

Full Syllabus

ENGLISH (006) (E)

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English (FL)

QUESTION PAPER-2

Standard-12

Time : 3 Hours

(First Language) 006 (E)

Total Marks : 100

SECTION-A

- ◆ Read the following passage and select the appropriate answer.

"I have nothing else to do," he mutters, looking away. "Go to school," I say glibly, realising how hollow the advice must sound.

"There is no school in my neighbourhood. When they build one, I will go".

"If I start a school, will you come?" I ask, half joking. "Yes", he says, smiling broadly. A few days later I see him running up to me. "Is your school ready?" "It takes longer to build a school", I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

- Saheb's muttering and 'looking away' suggests his
(A) anger (B) shyness (C) embarrassment (D) anxiety
- Of the four meanings of 'glibly', select the option that matches in meaning with its usage in the extract.
(A) showing a degree of informality (B) being insincere and deceitful
(C) lacking depth and substance (D) speaking with fluency
- Who do you think Saheb is referring to as 'they', in the given sentence? "When they build one, I will go"
(A) The officials (B) The teachers (C) The inhabitants (D) The journalists
- Who do you think had made a promise?
(A) Author (B) Saheb's parents (C) official (D) None of the above
- Give the synonym of "Emaciated"
(A) starved (B) healthy (C) weak (D) None

- ◆ Fill in the blanks with appropriate option given in the brackets. Write the answers only. (Qns 6 to 15)

[apron, watched, the, bow, wondered, delicate, blacked, steamy, heavy, red]

Sophie ____ 6. ____ her back stooped over the sink and ____ 7. ____ at the incongruity of the ____ 8. ____ bow which fastened her ____ 9. ____ strings. The delicate seeming ____ 10. ____ and the crooked back. The evening had already ____ 11. ____ in the windows and ____ 12. ____ small room was ____ 13. ____ from the stove and cluttered with the ____ 14. ____ breathing man in his ____ 15. ____ at the table.

- ◆ Answer the following questions in about six to seven sentences each. (Any Three)
- What socio economic background did Sophie belong to? What are the indicators of her family's financial status?

- 17. What is the reason for the huge success of the novel, *The Name of the Rose*?
- 18. How did the author discover who the English visitor to the studios was?
- 19. Why was Kothamangalam Subbu considered No. 2 in Gemini Studios?
- 20. What was the attitude of the average Indian in smaller localities towards advocates of 'home rule'?

SECTION B

Read the following verse and answer the questions, [04]

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
 Bright topaz denizens of a world of green
 They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
 They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

Questions :

- 21. Name the poem and the poet of these lines.
- 22. What do you mean by denizens here?
- 23. Name the figure of speech in the second line.
- 24. Why is the poet depicting the tigers as fearless?
- 25. Choose the correct figures of speech from the options given below: [04]
- 26. Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass.
 (A) Synecdoche (B) Transferred Epithet (C) Antithesis (D) Oxymoron
- 27. The massive weight of uncle's wedding band..
 (A) Paradox (B) Pun (C) Tautology (D) Epigram
- 28. While greedy good doers, and beneficent beasts of prey
 (A) Oxymoron (B) Antithesis (C) Simile (D) Climax
- 29. An endless fountain of immortal drink.
 (A) Pun (B) Metaphor (C) Antithesis (D) Litotes

Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each. [08]
(Any Four)

- 30. How do 'denizens' and 'chivalric' add to our understanding of the tiger's attitudes?
- 31. What was the plea of the folks who had put up the roadside stand?
- 32. Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'?
- 33. What symbol from Nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness?
- 34. What is it that draws Derry towards Mr Lamb in spite of himself?
- 35. Reflecting on the story, what did you feel about Evans' having the last laugh? [02]

Read the passage and answer the questions:

The chief astrologer placed his finger on his nose in wonder. A baby barely ten days old opens its lips in speech! Not only that, it also raises intelligent questions! Incredible! Rather like the bulletins issued by the war office, than facts.

