

Sample/Pre-Board Paper 3
Class X Term 1 Exam Nov -Dec 2021
English Language and Literature (Code 184)

Time Allowed : 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 40

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II. Water approximates 60 per cent of the body weight of human adults. The total amount of water in a man weighing 70 kilograms is approximately a little over 40 litres. It is an excellent solvent - more substances are soluble in water than in any other liquid known so far. This makes it an ideal constituent of the body fluids which sustain life supporting chemical reactions. It dissolves varied products of digestion and transports them to the rest of the body. Likewise, it dissolves diverse metabolic wastes and helps drain them out of the body. Besides, it performs a variety of functions—some well known and well understood while others not so well appreciated yet vita l. The no less important role of water is to distribute/dissipate the body heat efficiently, thereby regulating body's temperature. Water accomplishes this role ideally because it has high thermal conductivity ensuring rapid heat transfer from one part to the other.

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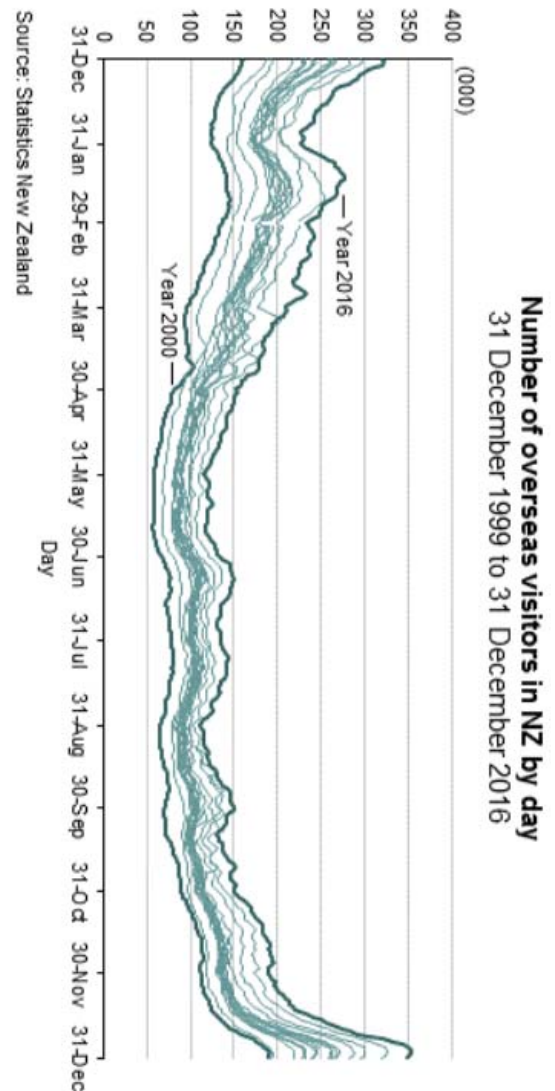
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9. What is the per cent of water content in a human body?
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10. Which word is a synonym of 'maintain'?
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 - III and I
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15. The peak day of the number of overseas visitors in New Zealand in the year 2015 was :
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 - 30 December
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16. The peak of overseas visitors and the temporary leaving of residents in the country in the late December reflects :
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17. Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage?
- The number of visitors in New Zealand tends to be at its lowest only in late August.
 - It is of practical importance to know how many visitors are in New Zealand on any given day of the year.
 - Since 2000 the number of visitors in New Zealand has increased across every day of the year.
 - The overseas visitors visiting New Zealand have an impact on the local infrastructure of the country too.
18. The number of visitors in New Zealand on 31 August is _____ less than the visitors on the peak day in the year 2016.
- 354,000
 - 235,000
 - 242,000
 - 191,000

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

III. Answer any five out of six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.

19. A large number of soldiers _____ died for the country.
- has
 - is
 - are
 - have
20. When I was a child, I _____ to school everyday instead of going by cycle.
- walked
 - have been walking
 - had walked
 - have walked
21. My sister is very weak. She _____ run fast.
- could not
 - can not
 - can
 - could
22. How _____ money do you spend on new clothes?
- Many
 - Few
 - Much
 - Little
23. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
The captain said to his men, "Fall into line."
- The captain commanded his men to fall into line.
 - The captain warned his men to fall into line.
 - The captain told his men that they should fall into line.
 - The captain said to his men that they can fall into line.
24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
He said to her, "Why didn't you put on the brakes ?"
- He asked her why she hadn't put on the brakes.
 - He asked her why she didn't put on the brake.
 - He asked her that why she hadn't put on the brake.
 - He told her that why she hadn't put on the brake.

