

QUESTION BANK

FINE TUNE YOUR ENGLISH

SEMESTER 1

Part A

1. A. The boy stood on the burning deck. (Identify the subject.)
B. Early bird catches the worm. (Identify the predicate.)
2. A. The boy moved swiftly.
B. You can buy it everywhere. (Underline the adverb in each of the sentences)
3. A. Our neighbour, besides three others standing in the queue.
B. The man, along with his three dogs..... taking a stroll in the park. (Use the appropriate auxiliary to complete the given sentences)
4. A. I twenty next Saturday.
B. It Christmas in a week from now.
(Fill in the blanks in both the sentences using the simple future tense form of "be")
5. A. John remained inactive.
B. What Mary said is true. (Identify the kind of adjective)
6. A. Copper is.....useful metal.
B. He is not.....honourable man. (Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.)
7. A. Every man naturally wishes.....distinction.
B. The holy tree is associated.....scenes of goodwill and rejoicing. (Fill in the blanks using the appropriate prepositions),
8. Bring out the meaning of the given idioms by using them in sentences of your own.
A. an apple of discord B. sour grapes
9. Explain the difference between the following expressions pass out, stand out
10. Choose the appropriate noun suffix for the given words ('ant', 'or', 'age', 'ee')
1. edit 2. account 3. pay 4. drain
11. Give a couple of polite expressions to conclude a telephone conversation.
12. Frame two 'wh' questions.
13. a. Stop that noise (insert appropriate question tag)
b. They are uninterested in their studies (reinforcement tag)

c. You are getting married (Add appropriate question tag)

14. Find out the phrases from the given sentence.

After sometime, the boy heard the coins jingling in the bowl.

15. I only congratulated himhis promotion, but he got angry.....me and shouted.....

me . (Supply the correct prepositions)

16. Identify the noun clauses in the following sentences.

Nobody knows what he has in mind, which is a dark place.

17. Complete the following sentence with a noun clause.

He is a liar and so you need not believe.....

18. Complete the sentence with an adverb clause.

.....there is a way.

19. Explain the phrase

To blow hot and cold.

20. Use the correct concord of "be")

- a. The manager's son and the deputy manager of the company, to the trouble makers.
- b. More than one attempt to rush on to the stage.

21. What is the difference between coloured future and pure future? Give one example for coloured future and pure future.

22. Fill in the blanks.

- a. The lights..... all of a sudden. (went off, put off, put out).
- b. The Prime Minister lives..... Lok Kalyan Marg. (on, at, of)

23. What is prefix? Give all kinds of negative prefixes using them in words.

24. A) Jimmy..... his brother is studying medicine. (Supply a cumulative conjunction
B) Rajesh excused in spite of his grave fault. (Supply an appropriate form of "be".)

25. The lights..... all of a sudden while we were eating. (Supply a phrasal verb.)

26. The Prime Minister lives..... Lok Kalyan Marg. (Supply a suitable prepositions.)

27. He was interested in politics. (Change into a negative sentence by contracting the negative form.)

28. One of the players.....injured during the match (was/were). (Choose either of the two.)

29. In the sentence "The train had left before we reached the station", the adverbial clause indicates (time / place).
30. The soldiers fought with great courage. (Identify the adverb phrase.)
31. Attach a reversative prefix each to the words 'comfort' and 'valuation'.
32. ----- called when you were away; he didn't tell me his name. (Supply an appropriate indefinite pronoun.)
33. A. The cackling of geese saved Rome (Underline the subject)
B. Islamabad is the capital of Pakistan (Underline the predicate)
34. A) I want.....
B) We all hope.....
(Supply a noun phrase each)
35. A. I fear that I shall fail
B. He replied that he would be present at the party (Identify the noun clause)
36. A. My bicycle was stolen
B) My pocket has been picked (Turn the sentences into active voice)
37. A. He ran.....
B. He slept a..... (Supply a cognate object)
38. A. She sang yesterday in the town hall at 2 'o'clock very sweetly.
(Arrange the adverbs in proper order)
39. A. I am indebted to your help.
B. The noise from downstairs prevented me sleeping.
(Fill in the blanks using the appropriate prepositions)
40. Give a single word for the given idioms
A. Pandora's box
B. Sword of Damocles
41. Use the following in sentences of your own.
A. nod off
B. nail down
42. Use in sentences of your own.
A. to take the bull by the horn
B. to shed crocodile tears.
43. A. He calls his mother every day.
B. She knows how to knit. (Negate the sentences)
44. A. She doesn't work in a hotel,?