Questions:

- 36. Why was the astrologer surprised?
- 37. Which word is the synonym of 'incredulous, unbelievable,' in the passage?

- ❖ Read the passage and answer the questions. [03]

Climate change is one of the most hotly contested environmental debates of our time. Will the West Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf Stream ocean current be disrupted? Will it be the end of the world as we know it? Maybe. Maybe not. Either way, Antarctica is a crucial element in this debate - not just because it's the only place in the world, which has never sustained a human population and therefore remains relatively 'pristine' in this respect; but more importantly, because it holds in its ice-cores half-million-year-old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice.

Questions:

37. What is the peculiarity of Antarctica?
 38. What are the apprehensions among the environmentalists regarding climate change?
 39. What is meant by 'pristine'?

SECTION C

- ❖ Rectify the Errors [04]

Since its invention a little over 130 yrs ago, the interviewee had become a commonplace of journalists.

Error	Correction
40. _____	_____
41. _____	_____
42. _____	_____
43. _____	_____

- ❖ Punctuate the given sentences. (44 to 47) [02]

Will we be around to see it or would we have gone the way of the dinosaurs, mammoths and woolly rhinos who's to say

- ❖ Rewrite the sentences using the correct meaning of the given phrases/ idioms. [04]

48. I have a bone to pick with you in this matter.
 (A) desire (B) am angry (C) selfish motive (D) selfless motive
49. The inspector was caught red handed.
 (A) found with hands tied (B) caught with dirty hands
 (C) caught in the act of committing the crime (D) quickly
50. Suganya stood by her husband in weal and woe.
 (A) during the operation (B) during illness
 (C) by hook or crook (D) in prosperity and adversity
51. We talked over the matter for an hour but without any result.
 (A) discussed (B) fought about (C) surveyed (D) assessed
52. Convert the following into indirect speech. [04]

"Not a very neat job," conceded Jackson.

"They're not - they don't honestly think I'm goin' to try to -"

"They're taking no chances, Evans. Nobody in his senses would take any chance with you."

"Who's goin' to listen in?"

[06]

Do as Directed:

- How gorgeous is the sunset! (Choose correct assertive)
- (A) How is the sunset so gorgeous? (B) The sunset is gorgeous, isn't it?
 (C) The sunset is very gorgeous. (D) How gorgeous the sunset is!
- She said that she was coming. (Choose correct simple sent.)
- (A) She will come today. (B) She is coming.
 (C) She told of her coming. (D) She told that she was coming.
- My ambition is to serve the country. (Choose correct complex sent)
- (A) My ambition is that I should serve my country.
 (B) My ambition is that I shall serve my country.
 (C) To serve my country is my ambition.
 (D) I serve my country is my great ambition.
- Many people want to travel the world. (Choose correct negative)
- (A) Many people want to travel the world, isn't it?
 (B) Many people don't want to travel the world.
 (C) Don't many people want to travel the world?
 (D) Not many people want to travel the world.
- That chocolate is not as sweet as this one. (Choose correct comparative)
- (A) The chocolates vary in their sweetness.
 (B) This chocolate is sweeter than that chocolate.
 (C) This chocolate is not sweeter than that chocolate.
 (D) This chocolate is sweeter than that one.
- A great deal of research has been done on the Science project. (Choose correct interrogative)
- (A) Has much research been done on the science project?
 (B) Has the Science project undergone research?
 (C) The Science project is thoroughly researched, isn't it?
 (D) Much research has been done on the science project, isn't it?

