

JHARKHAND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING, RANCHI
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2023-24
CLASS – XII
ENGLISH CORE
MODEL QUESTION PAPER

Time:3 hrs

Marks-80

General Instructions:-

- Candidates should answer in their own words as much as possible.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Total number of questions is 52.
- Question No. 01 to 30 are multiple choice questions, each question has four options. Select the correct option. Each question carries 01mark.
- Question numbers 31 to 38 are very short answer questions. Out of which it is mandatory to answer any 6 questions. Each question carries 02 marks.
- Question numbers 39 to 46 are short answer questions. Out of which it is mandatory to answer any 6 questions. Each question carries 03marks.
- Question numbers 47 to 52 are long answer questions. It is mandatory to answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 05marks.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. Where is the salutation placed in a notice?
 - a. Just above the date
 - b. Just below the date
 - c. Along with the date
 - d. There is no need to write salutation in a notice
2. Notices in schools and colleges contain certain announcement for-
 - a. Principal
 - b. Headmaster
 - c. Students
 - d. Peon
3. Letters to the Editor are written for –
 - a. Newspaper
 - b. School
 - c. College
 - d. Club
4. What is the setting of ‘The Last Lesson’?
 - a. The Franco-Prussian War
 - b. The Indo-China War
 - c. The Indo-Pak War
 - d. None of these
5. Which country did Franz belong to?
 - a. Spain

- b. Germany
c. France
d. Prussia
6. 'Is your school Ready?' who asked this question?
a. Saheb's mother
b. Saheb's friend
c. Mukesh
d. Saheb
7. The ragpickers have no identity, but they have –
a. Permits
b. Passports
c. Ration cards
d. Pan cards
8. 'Deep Water' is an excerpt taken from-
a. The Life of Mahatma Gandhi
b. Of Men and Mountains
c. Lost Spring, Stories from Stolen Childhood
d. My Years with Boss
9. Why did Douglas hire an instructor?
a. To participate in swimming competition
b. To cross the English Channel
c. To flaunt
d. To overcome his fear of water and to learn swimming
10. What did the old man offer to rattrap peddler?
a. Porridge
b. Biscuits
c. Tobacco
d. Both (a) and (c)
11. What amount of money was stolen from crofter's pouch?
a. 30 dollars
b. 30 kronors
c. 30 rupees
d. 40 dollars
12. Where was the annual convention of the Indian National Congress Party held?
a. Lucknow
b. Pune
c. Kanpur
d. Patna
13. Pancake was the brand name of the-
a. Cookies and cakes
b. Chocolates
c. Make-up material
d. Bags and baggage
14. Who was the Boss of Gemini Studios?
a. Kothamangalam Subbu
b. Krishna Sastry
c. Stephen Spender
d. Mr. Vasan
15. Danny Casey was a player in the football team of-

- a. Ireland
- b. Denmark
- c. England
- d. Finland

16. Sophie was a young girl who dreamt to be :
- a. A Manager
 - b. An Actress
 - c. A Fashion designer
 - d. All of the above

Read the given extract and answer the question.

Driving from my parent's
Home to Cochin last Friday
Morning, I saw my mother,
Beside me
Doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that
Of a corpse and realised with pain

17. The given extract is taken from the poem-
- a. Keeping Quiet
 - b. My Mother at Sixty-six
 - c. A Thing of Beauty
 - d. A Roadside Stand
18. Where was the poet driving to?
- a. Parent's home
 - b. Cochin airport
 - c. Cochin market
 - d. Cinema hall
19. Who was sitting beside the poet?
- a. Her daughter
 - b. Her mother
 - c. Her sister
 - d. Her friend
20. What type of wars does the poet talk about in the poem, Keeping Quiet?
- a. Green wars
 - b. Wars with gas
 - c. Wars with fire
 - d. All of these
21. Whom did the enchanted youth, Endymion resolve to seek?
- a. Cynthia, the moon goddess
 - b. Nature
 - c. His beloved
 - d. Cupid, the god of love
22. What are things of beauty mentioned in the poem?
- a. Sun and moon
 - b. Young trees and streams

- c. Flowers
d. All of the above
23. Who was Sam in The Third Level?
- a. A doctor
b. A friend
c. A psychiatrist and a friend of Charley
d. None of the above
24. “Let tigers beware!” Who said this?
- a. Astrologers
b. Palmist
c. The Prince Jung Jung Bahadur
d. The dewan
25. For how many years ago did Gondwana exist?
- a. 650 million years
b. 500 million years
c. 600 million years
d. 700 million years
26. What is the ‘Akademik Shokalskiy’?
- a. An Indian Research vessel
b. A Russian Research vessel
c. A Chinese Research vessel
d. An American Research vessel
27. The wounded soldier of the story ‘The Enemy’ belonged to-
- a. The Russian army
b. The British army
c. The Japanese army
d. U.S. Navy
28. What did Mr. Lamb grow in his garden?
- a. Cherry
b. Mango
c. Peach
d. Apple
29. Why did Bama reach in one hour instead of 10 minutes?
- a. Because she used to stop at every shop
b. Because she used to watch shows on the road
c. Because she used to enjoy all fun on the roads
d. All of the above
30. Why did Zitkala not like to cut her hair?
- a. Because she liked long hair
b. Because she did not like anyone to touch her hair
c. Because her mother had told her that mourners and cowards keep such hair
d. None of the above

