

CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2023

ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 73

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

- i. This question paper contains **25 questions**. All questions are **compulsory**.
- ii. This question paper is divided into **8 sections**.
- iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 5** are case based questions
- iv. **Section B** – questions number **6 to 14** are short answer
- v. **Section C** – questions number **15 to 15** are job application
- vi. **Section D** – questions number **16 to 19** are long answer
- vii. **Section E** – questions number **20 to 21** are notice
- viii. **Section F** – questions number **22 to 22** are report
- ix. **Section G** – questions number **23 to 24** are letter
- x. **Section H** – questions number **25 to 25** are article
- 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 extract and answer the questions that follow :

Now we will count to twelve

and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth

Let's not speak in any language,

Let's stop for one second,

and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment

without rush, without engines,

we would all be together.

(1)

The poet counts up to twelve as a countdown to:

(a) lift arms.

(b) speak in different languages.

(c) stop all activities.

(d) be without engines.

[1 Marks]

(2)

The benefits of 'Keeping Quiet' include

I. harmony

II. non-violence

III. brotherhood

IV. meditation

Choose the most appropriate option :

(a) I and II

(b) II and IV

(c) I, II and III

(d) I, II, III and IV

[1 Marks]

(3)

The poet appeals to the people to:

I. keep quiet,

II. not move,

III. celebrate festivals,

IV. not hibernate.

Choose the most appropriate option.

(a) Only II

(b) I and II

(c) Only I

(d) I and IV

[1 Marks]

(4)

Complete the statement with reference to the extract:

The poet suggests we will all be together when _____.

[1 Marks]

(5)

Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the third line of the extract:

(a) lightning danced across the sky

- (b) greedy good doers
- (c) children spilling out of their homes
- (d) fight like cats and dogs

[1 Marks]

(6)

The word 'exotic' in the extract most nearly means

- a) unique,
- b) luxurious,
- c) rich,
- d) illusive.

[1 Marks]

Question 2.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

"Because we are born into this community, We are never given any honour or dignity or respect; we are stripped of all that. But if we study and make progress, we can throw away these indignities. So study with care, learn all you can. If you are always ahead in your lessons, people will come to you of their own accord and attach themselves to you. Work hard and learn."

(1)

Who is the speaker ? Who is he speaking to ?

- (a) Appa; Bama
- (b) Bama; Amma
- (c) Bama; The Zamindar
- (d) Annan; Bama

[1 Marks]

(2)

Which of the following summarizes the author's opinion about study?

- (a) Childhood should be spent in experiential learning.
- (b) Studying is better than playing.
- (c) Studying is essential to the nation's development
- (d) Studying leads to social reforms and progress.

[1 Marks]

(3)

Complete the following statement with reference to the community:

The treatment meted out to the community was _____.

[1 Marks]

(4)

Select the option that best describes the speaker in the above extract :

- I. marginalized
- II. practical
- III. idealistic
- IV. curious
- V. aggressive

Select the most appropriate option :

- (a) I and II
- (b) III and IV
- (c) II and IV
- (d) IV and V

Question 3.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

You think ' here's a boy.' You look at me ... and then you see my face and you think. 'That's bad. That's a terrible thing. That's the ugliest thing I ever saw.' You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not. Not poor. Underneath, you are afraid. Anybody would be. I am. When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me.

(1)

Who is the speaker and who is he speaking to?

- (a) Derry; His mother
- (b) Derry; Mr. Lamb
- (c) Derry; Ladies at the bus stop
- (d) Mother; Mr. Lamb

[1 Marks]

(2)

Complete the following statement with reference to the extract:

When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me _____.

[1 Marks]

(3)

According to the speaker, what do people feel about him?

- (a) People are empathetic towards him.
- (b) People are repulsed by his appearance.
- (c) People are annoyed by his presence.
- (d) People are unhappy at his association with his neighbours.

[1 Marks]

(4)

Explain the statement with reference to the given extract :

'You think, Poor boy.' But I'm not.

[1 Marks]

Question 4.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

The make-up department was first headed by a Bengali who became too big for a studio and left. He was succeeded by a Maharashtrian who was assisted by a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and the usual local Tamils. All this shows that there was a great deal of national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan began broadcasting programmes on national integration.. This gang of nationally integrated make-up men could turn any decent-looking person into a hideous crimson hued monster with the help of truck-loads of pancake and a number of other locally made potions and lotions.

(1)

Select a suitable word from the extract to complete the analogy:

front : rear :: ravishing : _____

[1 Marks]

(2) What is the significance of the diverse backgrounds of the make-up artists?

[1 Marks]

(3)

Select the correct option to fill in the blanks:

The make-up artists could turn _____ looking people into _____ looking men and women.

- (a) ordinary; pleasant
- (b) ugly; good
- (c) pleasant; ugly
- (d) monstrous; beautiful

[1 Marks]

(4) Bring out the irony in the above given extract.

[1 Marks]

(5)

Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is true for the make-up department.

- (a) The make-up artists were welcomed by the actors.
- (b) The make-up artists were poorly paid.
- (c) The work done by the make-up artists was not appreciated.
- (d) The department exhibited national integration.

[1 Marks]

(6)

How was there national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan in the make-up department?

