

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)

Test - 1

X Standard]

ENGLISH - I Paper
(Maximum Marks : 100)

[Time : 2-30 Hours

Section-I (Vocabulary : 20 marks)

Part- 1

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words :

5 x 1 = 5

Environmental scientists are afraid that the water situation in different parts of the world will be unsustainable (i). In densely populated Delhi, the disappearance of glaciers from Himalayas would cause severe droughts and an exodus (ii) of people to other states in search of water. There will be brawls (iii) almost everyday among the frenzied (iv) mob. In a decade (v) the decline in rainfall and river flow would reduce the yield of food crops and cereals in North India.

- i) a) tenable b) cannot be maintained c) cannot be tolerated d) can't be pardoned
- ii) a) mass detention b) mass arrest c) genocide d) mass movement from one place to another
- iii) a) quiet acts b) noisy fights c) arguments d) treaties
- iv) a) involving a lot of violent activities b) indulging in theft c) involving in mass prayer d) involving in mass migration
- v) a) a period of one hundred years b) a period of ten years c) a period of one thousand years d) a period of twenty years

2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words :

5 x 1 = 5

During winter (i) some animals choose to migrate. It is amazing to note that they move (ii) in a herd to very long distances. They know by instinct, that the period of absence (iii) cannot be extended beyond winter. After a brief spell they return (iv) to their natural breeding grounds. They directly (v) return to their original habitat.

- i) a) autumn b) summer c) rainy d) spring
- ii) a) stay b) run c) wander d) resist
- iii) a) staying away b) presence c) bunking d) abandon
- iv) a) keep b) repair c) retreat d) revert
- v) a) straight b) unswervingly c) promptly d) indirectly

Part-2

Answer any ten of the following :

10 x 1 = 10

- 3. Which of the following is the right expansion of 'AIDS' ?
a) All India Dentists Society b) All India Doctors Society
c) Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome d) All India Doomaters Society
- 4. Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning :
a) You are not allowed to talk inside the library.
b) You are not aloud to talk inside the library.
- 5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word :
The tall trees sheds its leaves during the autumn.
- 6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word 'brief' to form a compound word ?
a) bed b) case c) mark d) fall
- 7. What is the plural form of the word 'Species' ?
a) species b) speci c) specia
- 8. Attach a suffix to the word from the list given below to complete the sentence :
Driving fast on a highway can be danger -----.
a) ness b) ly c) ous d) ment
- 9. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning : Don't surrender to temptations.
a) give in b) give up c) give went to d) give out
- 10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words :
a) accomplishment b) millionaire c) profile
- 11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence :
Success in life ----- more on character than on knowledge.
a) depends b) relies

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- 12. Construct a sentence using one of the words given below :
a) popular b) popularly c) popularity
- 13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a verb :
If you read Abdul Kalam's 'Wings of Fire' you will get inspiration.
- 14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning?
Sri Lankans succeeded in all the matches but the finals.
a) Sri Lankans were successful in all the matches and the finals.
b) Sri Lankans failed only in the finals.

Section-II (Grammar : 25 Marks)

Part - 1

Answer all the following questions. Respond to the following as directed :

10 x 1 = 10

- 15. Which of the following given below will suit the following sentence :
Had you contacted me an hour ago -----
a) I will help you b) I would help you c) I would have helped you
- 16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence :
Mother teaches the child patiently on Sundays
a) SVOAA b) SVOC c) SVOA
- 17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement : The sun rises in the east
a) didn't it b) doesn't it c) did it
- 18. Complete the sentence : Mother planet is ----- the sun.
a) bigger than b) so big as c) the biggest
- 19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below :
Barking dogs never bite
a) Barking dogs seldom bite b) Usually barking dogs bite c) Occasionally silent dogs bite
- 20. Complete the following sentence :
----- bad weather, the cricket match was postponed.
a) On behalf of b) On account of c) In spite of
- 21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence :
The World Cup Finals was a feast -----.
a) watching b) to watch c) watch
- 22. Choose the correct phrase complete the sentence :
She is fond ----- chocolates.
a) to eating b) for eating c) of eating
- 23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence :
He set ----- example to others
a) a b) an c) the
- 24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence : The road is ----- repair.
a) over b) on c) under

Part-2

Answer all the following questions. Rewrite as directed :

5 x 2 = 10

- 25. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence :
He answered my question. It was correct
- 26. Rewrite this sentence using the passive voice :
The police watch the thieves and sometimes they catch them too.
- 27. Rewrite this sentence in indirect speech :
Father said to his son, "Don't waste your time".
- 28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using 'if' clause :
You study well. You pass the examination.
- 29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison :
a) Raja is 10 years old
b) Ravi is 15 years old.
c) Rahim is 20 years old
d) Ranjith is 25 years old

30. Punctuate the following sentence :
what are you doing there cried a rough voice

Section - III (Prose : 15 Marks)

Part-1

Answer briefly any five of the following questions. It should not exceed 30 words:

31. List out the specialities of Tanjore.
32. What can lead the world to violence ?
33. Why was Hughie upset ?
34. What can artists do to save the planet ?
35. Who are the brave little voyagers ?
36. What kind of character should you acquire while you are a student ?
37. What will be the future if the Himalayan glaciers become ice-free ?