- B. You don't like spicy food,?
45. Join the sentences using a relative pronoun:
(i) She brought home a picture. That was a genuine Rembrandt.
(ii) Jack showed me a picture. The picture represented me as a monkey
46. Write the present participle and past participle forms of the verb "bark".
47. Use the right concord:
(i) The manager's son and the deputy manager of the company to the troublemakers. (see + talk)
48. Define conversion and give two examples.
49. What is the difference in meaning of the following sentence?
(i) He set to work.
(ii) He set himself to work.
50. Identify the verbs forms of 'go' in the following sentences.
"Gone", said the auctioneer and went out of the room.
"Let him go; he goes to his ruin", said a man.
51. What are the different words used to specify the way you lie in bed? (any four).
52. What are idiomatic phrases? Give examples.
53. Convert the following sentences into negative form.
(i) It is useful to some extent.
(ii) She was away a long time.
54. Identify the subject and the predicate in the following sentences:
A) Chitra's children are playing hide and seek.
B) Determined to make most of their vacation, Chitra's children are playing hide and seek, their favourite game.
55. Enlarge the subject and extend the verb.
The girls danced.
56. A. The cackling of geese saved Rome. (Underline the subject.)
B. Islamabad is the capital of Pakistan. (Underline the predicate.)
57. A. The boy stood on the burning deck. (Identify the subject.)
B. Early bird catches the worm. (Identify the predicate.)
58. A. He is industrious and diligent and works hard. (Improve the style)
B. His courage won him honour. (Identify the subject)
59. Turn this into a periodic sentence.

John, the Managing Director, left the office after making all arrangements for the next day's Board Meeting and clearing all the pending files.

60. Rewrite this sentence as a simple one using an ing -phrase in the place of the first clause.

He climbed a wall near him and cried for help.

61. Rewrite improving the style.

He is industrious and diligent and works very hard.

62. Rewrite using the correct cry words.

In the forest camp I heard the cries of the owls, the elephants, the wild asses and the wolves.

63. Rewrite by removing the mismatching

Jumping into a truck he saw the thief escape.

64. Rewrite as directed.

A. _____, she prayed fervently to her favourite god. (Fill in the gap with an -ing phrase.)

B. _____, he forgot himself and shouted at the manager. (Fill in with a past participle phrase).

65. Supply a noun phrase each

A. I want _____.

B. We all hope _____.

66. Write two sentences containing adverb phrases.

67. Complete the following sentences, each with an adverb clause.

A. She was so weak _____.

B. _____, there is a way.

68. Identify the adverb phrase.

The soldiers fought with great courage.

69. Write two sentences with an adjective phrase each.

70. Identify the noun clause.

A. I fear that I shall fail.

B. He replied that he would be present at the party.

71. Complete with a noun clause

A. I expect _____ .

B. He replied _____.

72. Complete with an adverb clause.

A. He is not so clever_____.

B. He ran so fast _____.

73. Write a sentence which has both a defining and a non-defining relative clause in it.

74. Write a sentence which has relative clauses beginning with who and which.

75. Analyse the following.

When they received the information that the police were on their way to catch them, they fled to the forest where they intended to hide till the danger was over.

76. Identify the linking verb and its complement in this sentence.

He became extremely angry on hearing this.