WRITING

IV. Answer any five out of the six questions given, with reference to the context below.

You are Raman/ Priya a resident of 404, Indrapuram, Ghajabad (U.P.). Residents of your sector are worried and in trouble due to the open manholes for they leads to deadly accidents. Writing a letter to the Editor of The National Daily, Ghajabad highlighting the issues and suggesting ways to sort out the problem.

25. Which of the following is the correct sender's address?
- The Editor, The Hindustnn Times, Glnjinbnd
 - 404, Indrapuram, Ghajabad (U.P.)
 - Neither a nor b
 - Only a
26. Select the appropriate Subject?
- Benefits of open manholes
 - Problem of open manholes
 - Request for opening of manholes
 - None of these

27. Which one of the following is the most suitable salutation for this letter?
 (a) Dear editor (b) Dear and lovable sir
 (c) Dear sir (d) None of these
28. How will you sign off this letter?
 (a) With regards,
 Raman/Priya
 (b) With love,
 Raman/Priya
 (c) A concerned citizen,
 Raman/Priya
 (d) Yours faithfully,
 Raman/Priya
 Raman/Priya
29. Which of the following way would you suggest him to solve the problem?
 (a) To deploy policemen at the manholes
 (b) To cover all manholes with newspapers
 (c) To cover all manholes with plastics
 (d) None of these
30. Select the option that lists the most accurate opening for this letter?
 (a) Through the column of your esteemed newspaper ...
 (b) With reference to your advertisement in The Times of India ...
 (c) This is to enquire about the school fee ...
 (d) None of these

LITERATURE

This section has sub-sections - V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt any 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX.

V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

“Paper has more patience than people’ I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding; Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I’m not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a ‘diary’, unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won’t make a bit of difference.”
(From The Diary Of Anne Frank)

31. “Paper has more patience than people.” What does this imply? This implies that Anne
 (a) believed in the power of writing more than speaking to people.
 (b) felt that she could pour her heart out on paper without any hindrance.
 (c) had more faith in sharing her thoughts and feelings with paper.
 (d) felt that she could share her feelings openly on paper.

32. Pick out the emoticon which clearly brings out the meaning of ‘listless’ as used in the extract?



(i)



(ii)



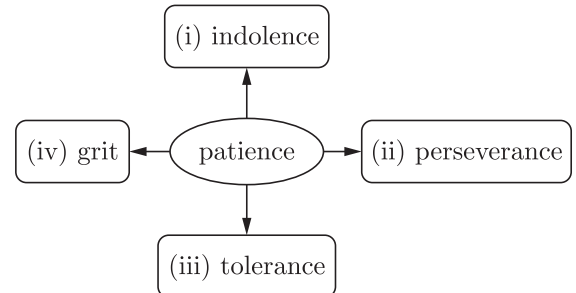
(iii)



(iv)

- (a) Option (i) (b) Option (ii)
 (c) Option (iii) (d) Option (iv)

33. Pick the option that is odd one out with reference to the meaning of ‘patience’.



- (a) option (i) (b) option (ii)
 (c) option (iii) (d) option (iv)

34. If the diary were a ‘real friend’, what qualities would Anne expect it to have?

Pick the option that lists these correctly.

1. optimistic
2. good listener
3. confidant
4. energetic
5. non-judgemental
6. outgoing
7. ambitious

- (a) 1 and 4 (b) 5, 6 and 7
 (c) 2, 3 and 5 (d) 3 and 7

35. Pick out the sentence that brings out the meaning of ‘brooding’ as used in the extract?

- (a) The mysterious house on the hill is still brooding above the village.
 (b) The people at the stock market always keep brooding about the gains.
 (c) He was brooding over the matter and took a long time to decide.
 (d) Suspense and drama were brooding at the site of the investigation.

