

Annual Examination 2023-24

ENGLISH

Class - IX

Full Marks - 90

Pass Marks - 27

Time - 3 hours

(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.)

SECTION-A

Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given

below each question :

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1. According to Tommy, the real book was —
 - A) A fun
 - B) A dull object
 - C) A waste
 - D) A scornful object

2. What was awfully funny about the book that Tommy found for Margie ?
 - A) its crinkly pages
 - B) its colour
 - C) its size
 - D) its still words printed on paper.

3. "..... I suddenly realized that she had not heard" — Who remarked ?
 - A) Evelyn's teacher
 - B) Ron Forbes
 - C) Evelyn's headmistress

- D) Evelyn's mother.
4. Where among the following is an auditorium that has been named after Bismillah Khan to pay him a tribute ?
- A) Afganistan
 - B) The U.S.A
 - C) Teheran
 - C) Osaka
5. The word 'Loftily' means —
- A) in a strict way
 - B) in a superior way
 - C) scornfully
 - D) lazily
6. What was Sivasubramania Iyer's reaction when his wife refused to serve Kalam dinner in the kitchen ?
- A) He was perturbed.
 - B) He was angry with her.
 - C) He was not perturbed.
 - D) He scolded her.
7. When did Evelyn feel everything so dark in her life ?
- A) When she was advised to go to a school for deaf children.
 - B) When her teachers discouraged her to play xylophone.
 - C) When she was advised to use hearing aids and go to a school for deaf children.

- D) When her marks had deteriorated.
8. Which virtues among the following did Kalam inherit from his father ?
- A) honesty and self discipline
 - B) kindness and honesty
 - C) honesty and faith in goodness
 - D) kindness and faith in goodness
9. Why was Bruno kept chained most of the time ?
- A) He was growing big.
 - B) He was becoming dangerous.
 - C) He was a threat to the children of author's tenants.
 - D) He used to destroy things.
10. What did the author's wife request the curator of the zoo ?
- A) to give her back her Baba
 - B) to take care of Baba properly
 - C) to give Baba adequate food
 - D) to arrange a big cage for Baba.
11. Which among the following means 'fretting' ?
- A) struggling to move
 - B) worried
 - C) disturbed
 - D) snarling
12. When was Kaziranga declared a World Heritage Site by

UNESCO ?

A) In 1904

B) In 1985

C) In 1975

D) In 1950

13. To which Goddess of the Hindus has the temple Devi Dol in Sivsagar dedicated to ?
- A) Goddess Kamakhya
B) Goddess Kali
C) Goddess Durga
D) Goddess Mangala Maiya
14. What is the most amazing fact about Silor Saahu in Sivsagar ?
- A) It is the longest one in Assam.
B) It was built with high technology.
C) It was built by the Ahom kings.
D) It was built of only one single stone.
15. The roads in the poem 'The Road Not Taken' signify —
- A) the problems of life
B) the choices of life
C) the hopes of life
D) two roads diverged in a turn
16. Why did the poet take the 'other' road ?
- A) because it was grassy.
B) because it led to the yellow woods.

- C) because it was less used
D) because it bent in undergrowth.
17. Who among the following has composed the poem 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' ?
- A) James Kirkup
B) W.B. Yeats
C) Robert Frost
D) Phoebe Cary
18. What does the word 'glade' mean ?
- A) a big hive
B) an open space
C) a peaceful land
D) a flowing lake
19. The woman in 'A Legend of the Northland' got cursed by the Saint due to her _____
- A) mistakes in life
B) pride
C) rude behaviour
D) greedy and selfish attitude
20. What, according to the poem, "No Men Are Foreign" should be discouraged ?
- A) the ill practice of hatred and discrimination
B) love, harmony and brotherhood.
C) the practice of equal treatment to all.

- D) none of the above.
21. "..... to hate our brothers"---- who are the 'brothers' here ?
- A) Fellow citizens
 - B) Poet's acquaintances
 - C) People of other countries
 - D) People who defile the earth.
22. How did the poet feel after the death of his loved one ?
- A) Helpless
 - B) Grief-stricken
 - C) Burdened
 - D) Flustered
23. "..... a single body breathes" — What does it mean in the context of the poem 'No Men Are Foreign' ?
- A) Every living being breathes.
 - B) All breathe in the same way.
 - C) God breathes inside the human body.
 - D) None of the above.
24. How was Toto taken to Saharanpur ?
- A) In a basket
 - B) In a little cage
 - C) In a big plastic bag
 - D) In a canvas kit-bag
25. Why did the Happy Prince send the sapphire to a young writer and the matchgirl ?