77. Supply a cognate object.

A. He ran a _____.

B. He slept a sound _____.

78. What are the two uses of the present participle (the ing form)? Write illustrative sentences.

79. What is a transitive verb?

80. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below choosing the correct verb form, in the brackets

A. Darshana _____ her hands yesterday, when she fell down the steps. (broken/ broke)

B. When the thief saw the police, he _____ with the money.(fled, will flee)

81. Use the appropriate auxiliary to complete the given sentences

A. Our neighbour, besides three others _____ standing in the queue.

B. The man, along with his three dogs _____ taking a stroll in the park.

82. Fill in the blanks in both the sentences using the simple future tense form of "be"

A. I _____ twenty next Saturday.

B. It _____ Christmas in a week from now.

83. Use the appropriate form of "be".

There _____ an art exhibition in the college tomorrow.

There _____ four choices to the question.

84. Choose the correct verb from those given in brackets

A. The earth _____ round the sun (move, moves, moved).

B. He _____ fast when the accident happened (is driving, was driving, drove).

85. What is the modal auxiliary verb that shows moral obligation? Write an illustrative sentence.

86. Write an illustrative sentence to show how *would* can show a past habit.
87. Write the question form of 'She used to go to market on Sundays'.
88. Rewrite the sentence avoiding the repetition by using do in its place.
- A. She promised to help me and she helped me.
 - B. Use the be+ infinitive structure in such a way that it shows an arrangement

Part B

1. Replace the adverbs (given in italics) by adverb clauses.
- 1. He speaks *powerfully*.
 - 2. Sit *somewhere*.
 - 3. The door was *suspiciously* open.
 - 4. He worked *persistently*.
2. Correct the following sentences.
- 1. These are my sisters books.
 - 2. The group fought between themselves.
 - 3. He gave me a few advice.
 - 4. The sceneries here are extremely beautiful.
 - 5. All possible means have been tried.
3. Rewrite the following sentences in passive form.
- 1. He will finish the work in a fortnight.
 - 2. They elected him president.
 - 3. We compelled the enemy to surrender.
 - 4. The young man spoiled the game.
 - 5. You won't gain anything by fretting.
4. Explain the difference in meaning between the given pairs of sentences.
- 1. a. She made a good meal.
b. She had a good meal.
 - 2. a. She is always making complaints.
b. She is always having complaints.
5. Form the adverbs from the given adjectives.
1. Clever 2. Wise 3. Kind 4. Single 5. Happy 6. Heavy 7. Quick 8. Beautiful 9. Loud 10. Patient
6. What are demonstrative pronouns? Give examples.
7. Give five popularly used expressions with animal words
8. Convert into negative form.

1. They have arrived already.
2. John knows English.
3. He is still there.
4. He does his work carefully
5. The information is reliable.

9. Use the following phrases in sentences.

- a. Adding another feather to his cap.
- b. Play ducks and drakes.
- c. To make both ends meet.
- d. To cut the cackle.
- e. Lion's share

10. Form negative sentences.

- a. I saw him somewhere.
- b. He is coming too.
- c. I like him a great deal.
- d. The data is reliable.
- e. They are watching something

11. Fill in the blanks with the correct specific word.

- a. Clearing your throat rather noisily is-----
- b. You----- when you are out of breath.
- c. You----- when you are bored.
- d. You----- when you think of the good old days.
- e. You may----- a couple of times after a sumptuous meal.

12. Use the correct form of the articles before the following words and phrases

- a. European b. Young man c. Woman d. Historical incident e. Hotel f. Ear g. Year
- h. FM Radio i.MP J. Honest boy

13. What is affixation? Give two examples of words using a prefix and a suffix.

14. Give the meaning of the given expressions.

- a. Rain cats and dogs
- b. Swan song
- c. Cock and bull
- d. Every dog has a day.
- e. Cut the cackle,

15. a. Just as he cares for his child, I care for my child. (Use a possessive pronoun)

b. I had all my brothers beside myself (Use correct pronoun)

c. Seeing her crying, the mother rushed to her and took her by her hand (Correct the sentence)

16. Write the specific cry words.

- a. Dog
- b. Cat

- c. Sheep
- d. Cricket
- e. Pig

17. Write the simple present synonymous equivalents for the following present perfect sentences:

- a. I have read the whole of Shakespeare.
- b. I have passed NET.
- c. Nobody has discovered any effective medicine for cancer.
- d. The president has been assassinated.
- e. I have travelled all over America.