VI. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Dear Teacher

My Wanda will not come to your school anymore. Jake also. Now we move away to big city. No more holler ‘Pollack’. No more ask why funny name. Plenty of funny names in the city.

Yours truly,
 Jan Petronski

(The Hundred Dresses II)

36. Jan’s tone in the writing of the letter is not
 (a) distressing. (b) spiteful.
 (c) hurt. (d) painful.

37. What, according to the letter, was the primary reason that prompted Mr Petronski to take the decision to move to a big city?
- His wish to achieve success in the big city.
 - His urge to join his relatives who mostly lived in the big city.
 - His anxiety over their poverty in the small city.
 - His agony about his children being viewed as 'outsiders' by their schoolmates.
38. The dictionary says the following about migration. Migration involves the movement of people (birds, fish etc.) from one place to another with intentions of settling, permanently or temporarily, at a new location (geographic region). Which of the following options incorrectly uses 'migration'?
- After gold was found in the uninhabited region, there was a migration to that area.
 - Bears sleep through winters. This migration helps bears to use their stored energy much more slowly.
 - There was a mass migration of youngsters to the tagged locale, to assist the cause for charity.
 - Scientists have studied the migration of fish over long distances in the river
39. The phrase 'Pollack' reveals a discrimination on the basis of
- race.
 - gender.
 - religion.
 - wealth.
40. The line "Plenty of funny names in the city" suggests that the city
- is a melting pot of people from different parts of the world.
 - has foreign people willing to give opportunities to the poor.
 - is a safe haven for immigrants if they have funny names.
 - has a special status for all who are willing to be funny.

VII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

(Fire And Ice)

41. Which literary device has been used in 'I hold with those who favour fire'?
- Simile
 - Assonance
 - Alliteration
 - Enjambment
42. How many predictions does the poet make for the ending of the world?
- One
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four
43. What does 'Fire' symbolise according to the poet?
- Desire
 - Avarice
 - Greed
 - All of these

44. What is the rhyme scheme of first stanza in Fire and Ice?
- ABAB
 - ABAA
 - ABBA
 - ABBB
45. Which literary device has been used in the first two lines of Fire and Ice?
- Assonance
 - Anaphora
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Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25-- a tall, lean fellow -- and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence. 'You look a bit of a wrestler yourself,' I said. A little flattery helps in making friends.

(The Thief's Story)

46. According to the extract, the young boy was watching the wrestling match because he
- had been invited there by the wrestlers.
 - was supposed to meet someone there.
 - was looking for simple people to dupe.
 - loved wrestling and followed it very closely.
47. 'I hadn't had much luck of late' means that the boy hadn't
- ever conned people successfully.
 - been successful in duping people lately.
 - understood the consequences of thievery till date.
 - considered the role of fate in deceiving others.
48. 'I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.' Choose the option that does not display what the statement means.
- He wanted to win his trust.
 - He wanted him to share his thoughts without caution.
 - He wanted him to feel comfortable revealing more details about himself.
 - He wanted to be able to spend quality time with him.
49. Based on the line, "A little flattery helps in making friends." Choose the option that displays the quote closest in meaning.
- Imitation is the best form of flattery; people generally understand that my comedy is not intended to hurt anybody
 - I know imitation is the highest form of flattery, but stealing one's identity is totally different.
 - Nothing is so great an example of bad manners as flattery. If you flatter all the company, you please none; If you flatter only one or two, you offend the rest.
 - One may define flattery as a base companionship which is most advantageous to the flatterer.

