

HIGHER SECONDARY – FIRST YEAR

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

TIME : 2 ½ hrs

MAX MARKS: 70

GENEAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper is divided in to four Sections A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory
2. Separate Instructions are given with each questions, where ever necessary. Read and follow the instructions
3. Stick to the prescribed word limit

SECTION - A (LANGUAGE STUDY)

Answer all the questions. 15X1=15

1. The expression that is used to rephrase words
a) by the way b) What I mean is c) Furthermore d) In Summary
2. The process of reading quickly to get specific information from a given text
a) Skimming b) encoding c) scanning d) decoding
3. A journey made by water or in space
a) Commute b) ride c) voyage d) shift
4. The expansion of ICU is
a) Intensive Care Unit b) Initial Care Unit c) Intermediate Care Unit
d) Intermediate care Unit
5. A sick baby is treated by a
a) dentist b) orthopaedician c) paediatrician d) pathologist
6. The pair of words “bare –bear ” is an example of
a) Homonyms b) Homophone c) antigram d) homograph
7. “Don’t judge a book by its cover” is an example of
a) Idiom b)euphemism c) connector d) proverb
8. The euphemistic expression of false teeth is
a) Dentals b) dentures c) dent pears d) glitters
9. Pick out the British spelling of “favourite”

- a) Favourite b) favourit c) favorit d) fervourite
10. The American word of 'curtains' is
 a) Wall hanging b) drapes c) drills d) grills
11. One who reviews books, films, etc is called a / an
 a) Editor b) critic c) columnist d) publish
12. Choose the correct spelling of the given word
 a) Occurrence b) ocurance c) occurance
 d) ocurrance
13. Fear of crossing streets is called
 a) Agyrophobia b) ailurophobia c) acerophobia
 d) agrizophobia
14. Which of the following can be added as prefix to the word God
 a) Semi- b) ig c) dem - d) non -
15. Fill in with the correct phrasal verb
 I will get the ladder and a stick and _____ those apples
 a) Pull off b) pull up c) pull down d) pull in.

SECTION- B (GRAMMAR)

I. Answer any 6 questions. 6X2=12

16. Frame questions to the following statements.

- a. I go by cab to school.
 b. No. Sheela doesn't have a car.

17. Re-write the following passage in the Past Tense form.

Ram *is playing* the guitar on the stage now. Many students *are watching* his performance. He *has been practicing* it since childhood.

18. Write any two queries that you would make at a reception of a hospital or a hotel.

19. Complete the story appropriately: (in about 20-30 words)

I had been jogging on the Adyar bridge for ten minutes when I saw_____

20. Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense forms:

- a. We _____ in this house for 20 years. (live)
 b. Yesterday, She _____ for you by this time. (wait)

21. Rewrite in passive form.

The Minister has announced a new scheme for the farmers.

22. Rewrite the following speech in reported form:

“ Good Morning everybody. I would like to tell you that today is ‘ World Drinking Water Day’. Don’t waste water and conserve it for the future.

23. Punctuate the following:

henry david thoreau once remarked men have become tool of their tools.

24. Fill in the blanks with modal verbs:

I _____ make a rocket when I was a child. Now I _____ like to make a paper boat.

SECTION- C (Reading & Writing)

6X3=18

III. Answer any 6 questions.

25. Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow in your own words:

The umbrella is an old idea. It has not changed much over time. Old sculpture (art made with clay) from the Middle East, shows the king with an umbrella. The sculpture is over 1,000 years old. At that time, common people did not have umbrellas. Only royalty had them. More than 2000 years ago, fashionable women carried umbrellas in ancient Greece. In China, only royalty used umbrellas. In old Chinese books, there are illustrations of umbrellas. These were made with paint, blood, and special drawing tools. The umbrellas in old Chinese books look a lot like today’s umbrellas.

- a) Find one word from the paragraph which means ‘ pictures’.
- b) Describe the sculpture.
- c) Who carried umbrellas in ancient Greece?

26. Read the poem carefully. Then answer the questions that follow.

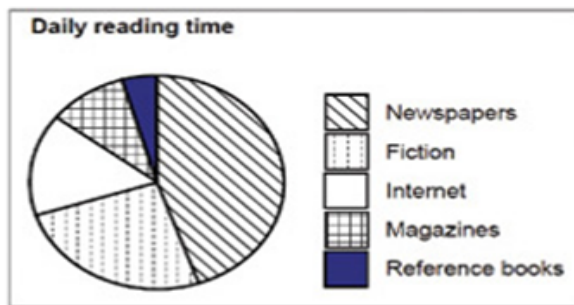
Lizard skitters on the path,
Muskrat takes a rustic bath,
Beaver weaves a home of sticks,
Eagle soars across the sky,
Warbler sings a lullaby...
I’m as quite as can be,

Only watching peacefully.

- a) Where is the poet ?
- b) What is he doing?
- c) How many birds are mentioned in the poem?

27. Read the following pie-chart and answer the questions that follow.

This pie chart shows time spent reading each day. Use it to answer questions 1-3.



1. Are people more likely to read fiction or a magazine?
2. Which two types of reading are more popular than the internet?
3. What type of reading takes the smallest amount of time per day?

28. Write expressions for the following functions.

- a. Introducing a topic
- b. Expressing happiness
- c. Asking for opinion

29. Draft an e-mail to your friend on a recent tour to a hill station.

30. Compose a poem on “ My Best Friend” or “ India in my Dreams”

31. Describe the following picture in about 40 words:



32. Transcribe the following :

ɪŋɡlɪʃ pleɪz ə 'vɑ:tl rəʊl ɪn ɪn'kri:stɪŋ ,ɒpə'tju:nɪtɪz ə'raʊnd ðə wɜ:lɪd.

SECTION- D (OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES)

Answer all the questions

5 x 5=25

33. Write a letter to the Manager of a factory seeking permission for an industrial visit.

(or)

Draft a covering letter applying for the post of a computer operator in a DTP company.

34. Prepare a welcome address for your school sports day.

(Or)

Draft a speech on “ Endangered Species” to be delivered in the school assembly.

35. Design an advertisement for the product – “ Mobile phone” or “ Fountain Pen”

(or)

Draft a notice to be displayed on your school notice board announcing a debate competition for Class XI students.

36. Construct a dialogue between a patient and a receptionist at a hospital (a minimum of five exchanges)

(or)

Construct a dialogue between a tourist and a guide.

37. Find the missing word in the following paragraph and write it in the blanks provided. There are four missing words in the paragraph.

Lemons are small size. They have many qualities are used as agents add a particular taste. They are also source of several other benefits. They are rich vitamin C and they act body coolant.

(or)

Edit the passage

My day begins on five O'clock in the morning .It has been so since the last forty years except for the two years of which I was very ill. I wake up at the sound of a alarm clock bought at 1952. My routine, however turns topsy-turvy in holidays when I cannot sleep for ten O'clock.