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कक्षा - XII अर्द्धवार्षिक परीक्षा, सितम्बर - 2025

ENGLISH (Compulsory)

I.Sc., I.Com. & I.A.

कुल प्रश्न : 80 + 7 = 87

Total Questions : 80 + 7 = 87

(समय : 3 घंटे)

[Time : 3 Hours]

कुल मुद्रित पृष्ठ : 24

Total Printed Pages : 24

(पूर्णांक : 100)

[Full Marks : 100]

Instructions to the candidate :

1. *Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.*
2. *Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*
3. *Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.*
4. *This question booklet is divided into two sections —*
Section-A and Section-B.

5. In **Section-A**, there are 80 objective type questions, out of which **any 50 questions are to be answered**. First 50 answers will be evaluated in case more than 50 questions are answered. Each question carries **1 mark**. For answering these **darken the circle with blue / black ball pen** against the correct option on **OMR Answer Sheet** provided to you. **Do not use whitener / liquid / blade / nail etc. on OMR Sheet, otherwise the result will be treated as invalid.**
6. In **Section-B**, there are **7 Descriptive Answer Type Questions**, which are to be answered as per the instructions.
7. Use of any electronic appliances is strictly prohibited.

SECTION - A

(Objective Type Questions)

Question Nos. 1 to 80 have four options out of which only one is correct. You have to mark your selected option on the OMR Answer Sheet. Out of 80 questions you have to attempt any 50 questions. $50 \times 1 = 50$

1. I him since we met last year.
- (A) haven't seen (B) don't see
- (C) didn't see (D) hadn't seen

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2. He works hard he may pass the exam.
 (A) so that (B) in order
 (C) because (D) although
3. A lot of money spent on the function.
 (A) were (B) was
 (C) are (D) have
4. Choose the correct indirect speech of :
 He said to me, "Why did you come late ?"
 (A) He asked me why I had come late.
 (B) He asked me why had I come late.
 (C) He asked me why did I come late.
 (D) He asked me why I came late.
5. She to school everyday.
 (A) go (B) goes
 (C) going (D) gone
6. The more he earns, the he spends.
 (A) much (B) less
 (C) more (D) little

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7. He is so weak that he cannot walk five minutes.
- (A) since (B) for
- (C) within (D) during
8. Choose the correct passive voice of : "They are watching a movie."
- (A) A movie is watched by them
- (B) A movie is being watched by them
- (C) A movie was watched by them
- (D) A movie has been watched by them
9. Choose the correct synonym of 'Rapid'.
- (A) Slow (B) Quick
- (C) Lazy (D) Quiet
10. Neither Ramesh nor Suresh present.
- (A) are (B) is
- (C) were (D) be
11. I don't know he is coming.
- (A) as (B) whether
- (C) what (D) because

12. No sooner had I reached the station the train left.

- (A) when (B) but
(C) than (D) then

13. If I you, I would not have made that mistake.

- (A) was (B) am
(C) were (D) had been

14. He spoke so softly that I could hear him.

- (A) hardly (B) nearly
(C) hard (D) barely

15. Choose the correct Active voice of : "The letter was written by her."

- (A) She was writing the letter
(B) She writes the letter
(C) She wrote the letter
(D) She had written the letter

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16. Choose the correct Passive voice of : "They will complete the work by tomorrow."
- (A) The work will completed by them through tomorrow
- (B) The work will be completed by tomorrow
- (C) The work was completed by tomorrow
- (D) The work has been completed by them tomorrow
17. He is honest man.
- (A) a (B) the
- (C) an (D) none of these
18. The cat is hiding the table.
- (A) at (B) under
- (C) in (D) on
19. He jumped the river.
- (A) into (B) onto
- (C) in (D) on
20. You respect your elders.
- (A) can (B) must
- (C) would (D) might

21. He speak English fluently.
- (A) ought (B) used
- (C) must (D) may
22. Wait here I return.
- (A) and (B) till
- (C) while (D) because
23. Choose the synonym of 'Abandon' :
- (A) Keep (B) Destroy
- (C) Leave (D) Wide
24. Choose the antonym of 'Generous' :
- (A) Kind (B) Helpful
- (C) Selfish (D) Polite
25. Choose the correct sentence :
- (A) The sceneries here is beautiful.
- (B) The scenery here are beautiful.
- (C) The scenery here is beautiful.
- (D) The sceneries here are beautiful.

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26. Choose the correct Indirect speech of :

I said to him, "Where are you going ?"

(A) I asked him where was he going.

(B) I asked him where he was going.

(C) I told him where you are going.

(D) I asked him where he is going.

27. Choose the correct Direct speech of :

Rahul said that he liked basketball.

(A) Rahul said, "He liked basketball."

(B) Rahul said, "I liked basketball."

(C) Rahul said, "I like basketball."

(D) Rahul said, "I was liking basketball."

28. Choose the synonym of 'Brief' :

(A) Long

(B) Quick

(C) Short

(D) Late

29. Choose the antonym of 'Enormous' :

(A) Tiny

(B) Long

(C) Huge

(D) Fast

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30. The news was broadcast last night was shocking.

