
You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent reading the question paper. The time given at the head of the paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Q1 Choose the correct option

[16]

1. In the play, 'As You Like It' the word, '*importunes*' means:
 - a) Impatient
 - b) inaudible
 - c) missed opportunity
 - d) insists
2. Mr Philip disclosed that he met the co-passenger's mother on:
 - a) Monday
 - b) Tuesday
 - c) Saturday
 - d) Sunday
3. In the play, 'As You Like It' the word, '*cradles*' implies:
 - a) childhood
 - b) adolescents
 - c) births
 - d) perambulator (pram)
4. The word 'ruefully' means:
 - a) happily
 - b) gloomily
 - c) sorrowfully
 - d) sweetly
5. Victor Savage was the relative of:
 - a) Sherlock Holmes
 - b) Dr Watson
 - c) Mr Ainstree
 - d) Mr. Culverton Smith

6. The character of *Sherlock Holmes* is modelled after:

- a) a former doctor
- b) a former lawyer
- c) a professor
- d) None of the above

7. The word '*resolutely*' means:

- a) stubbornly
- b) commanding
- c) sinking
- d) determined

8. The word, 'gnomes' means:

- a) traditional dwarfish creatures
- b) shoal of fish
- c) weird creatures
- d) None of the above

9. Rudyard Kipling won the Nobel Prize for literature in:

- a) 1906
- b) 1907
- c) 1807
- d) 1801

10. The word, 'knaves' in the poem, 'If' means:

- a) innocents
- b) rogues
- c) king's men
- d) knights

11. The goddess of love is:

- a) Cynthia
- b) Juno
- c) Venus
- d) Diana

12. The word, '*painted pomp*' as used by Duke Senior means:

- a) a beautiful painting in the palace
- b) a feast at the Royal table
- c) artificial splendour of the royal court
- d) real splendour of the royal court

13. Adam offers Orlando the entire savings of:

- a) 1000 crowns
- b) 2000 crowns
- c) 400 crowns
- d) 500 crowns

14. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's first story was published when he was of this age:

- a) 22
- b) 20
- c) 18
- d) 24

15. In the year 1913, in U.S.A. the highest temperature ever recorded was:

- a) 56.6° C
- b) 55.8° C
- c) 52.2° C
- d) 50.0° C

16. In 2005, in the Dasht-e Lut Desert in Iran, the highest surface temperature was:

- a) 72.3 ° C
- b) 87.8° C
- c) 77.9° C
- d) 70.7° C

QII Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [20]

Rosalind: 'O Jupiter! how weary are my spirits.'

Touchstone: *I care not for my spirits, if my legs were not weary.*

- a) Where does the scene take place? What does Silvius say to Corin at the beginning of this scene? How does Silvius conclude that Corin was never truly in love? (3)
- b) Rosalind had commented, 'I could find in my heart to disgrace my man's apparel, and to cry like a woman;....' Elucidate the different stereotypes highlighted in this remark: Who passes the remark, 'I had rather bear with you than bear you'? What does it imply? (3)
- c) What does Rosalind say to the shepherd when they meet for the first time? Who is the shepherd? (3)
- d) Draw a character sketch of Rosalind based on the above extract: How has she presented herself and her companions? (3)
- e) What had Rosalind and Celia proposed to Corin? How does Corin offer to help them? What does he reveal about himself and his master (3)

Duke Senior: 'This is no flattery, these are counsellors

That feelingly persuade me what I am

Sweet are the uses of adversity, which like a

- a) Where does the scene take place? Mention the characters present here (2)
- b) Explain the comparison Duke Senior makes with adversity (3)

QIII Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [20]

A] 'The weather can be powerful and dramatic, spectacular storms with thunder that booms and lightning that cracks across the sky;'

- a) State any three places in Meghalaya that the author marvels at? Mention their incredible natural formations (3)

- b) According to the reports, give an account of any three places which had witnessed fish and other such creatures falling from the sky
- c) List any three idioms related to weather and climate: (3)
State their meanings too: [Exclude the mention of 'raining cats and dogs'] (3)
- d) 'In the history of ancient civilisations gardens were carefully crafted': Justify the statement, giving reasons for the same. Mention the ancient civilisations. (4)

B] *'Quite ruined her looks. Here we are. I say, what's the matter with you? You look rather ill'*

- a) What position does Philip Sletherby hope to get? What measures does he take to secure that position? How long was the duration of his stay? (2)
- b) Explain any two changes that made Philip suspicious of his co- passenger in the train: Who was the passenger? (2)
- c) Why did the co-passenger ask for money? How much he said he needed? Mention the expenses he listed for Philip (3)

Question IV Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: [12]

A] *'if you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
yours is the Earth.....'*

- a) Why does the poet call '*Triumph*' and '*Disaster*' imposters? Mention the device used (3)
- b) Explain the above extract in your own words: List any three qualities that must be imbibed to be a successful man (3)

B] *'a note as from a single place,
a slender tingling fall that made
now drops that floated on the pool...'*

- a) Name the poet: Mention the central theme of this poem (3)
- b) What time of the year it is? Why is it significant? (3)

Question V Rapid Reader:

[12]

Choose the correct option:

1. The puppy was _____ months old when the family first met him.
(one/two/three)
2. The immediate reason for buying the puppy was a series of _____
(house-hunting/ house-breakings/house-killings)
3. The word, 'pedigree' means _____ (Good lineage/poor lineage/ food)
4. The word street-mongrel means _____ (stray-dog/an expensive-dog/a loafer)
5. They had paid _____ rupees for the puppy. (65/70/75)
6. The mother compares Attila's eating to an _____ (tiger/elephant/ snail)
7. Ranga lived in a hut _____ miles from the town. (2/3/4)
8. Ranga was often employed _____. (in wagon repairing/road repairing/ as a labourer)
9. Attila was of this colour _____ (grey and white/black and white/ brown)
10. The writer says that for an anna you could win a _____ rupees.
(50/150/100)
11. There was not a single person for _____ miles around, who knew anything about a road engine. (15/50/58)
12. The Swamiji would bite off glass tumblers, lay on spike boards, drank all kinds of acids and chewed and swallowed sharp _____ (rods/nails/ sticks)
