



A. G. High School and G. & D. Parikh Higher Secondary School

Navrangpura, Ahmedabad - 380 009.

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Std. : 10

Marks : 100

Day : Wednesday

Subject : English

Time : 3:00 Hrs.

Part - A : 50 Marks

For each question option A, B, C, D are given. Darken the appropriate circle in the OMR Sheet by selecting correct option. (50)

1. A real dog would look forward to this, _____.
(A) trembling with fear (B) trembling with expectation
(C) angry with fear (D) barking with expectation
2. Jenny considered the diamond earrings as a form of _____ they couldn't afford.
(A) Vanity (B) Serenity
(C) Luxury (D) Wealth
3. In spite of myself, the _____ mastery of song betrays me back
(A) invidious (B) clamour
(C) insidious (D) classic
4. On _____ Miko tottered more hollow eyed than ever.
(A) Monday (B) Wednesday
(C) Friday (D) Saturday
5. Now and again the writer was able to see nothing but a _____ through the microscope.
(A) black opaque substance (B) substance with dots
(C) string of dots (D) nebulous milky substance
6. The cat pretends that she has come just to blink by the _____.
(A) grate (B) gate
(C) door (D) window
7. He lounged on the streets and _____ the hurrying men.
(A) pushed (B) made fun of
(C) jostled (D) screamed at
8. Ribbons were made, bright with _____.
(A) colour (B) design
(C) silk (D) love
9. The author had _____ with severe complications.
(A) gout (B) zymosis
(C) cholera (D) ague
10. The commuter lives in _____.
(A) outskirts of another city (B) town
(C) suburb of the city (D) interior of city
11. A wedding band makes a din of _____ decibels.
(A) 90 (B) 95
(C) 100 (D) 140
12. Mrs. Brisco complained about _____.
(A) smell (B) rats
(C) compost heap (D) flies

13. 'Mutiny is an ugly word, Sir'. Who said the line?
(A) Pedro (B) Pepe
(C) Diego (D) Juan
14. As fair art thou, my _____ lass.
(A) dear (B) loving
(C) beloved (D) bonnie
15. _____ first saw the light of the new world.
(A) Pepe (B) seamen
(C) Pedro (D) columbus
16. Mahmood's Kite shop premises had been sold many years ago to a _____.
(A) merchant (B) grocer
(C) junk dealer (D) fruit seller
17. Euclid is _____.
(A) a philosopher (B) a psychologist
(C) a historian (D) a geometrician
18. Miss Beam led the author to one of the _____ girls.
(A) lame (B) deaf
(C) bandaged (D) helper
19. The monster Minotaur was a _____.
(A) half man half tiger (B) half man half goat
(C) half man half horse (D) half man half bull
20. The poet wants _____ to that happy place.
(A) an entrance (B) to visit
(C) to behold (D) come back
21. Willard Gibbs spent his life in _____ university.
(A) Yale (B) Oxford
(C) Cambridge (D) Ohio
22. The _____ in Arizona killed more than 20 people in one week.
(A) snow fall (B) lethal heat wave
(C) draught (D) flood
23. Tomei is _____.
(A) survivor in Hiroshima (B) survivor in Nagasaki
(C) Musuem keeper (D) Japanese student
24. The verdict of _____ counts more in life.
(A) wife / husband (B) greedy people
(C) our conscience (D) the guy in the glass
25. _____ first put Darjeeling on the map of India.
(A) Danes (B) Protugese
(C) Welshman (D) French
26. Ivan Dmitritch had no faith in _____.
(A) his wife (B) superstition
(C) long travels (D) lottery luck
27. "She would begrudge me every _____.
(A) penny (B) cent
(C) rouble (D) farthing

28. Ouse means _____ .
(A) wood pecker (B) mynah
(C) sparrow (D) blackbird
29. _____ is a course steered between abstinence and indulgence by a helmsman.
(A) courage (B) temperance
(C) strength (D) endurance
30. _____ had gone over to the enemy during the war with sparta.
(A) Aristotle (B) Alcibiades
(C) Asclepius (D) Crito
31. 'A garden by the Sea' is written by _____.
(A) William Cowper (B) William Morris
(C) Dale Wimbrow (D) Robert Burns
32. The white saucer has been compared to the _____.
(A) moon (B) sun
(C) disc (D) ball
33. 'And logic deadly as dry bone' (Identify the figures of speech)
(A) metaphor (B) simile
(C) euphemism (D) personification
34. 'The tinkling piano our guide.' (Identify the figures of speech)
(A) personification (B) tautology
(C) synecdoche (D) transferred epithet
35. 'It stops the sunlight not at all'. (Identify the figures of speech)
(A) Hyperbole (B) Litotes
(C) Euphemism (D) Metaphor
36. 'For he's with you clear up to the end'.
(A) personification (B) litotes
(C) irony (D) euphemism
37. The phrase 'to badger' means _____.
(A) to co-operate (B) to worry
(C) to disappoint (D) to insult
38. Kite flying was the sport _____ kings.
(A) on (B) with
(C) of (D) at
39. The verb form of 'application' is _____.
(A) applify (B) applicate
(C) applicate (D) apply
40. The noun form of 'know' is _____.
(A) knowledge (B) knowing
(C) knowingly (D) knowledgement
41. The synonym of 'enormous' is _____.
(A) more (B) dwarf
(C) huge (D) tiny
42. The adjective of 'energy' is _____.
(A) energetical (B) energetically
(C) energetic (D) energize