- A) To show them love
 - B) To surprise them
 - C) To send hope and make them happy
 - D) To show them his power and wealth.
26. What were the two little boys doing under the archway of a bridge as noticed by the swallow when it was flying.
- A) They were hungry and begging for food.
 - B) They were trying to be unnoticed by the watchman.
 - C) They were lying in each other's arms to keep themselves warm.
 - D) They were waiting for the swallow to bring them some gold.
27. In which state of India is Ersama located ?
- A) Orissa
 - B) Karnataka
 - C) Bihar
 - D) Tamil Nadu
28. _____, Prashant had to take refuge on the roof of his friend's house with the family.
- A) For three days
 - B) For two days
 - C) For thirty six hours
 - D) For a week.
29. Why, according to the author, did his mother run back to the

inside of the house on fire the second time ?

- A) to save the money in her metal box from being burnt
- B) to bring clothes
- C) to bring the pictures and letters of the author's father
- D) to save the books of the author from the flames of fire.

30. Choose the correct preposition for the gap —

He is afraid — the dog.

- A) of
- B) to
- C) with
- D) from

31. Using the correct form of the verb in bracket in the following sentence, which among the following will be appropriate.

I thought that he (do) it.

- A) I thought that he will do it.
- B) I thought that he would do it.
- C) I thought that he can do it.
- D) I thought that he shall do it.

32. "Are you listening to me ?" she asked me.

The indirect speech for the above will be —

- A) She asked me if I am listening to her.
- B) She asked me if I were listening to her.
- C) She asked me if I was listening to her.
- D) She asked me if I listened to her.

33. "Who asked you to draft the letter"— The passive form will be —
- A) By who you are asked to draft the letter ?
 - B) By who have you been asked to draft the letter ?
 - C) By whom were you asked to draft the letter ?
 - D) By whom you were asked to draft the letter ?
34. Choose the positive form of the following.
- Misery is the greatest mystery in the world.
- A) No other mystery is great as misery in the world.
 - B) No other mystery in the world is as great as misery.
 - C) No other mystery is great like misery in the world.
 - D) No other mystery in the world is greater than misery.
35. "I usually play tennis and watch movies on Sundays". — A question for the given statement will be —
- A) What you do on Sundays ?
 - B) What you play on Sundays ?
 - C) What do you do on Sundays ?
 - D) What you play and watch on Sundays ?
36. Choose the correct option and rearrange the following groups of jumbled words to make a meaningful sentence.
- The class/ at once / are / you / ordered / to leave
- A) The class at once ordered you are to leave.
 - B) You are ordered to leave the class at once.
 - C) At once you are ordered to leave the class.

- D) You at once are to leave the class ordered.
37. Please help me to find a job, _____
The right tag question in the gap will be :
- A) Do you ?
 - B) Won't you ?
 - C) Don't you ?
 - D) Will you ?
38. Choose the comparative of the following :
Platinum is the most precious of all metals.
- A) No other metal is precious of all metals.
 - B) No other metal is more precious than platinum.
 - C) Platinum is more precious than any other metal.
 - D) Platinum is more precious of all metals.
39. Choose the correct form of the verb in bracket.
He thanked me for what I — (do).
- A) was doing
 - B) have been doing
 - C) have done
 - D) had done.
40. What will be the passive form of the following ?
"Will you do it ?"
- A) Will be it done by you ?
 - B) Will it be done by you ?
 - C) Will you be done it ?

D) Will it being done by you ?

41. Please sit — the desk and do the job.

:- Insert right preposition.

A) by

B) above

C) upon

D) at

42. When I met him, he already (have) his dinner.

— Choose the correct form of the verb.

A) was having.

B) has had.

C) had.

D) had had.

43. These are Shila's pencils. :- What will be right question for the answer ? <https://www.assamboard.com>

A) Whose are these pencils ?

B) Whose pencils are these ?

C) Whose these pencils are ?

D) Whose these are pencils ?

