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ವಿಷಯ : ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಭಾಷೆ - ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್

**Subject : Second Language - ENGLISH**

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ಸಮಯ : ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10-15 ರಿಂದ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 1-15 ರವರೆಗೆ ] [ Time : 10-15 A.M. to 1-15 P.M.

ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂಕಗಳು : 80 ]

[ Max. Marks : 80

**General Instructions to the Candidate :**

1. This question paper consists of 38 questions.
2. Follow the instructions given against the questions.
3. Figures in the right hand margin indicate maximum marks for the questions.
4. The maximum time to answer the paper is given at the top of the question paper. It includes 15 minutes for reading the question paper.

I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet.  $4 \times 1 = 4$

1. Choose the appropriate question tag for the statement :

Suma never comes late to school, .....

(A) does she ? (B) doesn't she ?

(C) did she ? (D) was she ?

2. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word :

Rohita was praised for his bravery.

(A) Adverb (B) Adjective

(C) Noun (D) Verb

3. Read the given conversation and choose the infinitive :

*Mohan* : Daddy ! Where are we going ?

*Father* : We are going to Mysore to meet your grandparents.

(A) are (B) to Mysore

(C) to meet (D) going

4. Read the given conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate words :

*Shyam* : Did you bring your camera ?

*Rohan* : No, I didn't.

*Shyam* : If you had brought the camera, we ..... photos.

(A) would take (B) will take

(C) would have taken (D) wouldn't have taken

## II. Do as directed :

12 × 1 = 12

5. Which one of the following words has two syllables ?

free, pencil, principal, school **Pencil**6. Combine the word in **Column-A** with its collocative word in **Column-B** :

'A'

'B'

Quick **Glance** [ food, glance, write, go ]

7. Fill in the blank with appropriate article :

The hospital has bought ..... **An** X-ray machine today.

8. Fill in the blank with suitable linker :

Take it ..... **Or** ..... leave it.

9. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition :

Shashtriji was a man ..... **Of** ..... principles.

10. Fill in the blank with appropriate tense form of the verb given in brackets :

My brother ..... **Leaves** ( leave ) home at 9.00 a.m. everyday.

11. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the word given in brackets :

The teacher praised the ..... **Honesty** ( honest ) of Manjula.12. Use the word 'book' as verb in a sentence. **I booked railway ticket**13. Change into comparative degree : **Bangaluru is costlier than any other city in karnataka**

Bangaluru is the costliest city in Karnataka.

14. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech :

*Sudha* : Where are you now ?*Rekha* : I am at my home.Rekha replied ..... **That she was at her home** .....

15. Fill in the blank choosing the suitable word from the brackets :

Write your address in my ..... ( diary / dairy )

16. Frame a question so as to get the underlined word / words as the answer :

What do the students write?

The students write an essay.

- III. The following sentence has *two* errors. Edit the sentence and rewrite it in the answer book : 1 × 2 = 2

17. It took most of the following winter to by the trees, individual, from the descendants of Don Anselmo.

- a) Spelling mistake to be corrected Buy  
b) Adverbial mistake to be corrected. Individually

- IV. Answer the following questions in 2 – 3 sentences each :

7 × 2 = 14

18. How was Swami's view different from that of his father ?  
19. Ambedkar was a voracious reader. Justify.  
20. Why do people choose to become scientists ?  
21. How do you say that Satish's father was his well-wisher ?  
22. Why is the Jazz player no longer a man when he starts playing music ?  
23. How did the Sub-inspector help Mohan's family ?

**OR**

Describe the preparedness of Dicky Dolma for the task of scaling Mount Everest.

24. What did the absence of their mother from home teach Haneef and his brothers ?

**OR**

What changes came over Wangjia as the Bird of Happiness caressed him ?

**V. Answer the following questions in 5 - 6 sentences each :  $2 \times 3 = 6$**

25. Give an account of how Baleshwar saved the girl by the tracks.
26. How do you say that the earth has an ocean of patience in the poem "I am the Land" ?

