CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2025

ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours | Maximum Marks : 78

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

i. This question paper contains **34 questions.** All questions are **compulsory.**
ii. This question paper is divided into **8 sections.**
iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 2** are unseen passage
iv. **Section B** – questions number **3 to 6** are case based questions
v. **Section C** – questions number **7 to 11** are grammar mcqs
vi. **Section D** – questions number **12 to 18** are grammar short
vii. **Section E** – questions number **19 to 26** are short answer
viii. **Section F** – questions number **27 to 28** are letter
ix. **Section G** – questions number **29 to 30** are paragraph
x. **Section H** – questions number **31 to 34** are long answer
xi. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions.
xii. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

Section A

Question 1.

Read the following text :

1. ChatGPT can search. It cannot research. The platform has attracted the world's attention because of the speed with which it assembles and produces information in a logical sequence, powered by artificial intelligence, as if a human being were prompting it to write.

2. Curious about understanding what ChatGPT can do, I opened an account and asked if it would replace research in the future. Promptly, it replied : "As an Al language model, I don't hold personal beliefs, but I can present arguments on both sides of the topic."

3. The answer amused me. The speed with which it typed the information across the screen was mind-boggling. I could not read the answer as fast as it typed out the sentence. But, when it had finished, I read through the document. It was impressive. It was truly informative.

4. Five different points had been explained briefly in seconds. I would have thought of those five points in an hour or more, depending on the complexity of the topic. "Al : Catalyst, not Conqueror : ChatGPT and the future of research" was the title that it threw up to my question. It matched my opinion about the future of research after ChatGPT. The write-up had an introduction and a conclusion, just as our English teachers have taught us.

5. The document came from countless databases, as that is what it's designed to do. By contrast, when I research a subject for an 800- word article, I visit five or six authoritative sources; I don't go to a million as most are copies.

6. The difference between the write-up of ChatGPT and my research article is the former is a mere summary. When I write, I search new ideas and knit them in a way that reflect my thoughts and perspective. I choose only what is original, unique and fresh and process them in my mind to create a fresh angle.

7. Research has no value if it only summarises known information. Even a literature survey in your subject requires you to say what you will do with it further, and how.

8. Research is not a joke. Years ago, I had asked my professor, later on my supervisor, "How can I publish an article in research journals ?"

9. He answered, "When you have read everything on the subject, and have something original to add to the existing body of research." My head swam.

10. Excellent research is a daunting task and calls for hard intellectual work. When you research, you don't go wide; you go deep. You thoroughly investigate a minor concept, researching it extensively, substantiating each claim with reliable sources, experiments, models and beyond. It took years to discover the atom and the theory

of gravitation. ChatGPT can summarise these discoveries, but it cannot add to them. It does not have the mental wherewithal for that.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above :

(1)

Which of the following statements best summarises the author's views about ChatGPT ?

(A) It can summarise discoveries.

(B) It assembles and produces information.

(C) Its information is based on numerous databases.

(D) It can only search but not research.

[1 Marks]

(2)

What did the professor suggest to the author's question of how he could publish his research journal ? (Answer in 40 words only.)

[1 Marks]

(3)

Complete the given analogy :

Dependable : reliable : rational :_____.

[1 Marks]

(4)

Complete the sentence appropriately.

The author noticed that the write-up produced by ChatGPT had an introduction and a conclusion, just as he learnt in his English class but it

still lacked_____.

[1 Marks]

(5)

The author was moved by the_____ with which the ChatGPT was producing the article.

(A) originality

(B) information

(C) rationality

(D) speed

[1 Marks]

(6)

Quote the answer of ChatGPT, from the above given passage, when it was asked whether it would replace research in the future ?

[1 Marks]

(7)

State whether the given statement is True/False :

Research is not beneficial if it only summarises the known information.

[1 Marks]

(8)

Mention one basic difference between the write-up of ChatGPT and author's research article.

[2 Marks]

Question 2.

Read the following text :

1. The climate and landscape in Uttarakhand vary greatly with altitude (186 — 7619 m), from the largest glaciers in the higher elevation to the subtropical forests in the lowest elevation.

