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Maximum : 80 Scores
Time: 2½ hrs

General Instructions to candidates:

- There is a 'cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2½ hours.
- Use the 'cool off time' to get familiar with the questions and to plan your answers.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool off time'.
- All Questions are compulsory and only internal choice is allowed.
- You need not copy down any question.
- When you select a question, all the subquestions must be answered from the same question itself.

Questions 1-3

Read the following excerpt from the story 'His First Flight' and answer the questions that follow.

The young sea gull was alone on his **ledge**. His two brothers and his sister already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. Some how, when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings, he became **afraid**.

1. Who is sitting alone on the ledge? (1)
2. Why was the young sea gull afraid to fly? (2)
3. What do you think is the real crisis faced by the young bird?
(hints: lack of confidence - motivation) (3)
4. Imagine that you are the person in charge of a famous Art Museum. Prepare a speech to welcome the tourists (60 words).

You may begin like this

Dear friends, Welcome you all to our gods own country. (3)

5. **Fill in the following passage choosing the right word given in the box.**

unfortunately, therefore, but, so

Frank and Isobel Hawking, Stephen's parents, were not wealthy, (a) they believed in the value of education. (b) they planned for Stephen to go to Westminster, a famous public school in the heart of London. (c) Stephen was ill at the time of the scholarship examination for Westminster. (d), he attended the local Saint Alban's School. (4x1)

6. 'Internet – a menace to the society'. Write **four points** to support sentence. (4)

Questions 7-8

Wilma Rudolph put Black Women on the world map of **athletics**. Born prematurely, she weighed only 2.04 kg at birth. Her health did not improve. To make it worse, she had an attack of polio, double pneumonia and scarlet fever, **at the age of four**. She lost the use of her left leg. She was in bed for two years. First, she walked with supports. Then, her supports gave way to orthopedic shoes. Thus her leg gathered strength after strength. Next she could play basket ball without her orthopedic shoes. This gained her a place in the school team. Soon, she found a place in the American squad for the 1956 Olympics. She could win only a bronze as a member of the 4 x 100 metres relay team. But, in 1960, she became a superstar winning two gold medals for USA. Thus, Wilma Rudolph has proved that nothing **can stop her strong will**.

Choose the right option for the following:

7. The word 'prematurely' means -
a. at the right time
b. before the usual time (1)
8. The word 'gathered' means -
a. destroyed
b. collected (1)

Read the above passage again and answer the following questions.

9. Who is Wilma Rudolph? (2)
10. What are the diseases that affected Wilma at the age of four? (2)
11. How did Wilma Rudolph prove that nothing can stop her strong will? (4)
12. Prepare a short write-up of a beach you like very much (80 words). (4)

[Hints : name-location-major attractions-how to reach their etc.]



Questions 13-14

The following lines are taken from the poem 'TO SLEEP'. Read the lines and answer the questions.

A flock of sheep that **leisurely pass** by
One after one; the sound of rain and bees
Murmuring the fall of rivers, winds and seas
Smooth fields, **white sheets of water and pure sky**.

13. Who passes leisurely in the field? (1)
14. Identify three visual images from these lines. (3)

Eg: Rivers :

15. **Given below is a part of the interview between one of the passengers of the balloon in the lesson 'Le Horla' and a reporter. Read the interview and fill in the blanks using appropriate questions.**

Reporter : How was your experience during the balloon journey?

Passenger : Wonderful! I enjoyed it very much. The view from the balloon was fantastic.

Reporter : (1)

Passenger : It was my first experience.

Reporter : (2)

Passenger : Yes, definitely the view was superb.

Reporter : (3)

Passenger : The captain was very efficient and friendly. (3x1)

16. **Complete the following passage using the correct form of the verbs and prepositions given in brackets. (You need not rewrite the given sentences.)**

Stephen William Hawking (is/was) born(on/in) 8 January, 1942 (in/on) oxford, England. His parents (was/were) not wealthy, but they believed in the value of education. (4x1)

17. "Money bring happiness." Explain the idea of this line in a paragraph (40-50 words) (4)

18. Sketch the character of Maggie in a short paragraph of five sentences.

Or

Write five sentences about the significance of the title of the story 'The Price of Flowers'. (5)

19. Prepare a write up on 'the Relevance of Gandhian ideas in the 21st century.' (5)
[Hints : non-violence - peace and harmony - equality - secularism.]

20. Write a news paper advertisement to sell an estate. (4)
[Hints : ESTATE FOR SALE

Calm and quite country - 300 acres -
expected price - nearby river - price
negotiable - contact phone number

21. Imagine that you had a parachute ride over a valley.

Write a paragraph about your experience.

(6)

[Hints : superb - like a coloured map - domes, towers - plain country, by long roads thin and white - green fields - black woods.]



22. Write a letter to the editor to bring the attention for the need to ensure the safety and security of the buildings.

(6)

[Hints : building structure - destruction and death - lack of master plan - low quality materials - use proper guideline for construction.]



23. Write an appreciation of the poem 'To Sleep' written by William Wordsworth.

(8)

[Hints : Sonnet - poet cannot sleep well - hear sound of rain - bees - rivers - cuckoo's cry - ends in a note of hope and prayer.]

Answer Key/Value points

Qn. No.	Sub Qns	Answer Key/Value points	Score	Total
1		The young seagull	1	1
2		Relevance of the response Clarity of the idea presented	1 1	2
3		Relevance of the sentences Quoting incidents from the story Grammatical accuracy	1 1 1	3
4		Comprehensiveness of the speech Appropriate language	2 1	3
5		a. but b. so c. unfortunately c. Therefore	1+1+1+1	4
6		For each relevant point	1×4	4
7		before the usual time	1	1
8		collected	1	1
9		Appropriateness of the response	2	2
10		Appropriateness of the answer	2	2
11		Comprehensiveness, exaples for supported Logical presentation Grammatical accuracy	2 1 1	4
12		Relevance of the content Appropriateness of language elements/expressions	2 2	4
13		Flock of sheep	1	1
14		Relevance and comprehensiveness of the idea presented	3	3
15		Relevance of the questions	1×3	3
16		a. was b. on c. in d. were	1 1 1 1	4
17		Sufficient and relevant information presented Logical presentation Appropriateness of language	2 1 1	4
18		a. Relevance of the traits recognised Comprehensiveness of the character sketch Appropriateness of the expressions used Or b. Relevance of the content clarity and brevity quality of language	1 3 1 3 1 1	5

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19		Comprehensiveness Logical presentation Appropriateness of the expressions	3 1 1	5
20		Appropriateness of the exchanges Proper communication of ideas Use of appropriate language elements	2 1 1	4
21		Comprehensiveness of the presentation of physical features, experiences, personal impressions, etc. Creativity Appropriateness of the language	4 1 1	6
22		Completeness of the content Organization, lay out and legibility Originality	3 2 1	6
23		Comprehensiveness of the content Relevance of the content (theme, poetic, devices, etc) Originality Neatness and legibility	4 2 1 1	8