18. Fill in with the appropriate idioms from the brackets:

(a wild goose chase, in a nut shell, bad blood, a cock and bull story, turn a deaf ear, a storm in a tea cup, a cry in the wilderness).

- (a) Rohini tried to convince her teacher by telling her-----
- (b) The noble leader's protest against injustice proved to be-----
- (c) Anu's determination to pass the IAS exam was looked upon by her friends as-----
- (d) The opposition created and staged a walk out from parliament-----
- (e) The principal----- to my request.

19. Do as directed:

- (a) Seeing the policeman, the thief ran away. (Change into complex sentence.)
- (b) He is a man who has great ability. (Change into simple sentence.)
- (c) They dismissed the servant. He was caught stealing money. (Combine the pairs of sentences using the appropriate relative word.)
- (d) They made her apologize. (Change into passive.)
- (e) Good news is expected. (Change the voice.)

20. Correct the following sentences:

- (a) Mangoes you gave me were very good.
- (b) He is studying English for three years.
- (c) This is the gentleman whose all sons are in the army.
- (d) They sat under the shade of the tree.
- (e) Have you ever gone to New Delhi?

21. Explain any five of the following idioms using an illustration each;

- (a) Shed crocodile tears.
- (b) A bee in his bonnet.
- (c) Flogging a dead horse.
- (d) A bull in a China shop.
- (e) Make a beeline.
- (f) To keep the wolf from the door.

22. Frame questions for the following sentences.

- (a) All the rooms are vacant.
- (b) They haven't gone to the cricket match.
- (c) She works in the corporation office.

- (d) The owner will get the house painted.
- (e) The train arrived on time.

23. Supply a question tag to each of the statements given below:

- (a) He did not come.....
- (b) Don't forget it,
- (c) No one was able to get a prize.....
- (d) You'll get back soon,
- (e) I guess we should plan on it,

24. Choose the correct one from the brackets:

- (a) The man said.....nothing. (almost/nearly)
- (b) The phone has gone..... (dead/deadly)
- (c) Suma is----- by two years (elder, older).
- (d) It was true. (very, too)

- 25. 1. Neither my brother nor I..... gone to school (Insert the appropriate form of *have*)
- 2. Jerry is one of those students who-----the homework because he leaves early (insert the suitable form of *miss*)
- 3. Media an important role in our daily decisions (Insert the suitable form of *play*)
- 4. Either Sheena or her brother, coming for the programme today (Insert the suitable form of *be*)
- 5. If you hard you will succeed. (Insert the suitable form of *work*)

26. Correct the following sentences

- 1. Are you going on train?
- 2. The books are there in my table.
- 3. I got your letter on last Friday.
- 4. He is the taller among the two.
- 5. She suffers insomnia

27. Insert the past or the present perfect tense (whichever is correct) of the verb given at the end.

- 1. We to the theatre last evening (go)
- 2. It every day this week (rain).
- 3. We came here in 1935 and-----here ever since. (live)

28. Fill in the blanks with either the plain noun given at the end of the sentence, or the noun preceded by 'the'.

- 1. Some coins are made of and some of (silver, copper)
- 2. ----- in that stream is not good for drinking (water)
- 3. Many great ships crossed (Atlantic Ocean)
- 4. He came for an hour, but stayed all (evening)

29. Write the correct form of the pronoun in the following sentences.

1. We scored as many goals as (they, them)
2. Rama and (I, me) were present at the meeting:
3. It isn't for such as (they, them) to dictate to us.
4. Let you and (I, me) try what we can do
5. Nobody but (he, him) was present.

30. Mention five animal-gait words and use them in sentences of your own.
31. Give the possible word that may be derived out of affixation in the following words.
1. duty 2 pay 3. music 4. simple 5. institute
32. List a few polite expressions
33. Frame five alternative questions
34. Use the following words or phrases in sentences of your own
 - (i) To rain cats and dogs.
 - (ii) At a snail's pace.
 - (iii) To lead a dog's life.
 - (iv) A cat on hot bricks.
 - (v) Bull in a China shop.