2. The lowlands along the border of U.P. are covered by the drier Terai- Savanna grasslands, the moist deciduous forest of the Upper Gangetic Plains form the Bhabhar belt. Due to the extensive agricultural practices, most of these lowland forests have been cleared. Snow and bare ice occupy the highest altitudes.

3. This state occupies 53,483 sq.km., (1.63% of India's total land area). Out of 13 districts, Uttarkashi occupies the maximum area of 8039 sq. km., while Champawat covers the minimum area of 1634 sq. km. Uttarakhand experiences four types of seasons, namely, Monsoon (June to September), Post-monsoon (October to November), Cold weather (December to February) and Pre-monsoon (March to May). The normal annual precipitation in the state is 1446 mm. Rain usually starts at the end of April and lasts until September. The monsoon rainfall is 78% of the annual rainfall. This makes the state prone to flood during monsoon. Bageshwar receives the maximum normal annual rainfall (1872 mm). 81% falls of this rainfall occurs in the monsoon season. Haridwar receives the minimum normal annual rainfall (1107 mm).

4. Due to the differences in topographical features, temperatures vary widely. During March and April, temperatures rise until they peak in May and June, when the mean maximum temperature in the southern and valley regions is between 34° and 38 °C, and the mean minimum temperature is between 20° and 24 °C. Temperatures can reach 42 °C in the valleys and southern half of the state and 30 °C in two-kilometre-high elevations on some days. Day and night temperatures begin to dip around the end of September and reach the lowest in January and early February. January is the coldest month, with an average maximum temperature of 20 °C and an average lowest temperature of 6 °C. The mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from 10° to 12 °C at altitudes of 2 km. Answer the following questions, based on the passage above :

(1) Fill in the blank suitably : The variance in climate and landscape of Uttarakhand as per paragraph 1 is marked by_____.

[1 Marks]

(2)

Based on your understanding of the paragraph 2, fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets.

Most of the lowland forests are_____ (maintained/cleared) due to the _____ (large-scale/small-scale) agricultural practices.

[1 Marks]

(3)

Based on the passage, which of the districts has the lowest rainfall in Uttarakhand ?

[1 Marks]

(4)

'This makes the state of Uttarakhand prone to flood during monsoon.'

Justify the statement with reference to the passage given above in 30-40 words.

[1 Marks]

(5)

In the given sentence taken from paragraph 3, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely Antonym.

Rain usually starts at the end of April and lasts until September.

(A) begins

(B) arrives

(C) ends

(D) commences

[1 Marks]

(6)

Which two districts have maximum and minimum rainfall in the state ?

(A) Bageshwar and Chamoli

(B) Nainital and Rudraprayag

(C) Haridwar and Garhwal

(D) Bageshwar and Haridwar

[1 Marks]

(7)

How is Bhabhar belt formed ?

[1 Marks]

(8)

State which of the given statements is not true :

(A) January is the coldest month, with an average maximum temperature of 20 °C and an average lowest temperature of 6 °C.

(B) The mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from 15 to 20 °C at altitudes of 2 km.

[1 Marks]

(9)

Complete the given table :

Assertion	Reasoning
The temperatures vary widely in the state of Uttarakhand.	_____ _____ _____

[1 Marks]

Section B

Question 3. That was twenty-four hours ago. Since then nobody had come near him. The day before, all day long, he had watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister, perfecting them in the art of flight, teaching them how to skim the waves and how to dive for fish. He had, in fact, seen his elder brother catch his first herring and devour it, standing on a rock, while his parents circled around raising a proud cackle and all the morning the whole family had walked about on the big plateau midway down the opposite cliff taunting him for his cowardice.

(1) Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket : The use of the phrase 'proud cackle' adds to a sense of _____ (noise/pride) in the extract.

[1 Marks]

(2)

Describe the contrasting reactions of the parents to their

children giving reasons.

[2 Marks]

(3)

How do the parents teach their young to be independent ?

