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English

EZ/719

Class—9

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Mins]

[M.M. : 70

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.
- (4) Section 'B' contains descriptive answer type questions.
- (5) *All* questions are compulsory.
- (6) Marks are indicated against questions.

Section-A

(Multiple Choice Questions)

[Q. 1-3] Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow Choosing the correct option :

Florence Nightingale was born on 12th may, 1820, at Florence in Italy. He sole ambition was to be a nurse. She spent years visiting hospital day and night she visited every bed in the hospital to see that no patient was neglected. However hard she might have worked all day, every night she would take the lamp and move from bed to bed. 'The Lady with lamp' the soldiers called her.

1. Who was called 'The lady with the lamp' ?

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- (A) The soldier (C) Florence Nightingale
(B) The city of Florence (D) Hospital

2. What did Florence Nightingale want to become ? 1

- (A) a lad of ambition (C) a nurse
(B) a doctor in a hospital (D) a lamp for the men

3. Give an other word for 'neglected'. 1

- (A) helped (C) given treatment
(B) ignored (D) charged

[Q. 4-8] Choose the correct option to answer the following :

4. The earth _____ round the sun. 1

- (A) revolves (C) revolving
(B) revolve (D) has revolved

5. He is poor _____ he is happy. 1

- (A) yet (B) or (C) but (D) so

6. Rearrange the word clusters to make meaningful sentence : 1
nature/poets/lovers/of/are

- (A) Poets nature are lovers of.
(B) Poets are lovers of nature.
(C) Lovers poets are of nature.
(D) Poets are nature of lovers.

7. Which word is correctly spelled ? 1

- (A) runing (C) opening
(B) stoping (D) sufering

8. The book is _____ the table. 1

- (A) at (B) on (C) of (D) upon

[Q. 9-10] Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Albert Einstein was born on 14 march, 1879 in the German city of Ulm without any indication that he was destined for greatness. On the contrary, his mother thought Albert was a freak. To her, his head seemed much to large. At the age of two-and-a-half. Einstein still was not talking when he finally did learn to speak.

9. Where was Albert Einstein born ? 1

- (A) Ulm, Germany (C) Switzerland
(B) Munich, Germany (D) Milan

10. What does she think about him ? 1

- (A) He was dumb (C) He was a Freak
(B) He was too intelligent (D) He was wealthy

Q. 11-13] Based on your understanding of the prose lessons choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. Who is the little girl ? 1

- (A) Margie (B) Kezia (C) Mao (D) Evelyn

12. What did Einstein's plamates call him ? 1

(A) Albert

(C) Brother boring

(B) Albie

(D) Freak

13. What fell on the narrator when he turn ? 1

(A) a cat

(C) a snake

(B) an owl

(D) a died bird

Q. 14-15] Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day !
Yet knowing how way leads on to way.

14. Who are the 'both' ? 1

(A) Roads

(C) Friends

(B) Trees

(D) Decisions

15. What was there on the roads ? 1

(A) Coins

(C) Paper

(B) Leaves

(D) None of these

[Q. 16-20] Based on your understanding of the lesson in your book 'Moments' choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

16. One little boy ran between his father's. 1

(A) legs

(C) hands

(B) luggage

(D) none of these

17. What did the monkey's tail serve as : 1

- (A) His right hand (C) His third hand
(B) His left hand (D) His third leg

18. Who was an asset to Mahendra ? 1

- (A) Iswaran (C) Ganesh
(B) Timber (D) The writer

19. But the disciple would not listen to the guru's : 1

- (A) lecture (C) speech
(B) debate (D) wisdom

20. Who left the city. 1

- (A) Disciple (C) Minister
(B) Guru (D) King

Section-B
(Descriptive Type Questions)

21. Read the following passage and answer the following questions given below :

One day George Washington was riding along a road. On his way, he saw some soldiers trying to lift a heavy beam. The corporal was giving them orders. The beam was too heavy to move without help. They needed just one man more. The corporal, however, would not help them. He thought that he was too big an officer to come down to the level of the soldiers.

- (A) What did Washington see by the road-side ? 2
(B) What was the corporal doing ? 2

(C) How many persons did they need for their help ? 2

(D) Pick out from the passage the word which is the opposite to 'light'. 1

22. Answer any one of the following question : 4

(A) Write a letter to your father telling him about your half-year' examination.

(B) Write an application to the principal of your college informing him about your illness and requesting him to grant you leave of absence for two days.

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

(A) Write a paragraph on 'My Village'.

(B) Write an article on : 'A visit to a fair'.

24. (A) Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech : 2

The teacher said, "sit down, boys."

(B) I saw an elephant on the road (Change into passive voice) 2

(C) Punctuate the following : 2
sita gita and rani are going to delhi.

(D) Translate the following into English : 4
एक बार एक बकरी के पाँच बच्चे थे। वह उनको बहुत प्यार करती थी। एक दिन जब वह जंगल को जाने वाली थी तो उसने अपने बच्चों से कहा "प्यारे बच्चों! मैं जंगल को जा रही हूँ। भेड़ियों से सावधान रहना।"

25. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : $2 \times 3 = 6$

(A) Who were Abdul Kalam's school friends ?

Or

How is a shehnai different from pungi ?

(B) Why was Kezia afraid of her father ?

Or

Why did the doctor feel that he was quite near the death ?

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

(A) Describe Albert Einstein's life at school.

(B) Why did Bismillah Khan not venture into films ?

27. Who are disturbed by the wind ? (in about 30 words) 3

Or

Write *four* lines from any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

(Do not copy out the lines given in the question paper.)

28. Give the Central Idea of any one of the following poems in about 30-40 words : 3

(A) The Road not taken

(B) Rain on the Roof

(C) Wind

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words : 3

(A) Why did Toto throw a plate at grandmother ?

(B) How did Iswaran describe the women ghost ?

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

(A) Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier ?

(B) How did Toto take bath ? Where had he learnt to do this ?