- (A) which (B) who
(C) when (D) whom

31. Choose the correct spelling :

- (A) Recieve (B) Receve
(C) Receeve (D) Receive

32. Choose the correct spelling :

- (A) Ieumprevement (B) Improvement
(C) Emprovemente (D) Empreaument

33. The surgeon must come soon the patient will die.

- (A) nor (B) unless
(C) otherwise (D) until

34. The guests have come, ?

- (A) aren't they (B) can't they
(C) haven't they (D) shouldn't they

35. A new chairman has the charge.

- (A) taken off (B) taken over
(C) take off (D) take into

36. They should duly fill the examination form.
- (A) up (B) on
(C) down (D) with
37. The lizard crawled up the door.
- (A) further (B) often
(C) either (D) furthermore
38. We need furniture.
- (A) any more (B) many
(C) little (D) fewer
39. There was tea in the cup.
- (A) a little (B) few
(C) some little (D) a few
40. A snake was hanging his head.
- (A) through (B) over
(C) of (D) at
41. has a cupboard of his own.
- (A) Everything (B) Many
(C) Everyone (D) Much

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42. The bottle is apple juice.
 (A) full up (B) full with
 (C) full at (D) full of
43. The noise
 (A) dropped out (B) died away
 (C) do with (D) done away
44. She speaks French fluently, ?
 (A) couldn't she (B) will she
 (C) wouldn't she (D) doesn't she
45. He Ratna.
 (A) scold (B) scolding
 (C) scolded (D) have scolded
46. Choose the correctly spelt word :
 (A) Comander (B) Comandur
 (C) Commandor (D) Commander
47. Choose the correct translation of :
 तुम स्कूल कब जाते हो ?
 (A) When you go to school ?
 (B) When do you going to school ?
 (C) When do you go school ?
 (D) When do you go to school ?

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48. The students their dialogues.
- (A) rehearsing (B) can rehearsing
(C) will rehearsing (D) are rehearsing
49. I have money to buy an expensive car.
- (A) many (B) few
(C) some (D) enough
50. They will not come, they ?
- (A) don't (B) will
(C) won't (D) shall

Instructions : Question Nos. **51 - 80** are from the prescribed texts :

51. Pharoahs were rulers of ancient
- (A) Russia (B) India
(C) Egypt (D) Greece
52. Dr. Zakir Hussain advocated for the growth of
- (A) certain religions (B) the rich
(C) the whole nation (D) the poor
53. Nanukaka in a linguistic emergency always turned to
- (A) English (B) Sanskrit
(C) Hindi (D) Marathi

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54. The Negroes made the pledge that they will always
- (A) march back (B) march slowly
- (C) march ahead (D) march hurriedly
55. The Indian glory is that it is
- (A) immovable (B) uncivilised
- (C) movable (D) ignorant
56. is the prime instrument of nation building.
- (A) Agriculture (B) Trade
- (C) Education (D) Population
57. After language, the second most important thing which helped mankind was
- (A) gold (B) vehicles
- (C) silver (D) fire
58. The basket of Nanukaka had
- (A) fruits (B) sweets
- (C) a cat (D) vegetables
59. The past is
- (A) useless (B) alive and dynamic
- (C) harmful (D) dead and static

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60. is sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression.
- (A) New York (B) Texas
- (C) Mississippi (D) Chicago
61. Nanukaka took out his cheque book and wrote a cheque of
- (A) thousand rupees
- (B) six thousand rupees
- (C) two thousand rupees
- (D) five thousand rupees
62. Civilization taught us to be
- (A) unlawful (B) rude
- (C) cruel (D) more friendly
63. John Donne thinks that is certain.
- (A) death (B) work
- (C) life (D) sleep
64. Trees shed their leaves in
- (A) rainy season (B) winter season
- (C) summer season (D) autumn season

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65. 'Hoping to cease not till death' is a line from
(A) Fire-Hymn (B) The Soldier
(C) Song of Myself (D) An Epitaph
66. waterfall could bless the travellers
passing by.
(A) Yellow (B) Red
(C) White (D) Grey
67. 'Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe' is addressed to the poet's
(A) mother (B) wife
(C) father (D) sister
68. The prams are
(A) running (B) lying
(C) standing (D) rolling
69. The English language is much younger than
(A) Latin (B) Persian
(C) Greek (D) All of these

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70. The taming of domestic animals made life
- (A) pleasanter (B) fearful
- (C) harmful (D) horrible
71. has been called the young nation of ancient people.
- (A) Iran (B) Pakistan
- (C) India (D) China
72. In England, Printing Press was invented in
- (A) 1475 (B) 1477
- (C) 1476 (D) 1478
73. According to Donne, man's power is
- (A) smooth (B) slow
- (C) active (D) feeble
74. Chaucer and Langland were important writers of the period.
- (A) Old English (B) Modern English
- (C) Middle English (D) Post-modern English

75. Who has written 'A Passage to India' ?

- (A) Edmund Spenser (B) John Milton
(C) T. S. Eliot (D) E. M. Forster

76. According to Dr. Zakir Hussain, the past is not

- (A) stale and stinking (B) alive and dynamic
(C) dead and static (D) rich and peaceful

77. is a link language between North & South India.

