

**Common Instructions to Candidates :**

- 1) This is a question cum answer paper booklet.
- 2) Space is provided to write answers below each question. Answer should be written within the space provided.
- 3) This question paper has 54 questions including the matching type question.
- 4) Candidate should not write the answer with pencil. Answer written with pencil will not be evaluated.
- 5) In case of multiple choice, fill in the blanks and matching questions, scratching, rewriting & marking is not allowed. Answers with such errors will not be evaluated.

**I.** Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct or most appropriate alternative and write it in the space provided below each question. **[15 x 1 = 15]**

1. The postmaster, finally, gave Andy his master's letter when
  - a) Durfy introduced him.
  - b) Andy requested him to give the letter.
  - c) Andy paid eleven pence postage.
  - d) Andy questioned the postmaster for having called him a goose.
2. Who was the toughest batsman that Chandrashekar had to bowl against?
  - a) Vivian Richards.
  - b) Zaheer Abbas.
  - c) Clive Lloyd.
  - d) Ken Barrington.
3. Students at Karnal gathered at the school premises the second time
  - a) in anticipation of the safe landing of spacecraft.
  - b) to mourn the death of Kalpana.
  - c) to set off fire crackers.
  - d) to see the spacecraft.
4. Why were the intellectuals stunned in the King's court?
  - a) Daksha came forward to solve the Pandit's problem.
  - b) Daksha selected the King as her prize.
  - c) The King called Daksha the wisest of the wise.
  - d) Daksha solved the Pandit's problem.
5. The beggarmaid entered the court with her arms across her breast because
  - a) it was the custom in those times.
  - b) it was her practice.
  - c) she felt shy.
  - d) it was very cold.

6. The Lord of Tartary would be summoned to meal by
- a) musicians.
  - b) beating drums.
  - c) harp and mandoline.
  - d) trumpeters.
7. Man has to trust God's grace because
- a) God will never let the believer down.
  - b) God is our creator.
  - c) Man has feeble sense.
  - d) God moves in a mysterious way.
8. The king was puzzled when
- a) Daksha solved the Pandit's problem.
  - b) The farmer spoke refined language.
  - c) Daksha solved the problem of hatching eggs.
  - d) Daksha took away his hand and chose that he was his prize.
9. Children liked the school 'Retreat' because
- a) there were no examinations.
  - b) there was no punishment.
  - c) it was started by the Sarabhai's.
  - d) they found a unique way of learning.
10. People of Europe put on more clothes than the People of Asia because
- a) they were fond of clothes.
  - b) they were rich.
  - c) they live in a cold climate.
  - d) they are more civilized.
11. Bhuvana is an honest lady. The word 'honest' is
- a) a verb.
  - b) an adverb.
  - c) a noun.
  - d) an adjective.
12. One word for, a person whose job is to prepare medicine and sell is a
- a) Doctor.
  - b) Pharmacist.
  - c) Merchant.
  - d) Scientist.

13. The word that takes the prefix ‘dis’ is
- a) Comfort.                                      b) Possible.
- c) Pleasant.                                     d) Understand.
14. “Like a hurt bitch, she bared her teeth”.
- The figure of speech in the above line is
- a) Metaphor.                                    b) Personification.
- c) Simile.                                        d) Alliteration.
15. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you not come to school yesterday? The correct auxiliary verb to be filled in blank is
- a) have.    b) did.
- c) does.    d) were.

## II.

16. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition :  
Vikram was good \_\_\_\_\_ science.
17. Fill in the blank with the appropriate conjunction :  
Remember not gun powder \_\_\_\_\_ a letter.
18. Fill in the blank with a suitable article :  
Who do you think is \_\_\_\_\_ finest batsman?
19. Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of verb given in brackets :  
A person who \_\_\_\_\_ [know] me came into the office and introduced me.
20. Fill in the blank with the appropriate form of the word given in brackets :  
The Scientist was \_\_\_\_\_ [success] in his efforts.

- III.** 21. Match the words in list 'A' with their meanings in list 'B'. Write the correct answer in the space provided. [5 x 1 = 5]

A	B	Answers
a) gay	1) deathless	
b) grace	2) cruel	
c) feat	3) courage	
d) immortal	4) shocked	
e) savage	5) expect	
	6) happy	
	7) favour	
	8) achievement.	

