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Annual Examination, 2025

English

Class : 9

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Time : 3 Hours 15 Mins.]

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General Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections.
- (iii) Section 'A' Contains multiple choice questions and Section 'B' contains descriptive answer type questions.
- (iv) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (v) Marks are indicated against each question.

Section–A

(Multiple Choice Questions)

Note : Answer the following questions as per instructions given on the OMR Sheet.

(Q. No. 1–3) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The seller took the bowl in his hand and suspecting it was gold. He scratched a line on the bottom with needle. He knew his suspicion was right, the bowl was pure gold. Thinking that he would get the bowl for nothing, he pretended that it was useless and scornfully threw it on the ground, rose from his seat, and went out of the house. The young girl was very sad at the seller's rudeness, and the old woman could not understand when he had become so annoyed, or why he had behaved in such an insulting manner.

1. **What did the bowl made of ?** **1**
(A) silver (B) copper (C) wood (D) gold
2. **Why did he pretend that it was useless ?** **1**
(A) threw scornfully (C) threw rudely
(B) threw hatefully (D) threw lovely
3. **What is the opposite of the word 'annoyed' ?** **1**

- (A) hated (B) irritated (C) rudely (D) none

(Q. No. 4–8) : Choose the correct option to answer the following :

4. He _____ a cap when I met him. 1

- (A) wear (C) wore
(B) is wearing (D) was wearing

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5. _____ are the uses of adversity. 1

- (A) sweet (B) bitter (C) difficult (D) easy

6. Which word is correctly spelled ? 1

- (A) science (B) bycycle (C) journy (D) excelent

7. _____ life of a bird is very short. 1

- (A) a (B) an (C) the (D) none

8. We/hard/very/all/must/work. 1

- (A) We all must work very hard.
(B) We must work all very hard.
(C) We hard all work very must.
(D) We must hard all very work.

(Q. No. 9–10) : Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

In the evening when he came home, she stood near the staircase and heard his loud voice in the hall. “Bring my tea into the drawing room. Hasn’t the paper come yet ? Mother go and see it my paper’s out there and bring me my slippers.”

9. Who is 'He' in the first line ? 1

- (A) butcher (B) father (C) grandfather (D) none

10. By which name was the girl called by the mother ? 1

- (A) daisy (B) kezia (C) jo (D) clare

(Q. No. 11–13) : Based on your understanding of the prose lessons, choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. The sound of music is an inspiration to : **1**

- (A) depressed people (C) poor
(B) orphan (D) handicapped

12. Where was Abdul's ancestral house situated ? **1**

- (A) Rameshwaram (C) Kanya Kumari
(B) Kochi (D) Rishikunda

13. What is the meaning of 'hive' ? **1**

- (A) a farmland
(B) a place occupied by too many
(C) countryside
(D) marketplace

(Q. No. 14–15) : Based on 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.

14. What time of the day is discussed in the given extract ? **1**

- (A) early morning (C) night
(B) afternoon (D) none of these

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15. Which word in the stanza means 'humid' ? **1**

- (A) moist (B) dry (C) wet (D) chill

(Q. No. 16–20) : Based on your understanding of the lesson in the book 'Moment' choose the correct option to answer the following questions

16. Who painted the leaf on the wall ? **1**

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| (A) sue | (C) behrman |
| (B) johnsy | (D) all of these |

17. **Where was the little swallow going ?** **1**

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| (A) to Egypt | (C) to Cylons |
| (B) to India | (D) to Syria |

18. **Who broke into the merchant's house ?** **1**

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| (A) King | (C) Disciple |
| (B) Silly minister | (D) A thief |

19. **Whom does Mahendra narrate the story of Iswaran ?** **1**

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| (A) Ganesh | (C) R.K. Laxman |
| (B) Iswaran | (D) None of these |

20. **How did Toto prove to other animals ?** **1**

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| (A) friendly | (C) soothing |
| (B) troublesome | (D) careful |

Section-B (Descriptive Type Questions)

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

Kashmir is called the Switzerland of India because it is gifted with a beautiful natural scenery as Switzerland in Europe. The scenery is so beautiful that visitor from all over the world are attracted to it. Jhelum flows through its valley called the vale of Kashmir, renowned throughout the world for its beauty. The air of the vale of Kashmir is sweet with the many miles of roses for making attar of roses, the most costly perfume of the world. Goats are reared on the airy mountains of Kashmir and valuable shawls are made of their wool.

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| (i) Why has Kashmir been called the Switzerland of India ? | 2 |
| (ii) Why are visitors from all over the world attracted to Kashmir ? | 2 |
| (iii) What are valuable things of Kashmir ? | 2 |
| (iv) Write the opposite word of 'artificial' from the passage. | 1 |

22. **Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you more money this time.** **4**

Or

Write an application to the principal of your college requesting him about your illness and granting you leave of absence for three days.

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23. Answer any one of the following in about 80–100 words : 6

- (a) You like Rainy day.
(Hints : Introduction, Time and month, Rainy day declared, How we enjoy the day)

- (b) Write an article on 'Visit of Historical Place'.

24. (A) Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech . 2
Teacher said to me, "Work hard, otherwise you will fail"

- (B) Do not drink water. (into Passive Voice) 2

- (C) Punctuate the following : 2
i am going to agra tomorrow to play cricket match.

- (D) Translate the following into English : 4
रेखा मेरी सहेली है। वह मेरी कक्षा में पढ़ती है। उसमें अनेक गुण हैं। वह कक्षा में प्रथम आती है। वह प्रातः उठकर अपना काम करती है। वह समय से स्कूल जाती है। वह बड़ों की आज्ञा का पालन करती है। वह निर्धनों की सहायता करती है। उसको सभी लोग प्रशंसा करते हैं।

25. Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each : 2×3=6

- (A) What record did Santosh set ?

Or

Who were Abdul Kalam's parents ?

- (B) After slithering along his shoulder what did the snake do ?

Or

Which 'the same old nightmare' came to Kezia again ?

26. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

- (A) Describe Abdul Kalam's early life in your own words.
(B) How did the doctor feel when he was in the snake's grip ? How did he react ?

27. What does the poet remember when it rains ? (about 40 words) 3

Or

Write four lines from any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

28. Write the central idea of any one of the following : 3

(A) Wind

(C) Rain on the Roof

(B) No Men are Foreign

29. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 30–40 words : 3

(A) What did everything in the Kingdom of Fools cost ?

(B) What sort of books did Iswaran usually read ?

30. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

(A) Give the character sketch of Mahendra.

(B) Describe the adventures of Toto.