths of the Arabian sea can easily rise and move towards the shore.

Abalone are harvested after the monsoon period, between October and March. Fishermen dive to a depth of ten metres assisted only by a face mask and, perhaps, fins. Groups of up to ten men search the sea bed for abalone encrusted boulders and deftly remove the shells using a knife, before coming up for air. A good diver searches for large adults and will collect up to 600 specimens per day. In order to do this, the diver may have to cover an area of 100 square metres.

24. Why is Oman's fishing industry continuing to expand?
25. Why was abalone shellfish originally important?
26. How is the abalone different from other shellfish?
27. State the three uses of abalone shells.
28. Mention one of the factors contributing to Oman's growing economy.
29. The abalone is fished in
30. When are abalone harvested?
31. Which part of the year is best suited for harvesting abalone?
32. Bring out the difference between the life of the young and adult abalone.
33. How are abalone fished under sea?

V. A) Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles & Prepositions given in brackets. 4X1=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.

B) Fill in the blanks with suitable form of verbs given in brackets. 4x1=4

35. Mara (do) not have any teeth on the right side of his mouth. He (has) to chew everything on the left side. He (be) aged and perhaps they (have + fall) off naturally.

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

36. Nicola and Jacopo struggle hard to save money. One night they (are/is) sitting on the stone pavement. When the narrator (speak/speaks) to them, he learns that they ... (has/have) specific plans.

D) Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 4X1=4

37. wear / these / people / a majority / of / days / a watch

38. time / it / in / measures / seconds / and / hours / minutes

39. shapes / different / a wristwatch / sizes / and / is available / in

40. like / digital / while / prefer / wristwatches / mechanical ones / others / some people

E) Correct the following sentences and rewrite them. 4x1=4

41. Rain is coming

42. I will went home in the afternoon

43. Kumar is a engineer

44. I get up at 6 a.m in the morning

F) Rewrite as directed. 6X1=6

45. Very few men would be cruel to a child. (Begin-Not many.....)

46. There is no smoke without fire. (end-.....there is fire.)

47. Your success has always pleased me. (Begin-I have.....)

48. He owns no property. (Rewrite using 'not')

49. Smoke filled the room. (Change into passive voice)

50. She has not done the work. (Change into Interrogative)

Q. VI A. Letter writing.

51. Write an application to the principle of your college requesting one week leave for your sister's marriage, your letter should include the following points. 1x5=5

Date of Marriage

Need of arrangements

Request for Sanctioning

B. Complete the dialogue.

1x4=4

52. Anjali: We are going on a trip to Nepal next week,

Soumya: It is not possible for me to join you on this trip.

Anjali:?

Soumya: My uncle is coming from the USA.

Anjali:?

Soumya: He is coming this very week.

Anjali: We will miss you a lot.

Soumya: I will also miss you all a lot.

C. Dialogue Writing.

1x3=3

53. Develop a dialogue between yourself and your father discussing the secrets of success in business.

D. Match the following language function.

1x3=3

54. **A**

B

(A) Nilesh works in the school.

(a) Describing person

(B) Good morning, Rakesh

(b) Expressing niceties

(C) Jigna, who is my friend, sings well

(c) Specifying location

(d) Describing action