SECTION D

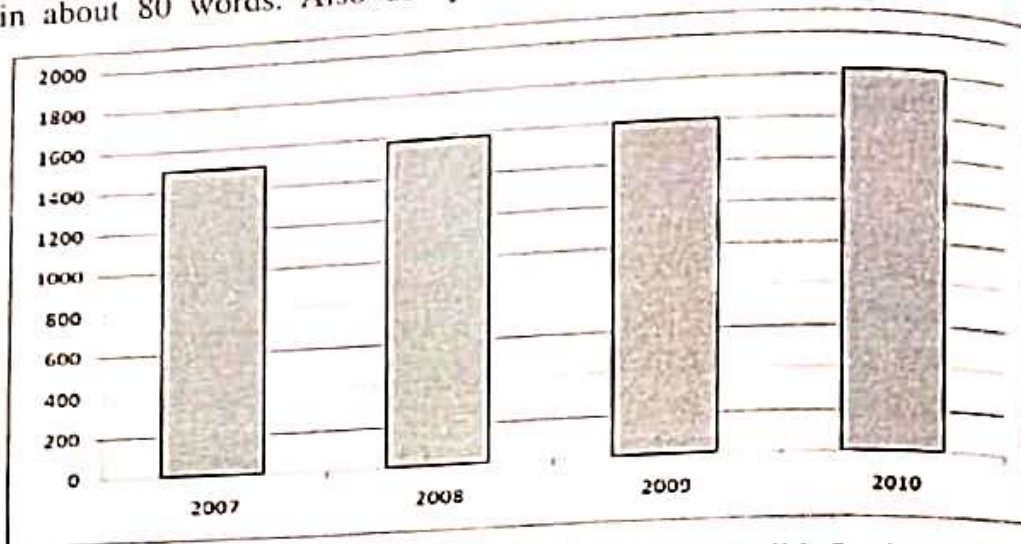
Read the following passage and answer the given questions. [05]

The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics and if developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. The report says that the economic and social returns on investment in education of the girls considerably affect the human development index of the nation. Society would progress only if the status of women is respected and the presence of an educated woman in the family would ensure education of the family itself. Education and empowerment of women are closely related.

Questions:

- Why do you think the role of women in a society very important?
- What does the recent study of World Bank says?
- What is closely related with empowerment of women?
- How can a society progress?
- Give a suitable title to the passage.

64. You want to rent out your newly constructed flat in the heart of the city. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in 'The Deccan Herald', Bangalore under classified columns. Give all the necessary details. You are Mohan/Mahima of Jayanagar, Bengaluru. [05]
65. As an aware citizen of the country, you are concerned about the increase in road accidents in the metropolitan city Delhi. Interpret the data given below in about 80 words. Also use your own ideas. [08]



66. You are Nitin/Neha living at C-25, Ramesh New Delhi. In the main market of your block during rush hours a few women have experienced of losing their gold chains and ear rings snatched by young boys riding on bike. You are very much worried about such incidents. Write an e-mail to the Editor of a local newspaper to draw attention of the concerned higher authority about it. [08]

OR

Write an Email to your uncle in Canada requesting him to collect information for the masters programme that you intend to pursue.

SECTION E

67. You are Faizaan/Rihanawho feels, that the increasing number of vehicles in Delhi is putting our city at the risk of completely losing clean air to breathe. They write an article for 'The Hindu', highlighting the urgent need to solve the problem, by giving suitable suggestions. They motivate the public to become responsible citizens and make a start. Write an article in 125-150 words. [08]

OR

You are Ramesh/Rani, Sports Secretary, Government Senior Secondary School, Chandigarh. Last Monday an inter-school twenty-over cricket match was played on your school ground. Write a report in 100-125 words on the match.

68. You are Prem/Parul of 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal. You would like to apply for the post of Marketing Manager in a reputed firm in Mumbai. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Chantac Enterprises, Mumbai, applying for the job. Write the letter in 125-150 words giving your biodata. [07]
69. Write an essay on any one of the following topics. [08]
- (1) A Day without Mobile
 - (2) Need for physical activities among the teenagers..

OR

69. Discipline teaches you to be responsible. As a Head Boy/Girl of your school, give a speech on the occasion of Children's Day celebration. (150 - 200 words)