- (a) The staff consisted of a Bengali, a Maharashtrian, a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and Tamils.
- (b) They recited slogans of national integration.
- (c) The staff studied make-up techniques of various states.
- (d) Their clients were from various states.

[1 Marks]

(7)

The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means

- (a) brand name
- (b) lemon cake
- (c) savoury
- (d) preservative

[1 Marks]

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[1 Marks]

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[1 Marks]

(10)

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- (c) savoury
- (d) preservative

[1 Marks]

(11)

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- (c) savoury
- (d) preservative

[1 Marks]

Question 5.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives. I call them interstices. Say you are coming over to my place. You are in the elevator and while you are coming up, I am waiting for you. This is an interstice, an empty space. I work in empty spaces. While waiting for your elevator to come up from the first to the third floor, I have already written an article !

(1)

Umberto Eco, was

- (a) a professor of semiotics, an author
- (b) an interviewer, a novelist
- (c) a journalist, a professor

(d) a publisher, an author

[1 Marks]

(2)

Rationalise, to support the given statement:

'Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives.'

[1 Marks]

(3)

Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference:

'I call them interstices.'

[1 Marks]

(4)

Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract:

'Umberto Eco does not like to waste time. He writes an article while he is proceeding to the elevator.'

[1 Marks]

(5)

On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below

I. Umberto Eco works even in the spare time between activities.

II. Umberto Eco does not like to be interviewed.

Choose the most appropriate option.

(a) I can be inferred from the extract, but II cannot

(b) I cannot be inferred from the extract, but II can

(c) I and II are true

(d) II is the reason for I

[1 Marks]

(6)

Umberto Eco's views on his manner of work are based on _____.

(a) facts

(b) an interview

(c) his blog

(d) hypothesis

[1 Marks]

Section B

Question 6.

What were Franz's feelings as he set out for school and why?

[2 Marks]

Question 7.

What vicious circle are the bangle-makers trapped in?

[2 Marks]

Question 8.

What were Douglas's initial thoughts when he was pushed into the pool?

[2 Marks]

Question 9.

Who was Edla Williamson ? Why did she visit the forge at night ?

[2 Marks]

Question 10.

Why did Sophie wish to delve more deeply in 'her brother's affections?

[2 Marks]

Question 11.

Why do Aunt Jennifer's tigers not fear the men beneath the tree ?

[2 Marks]

Question 12.

In what way did the infant Tiger King surprise the astrologer?

[2 Marks]

Question 13.

How does Mr. Lamb try to put Derek at ease when he entered Mr. Lamb's garden?

[2 Marks]

Question 14.

What did Charley find in his collection of first day covers ?

[2 Marks]

Section C

Question 15.

Mansi/Manu of Viewside Road, Kanpur, sees the following advertisement in 'The Everyday News' and decides to apply for the job of a Marketing Executive. Write a letter of application along with the biodata in 120–150 words to the Personnel Manager, India Book House, Mall Road, Kanpur.

[5 Marks]

Section D

Question 16. Dr. Sadao is torn between his duty as a doctor and his responsibility as a patriotic citizen. Elaborate.

[5 Marks]

Question 17.

How has human civilization impacted our environment ? Comment with reference to the lesson "Journey to the End of the Earth."

[5 Marks]

Question 18.

"Civil disobedience had triumphed for the first time in modern India." When and how did it happen?

[5 Marks]

Question 19.

In the chapter 'Poets and Pancakes', the author has used gentle humour to point out human foibles. Pick out instances of this to show how it served to make the extract engaging.

[5 Marks]

Section E

Question 20. A sea storm is expected to hit the states on the East Coast of the country within 72 hours. As Rohit/Reema, Director General, Coast Guard, Odisha, write a notice in 50 words to warn fishermen, tourists and general public to take all safety precautions and not venture into the sea. Mention relevant details.

[5 Marks]

Question 21. You are Anuj/Anu, Secretary of Saket Kunj, Saket, Navi Mumbai, Resident Welfare Association. Write a notice in 50 words to be circulated to all the residents informing them that there will be no water supply in your colony for two days due to necessary repair and maintenance work. Mention dates, and the timings that tankers will be available in the R.W.A. premises.

[5 Marks]

Section F

Question 22.

The primary wing of your Global Public School is putting up a special assembly to celebrate National Integration Day. Mr. Gopal Chand, Secretary, Education Department, will be the Guest of Honour. You are Mira/Majid, student reporter of the school magazine. Write a report in 120–150 words to be published in the school magazine. You may use the following cues for the report.

[5 Marks]

Section G

Question 23. You are Vineeta/Vinay Sharma. Draft a formal letter of reply in about 50 words, declining the invitation to a dinner on 28th February at Army Parade Grounds being hosted by Major J.P. Gautam. Mention day, date, time and venue.

[5 Marks]

Question 24.

A survey reveals that advertisements impact both young and old. They are lured by the discounted prices and the promises made by the product manufacturers. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views in 120 –150 words on how advertisements may mislead the consumers and give suggestions on how they can make informed decisions. You are Carol/Philip. You may use the given input.

[5 Marks]

Section H

Question 25.

Your school held a Pollution Awareness Drive during which students made presentations on factors and solutions. As the President of the Environment Club, you analyzed the presentations and prepared notes. Using the following notes and your own ideas, write an article in about 120–150 words to be published in an e-magazine. You are Bela/Bharat.

[5 Marks]