- (A) Marathi (B) Tamil
(C) Hindi (D) English

78. The Romantic Revival is associated with

- (A) John Dryden (B) William Wordsworth
(C) Alexander Pope (D) John Milton

79. Bertrand Russell was a philosopher and a

- (A) biologist (B) mathematician
(C) scientist (D) geologist

80. The Norman Conquest took place in

- (A) AD 1056 (B) AD 1076
(C) AD 1066 (D) AD 1086

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SECTION - B

(Descriptive Type Questions)

1. Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 150-200 words : $1 \times 8 = 8$

- a) Hope and Dreams for the Future
- b) The Role of Technology in Education
- c) Environmental Conservation
- d) Digital India
- e) A Memorable Journey

2. Explain any *one* of the following : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- a) Real home rule is to establish in our own hands the control of our moral conduct.
- b) Education is the most important instrument for national purpose.
- c) I pledge my loyalty to my country irrespective of religion or language.
- d) We notice that mind is a restless bird, the more it gets, the more it wants.

3. Explain any *one* of the following :

1 × 4 = 4

a) Yesternight the sun went hence,

And yet is here today ;

He hath no desire nor sense,

Nor half so short a way :

b) I, now thirty-seven years old in perfect health begin,

Hoping to cease not till death.

c) Here lies a most beautiful lady,

Light of step and heart was she ;

d) The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft ;

And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

4. Write a letter to your friend asking him about his preparation for the final examinations.

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OR

Write an application to your headmaster requesting him to conduct extra classes for English in order to complete the syllabus.

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5. Answer any *five* of the following in about 40 – 50 words each :

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) What do you understand by civilization and culture ?
- b) What is the business of education ?
- c) How did Nanukaka impress Sohanlal Ratiram ?
- d) What is Martin Luther King, Jr. trying to achieve ?
- e) What will make the speaker's journey speedier ?
- f) How do we complete our last journey to the grave ?
- g) What happens in autumn ?
- h) What has formed the speaker's blood ?
- i) Name four countries where English is used as a second language.
- j) Which period is characterised by inflections ?

6. Answer any *three* of the following in about 100-120 words :

$3 \times 5 = 15$

- a) Write a summary of any *one* of the following :
 - i) I Have a Dream
 - ii) Bharat is My Home
 - iii) A Pinch of Snuff.

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- b) Write a summary of any *one* of the following :
- i) Ode To Autumn
 - ii) Song of Myself
 - iii) Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe.
- c) Write a note on the future of English in India.

OR

How can we overcome the difficulties of learning English as a second language ?

- d) Match the names of the poems in **List-A** with their poets in **List-B** :

List-A

List-B

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| i) Song of Myself | a) Walter de la Mare |
| ii) Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe | b) W. H. Auden |
| iii) An Epitaph | c) John Donne |
| iv) Now the Leaves are Falling Fast | d) Walt Whitman |
| v) Ode To Autumn | e) John Keats |

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e) Translate any *five* into English :

- i) सीता राधा की बहन है ।
- ii) मेरे गाँव में एक मंदिर है ।
- iii) हमें मेहनत करनी चाहिए ।
- iv) प्रतिदिन व्यायाम करो ।
- v) तुमने खाना खाया ?
- vi) उसे सभी लोग जानते हैं ।
- vii) उसने तुम्हें क्यों मारा ?
- viii) सुबह के ग्यारह बजे हैं ।

f) Match the names of the prose pieces in **List-A** with their authors in **List-B** :

List-A

List-B

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| i) Ideas That Have Helped Mankind | a) Dr. Zakir Hussain |
| ii) A Pinch of Snuff | b) Mahatma Gandhi |
| iii) I Have a Dream | c) Manohar Malgaonkar |
| iv) Indian Civilization and Culture | d) Bertrand Russell |
| v) Bharat is My Home | e) Martin Luther King, Jr. |

7. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow : $4 \times 1 = 4$

In today's world, have we made health an end in itself ? We have forgotten that health is really a means to enable a person to do his work and do it well. A lot of modern medicine is concerned with promotion of good health. Many patients as well as many physicians pay very little attention to health ; but paying much attention to health makes some people imagine that they are ill. Our great concern with health is shown by the medical columns in newspapers, popular magazines and television programmes. A healthy man should be using health for work. He should not waste his time talking about it.

Questions :

- i) What is modern medicine concerned with ?
- ii) What is the impact of much attention to health ?
- iii) What should a healthy man do ?
- iv) Where is the great concern of health shown ?

OR

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Write a précis of the following and give a suitable title : 4

Home shelters the young who are weak and unexperienced and unable to face the temptations in life. It is a centre of their elementary education and a nursery of sweet affections and pleasant memories. Its magic lasts forever. A weary mind turns to it for rest and peace.

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