**VI. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :**

**$4 \times 3 = 12$**

27. "Does the child stand between me and death ?"
- Who is the 'me' here ?
  - Who does the 'child' refer to ?
  - What does this statement reveal about the child ?
28. "It's the chance of a lifetime."
- Who is the speaker ?
  - What is the 'chance' referred here ?
  - Why did the speaker feel so ?
29. "These Americans are 'buena gente'."
- Who said these words ?
  - What does 'buena gente' mean ?
  - Why did the speaker say so ?
30. "I'll doze when I'm sleepy and wake  
Without a knock."
- Who is the 'I' here ?
  - Where is the speaker to have such feeling ?
  - Why does the person feel so ?

**VII. Given below is a profile. Write a paragraph using the clues given below :** **1 × 3 = 3**

31. Name : Sudha Murthy  
 Place and Date of birth : Shiggaon, 19th August, 1950  
 Education : B.E., M.E.  
 Occupation : Chairperson of Infosys Foundation, Writer  
 Notable works : How I Taught My Grandmother to Read  
 Mahasweta  
 Dollar Bahu  
 Awards : Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan

**VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below :** **1 × 3 = 3**

32. Two best friends — walking through a jungle path — sun set — afraid — held each other — saw bear — one of them — climbed the nearest tree — other lay on the ground — whispered — boy's ear — bear went — the other came down — asked — he replied — "Don't trust friends who do not care for you".

**IX. Study the picture given below :**

33. Write a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you in a paragraph. **1 × 3 = 3**



**Alternative question for Visually impaired candidates only.**  
**( In lieu of Q. No. 33 )**

Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own :

**1 × 3 = 3**

- a) fond of
- b) good at
- c) give up.

**X. Quote from memory :**

**1 × 4 = 4**

34. The throned monarch .....
- .....
- .....
- ..... fear of kings ;

**OR**

- My day or night .....
- .....
- .....
- ..... always day.

**XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :**

**1 × 4 = 4 ( 2 × 2 )**

35. Some people think that the aim of education is merely to give knowledge. These people want students to read books, and do nothing else but add to their knowledge. Others believe that knowledge alone is not enough ; only that which enables a man to earn his living can be called education. Such people think that bread is more important than anything else. Still others believe that education should aim solely at making good citizens and good patriots. All these people see only one of the several purposes of education. As a matter of fact, education should aim at all these three things together. It should give men knowledge, make them self-reliant and able to serve others. Education

should not produce citizens who, while they love their own freedom take away the freedom of others. It should produce men who love their country but who do not want to harm other countries.

- a) What kind of citizens should education produce ?
- b) What do some people think to be the aim of education ?

**XII. Answer the following question in about 8 – 10 sentences :**

1 × 4 = 4

36. How does the poet wish to praise the Mother India ?

**OR**

Ruskin Bond's grandmother was genius. Justify.

**OR**

Summarise the poem "Ballad of the Tempest" in your own words.

**XIII. Write an essay on any one of the following :**

1 × 4 = 4

37. a) Air pollution
- b) Mobile Addiction in Students
- c) India after Chandrayan-3

**XIV. Write a letter using the information given below :**

1 × 5 = 5

38. Imagine you are Pavani / Prabhav, studying Government High School, Malgudi.

Write a letter to your friend inviting him / her to your birthday party.

**OR**

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your concern on the overuse of plastic in your town.



I.

1. A does she?
2. C. noun
3. To meet
4. C. would have taken

II.

5. Pencil
6. Glance
7. An
8. Or
9. Of
10. Leaves
11. Honesty
12. I booked ticket I book tv in online
13. Bangaluru is costlier than any other city in Karnataka
14. Rekha replied that she was at her home
15. Diary
16. What do the students write?

III.

17. A. buy  
b. individually

IV.

18. Swami commented that the boy cannot kill the tiger and he must be a grown up person. But Swami's father commented that anyone who has courage can do anything if he has courage and strength and age are not important.
19. Throughout his life Dr. Ambedkar was a voracious leader. He had an insatiable thirst for books. He bought books by curtailing his daily needs. In New York he purchased about 2,000 books and that they to be sent to India in 32 boxes.
20. people choose to be scientists because they cannot live without

science. Their discovery brings the reward. Instead of money, they enjoy freedom, discovering the mysteries of nature and teamwork.