44. Find out the sentence which has the words in correct order.

A) Hot people like few weather.

B) Few people like hot weather.

C) Hot weather like few people.

D) Few hot people like weather.

45. Yes, there is a library in his school.

— A question to which the answer is will be —

- A) Is there a library in his school ?
- B) Is a library there in his school ?
- C) Is in his school there a library ?
- D) Is a library in his school there ?

SECTION -B

46. Give short answers to the following questions.

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- A) Why did Margie like the old kind of schools ?
- B) How was the book found by Tommy different from the books that Margie and Tom were used to ?
- C) How did Evelyn respond to the discovery of her deafness ?
- D) How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages ?
- E) Why was Bruno sent away to the zoo ?
- F) Why was Kaziranga Game Sanctuary named Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary ?
- G) Kalam's childhood was a secure one both materially and emotionally — Illustrate in context of your reading the text 'My childhood'.
- H) Give a brief account of the Lake Isle of Innisfree as seen through the eyes of the poet.

47. A) Why was Toto kept in the closet immediately after

grandfather had got him ? Where was he shifted later
on and why ? 2+2=4

Or

B) Why do the courtiers call the prince 'The Happy Prince' ?
Is he really happy ? Why/Why not ? 2+2=4

48. A) What did Prashant see when he reached his village ?
How did he help the orphaned children in shelters ? 2+2=4

Or

B) My cat was back and so was I'. --- Why did the speaker
say so ? How did they both reunite after the fire incident ? 2+2=4

SECTION - C

49. I) Write an article on any one of the following : 5
(within 150 words)

A) Environment pollution.

B) Importance of young students in the making new India.

Or

II) Develop a story with the given outlines. Add a suitable
title to it. 5

An old farmer — four sons — all lazy — father anxious — falls
ill — calls his sons — tells them a treasure hidden in his field
— dies — sons dig — gets nothing — neighbours advise to
sow seeds — get a rich harvest — learn a lesson on hard
work and its fruit.

50. A) Use the following information to write a Report on A debate

Competition that was held on your school.

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- I) Date - 15th September 2023
- II) Time - 11 a.m.
- III) Place - School auditorium
- IV) Speaker - Principal of the school.
- V) Motion of the debate — Social media is making us less social.
- VI) Participants from higher classes.
- VII) Highly appreciated.
- VIII) Motion put to vote.

Or

B) You are the secretary, Science club of your school. Write a notice for your school notice board encouraging the students of class VI to X to participate in the Inter-school Science Exhibition to be held next week in a neighbouring school.

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51. A) Translate into the language as per your MIL subject.

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- I) I have no money in hand.
- II) The thief was caught red handed.
- III) Father will scold me if I remain absent from school.

Or

B) Amplify any one of the following :

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- I) Necessity is the mother of invention.
- II) Charity begins at home.

52. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions asked below.

One day in the course of his Italian campaign, Napoleon unattended by any officer, had advanced far beyond the main line of army. He had taken no food during the day and had enjoyed no sleep for several nights. A poor soldier had a crust of bread in his bag. He broke the bread into two pieces and gave one half to his starving general. After this simple meal, Napoleon, in his usual fashion, wrapped himself in a cloak and lay down upon the ground by the soldier for an hour's sleep. Ten years had passed away. Napoleon was now the Emperor of France. He was making a triumphal march through Belgium, when one day, a soldier from the ranks came upto him and said, "on the eve of the Battle of Bassanio, I shared my crust of bread with you when you were hungry. I now ask from you bread for my father who is worn down with age and poverty". Napoleon once settled a session upon the old man and promoted the soldier to be an officer.

Questions :

- A) What favour did the soldier seek from the Emperor and why ?
- B) How did the Emperor help the soldier and why, do

you think, he did so ?

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C) What message does the story convey ?

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53. Read the following extract carefully to answer the given questions.

Rush hour crowds jostle for position on the underground train platform. A slight girl looking younger than her seventeen years, was nervous yet excited as she felt the vibrations of the approaching train. It was her first day at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music in London and daunting enough for any teenager fresh from a Scottish farm. But this aspiring musician faced a bigger challenge than most; she was profoundly deaf.

Questions :

A) What would be likely to 'daunt any teenager' ?

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B) Why did the slight girl pose a 'bigger challenge than most' ?

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