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The sun was warm but the sea breeze kept up its cooling effect all along. Soon the steamer turned away and anchored near a creek by the river. The muddy fringe and the mangrove vegetation declared the gateway to the Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha. The steamer could not negotiate these creeks at low tide, so a similar motorboat was hired to ferry us to the Dangmal forest rest-house in the heart of the mangrove forest. From the motorboat we had a good look at a large crocodile basking in the sun.

The boat moved on, taking us deeper into the forest. Here we felt as though we had stepped into a time warp. In plumage: this awesome and mysterious place, birds of extraordinary covering a bird phimage appeared before us. For the moment we revelled in the magnificence of nature which had us completely in its thrall. Among the birds, the kingfishers were the stars of the show. Crocodiles, large and small, slid into the water at our approach. Through the foliage we could see chital deer delicately browsing on fresh outcrops of leaves.

A herd of wild boar was spotted searching for succulent roots. High above us, open-billed storks stood sentry-like following our progress through their remarkable kingdom. The evening sun was beginning to paint the tree-lined horizon crimson and gold and a brooding silence enveloped us all.

Answer any six.

2x6=12

31. Where was the author going?
32. Where was the forest rest-house?
33. How did the group manage to get there?
34. Which creature did they see first?
35. Who were the stars of the show?
36. What does the author mean by the magnificence of nature?
37. How are the kingfishers and the open-billed storks described?
38. What were the chital deer and the wild boar doing when the motorboat went past them?

Answer any six.

6x3=18

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

There are a number of reasons why we must conserve the world's plants and animals. Plants are essential for our own survival. Only they can use the sun's energy to make food. So plants are the vital first link in the food chain of which we ourselves form part. One of the by-products of the food making process in plants is oxygen, without which very few forms of life can exist on earth.

Animals need plants in order to survive, but plants also need animals. All animals and plants are bound together in delicately balanced communities or ecosystems. The removal of just one species can drastically alter a whole ecosystem.

Our own survival may be threatened if we cause too much disruption to the natural processes that occur in this planet. The destruction of the world's rain forest is causing some concern in this respect. In some areas the removal of the rain forest has already reduced the local rainfall. Some scientists suggest that if too much forest is destroyed, the rainfall in crop-growing areas will decrease, and these areas will become deserts.

Another important reason for preserving wildlife is that it is a potentially inexhaustible natural resource. We use many plants and animals to supply us with food, materials and chemicals. If we exploit these species to the points at which they cannot replenish themselves, they will no longer be available to us. At the moment we understand the biology of only a tiny fraction of the world's wildlife. We do not know what useful materials we will lose in this destruction.

39. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make a note on it. You may use headings, sub-headings, and abbreviations.
40. Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.
41. You are Virat/Advika, the head boy/girl of S.S.+2 High School, Silli. Your school is organising a tour to Netarhat. Write a notice inviting the students who are willing to go the tour in not more than 50 words.
42. You are David/ Dorothy, the Secretary of Cultural Club of St. Francis School, Khalari. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting students to give their names for a Fancy Dress Competition in not more than 50 words.
43. You are Tarun/Taruna, write a letter to the Editor of 'The Express', Ranchi complaining about the frequent breakdown in the supply of electricity in your village.
44. The Electoral Literacy Club of your school organised a Voter Awareness Program in the school campus. Write a report in about 80-100 words for the school magazine describing the event. Sign as Mukul/Mansi of Zila+2 High School, Ranchi.
45. Write an article on 'Climate Change' or 'Women Empowerment' in about 80-100 words.
46. What happened to William Douglas at YMCA when he was eleven years old?

Answer any four.

4x5=20

47. Why did M. Hamel put on his special dress?
48. What do the parting words "see you soon Amma" of the poetess and her smile signify?
49. What did Charley claim for in 'The Third Level'?
50. Why do rural people make roadside stands?
51. In what conditions do the bangle makers of Firozabad live? Why can't they come out of the state of poverty?
52. How did Dr Sadao help the American soldier?

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1	b	11	b	21	a
2	c	12	a	22	d
3	a	13	c	23	c
4	a	14	d	24	c
5	c	15	a	25	a
6	d	16	d	26	b
7	c	17	b	27	d
8	b	18	b	28	d
9	d	19	b	29	d
10	d	20	d	30	c