43. There was no one in sight. (Make Interrogative)
 (A) Is there anyone in sight ? (B) Was there no one in sight ?
 (C) Was there anyone in sight ? (D) Is there everyone in sight ?
44. He was not dumber than an ox. (Change the degree)
 (A) An ox was as dumb as he. (B) An ox was not as dumb as he.
 (C) He was the dumbest. (D) An ox was dumber as him.
45. I am so frustrated that I can't sleep. (Use 'too')
 (A) I was too frustrated to sleep. (B) I am too frustrated to sleep.
 (C) I am too frustrated not to sleep. (D) I am too frustrated with sleep.
46. The reason is simple. (Make complex)
 (A) It is the reason who is simple. (B) It is the reason which is simple.
 (C) Though it is simple, it is not reasonable. (D) It is the reason and it is simple.
47. I'm so clumsy. (Make Exclamatory)
 (A) How clumsy I am ! (B) What clumsy I am !
 (C) How I'm so clumsy ! (D) Indeed, I am so clumsy !
48. Nothing can move me. (Add a question tag)
 (A) Can it ? (B) Can't it ?
 (C) Couldn't it ? (D) Didn't it ?
49. People laughed at him. (Change the voice)
 (A) He was laughed at by people. (B) He was laughed by the people.
 (C) People were laughed at by him. (D) He laughed at people.
50. Miko suffered from _____ .
 (A) insomia (B) insonmia
 (C) insomniya (D) insomnia



PART - B : 50 MARKS

Section - A

Answer the following questions in about five to six sentences each :-

(08)

1. State the common reasons leading to deafness.
2. Describe the dragon kite.
3. What were Miss. Beam's scholastic methods ?
4. "Hatred and Hope both disappeared at Once." - Explain.

Turn into Indirect Speech :-

(02)

5. They asked, "Where were you at the time of the bombing ? What did you see, feel, do ?"
6. "I brought a wrong man into this paradise," he said, "It is all due to him".

(P.T.O.)

(02)

Combine the following sentences.

7. You go home. You must change the position of your bed. You must count crows instead of sheep.

Section - B**Answer the following in about three to four sentences each.**

(06)

8. Describe the vista of years in the poet's mind.
9. Why is the verdict of the conscience important ?
10. What does the poet mean by 'perishing pleasures of man' ?

Answer the following in about four to five sentences each.

(04)

11. What happened one fine day at day break ?
12. Describe the wonderful courtship dances of the scorpions.

13. **Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below it.** (03)

Success is counted sweetest
By those who ne'er succeed
To comprehend a nectar
Requires sorest need.
Not one of all the purple host
Who took the flag today
Can tell the definition.
So clear, of Victory,
As he, defeated dying,
On whose forbidden ear
The distant strains of triumph
Break, agonizing and clear.

Questions :

1. Who can appreciate the value of success ?
2. Explain - 'To comprehend a nectar requires sorest need'.
3. Why are the sounds of triumph and victory very agonizing for a defeated soldier ?

Section - C

14. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.** (05)

Children take in much more and with less labour through their ears than through their eyes. I do not remember having read my book from cover to cover with my boys. But, I gave them, in my own language, all that I had digested from my reading of various books and I dare say they are still carrying a recollection of it in their minds. It was labourious for them to remember what they learnt from

books, but what I imparted to them by word of mouth, they could repeat with the greatest ease. Reading was a task for them, but listening to me was a pleasure, when I did not bore them by failure to make my subject interesting. And from the questions that my talks prompted them to put, I had a measure of their power of understanding.

- M. K. Gandhi

1. How do children learn ?
2. How did Gandhiji teach the boys ?
3. What was the influence of Gandhi's teaching on the boys ?
4. How did Gandhiji measure the power of understanding of the boys ?
5. Give a suitable title to the passage.

OR

Make a precis by reducing the passage into one-third of its size and give a suitable title.

15. You are the Head girl / Head boy of your School. You have been asked to inform students of IX & X about an interclass elocution competition. Draft a notice to put up on the school notice board, with necessary details. 3

OR

Write an e-mail to your friend who is in hostel to take care of drinking water inform about diseases caused due to consumption of polluted water..

16. Write a report on harmful substances added to foodstuff and effects of consuming such food. 5

OR

Write a diary entry of your journey to a hill station in this "Diwali Vacation."

OR

Your school has celebrated the 'Republic Day'. Make a note of all you observed there.

Section - D

17. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner complaining about the Chain-snatching (04) problem and ask to pay special attention to the security and safety of ladies.
18. Write an Essay on any one of the following in about 200 words. (08)
1. Helmets a help or nuisance.
 2. Advertisements promote sales.
 3. A Humorous incident of your school life.