

**SECTION-A**

**=> Read the following passage and answer the following questions** (2)

Two days later, Mijbil escaped from my bedroom as I entered it, and I turned to see his tail disappearing round the bend of the corridor that led to the bathroom. By the time I got there he was up on the end of the bathtub and fumbling at the chromium taps with his paws. I watched, amazed; in less than a minute he had turned the tap far enough to produce a trickle of water, and after a moment or two achieved the full flow.

1. What did Mijbil do after escaping from the bedroom?  
A) He hid under the bed  
B) He ran down the corridor and into the bathroom  
C) He climbed onto a shelf  
D) He started barking
2. How did Mijbil manage to get water from the tap?  
A) He used his teeth to turn the tap  
B) He jumped up and turned the tap with his paws  
C) He waited for someone to turn the tap on for him  
D) He knocked the tap over

**=> Read the following passage and answer the following questions.** (3)

Mr Keesing had a good laugh at my arguments, but when I proceeded to talk my way through the next lesson, he assigned me a second essay. This time it was supposed to be on 'An Incurable Chatterbox'. I handed it in and Mr Keesing had nothing to complain about for two whole lessons. However, during the third lesson, he'd finally had enough. "Anne Frank, as a punishment for talking in class, write an essay entitled-'Quack, Quack, Quack, said Mistress Chatterbox'.

3. How many lessons did Mr. Keesing have no complaints about Anne?
4. What was the purpose behind assigning the essay "Quack, Quack, Quack, said Mistress Chatterbox"?
5. How did Mr. Keesing react to Anne's arguments before assigning the second essay?

**=> Fill in the blanks with the proper words in the brackets** (5)

(frightened, dignity, animated, desire, bold)

It was this 6 for the freedom of my people to live their lives with 7 and self respect that 8 my life, that transformed a 9 young man into a 10 one.

**=> Answer the following questions in 5-6 lines (ANY THREE).** (6)

11. What did the pilot feel when the plane took off in the story "First Flight"? Explain how the pilot overcame his fear.
12. Describe the feelings of the young seagull when it finally takes its first flight. How did the seagull overcome its fear?
13. In "A Letter to God," why does Lencho believe that God will help him? What does this belief tell us about his character?
14. In the poem "Dust of Snow," how does the incident with the crow and the hemlock tree change the poet's mood?
15. What price did Anne Frank pay for being talkative in the class.

**SECTION - B**

**=> Read the verse and answer the following questions** (3)

He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the waterhole  
Where plump deer pass.

16. Where should the tiger be hiding?
17. Why should he be lurking in the shadow?
18. Which word in the stanza means the opposite of 'slender'.

**=> Select the correct figure of speech from the option given below.** (2)

19. In the poem "The Ball Poem", the line "The boy is learning, / Well, to lose things" is an example of:  
a) Oxymoron                      b) Alliteration                      c) Irony                      d) Metaphor
20. "Fire and Ice", when the poet says, "Some say the world will end in fire," it is an example of:  
a) Alliteration                      b) Metaphor                      c) Simile                      d) Personification

**=> Answer any three questions in 5-6 sentences.** (6)

21. Describe the significance of bread in Goan life.
22. How did Nelson Mandela describe his feeling upon becoming President of South Africa?
23. What does the poet mean by the phrase "The ball is lost"?
24. Why did Lencho feel that God would help him when the rain destroyed his crops?
25. How did Mijbil prove to be different from other otters in terms of behavior?

**=> Read the extract and answer the following questions.** (3)

Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus, it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked!

- (26) How can you say that Griffin was a brilliant scientist?

(27) How did he reach to that position?

(28) Which word in the above extract means the same as 'a being who roams around aimlessly'?

=> **Read the extract and answer the following questions.**

(2)

The entire staff was roused and maids rushed in and out bringing his day bed, his night bed, favorite cushions, toys and rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl. Realizing that my car would never hold all the stuff, I started to drive away. As I moved off, Mrs Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears. Out on the road, I glanced down at the pathetic little animal gasping on the seat by my side. I patted the head and Tricky made a brave effort to wag his tail. "Poor old lad," I said. "You haven't had a kick in you but I think I know a cure for you."

(29) Why was Mrs. Pumphrey upset when the narrator left?

30) What did the narrator think would cure Tricky?

### SECTION - C

=> **Error Correction**

(5)

31) The next movement he feels

32) his wings spread inwards.

33) The wind rushed against her breast ,

34) feather, then under his stomach,

35) and before his wings.

