

**General Instructions:**

1. The first 15 minutes are allotted only for reading the question paper.
2. This question paper is divided into two sections.
3. Section 'A' contains multiple choice questions. Candidates have to choose the correct option and write the answer in the answer script.
4. Section 'B' contains descriptive answer type questions.
5. All questions are compulsory.
6. Marks are indicated against questions.

**Section A -20 marks**

**(Q .no 1-3).** Marco Polo is indeed one of the greatest Explorers of all times. It was he who first made route across Asia to China and first told European about the court of Peking. Marco Polo was the first European to describe Burma, Tibet and India and told others of custom and manners of the people. He talked of Christians living in Abyssinia in Africa and described the cold Arctic countries of the white bear where people rode on reindeers and dog-sledges. It was as if a splendid new world had been opened before Europe and Marco Polo's descriptions steered men up to find out more about this outside world.

- i. Marco Polo travelled to [1]
  - a. Asia
  - b. Africa
  - c. Arctic regions
  - d. All of the above.
  
- ii. The first man to make a route across Asia to China was a: [1]
  - a Chinese.
  - b. an African.
  - c. a European.
  - d. a Russian.
  
- iii. Marco Polo's descriptions were remarkable because - [1]
  - a. they steered men up to find out more about this outside world.
  - b. a splendid new world had been opened before Europe.
  - c. people came to know about many new countries, their customs and people.
  - d. All of the above.

**Q (4-8 )** choose the correct option to answer the following -

4. She has ..... to the party. (1)
  - a. go
  - b. went
  - c. gone
  - d. going
  
5. .... apple a day, keeps ..... doctor away. (1)
  - a. The, an
  - b. An, the
  - c. The, the
  - d. A, the
  
6. A person who loves his country cannot be (1)
  - a. a traitor.
  - b. a patriot.
  - c. loyal.
  - d. trustworthy.
  
7. Rearrange the word clusters to make a meaningful sentence. (1)  
 roses/red/the/in/garden/my/beautiful/are.
  - a. my red roses are beautiful in the garden.
  - b. red roses in my garden are the beautiful.

- c. In my garden, red roses are the beautiful.
- d. The red roses in my garden are beautiful.

8. Which word is correctly spelled? (1)
- a. defination
  - b. attendance
  - c. excercise
  - d. division

**(Q no.9-10) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow -**

They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to- on a screen, you know. And then when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had when they read it the first time. "Gee", said Tommy, "what a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."

9. Who turned the pages? (1)
- a. Margie
  - b. Tommy
  - c. a and b both
  - d. none of them

10. Tommy's guess was that (1)
- a. Margie would possess the book.
  - b. Margie would tear apart the book.
  - c. Margie would throw away the book after she had read it completely.
  - d. Margie would sell the book.

**(Q no. 11-13) Based on your understanding of the prose lessons choose the correct option to answer the following questions: <https://www.upboardonline.com>**

11. What is the theme of the story 'My childhood'? [1]
- a) Children are precious.
  - b) Society must be in harmony.
  - c) Society, environment and childhood experiences shape one's life.
  - d) none of the above.

12. When Albert's parents moved to Milan, they left their son with- [1]
- a) cousins
  - b) neighbours
  - c) relatives
  - d) friends

13. Evelyn senses the words of other persons by watching- [1]
- (a) their lips.
  - (b) especially the eyes.
  - (c) the whole face.
  - (d) all of the above.

**(Q no 14-15) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

When the humid shadows hover  
Over all the starry spheres  
And the melancholy darkness  
Gently weeps in rainy tears,  
What a bliss to press the pillow  
Of a cottage-chamber bed  
And lie listening to the patter  
Of the soft rain overhead!

- i) What does the poet like to do when it rains? [1]  
 a) eating snacks  
 b) listening to the music  
 c) roaming on the roof  
 d) lie on the bed and listen to the pitter patter sound of the rain

- ii) Which word in the stanza means 'humid'? [1]  
 a) moist  
 b) dry  
 c) wet  
 d) chill

(Qno. 16-20) Based on your understanding of the lessons in the book 'Moments' choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

16. What is the theme of the story 'In the Kingdom of Fools'? [1]  
 a) Foolish people are unpredictable and dangerous  
 b) Kings are dangerous  
 c) Gurus are wise  
 d) Have good friends

17. The family members decided to sell Toto because (1)  
 a. they did not like him anymore.  
 b. they couldn't afford the loss.  
 c. the tonga driver wanted to get it back.  
 d. they were getting a high price for him.

18. What was Behrman's masterpiece? [1]  
 a) the last leaf  
 b) the image of saint  
 c) brush  
 d) beard

19. Why did Prashant go to Ersama? [1]  
 a) to see new place  
 b) to visit his relatives  
 c) to visit his friend  
 d) none of the above

20. The Happy Prince was gilded with thin leaves of (1)  
 a. laurel.                              b. evergreen shrub.  
 c. fine gold.                            d. silver.

