CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2023

ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours | Maximum Marks : 77

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 14** are grammar short

vi. **Section D** – questions number **15 to 18** are grammar mcqs

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 text given below :

(1)Held every year on 21 May, UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development highlighting not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

(2)A recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis. It has also underscored the sector's potential to generate economic growth, something which is too often underestimated.

(3)With the adoption in September 2015 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations, and the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2015, the message of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is more important than ever. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can best be achieved by drawing upon the creative potential of the world's diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure that all members of society benefit from sustainable development.

(4) Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. This is captured in the culture conventions, which provide a solid basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.

(5)At the same time, acceptance and recognition of cultural diversity in particular through innovative use of media and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) are conducive to dialogue among civilizations and cultures, respect and mutual understanding.

(6) In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity. Next, in December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution 57/249, declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, and in 2015, the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development, affirming culture's contribution to the three dimensions of sustainable development, acknowledging further the natural and cultural diversity of the world, and recognizing that cultures and civilizations can contribute to, and are crucial enablers of, sustainable development.

(7) The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to achieve the goals of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions adopted on 20 October, 2005.

Answer the following questions based on the above passage :

(1)

Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 points to describe the purpose of UNESCO leading the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. (a)_____

(b) _____

[1 Marks]

(2)

Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from para (2).

The recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of

crisis.

(A) the real worth of cultural sector at generating social cohesion during pandemics

(B) the real worth of creative sector at undermining the social cohesion during an international emergency

(C) questioning the real worth of creative sector at generating education resource during an international emergency

(D) highlighting the real worth of cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion and educational resource during an international emergency

[1 Marks]

(3)

Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how Sustainable Development Goals can be achieved.

[2 Marks]

(4)

In sets a-e below, identify two sets of synonyms.

a. richness and poverty

b. intellectual and moral

c. reduction and promotion

d. essential and intrinsic

e. urgent and crucial

Options :

(A) a and c

(B) b and e

(C) d and e

(D) b and d

[1 Marks]

(5)

What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph (4) ? Rationalise your response in about 40 words : “Cultural diversity is an asset.”

[2 Marks]

(6)

The phrase ‘bridging the gap’ in paragraph (4) refers to :

(A) widening the differences

(B) connecting two desparate ideas

(C) supporting the bridging

(D) filling in the space between two connected things

[1 Marks]

(7)

Complete the sentence appropriately :

The Second Committee of UN General Assembly in 2015 adopted_

_____.

[1 Marks]

(8)

Complete the following sentence :

_____is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development.

[1 Marks]

Question 2.

Read the extract given below :

1. The National Education Policy 2020 proposes the revision and revamping of all aspects of education, including the educational structure, regulations and governance, to create a new system which is aligned with the aspirational goals of 21st century students. According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education, for which a clear action plan with targets and timelines are to be developed.

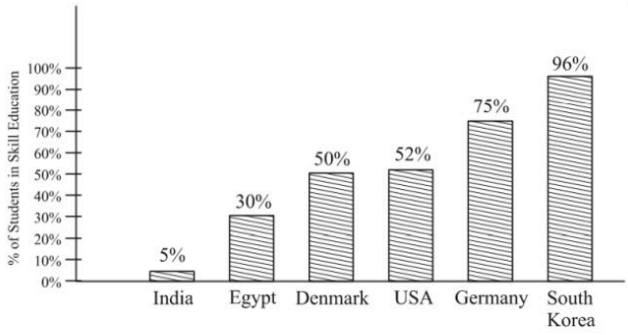
2. The policy aims to overcome the social status hierarchy associated with skill education and integration of skill education into mainstream education in all educational institutions in a phased manner. Beginning with skill exposure at early ages in middle and secondary school, quality skill education will be integrated smoothly into school and higher education.

3.Every child will learn at least one skill and is exposed to several more. This would lead to emphasizing the dignity of labour and importance of various vocations involving Indian arts and artisanship.

4.The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of 'academic' or other capacities. To achieve this objective, secondary schools will have to collaborate with Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Local Industry, etc. Skill labs will also be set up and created in the schools in a Hub and Spoke model, which will allow other schools to use the facility. Higher education institutions will offer skill education either on their own or in partnership with industry and other institutions.