50. Anil looked easy-going, kind and simple to the narrator.
Which of the given characteristics would not fit in with this description?
(a) compassionate (b) suave
(c) uncomplicated (d) carefree
- IX. Attempt the following.**
51. What was the only thing that the Earth needed according to Lencho?
(a) a shower
(b) a snowfall
(c) strong winds
(d) sunlight
52. The young seagull was feeling more heat because –
(a) He was facing east.
(b) He was afraid.
(c) He was hungry.
(d) It was a too sunny day.
53. How does Nelson Mandela define the meaning of courage?
(a) Triumph over fear
(b) Triumph over love
(c) Triumph over selfish
(d) Triumph over poverty
54. Miss Mason said, “look at her exquisite drawings”.
What is the meaning of “Exquisite”?
(a) luxurious
(b) neatly made
(c) superior
(d) extremely beautiful and well-made
55. What are the two negative creatures that Frost used as carriers of positivity?
(a) snow, dust
(b) hemlock tree, snow
(c) snow, crow
(d) hemlock tree, crow
56. Now the boy should understand the responsibility of _____ of his things.
(a) Taking care
(b) Giving value
(c) Loving
(d) Giving worth
57. How should the tiger walk through the grass?
(a) With great difficulty
(b) With ease
(c) With practice
(d) None of these
58. “I think I know a cure for you.” What is the ‘cure’?
(a) controlling Tricki’s diet
(b) giving him a surgery
(c) giving injections
(d) keeping under observation
59. Who is the author of the story “The Thief’s story”?
(a) James Herriot
(b) Ruskin Bond
(c) Robert Arthur
(d) Victor Canning
60. Why was Mrs Hall prepared and ready to tolerate strange habits and irritable temper?
(a) He had paid in advance
(b) He was a scientist
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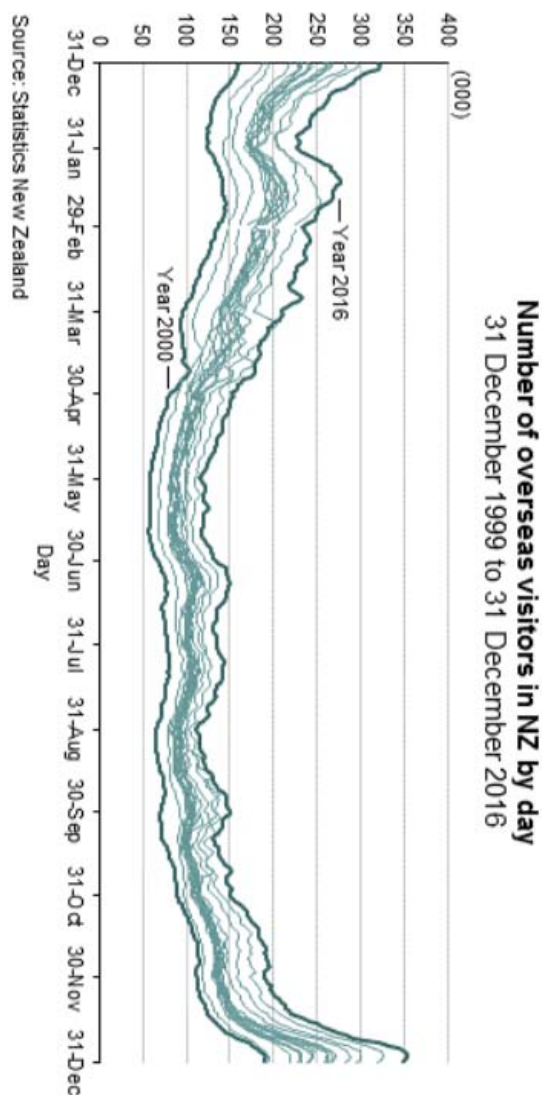
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(c) during the late August.
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(c) Since 2000 the number of visitors in New Zealand has increased across every day of the year.
(d) The overseas visitors visiting New Zealand have an impact on the local infrastructure of the country too.

Ans : (a) The number of visitors in New Zealand tends to be at its lowest only in late August.

18. The number of visitors in New Zealand on 31 August is _____ less than the visitors on the peak day in the year 2016.

(a) 354,000
(b) 235,000
(c) 242,000
(d) 191,000

Ans : (c) 242,000

GRAMMAR & WRITING

GRAMMAR

- III. Answer any five out of six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.