=> **Fill in the blanks using correct punctuation marks**

(5)

I looked at my watch one thirty in the morning (36) should call Paris Control soon (37) As I looked down past the nose of the aeroplane (38) I saw the lights of a big city in front of me (39) I switched on the radio and said Paris Control Dakota DS 088 here (40)

=> **Convert into indirect speech.**

(3)

Anne said , "Margot and I were send to Aachen to stay with our grandmother. Margot went to Holland in December, and I followed in February.

=> **Do as Directed.**

(5)

42) He felt certain that his wings would never support him. [question tag]

a) He felt certain that his wings would never support him, didn't they?

b) He felt certain that his wings would never support him, wasn't he?

c) He felt certain that his wings would never support him, wasn't it?

d) He felt certain that his wings would never support him, didn't he?

43) He stretched out his hand towards me. (voice)

a) His hand is stretched out towards me by him.

b) His hand was stretched out towards me by him.

c) His hand will be stretched out towards me by him.

d) His hand has stretched out towards me by him.

44) He stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons. [complex]

a) He stood in the middle of the field, and he said to his sons.

b) He stood in the middle of the field, although he was tired.

c) He stood in the middle of the field because he wanted to speak to his sons.

d) He stood in the middle of the field and was saying to his sons.

45) I switched on the radio and said [No sooner.....]

a) No sooner I switched on the radio than I said.

b) No sooner had I switched on the radio than I said.

c) No sooner had I switched the radio on than I said.

d) No sooner had I switched on the radio then I said.

46) There was no answer. (Interrogative- sentence)

a) Was there no answer?

b) Was there any answer?

c) There was any answer?

d) Was any answer there?

### SECTION -D

=> **Read the following passage and Answer the following questions.**

(4)

In the realm of quantum physics, the phenomenon of entanglement challenges classical intuitions about the separability of particles. When two particles become entangled, their states are linked in such a way that the measurement of one instantly influences the state of the other, regardless of the distance separating them. This non-locality defies traditional notions of causality and has profound implications for information transfer and cryptography. Moreover, entangled particles can exist in a superposition of states, a concept that further complicates our understanding of reality. The implications of entanglement extend beyond theoretical constructs, as experimental validations, such as Bell's theorem, demonstrate the existence of quantum correlations that cannot be explained by classical physics. These revelations not only provoke philosophical debates regarding determinism and free will but also pave the way for advancements in quantum computing, where entanglement is harnessed to perform calculations far beyond the capabilities of classical computers.

47. What phenomenon in quantum physics challenges classical intuitions about particle separability?

48. How does the measurement of one entangled particle affect the state of another?

49. What does Bell's theorem demonstrate about quantum correlations?

50. In what area of technology does entanglement play a crucial role according to the paragraph?

OR

=> Read the following verse and answer the following questions. (4)

In shadows deep where whispers dwell,  
The echoes of forgotten tales compel.  
Through tangled woods where silence reigns,  
A hidden path where mystery gains.

The moonlight weaves through branches bare,  
Illuminating secrets that linger in air.  
Each rustle tells of ages past,  
Of fleeting moments that forever last.

Yet in the dark, a spark ignites,  
Awakening dreams, igniting nights.  
For in the stillness, truth is found,  
A symphony of silence, profound.

47. What theme is suggested by the setting described in the poem?

48. How does the moonlight contribute to the imagery in the poem?

49. What does the phrase "a symphony of silence" imply about the nature of truth?

50. In what way do the "whispers" in the poem serve the overall narrative?

51. Write a diary entry reflecting on a significant event in your life or best day in your life, detailing your thoughts and emotions. (4)

OR

51) Write a dialogue between two friends discussing their plans for the weekend, highlighting their differing opinions and interests. (4)

52. Write a notice for your school informing students about an upcoming science fair, including the date, time, and participation details. (4)

OR

52. Being the President of Lions Club, Model Town, prepare a poster on 'Diwali Mela' to be held at Chhatrasal Stadium. (4)

#### SECTION -E

53) Write a report summarizing the findings of a recent school survey on student satisfaction, including key statistics and recommendations for improvement. (6)

Or

53) Write a letter to the editor advocating for more green spaces in your community, discussing the benefits of parks and recreational areas for residents' well-being. (6)

54) Write any one essay on the given topics in 200 words. (6)

- "The Impact of Technology on Education."

(Introduction, Enhanced Learning Opportunities, Improved Engagement and Interaction, Challenges and Considerations, Conclusion)

OR

- "The Importance of Mental Health Awareness."

(Introduction, Enhanced Understanding of Mental Health, Reducing Stigma and Discrimination, Promoting Support Systems, Conclusion)

55) Story writing in 150-180 words. (6)

Dark night – quiet jungle – sound of footsteps – followed footprints trail – reached lonely house – hidden behind trees – entered – shocked to see – woke up in bed.