The Global Scenario of Students in Skill Education Sector.

Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions given below :



India	–	5%
Egypt	–	30%
Denmark	–	50%
USA	–	52%
Germany	–	75%
South Korea	–	96%

(1) Based on the reading of the extract, list 2 objectives of NEP 2020.

[2 Marks]

(2)

Fill in the blank with appropriate option from those given in the brackets, based on the understanding of paragraph (4).

The statement :

“The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of academic or other capacities” is a / an_____(fact / opinion) because it is a / an_____(subjective judgement / objective detail)

[1 Marks]

(3)

Based on the understanding of the passage, complete the following statement appropriately :

The benefit of the hub and spoke model will be_____.

[1 Marks]

(4)

Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the statement given below :

“According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education.”

(A) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.

(B) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.

(C) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

(D) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

[1 Marks]

(5)

Complete the following analogy correctly with a word / phrase from paragraph (3) :

Racism : condemn :: _____: respect

[1 Marks]

(6)

As per the Global Scenario which country has the maximum percentage of students in Skill Education and what can be the possible reason?

[2 Marks]

(7)

Fill in the following blank choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below :

As per NEP 2020, skill exposure will begin at _____.

(A) middle and secondary school

(B) primary school

(C) higher school

(D) senior secondary school

[1 Marks]

(8)

Justify the statement — "The NEP will create an awareness and appreciation of Indian arts and artisanship."

[1 Marks]

Section B

Question 3. On the day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history. In the first decade of the 20th century a few years after the bitter Anglo-Boer war and before my own birth, the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences and created a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people of their own land. The structure they created formed the basis of one of the harshest, most inhumane societies the world has ever known. Now, in the last decade of the twentieth century, and my own eighth decade as a man, that system has been overturned forever and replaced by one that recognised the rights and freedoms of all peoples, regardless of the colour of their skin.

(1) Explain the feelings of the narrator when he said ; "I was overwhelmed with a sense of history."

[1 Marks]

(2)

The system of racial domination has been replaced by a system that :

(A) confirms the education of the Blacks.

(B) recognises the rights and freedoms of all people.

(C) recollects the bitter experiences.

(D) focuses on the personality development.

[1 Marks]

(3)

Comment on the kind of society apartheid had created ?

[2 Marks]

(4)

Which phrase would correctly substitute 'patched up' in the given sentence from the extract :

"..the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences..."

[1 Marks]

Question 4.

I started right away at the Montessori Nursery School. I stayed there until I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form, my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell. In the summer of 1941, Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.

(1) "In the summer of 1941, Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration." State any one inference about Anne from the above context.

[1 Marks]

(2)

The first education of Anne started at

(A) some Kindergarten School

(B) a Nursery School

(C) Montessori Nursery School

(D) Elementary School

[1 Marks]

(3)

Who was Mrs. Kuperus? What kind of relationship did Anne share with her?

[2 Marks]

(4)

Substitute the word 'heartbreaking' with a word similar in meaning in the following sentence : "At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell."

[1 Marks]

Question 5.

He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage, On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage. He should be lurking in shadow, Sliding through long grass Near the water pole Where plump deer pass.

He should be snarling around houses At the jungle's edge,

Baring his white fangs, his claws,

Terrorising the village!

(1) State any one point of contrast between the tiger in the zoo and in its natural habitat.

[1 Marks]

(2)

When the speaker suggests that the tiger should be "Snarling around houses at the jungle's edge" ? What does he insinuate about the tiger's natural behaviour and habitat?

[1 Marks]

(3)

The poet's skillful use of imagery effectively depicts the confinement and frustration of the tiger. Elaborate in about 40 words.

[2 Marks]

(4)

Which phrase would correctly substitute 'quiet rage' in the given sentence from the extract ? The few steps of his cage on pads of velvet quiet in his 'quiet rage.

[1 Marks]

Question 6.

No use to say 'O there are other balls

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where his ball went.

I would not intrude on him,

A dime, another ball, is worthless.

Now He senses first responsibility In a world of possessions. People will take Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy

And no one buys a ball back. Money is external

He is learning.....

(1)

(1) Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards the boy's reaction to losing his ball?

(A) indifferent as the ball is inexpensive

(B) sympathetic, understanding the depth of the boy's loss

(C) mocking, finding the boy's reaction exaggerated and unnecessary.