19. A large number of soldiers _____ died for the country.

(a) has
(b) is
(c) are
(d) have

Ans : (d) have

20. When I was a child, I _____ to school everyday instead of going by cycle.

(a) walked
(b) have been walking
(c) had walked
(d) have walked

Ans : (a) walked

21. My sister is very weak. She _____ run fast.

(a) could not
(b) can not
(c) can
(d) could

Ans : (b) can not

22. How _____ money do you spend on new clothes?
(a) Many
(b) Few
(c) Much
(d) Little
Ans : (c) Much

23. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
The captain said to his men, "Fall into line."
(a) The captain commanded his men to fall into line.
(b) The captain warned his men to fall into line.
(c) The captain told his men that they should fall into line.
(d) The captain said to his men that they can fall into line.

Ans : (a) The captain commanded his men to fall into line.

24. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
He said to her, "Why didn't you put on the brakes ?"
(a) He asked her why she hadn't put on the brakes.
(b) He asked her why she didn't put on the brake.
(c) He asked her that why she hadn't put on the brake.
(d) He told her that why she hadn't put on the brake.

Ans : (a) He asked her why she hadn't put on the brakes.

WRITING

IV. Answer any five out of the six questions given, with reference to the context below.

You are Raman/ Priya a resident of 404, Indrapuram, Ghajabad (U.P.). Residents of your sector are worried and in trouble due to the open manholes for they leads to deadly accidents. Writing a letter to the Editor of The National Daily, Ghajabad highlighting the issues and suggesting ways to sort out the problem.

25. Which of the following is the correct sender's address?
(a) The Editor, The Hindustan Times, Ghajinbnd
(b) 404, Indrapuram, Ghajabad (U.P.)
(c) Neither a nor b
(d) Only a

Ans : (b) 404, Indrapuram, Ghajabad (U.P.)

26. Select the appropriate Subject?
(a) Benefits of open manholes
(b) Problem of open manholes
(c) Request for opening of manholes
(d) None of these

Ans : (b) Problem of open manholes

27. Which one of the following is the most suitable salutation for this letter?
(a) Dear editor
(b) Dear and lovable sir
(c) Dear sir
(d) None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

28. How will you sign off this letter?
(a) With regards,
Raman/Priya
(b) With love,
Raman/Priya
(c) A concerned citizen,
Raman/Priya
(d) Yours faithfully,
Raman/Priya

Ans : (a) With regards,
Raman/Priya

29. Which of the following way would you suggest him to solve the problem?
(a) To deploy policemen at the manholes
(b) To cover all manholes with newspapers
(c) To cover all manholes with plastics
(d) None of these

Ans : (d) None of these

30. Select the option that lists the most accurate opening for this letter?
(a) Through the column of your esteemed newspaper ...
(b) With reference to your advertisement in The Times of India ...
(c) This is to enquire about the school fee ...
(d) None of these

Ans : (a) Through the column of your esteemed newspaper ...

LITERATURE

This section has sub-sections - V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt any 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX.

V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

"Paper has more patience than people' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary', unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference."

(From The Diary Of Anne Frank)

31. "Paper has more patience than people." What does this imply? This implies that Anne
(a) believed in the power of writing more than speaking to people.
(b) felt that she could pour her heart out on paper without any hindrance.
(c) had more faith in sharing her thoughts and

feelings with paper.

- (d) felt that she could share her feelings openly on paper.

Ans : (b) felt that she could pour her heart out on paper without any hindrance.