[1 Marks]

(4)

The word 'devour' in the above extract most nearly means

(A) scared

(B) gobbled

(C) preserved

(D) cooled

[1 Marks]

Question 4. Lomov : Hear me out, I implore you ! The peasants of your father's grandfather, as I have already had the honour of explaining to you, used to bake bricks for my aunt's grandmother. Now my aunt's grandmother, wishing to make them a present. Natalya : I can't make head or tail of all this about aunts and grandfathers and grandmothers. The Meadows are ours, that's all. Lomov : Mine Natalya : Ours! You can go proving it for two days on end.

(1) What is Lomov pleading for ? (A) to be heard (B) bricks for his aunt's grandmother (C) documents of the Meadows (D) for two days time to prove himself

[1 Marks]

(2)

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket :

The use of the phrase 'can't make head or tail' adds to a sense

of_____ (confusion/realization) to the extract.

[1 Marks]

(3)

What is Lomov trying to prove ?

[-1 Marks]

(4)

What effect does the following sentence have on Natalya ? Why ?

'The peasants of your father's grandfather.....used to bake

bricks for my aunt's grandmother.'

[2 Marks]

Question 5. Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears, And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs, Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage, But Custard cried for a nice safe cage. Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful, Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival (Tale of Custard the Dragon)

(1) What poetic device is used in the first sentence ?

[1 Marks]

(2)

Complete the following suitably :

The word 'unmerciful' in the given context implies that Belinda

is _____.

[1 Marks]

(3)

What was ironical about Custard being referred to as Percival ?

[1 Marks]

(4)

What image of Custard is created in the above lines ?

[1 Marks]

Question 6. Don't bite your nails, Amanda ! Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda ! Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda ! ("There is a languid, emerald sea, where the sole inhabitant is me a mermaid, drifting blissfully.") (Amanda)

(1) What image does the above extract create about Amanda's mother ?

[1 Marks]

(2)

Why is the second verse written in brackets ?

[1 Marks]

(3)

Amanda calls herself a mermaid because_____

(A) Mermaid is Amanda's favourite fantasy character.

(B) Amanda loves watching a mermaid drifting in water.

(C) Amanda longs to be free like a mermaid which sails effortlessly in the sea.

(D) Amanda wants to sail with a mermaid in the deep-sea water.

[1 Marks]

(4)

Amanda wants to be the sole inhabitant in the sea.Elucidate.

[2 Marks]

Section C

Question 7. Replace the underlined word used in the sentence with the best option given below : Born in 1872, Richard Willstatter was a chemist who invents the process of paper chromatography.

[1 Marks]

(A) has invented

(B) invent

(C) will invent

(D) invented

Question 8.

Fill in the blank to complete this message in a poster for safety. Our planet is precious and only we_____ save it.

[1 Marks]

(A) may

(B) shall

(C) will

(D) can

Question 9.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the dialogues given below : Mother : Why aren't you playing with your friends ? Rayan : I am not feeling well today. Mother asked Rayan_____ Rayan replied that he was not feeling well that day.

[1 Marks]

(A) that he was not playing with his friends.

(B) why he wasn't playing with his friends.

(C) whether he was not playing with his friends.

(D) why wasn't he playing with his friends.

Question 10.

Fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate option : The news about the retirement of my favourite character gave me _____ disappointment.

[-1 Marks]

(A) much

(B) many

(C) little

(D) few

Question 11.

Complete the given sentence with the correct form of verb. It is important to_____ a healthy atmosphere.

[1 Marks]

(A) creating

(B) creates

(C) created

(D) create

Section D

Question 12.

Rahil and Somil decided to reach the theatre at 5 pm. Report the

question asked by Rahil to Somil.

Which movie are we going to watch ?

Rahil asked Somil_____.

[1 Marks]

Question 13.

Read the given line and identify the error.

When the rounds were completed, the hurdle and mazes appeared

on the appropriate places.

[1 Marks]

error	correction

Question 14.

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction

for the line given below :

In earlier times, public libraries plays an important role in the lives

of the people.

[1 Marks]

Option No.	error	correction
(A)	role	roles
(B)	of	in
(C)	in	of
(D)	plays	played

Question 15.

Report the dialogue between a guard and a visitor by completing the

sentence :

Guard : Good morning Sir ! Park your car in the Visitor's Parking

Area.

Visitor : OK. Please help me park my car in the Visitor's Parking

Area.