(D) panicked, sharing the boy's distress over the lost ball.

[1 Marks]

(2)

Explain the phrase 'all his young days into the harbour' with reference to the extract.

[1 Marks]

(3)

Comment on the use of metaphor in the above extract.

[1 Marks]

(4)

Briefly state in about 40 words the boy's journey from 'shaking grief' to 'he is learning' in the above extract.

[2 Marks]

Section C

Question 7.

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter :

Dear Sir

In response to your query, the document that _____ (explain) our country's sustainability initiatives has been attached for your consideration.

[1 Marks]

Question 8.

Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence :

The uniquely flavoured dish was interestingly enough to captivate my taste buds.

Use the above format for your response.

[1 Marks]

Error	Correction

Question 9.

Raashi and Ratul had a conversation about volunteer work. Report Raashi's question.

Raashi : What challenges have you faced while volunteering?

Ratul: The main challenge is dealing with different personalities, but it's also a great learning experience.

[1 Marks]

Question 10.

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option in the bracket, to complete the sentence :

The revised meeting agenda is attached and _____(this / those / it) needs to be emailed to all participants before the meeting.

[1 Marks]

Question 11.

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an e-commerce website's return policy.

We offers a 30-day return policy on all unopened products purchased from our websites. Use the given format for your response :

[1 Marks]

Error	Correction

Question 12.

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the sentence from a public health campaign. The campaign's goal is to increase physical activity among the younger.

[1 Marks]

Option	Error	Correction
(A)	activity	activities
(B)	goal	goals
(C)	younger	youth
(D)	is	are

Question 13.

Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence :

Vendor : You look a little different today!

Customer : Yes, I just got a new haircut.

The vendor noticed that his customer's appearance had changed and asked him about it. The customer admitted this, citing the fact that _____.

[1 Marks]

Question 14.

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence :

The public health campaign aimed in increase awareness of the risks associated with underage drinking.

Use the given format for your response :

[1 Marks]

Error	Correction

Section D

Question 15.

Read the dialogue between a librarian and a student. Librarian : Welcome back! It's good to see you, young man! Student: Thanks! I was overloaded with assignments, so I have not visited the library this week. Based on the conversation above, report the dialogue between a librarian and a student by completing the sentence. The librarian greeted the student warmly, expressing pleasure at his visit. The student thanked her and explained that _____which had limited his recent visits to the library. Select the correct option from those given below :

[1 Marks]

(A) he is overloaded with assignments

(B) he has been overloaded with assignments

(C) he was overloaded with assignments

(D) he had been overloaded with assignments

Question 16.

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option : The internship at the tech start up had _____ me excited about the potential of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.

[1 Marks]

(A) to feel

(B) feels

(C) feeling

(D) felt

Question 17. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence to update the result of the regional science fair : 'We have exciting news to share! Our school _____ first place in the regional science fair.

[1 Marks]

(A) was awarded

(B) awarded

(C) had awarded

(D) has been awarded

Question 18. Complete the line from a song by filling the blank with the correct option : The morning dew captures your essence, The flowers and grass _____ your colour, The Sunrise embraces your arrival, As the dawn welcomes a new day.

[1 Marks]

(A) reflects

(B) reflect

(C) reflected

(D) shall reflect

Section E

Question 19.

Scientists contribute to make the world a better place. Griffin is an antithesis to this statement. Justify. (Footprints Without Feet)

[2 Marks]

Question 20.

Why did Bholi's teacher feel like an artist admiring her masterpiece ? (Bholi).

[2 Marks]

Question 21.

What is the twist at the end of the story 'The Necklace' ? (The Necklace)

[2 Marks]

Question 22.

'What mood of the poet is reflected in the poem 'Dust of Snow' initially ? What images are used by the poet to bring about the effect ? Comment.

[3 Marks]

Question 23.

How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances?

[3 Marks]

Question 24.

'What makes Custard, the dragon look fearsome? Explain.

[3 Marks]

Question 25.

Explain, why the speaker mentions God in the poem "For Anne Gregory".

[3 Marks]

Question 26.

What message might the Buddha's story hold for those who are in positions of power and privilege ?

[3 Marks]

Section F

Question 27.