32. Pick out the emoticon which clearly brings out the meaning of 'listless' as used in the extract?



(i)



(ii)



(iii)

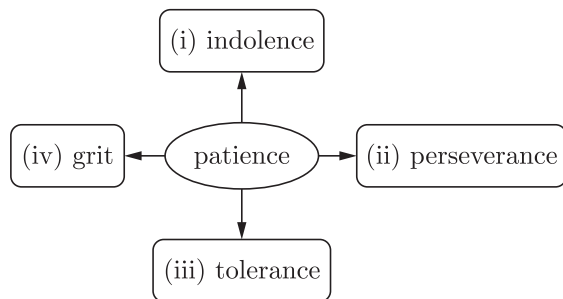


(iv)

- (a) Option (i) (b) Option (ii)
(c) Option (iii) (d) Option (iv)

Ans : (c) Option (iii)

33. Pick the option that is odd one out with reference to the meaning of 'patience'.



- (a) option (i) (b) option (ii)
(c) option (iii) (d) option (iv)

Ans : (a) option (i)

34. If the diary were a 'real friend', what qualities would Anne expect it to have?

Pick the option that lists these correctly.

1. optimistic
2. good listener
3. confidant
4. energetic
5. non-judgemental
6. outgoing
7. ambitious

- (a) 1 and 4 (b) 5, 6 and 7
(c) 2, 3 and 5 (d) 3 and 7

Ans : (c) 2, 3 and 5

35. Pick out the sentence that brings out the meaning of 'brooding' as used in the extract?

- (a) The mysterious house on the hill is still brooding above the village.
(b) The people at the stock market always keep brooding about the gains.
(c) He was brooding over the matter and took a long time to decide.
(d) Suspense and drama were brooding at the site of the investigation.

Ans : (c) He was brooding over the matter and took a long time to decide.

VI. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Dear Teacher

My Wanda will not come to your school anymore. Jake also. Now we move away to big city. No more holler 'Pollack'. No more ask why funny name. Plenty of funny names in the city.

Yours truly,
Jan Petronski

(The Hundred Dresses II)

36. Jan's tone in the writing of the letter is not

- (a) distressing.
(b) spiteful.
(c) hurt.
(d) painful.

Ans : (b) spiteful.

37. What, according to the letter, was the primary reason that prompted Mr Petronski to take the decision to move to a big city?

- (a) His wish to achieve success in the big city.
(b) His urge to join his relatives who mostly lived in the big city.
(c) His anxiety over their poverty in the small city.
(d) His agony about his children being viewed as 'outsiders' by their schoolmates.

Ans : (d) His agony about his children being viewed as 'outsiders' by their schoolmates.

38. The dictionary says the following about migration.

Migration involves the movement of people (birds, fish etc.) from one place to another with intentions of settling, permanently or temporarily, at a new location (geographic region).

Which of the following options incorrectly uses 'migration'?

- (a) After gold was found in the uninhabited region, there was a migration to that area.
(b) Bears sleep through winters. This migration helps bears to use their stored energy much more slowly.
(c) There was a mass migration of youngsters to the tagged locale, to assist the cause for charity.
(d) Scientists have studied the migration of fish over long distances in the river

Ans : (b) Bears sleep through winters. This migration helps bears to use their stored energy much more slowly.

39. The phrase 'Pollack' reveals a discrimination on the basis of

- (a) race.
(b) gender.
(c) religion.
(d) wealth.

Ans : (a) race.

40. The line "Plenty of funny names in the city" suggests that the city
- (a) is a melting pot of people from different parts of the world.
 - (b) has foreign people willing to give opportunities to the poor.
 - (c) is a safe haven for immigrants if they have funny names.
 - (d) has a special status for all who are willing to be funny.

Ans : (a) is a melting pot of people from different parts of the world.

VII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

(Fire And Ice)

41. Which literary device has been used in 'I hold with those who favour fire'?
- (a) Simile
 - (b) Assonance
 - (c) Alliteration
 - (d) Enjambment

Ans : (b) Assonance

42. How many predictions does the poet make for the ending of the world?
- (a) One
 - (b) Two
 - (c) Three
 - (d) Four

Ans : (b) Two

43. What does 'Fire' symbolise according to the poet?
- (a) Desire
 - (b) Avarice
 - (c) Greed
 - (d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

44. What is the rhyme scheme of first stanza in Fire and Ice?
- (a) ABAB
 - (b) ABAA
 - (c) ABBA
 - (d) AB BB

Ans : (b) ABAA

45. Which literary device has been used in the first two lines of Fire and Ice?
- (a) Assonance
 - (b) Anaphora
 - (c) Alliteration
 - (d) Enjambment

Ans : (b) Anaphora

VIII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25-- a tall, lean fellow -- and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence. 'You look a bit of a wrestler yourself,' I said. A little flattery helps in making friends.