21. Satish's father was optimistic and hoped that Satish's hearing would come back. He was that his son had found pass time in drawing. Satish's father promised to find out the best school of arts so that Satish could make his life in the field of his choice.
22. Across his chest is an old alto saxophone supported from his neck by a wire coat hanger. The Jazz player at first has a weary expression on his face. He keeps his head down and appears lifeless. When it is his turn to play, he lifts the saxophone to his lips; suddenly he is filled with a new life. He is no longer an ordinary man. He is like a bird flying higher and higher, totally lost in the beautiful music he produces.
23. Patil the sub-inspector came to Mohan's house to give a warning about the raid of his wife. As he was a close friend of Mohan's father, he asked Mohan to give him the cyclostyle machine and all proof pertaining to the agitation against the British. Mohan's mother believed him and allowed him to take away all these things.

OR

Dolma got training in the mountaineering institute at Manali. Her determination and hard work helped her to secure 'A' grades. She believed that success always follows dedication, determination and hard work. She used to practice four hours every day before the task of scaling Mount Everest.

24. The absence of mother from home taught the children something that made the children to become very responsible, getting up and getting ready for school without having to tell them. It gave the children a message that one's duty is the most important thing in life.

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V.

25. When Baleshwar saw the girl lying on the tracks, he jumped down from the moving train and ran towards her. There was no help in her sight so he lifted her up, crossed the tracks and walked till he reached the road. He waited patiently with the girl in his arms for a long time. He stopped a number of motorists but no one heeded to his call. Finally, a tempo truck driver stopped and helped him to take the girl to a hospital nearby where she was given first aid. The doctor there advised him to take her to a big hospital. Baleshwar did this and the girl got the necessary medical care and was cured.

26

The poem 'I am the Land' is written by Marina de Bellageta. In this poem the earth speaks to the people. People own, buy, sell, dig and plough the land. They also grows fruit, grass, trees..etc. The children dance and play on the land. The soldiers come with guns fighting for the land. People build fences on the land to divide nations which suffocates like chains the earth in her neck. Mother earth has an ocean of patience and bears all the cruelty committed by man. Mother earth mocks at the people's behavior with a the mother earth.

VI.

27.

a. Columbus

b. pepe

c. The child pepe was loyal to speaker and stand between Columbus and seamen when they attacked

28.

a. Ananth

b. see and hear pandit ravi Shankar

c. he is going die of cancer

29

a. Don AnSelmo

b. Good people

c. They offered extra money for extra land

30.

a. The poet

b. in outer space

c. there is no day and night in space

VII. 31. This is profile of Sudha Murthy. Her place is Shiggaon. Her date of birth is 19<sup>th</sup> august 1950. Her occupation is chairperson of Infosy foundation, writer. Her notable works are how I thought my grand mother to read. Mahasweta, dollar Bahu. Her awards are padmashri and padmabhushan.

VIII.

32. To best friends were walking through a Jungle path. the sun was set in East. they were afraid they held each other. they saw a bear. one of them climbed The nearest tree. the other lay on the ground. the bear came near him and whispered in the boys ear. when the bear went The Other came down and asked him what the bear told him. he replied that don't trust friends who do not care for you.

33. A picture is worth 1000 words. this is a picture of a bus stand. there are three buses in the bus stand. some passengers waiting for the bus. the bus stand is the place where the people catch the bus to travel.

IX. 34

The throned monarch better than his crown.  
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,  
The attribute to awe and majesty,  
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;

Or

My day or night myself I make,

When'ver I sleep or play;  
And could I ever keep awake  
With me 'twere always day.

X. 35

- a. The education should produce men who love their country but who do not harm other countries.
- b. The aim of education is merely to give knowledge.

XI.

36.