There are daily reports in the newspaper of fatal accidents due to reckless driving and road rage. Write a letter to the Commissioner of Traffic Police in about 120 words suggesting the need to take stricter action against the offenders. Recommend the use of social media to launch awareness campaigns about the implications of irresponsible driving. You are Shantanu / Savita, living at B-108 Krishi Apartments.

[5 Marks]

Question 28.

A leading communication company ‘Savera’ is sponsoring a half marathon run in your city to raise funds for ‘Koshish’ an orphanage. You are Roshini/Roshan, school captain of Adarsh Vidyalaya. You are leading a batch of hundred students in the half marathon to be held in your city.

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily emphasizing the participation of school children in such programmes as part of voluntary community service. Highlight the benefits of participation in such activities.

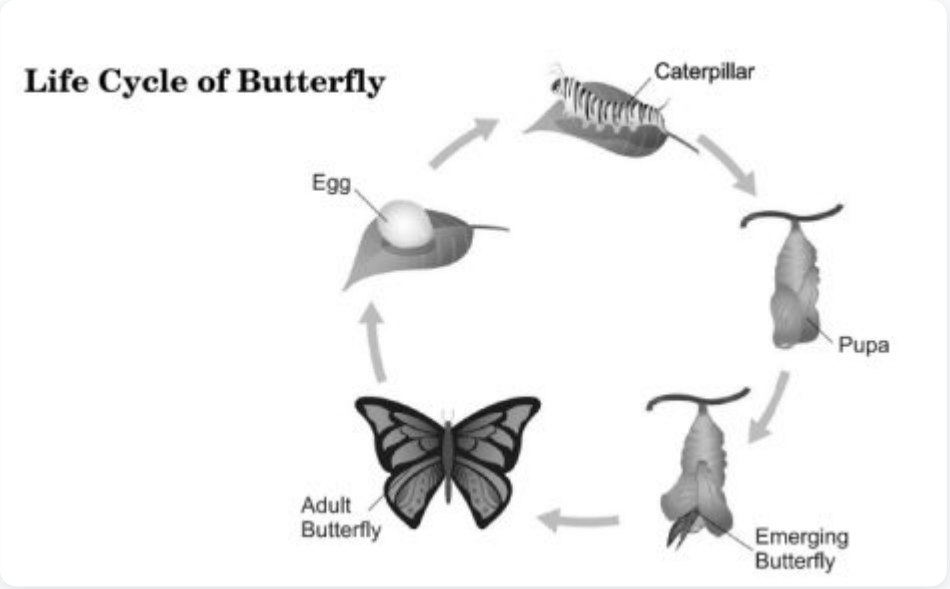
[5 Marks]

Section G

Question 29.

The visual given shows the life cycle of a butterfly. Study the information carefully and then summarise it in the form of an analytical paragraph. Make comparisons and draw conclusions wherever applicable.

[5 Marks]



Question 30.

Study the table given below which shows the data on the hobbies of students during summer vacations. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words analyzing what hobbies do boys and girls choose in their summer vacations :

[5 Marks]

Hobbies	Boys	Girls
Singing	7%	25%
Photography	35%	5%
Playing	30%	16%
Dancing	13%	40%
Yoga	19%	15%

Section H

Question 31.

How did the lady in red manage to outsmart and out maneuver the other thief, Horace Danby, by robbing the safe without leaving a single fingerprint ? (A Question of Trust)

[6 Marks]

Question 32.

Hari Singh says — “He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything.”

Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it at all. Elaborate based on your reading of The Thief’s Story.

[6 Marks]

Question 33.

In the chapter ‘A Baker from Goa’ the narrator talks about his childhood in Goa and his fond memories. In about 120 words write a presentation draft comparing the childhood of the narrator in ‘A Baker from Goa’ to that of Nelson Mandela.

You may begin this way :

Childhood memories remind us of the days gone by.....

Reference : A Baker from Goa and Nelson Mandela : Long Walk

[6 Marks]

Question 34.

Amanda from the poem ‘Amanda’ is a teenager like Anne Frank and lives in her fantasy world whereas Anne is a chatter box. What conversation will Anne Frank have with Amanda about different perspectives of life ? Write your answer in about 120 words.

[6 Marks]