(The Thief's Story)

46. According to the extract, the young boy was watching the wrestling match because he
- (a) had been invited there by the wrestlers.
 - (b) was supposed to meet someone there.
 - (c) was looking for simple people to dupe.
 - (d) loved wrestling and followed it very closely.

Ans : (c) was looking for simple people to dupe.

47. 'I hadn't had much luck of late' means that the boy hadn't
- (a) ever conned people successfully.
 - (b) been successful in duping people lately.
 - (c) understood the consequences of thievery till date.
 - (d) considered the role of fate in deceiving others.

Ans : (b) been successful in duping people lately.

48. 'I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.' Choose the option that does not display what the statement means.
- (a) He wanted to win his trust.
 - (b) He wanted him to share his thoughts without caution.
 - (c) He wanted him to feel comfortable revealing more details about himself.
 - (d) He wanted to be able to spend quality time with him.

Ans : (d) He wanted to be able to spend quality time with him.

49. Based on the line, "A little flattery helps in making friends." Choose the option that displays the quote closest in meaning.
- (a) Imitation is the best form of flattery; people generally understand that my comedy is not intended to hurt anybody
 - (b) I know imitation is the highest form of flattery, but stealing one's identity is totally different.
 - (c) Nothing is so great an example of bad manners as flattery. If you flatter all the company, you please none; If you flatter only one or two, you offend the rest.
 - (d) One may define flattery as a base companionship which is most advantageous to the flatterer.

Ans : (d) One may define flattery as a base companionship which is most advantageous to the flatterer.

50. Anil looked easy-going, kind and simple to the narrator.
Which of the given characteristics would not fit in with this description?
(a) compassionate
(b) suave
(c) uncomplicated
(d) carefree

Ans : (b) suave

IX. Attempt the following.

51. What was the only thing that the Earth needed according to Lencho?
(a) a shower
(b) a snowfall
(c) strong winds
(d) sunlight

Ans : (a) a shower

52. The young seagull was feeling more heat because –
(a) He was facing east.
(b) He was afraid.
(c) He was hungry.
(d) It was a too sunny day.

Ans : (c) He was hungry.

53. How does Nelson Mandela define the meaning of courage?
(a) Triumph over fear
(b) Triumph over love
(c) Triumph over selfish
(d) Triumph over poverty

Ans : (a) Triumph over fear

54. Miss Mason said, “look at her exquisite drawings”.
What is the meaning of “Exquisite”?
(a) luxurious
(b) neatly made
(c) superior
(d) extremely beautiful and well-made

Ans : (d) extremely beautiful and well-made

55. What are the two negative creatures that Frost used as carriers of positivity?
(a) snow, dust
(b) hemlock tree, snow
(c) snow, crow
(d) hemlock tree, crow

Ans : (d) hemlock tree, crow

56. Now the boy should understand the responsibility of _____ of his things.
(a) Taking care
(b) Giving value
(c) Loving
(d) Giving worth

Ans : (a) Taking care

57. How should the tiger walk through the grass?
(a) With great difficulty
(b) With ease
(c) With practice
(d) None of these

Ans : (b) With ease

58. “I think I know a cure for you.” What is the ‘cure’?
(a) controlling Tricki’s diet
(b) giving him a surgery
(c) giving injections
(d) keeping under observation

Ans : (a) controlling Tricki’s diet

59. Who is the author of the story “The Thief’s story”?
(a) James Herriot
(b) Ruskin Bond
(c) Robert Arthur
(d) Victor Canning

Ans : (b) Ruskin Bond

60. Why was Mrs Hall prepared and ready to tolerate strange habits and irritable temper?
(a) He had paid in advance
(b) He was a scientist
(c) Both a and b
(d) None of these

Ans : (a) He had paid in advance