This poem is a conversation between V.K.Gokak and the Motherland. The poet wishes to sing about the beauty of INDIA (Himalayas, oceans, temples, industrial progress, seers and prophets). The poet wants to present glorious picture of the past and also wishes to paint India's natural beauty. The motherland wants him to sing about troubled and helpless people (beggars, lepers, filths and strikes). The motherland writes the destiny of our nation in the Book of Morrow. In this book she wants a glorious INDIA where people do not suffer and are free from the darkness of ignorance.

The poet Ruskin Bond calls his grandmother as 'Genius' because she could climb a tree. Even at the age of 62, she was passionate to climb a tree and learnt it from her loving brother at the age of six. Everybody feared that granny would fall from a tree one day.

One day she climbed a tree but could not come down. After the rescue doctor recommended rest for a week. But for granny it was like a brief season in hell. She demanded a house to be built in a tree. The poet's father, who was dutiful, fulfilled his mother's wish, so that granny moved up and enjoyed as her wish.

“The Ballad of the Tempest” poem is written by James T Fields. In this poem, it was dark, stormy night in winter a ship was out at sea. Huge waves dashed against the ship and the roar of the sea filled the sailors with fear. They crowded together in one cabin. Even the bravest among them could not sleep. They just sat in the darkness and prayed. As the storm continued, the captain too gave up hope and said that nothing could save them. At that point, the captain’s little daughter held his hand and quietly asked if God protected them on sea. Her faith in God filled the sailors with a new hope. By morning, the storm cleared and they reached harbor safely.

XII.

37.

Air pollution

Air contamination by harmful or toxic gasses and unwanted dust particles causes air pollution. These substances degrade the quality of air and reduce its purity. Some common air pollutants include gasses, such as carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, and other greenhouse gasses like methane. These pollutants are released naturally by volcanic eruptions and forest fires. However, human activity since the industrial revolution has been the biggest source of pollutants.

Air pollution affects everything on Earth. In human beings, it causes respiratory and skin diseases, especially in people who have allergies. Air pollution can reach unhealthy levels in the city and is dangerous even for normal people. Being exposed to polluted air for a long period can lead to several different diseases. Air pollution affects plants and animals, too, and can disrupt ecosystems in the forests. It also affects life forms under the ocean as many pollutant gasses can dissolve in water and form acids.

Air pollution also affects non-living things, such as manmade structures and limestone caves in the forests. When gasses like sulphur dioxide and carbon dioxide mix with rainwater, they form corrosive acids. These acids destroy

ancient monuments which are made out of delicate natural materials. Acids produced in this way also pollute soil and damage forests.

### Mobile addiction in students

Mobile phones offer the freedom to instantly connect with just about anyone around the world. They enable us to find any information we require and are a great source of entertainment. While this invention was aimed at empowering us, sadly it is turning out to be something that is overpowering us. Most mobile users these days are suffering from mobile addiction.

One can do so much on a mobile phone. Our mobile phones enable us to indulge in gaming, gambling and online shopping. They connect us with people around the world, allow us to watch movies, click pictures, listen to music, surf the internet and enjoy various other activities. It is hard not to get addicted to this power house of entertainment.

However, it is essential not to fall prey to it. This is because its repercussions could be damaging. Mobile addiction causes several serious problems such as headache, weakened eyesight, sleep disorders, depression, social isolation, stress, aggressive behaviour, financial problems, ruined relationships and no or low professional growth.

Mobile phones have been created for our convenience. We must limit their usage to take charge of our lives. If you feel, you are getting addicted to your mobile phone then look for ways to get rid of it. You should also take it as your responsibility to help your loved ones get rid of this addiction.

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XIII.

38.

From  
Pavani  
Government High School  
Magadi

Date 28.02.2024  
Dear friend

hi how are you how are at home? I am fine here. I hope you are also fine there. I am studying well for my examination. I am writing this letter to invite you to my birthday party. my birthday is on March 5th. we arranged a small celebration in my home. please comment attend my birthday party I am waiting for you. write a letter about your health. convey my regards to all.

To abc  
mysore