The guard greeted the visitor and told him to park his car at the

Visitor's Parking Area. At this, the visitor requested him_____.

[1 Marks]

Question 16.

Identify the error and supply correction for the following pre-flight

announcement before take-off.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome onboard flight 487 flying from Hong

Kong to San Francisco. We are currently third in line for take-off

and were expected to be in the air in approximately seven minutes

time.

Use the given format for your response.

[1 Marks]

error	correction

Question 17.

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line

given below :

The roads have been widened so much that six lanes of vehicles

_____ (will/may/could) be accommodated.

[1 Marks]

Question 18.

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :

Mahi_____ (shirk) the task given to her and went out to play.

[1 Marks]

Section E

Question 19.

Ilustrate Lencho''s unwavering faith in the Divine. (A Letter to God)

[3 Marks]

Question 20.

In what way did Nelson Mandela's yearning for freedom alter the

course of his life ? (Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)

[3 Marks]

Question 21.

Is it ethical to enclose wild animals within cages ? Discuss with reference to the poem, 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.

[3 Marks]

Question 22.

Upon encountering the deceased cow on the road, Valli was emotional. Comment with reference to 'Madam Rides the Bus'.

[3 Marks]

Question 23.

How does modern India recognize the tradition of courage and bravery in Coorgi culture ? (Glimpses of India)

[3 Marks]

Question 24.

Education acts as a catalyst for a significant transformation in Bholi. Comment. (Bholi)

[3 Marks]

Question 25.

Refusing to accept our circumstances can result in an unhappy life. Discuss in brief with reference to the story 'The Necklace'.

[3 Marks]

Question 26.

How was the Hari Singh's 'appealing smile' at the end different from similar smiles of his on earlier occasions ? (The Thief's Story)

[3 Marks]

Section F

Question 27.

Convenience, variety, discounts and laziness are some of the reasons for the growing popularity of ordering food online. You are Santa / Suhail student editor for the National Times. Compose a letter in about 120 words to the Editor of the newspaper highlighting the adverse effects of take-out food ordered online. Emphasize on the overall well-being of eating home-cooked meals.

[5 Marks]

Question 28.

You visited your hometown after a period of four years and were disappointed at the condition of the roads. They were in a state of disrepair. The uneven surfaces, cracks and pot-holes were affecting daily commute and causing safety issues for the people. You are Sulekha/Salim. Write a letter to the Director of the Municipal Corporation in about 100-120 words drawing attention to the poor condition of roads and the inconvenience caused. Request him to look into the matter and take early action.

[5 Marks]

Section G

Question 29.

Read the following details of a children's park in your colony :

Analyse the details of the park and write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words about its suitability as a children's park.

[5 Marks]

- covered on all four sides with 2 gates
- skating rink and basketball court in the park
- swings in one corner for younger children
- open ground for colony functions
- specific timings

Question 30.

There is an alarming increase in the percentage of students suffering from obesity. Given below are some of the findings of a survey conducted to identify causes :

- unhealthy diet — 40%
- lack of exercise — 30%
- stress and anxiety — 25%
- genetic factors — 5%

Analyse the causes for obesity.

[5 Marks]

Age group affected

0 – 5 years	:	13%
5 – 8 years	:	20%
8 – 12 years	:	28%
13 – 15 years	:	25%
16 – 18 years	:	14%

Section H

Question 31.

Self-doubt and fear often act as barriers to success. On the other hand, curiosity leads to learning new things. Justify the statement citing instances from 'His First Flight' and 'Madam Rides the Bus'.

[6 Marks]

Question 32.

What distinguishes the portrayal of the tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' from the depiction of the tiger in the poem 'How to tell Wild Animals' ?

[6 Marks]

Question 33.

Imagine you are Bholi and write a diary entry, explaining how you dare to take such a bold step of refusing to marry Bishamber. (Bholi)

[6 Marks]

Question 34.

In the story, 'A Triumph of Surgery', a wealthy woman's nonsensical behaviour, is depicted. Do you think such individuals are merely displaying foolishness or could their actions potentially, inflict harm upon others ? Support your answer from the text.

[6 Marks]