- IV.** Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each : [10 x 2 = 20]

22. What made Narendranath visit Sri Ramakrishna? What did he ask him?
23. How do you say that Narendranath was an all rounder?
24. What is the opinion of the author about the great countries who fight each other?
25. Why did Bhima refuse to jump over the monkey?
26. What according to Tagore, is the ultimate aim of man?
27. Why did the Duchess go on strike?
28. How can you say that Chandrashekar was great fan of Mukesh?
29. What does the expression 'laugh with their teeth' mean?
30. Why do you think that Kalpana, as a girl, was unique?

31. What made Gandhiji think of going back to the third standard?

V. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

**[5 x 3 = 15]**

32. “Why don’t you ask you stupid thief?”.

- a) What should he ask?
- b) What reply did he give?
- c) Who does the ‘stupid thief’ refer to?

33. “I can try to solve the problem”.

- a) What was the problem?
- b) When did the speaker say so?
- c) Who does ‘I’ refer to?

34. “She in her poor attire was seen”.

- a) Who does ‘she’ refer to?
- b) How does she look like in her poor attire?
- c) What does the word ‘attire’ mean in the context?

35. “This was his only pleasure”.

- a) What was his pleasure?
- b) When did he lose his pleasure?
- c) Who does ‘his’ refer to?

36. “It was a very prestigious position”.

- a) Who was it a prestigious position for?
- b) When was the position offered to him?
- c) What was the prestigious position?

## VI. 37. Quote from memory :

God moves in a \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ perform;  
 He \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ storm  
 Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for his grace.

OR

Sweet little red feet, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ why?  
 You lived \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ with me?  
 I kiss'd \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ green trees?

## VII. Answer the following questions in five or six sentences each:

38. What made Andy return from the post office without bringing his master's letter?

OR

Narrate how Vimal Gulwadi and Hema Shilonikar display courage.

39. Narrate the qualities of the poet's mother as stated by P-Lankesh.

OR

Describe in your own words the dream of Walter de la Mare as narrated in the poem Tartary.

## VIII. Rewrite as directed:

40. Frame a question to get the underlined words as answer:

Chandrashekar retired in 1981.

41. Combine using "neither - - - - - nor".

Pramod is not clever. Pramod is not intelligent.

42. Write the other degrees of:  
Gandhiji was greater than any other man of our generation.
43. Change into indirect speech:  
The minister said to Ravi, "Come to the office with your daughter tomorrow".
44. Point out the difference in meaning between the pair of words using them in meaningful sentences:  
Some, Sum
45. Use the word 'Concentrate' first as noun and then as verb in meaningful sentences.
46. Combine following sentences using first as 'too' and then as 'so..... that ..... not'.  
This man is proud. He does not own his fault.

- IX.** 47. Imagine that you are Krishna / Parimala of 23, Fort Road, Gorur.  
Write a letter to your friend asking him / her to attend your sister's marriage using the clues given below.  
25<sup>th</sup> May \_\_\_\_ in a temple \_\_\_\_ a few relative invited \_\_\_\_ no dowry \_\_\_\_ bridegroom  
a teacher \_\_\_\_ apply leave and come.

OR

Write a letter of complaint to the postmaster, Santhamarur – using clues given below.  
A big village of thousand houses \_\_\_\_ only one postman \_\_\_\_ postman resides in a town  
\_\_\_\_ comes late to the office \_\_\_\_ returns early \_\_\_\_ irregular in delivering letters and  
money orders \_\_\_\_ instruct him to be punctual.

- X.** 48. Write two paragraphs on anyone of the following topics:
- a) Value of Time.
  - b) Importance of National Integration.
  - c) Newspaper and its uses.

**XI.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

After I had my lunch at a wayside inn. I looked for my bag. I had left on a chair beside the door and it was not there now! As I was looking for it, the inn-keeper came in.

“Did you have good meal?” he asked.

“Yes, thank you”, I answered, “but I can’t pay the bill”. I haven’t got my bag.

The inn-keeper smiled and immediately went out. In a few minutes returned with my bag and gave it back to me. “I’m sorry,” he said, “My dog had taken it into the garden. He often does that”.

49. Who is the ‘He’?
50. What does ‘that’ refer to?
51. Pick out the word from passage which means ‘by the side of’.
52. Why couldn’t he pay the bill?
53. Who had taken the bag into the garden?
54. When did he notice his bag missing?