5 x 2 = 10

Part-2

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions should not exceed 120 words:

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38. a) What lesson does Messiaen teach mankind through his attitude towards music
b) Describe briefly how birds migrate.
c) What are the various duties of a student ? Describe any two duties of a student as pointed out by Gokhale.

Section - IV (Poetry : 20 Marks)

Part-1

Quote from memory one of the following extracts :

1 x 5 = 5

39. a) First five lines of the poem "The Cry of the Children" (or)
b) From : 'I breed to : them last' from the poem 'Migrant Bird'

Part-2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below each set :

5 x 1 = 5

40. 'I weep like a child for the past'
Who weeps for the past ?
41. 'If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same'
a) Who are the two impostors ?
b) Why are they termed so ?
42. 'My sojourn into unknown lands,
I spawn and splash in distant spills'
a) What do you mean by 'sojourn' ?
43. 'Then staccato rhythm
I harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears'
a) What is meant by 'cacophony' ?

Part-3

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below :

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44. "..... my mankind is cast down in the flood of remembrance"
Mention the figure of speech of this line.
45. And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother - who smiles as she sings
Pick out the words that alliterate.
46. No walls for me, no vigil gates,
No flags, no machine guns that blast
Citizens of these border states.
Pick out the rhyming words.
47. Each laid on other a staying hand
To listen ere we dared to look
And in the hush we joined to make
We heard, we know we heard the brook.
What is the rhyme scheme of these lines ?

48. "The reddest flower would look as pale as snow".
The figure of speech of this line is -----.
a) simile b) metaphor c) personification

Part-4

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions :

49. a) Write a paragraph about the life of the children working in mines. (or)
b) Describe the various qualities of 'Manliness'. (or)
c) What are the poet's reminiscences about his childhood days ?

1 x 5=5

Section-V (Language Functions : 20 Marks)

50. Read the following passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

5 x 2=10

(In 1903 the Wright Brothers made the first powered flight in history at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. This site was chosen because of its winds, which would lift the plane like a kite.) The first attempt lasted only 12 seconds and covered a distance of less than the wing span of the largest airplanes of modern aircraft. Soon the Wrights and other inventors and pilots were busy improving the airplane. They made much longer flights and even put in to some practical uses. In 1909 the Wrights delivered the first military plane to the United State Army. As early as 1914, a plane had begun to carry passengers on daily flights and in 1918 regular air mail service was started between Washington and New York.)

Questions :

- a) Who made the first powered flight ? Where ? When ?
b) How long did the first flight last and what distance did it cover ?
c) When did the US Army get the first military plane ?
d) Why was Kitty Hawk chosen for the first flight ?
e) Which places were first connected by air-mail service ?

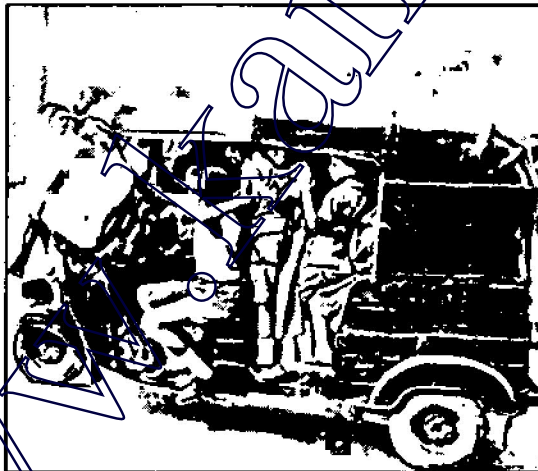
51. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

5 x 1=5

- a) Every Sunday we go to church
b) I am living in Bangalore.
c) Bread and butter are good.
d) He congratulated me for my success.
e) Neither of the two leaders were invited.

52. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences :

5 x 1=5



- a) What do you see in this picture ?
b) Who are the occupants of the auto ?
c) Are the children happy in the ride ?
d) Why do you think that such ride is dangerous ?
e) How can you prevent such tragedies ?