### Section-B -50 marks

**Q.-21 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below-**

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us to our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so the work done at that is generally well done. In many cases the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening.

By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed.

- i. What is the great advantage of early rising? [2]  
ii. How is early morning different from other hours of the day? [2]  
iii. Why is the early riser not tempted to hurry over his day's work? [2]  
iv. Which word in the passage means 'completely'? [1]

**Q22- Answer any one of the following – [4]**

- a) You are Shruti of Class IX. You are interested in pursuing a course in visual communication online. You have seen an advertisement issued by the National Institute of Communication, Pune, offering courses in Media and Communication. Write a letter to the Director seeking information about their courses, fee structure, placement opportunities, etc.  
b) Write a letter to your friend inviting him to join you in an excursion to a place of historical importance in the next holidays.

**Q23- Answer any one of the following in about 80-100 words. [6]**

- a) You love your mother very much. Describe her in your own words. (Hints- her appearance, affectionate behavior, cooking skills, hardwork, her concern about your future)  
b) Compulsory value-based education is the only remedy for inculcating values among the future citizens of the country. This will also help in the prevention of crime in the country. Write an article in 150-200 words on the need of compulsory value-based education.

**Q24- a) Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech – [2]**  
He said to me, "I can defeat you in swimming."

**b) Change the following into passive voice- [2]**  
She is cleaning her wardrobe.

**c) Punctuate the following- [2]**  
it may rain this evening said the mother to her son anil

**d) Translate the following into English- [4]**

गरीबी हमारे समाज के लिए एक अभिशाप है, अगर वास्तव में गरीबी को महसूस करना चाहते हो, तो आपको उन लोगों से मिलना चाहिए जो गन्दी बस्ती में रहते हैं। उनसे बात करो, उनसे पूछो उनके जीवन के बारे में, उनके बीते कल के बारे में और फिर देखो उनकी ज़िन्दगी कितनी मुश्किल रही है। मैंने एक मध्यम स्तर की ज़िन्दगी जी और लगभग वो हर चीज़ पायी जो मैंने चाही, हालाँकि मुझे अपने पिता से कई बार कहना पड़ा। मैं ये विश्वास करता हूँ कि दर्द सही मायनों में वही महसूस करता है, जो उससे गुजरता है, हर कोई नहीं। भारत सरकार ने उनके जीवन सुधार हेतु कई प्रयास किये हैं, कई सारे गैर सरकारी संस्थान (NGO) हैं जो ज़रूरतमंदों की मदद करने का दावा करते हैं पर वास्तविकता कुछ और है और सरकार की असफलता का मुख्य कारण कुछ और नहीं बल्कि भ्रष्टाचार है। वास्तव में, गरीबी और भ्रष्टाचार साथ-साथ चलते हैं। दोनों एक दूसरे से काफी हद तक जुड़े हुए हैं। अगर आप गरीब हो, तो पैसा प्राप्त करने हेतु आप कुछ भी करने को तत्पर रहते हैं और यहीं से जन्म होता है भ्रष्टाचार का। पर फिर भी, कई ऐसे उदाहरण हैं जहाँ अमीर भी ज़्यादा पैसे के लालच में भ्रष्ट होते हैं।

**Q25- Answer the following in 30-40 words each. [2 x 3=6]**

- a) The doctor was not a man with many material possessions. Elaborate.

**OR**

How was Einstein honoured for his achievements?

- b) Although the shehnai was played in temples and at weddings. How did Bismillah Khan change this?

**OR**

'Kezia was a very sensitive girl'. Elucidate with examples from the story 'The Little Girl'.

**Q26- Answer any one of the following in about 60 words.**

**[4]**

- a) Santosh "decided to fight the system in her own quiet way when the right moment arrived". Elaborate.
- b) How did Abdul Kalam's science teacher try to break the social barriers?

**Q27- Mention a few things that the poet wants to do when he goes to Innisfree (in about 40 words) [3]**

**OR**

Write four lines from any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

**Q28- Write central idea of any one of the following.**

**[3]**

- a) Rain on the Roof.
- b) Wind
- c) No Men are Foreign

**Q29- Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words.**

**[3]**

- a) Where did the child finally decide to ask his parents to let him enjoy the delights at the fair? Why?
- b) What was Johnsy's belief? What did Behrman do for her?

**Q30- Answer any one of the following in about 60 words.**

**[4]**

- a) Suppose you are the Guru. How will you persuade your disciples not to live in the 'Kingdom of Fools'?
- b) Why does the author say that "Toto was not the sort of pet one could keep for long"?

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