35. Write a note on the different kinds of sounds made with the mouth or the nose?

36. Complete the following sentences:

- i) If you score well
- (ii) If I were you,
- (iii) Unless you pass the test,
- (iv) We will give you a pass provided
- (v) I have an extra set of batteries in case

37. What are modals and elaborate on their functions using appropriate examples.

38. Correct and re-write the paragraph:

I got your letter on last Friday. I am sad indeed to hear that you cannot attend my daughter's wedding. My daughter is getting married with an engineer. As you had advised, we bought the ornaments from jewellery in Trichur. I hope you are in good condition.

39. Mention certain instances where the simple present becomes almost like the present continuous tense. Explain with examples.

40. Enlarge the subject and extend the verb.

- A. The girls danced.
- B. The little girl is here.
- C. Raju and his brother failed the exam.
- D. The sun shone.
- E. A wind is blowing.

41. Pick out the adverb phrases in the given sentences.

- A. Rama ran with great speed.
- B. The arrow fell on this spot.
- C. No such diseases were known in those days.
- D. No one would dare to answer him in such impudent way.
- E. Do your work in a thorough way.

42. Rewrite as directed.

A. The sun was setting in the west when the birds returned to their nest. (Make it a simple sentence using an absolute phrase.)

B. _____, the man sat in the shade of a tree, _____. (Complete the sentence using a phrase beginning with an adverb.)

C. She did not attend the lecture because she was ill. (Make it a simple sentence using a phrase.)

D. Though he was ill, he refused to take rest. (Make it a simple sentence using a phrase instead.)

E. When he was young, he was a good looking chap. (Make it a simple sentence using a verb less phrase.)

43. Fill in the blanks using appropriate phrases.

A. Draw a picture _____.

B. He refused _____

C. _____ is a good maxim.

D. A bird _____ is worth two in the bush.

E. She wore a necklace _____.

44. Identify the noun clauses in the following sentences.

A. Nobody knows what he has in his mind, which is a very dark place.

B. When his thought comes to my mind, I think of what he told me once

C. I discovered that the boy who came here was John's brother.

D. He finds the idea that the earth is round very hard to believe for he thinks that the earth cannot be round.

E. Nobody knows where he is now but this is the house where he used to live in.

45. Complete the following sentences, each with a noun clause.

A. He is a liar and so you need not believe _____.

B. _____ turned out to be completely wrong.

C. He defended the murder on the ground _____ .

D. This is _____.

E. Do you know _____.

46. Complete the following sentences by adding suitable noun clauses.

A. I cannot understand _____.

B. Do you know _____

C. Please show me _____

D. Pay careful attention to _____

E. Do you deny _____?

47. Identify and underline the adverb clauses in the following sentences,

A. The camel, which is called the ship of the desert, walks on two very broad toes so that it does not sink into the powdery sand.

B. When we met, he asked me to see the problem as other people saw it.

C. Happiness, which we all love to possess, will not come to us unless we make others happy.

- D. You are an outsider and so I advise you to stay away because people do not like intervention by outsiders.
E. I do not know where he lives but his brother lives where this road divides.

48. Complete the following sentences, each with a conditional clause.

- A. _____, people would like you.
B. _____, you will get higher marks.
C. _____, the incident would not have happened.
D. _____, he will not withdraw the case against you.
E. _____, and you will grow stronger muscles.

49. Use any five linking verbs in sentences of your own.

1. Choose the correct form of the given verbs.

- A. The plane _____ (arrive/will arrive) at 3.30 AM.
B. When I get home, my dog _____ (sits/will be sitting) at the gate waiting for me.
C I _____ (see/will be seeing) you one of these days.
D. Please come after an hour, I _____ (shall write/shall have written) my exercise by then.
E. Perhaps we _____ (visit/will visit) Mahabaleshwar next month.

50. Choose the suitable auxiliary for each pair.

- A. You _____ improve your spelling.
B. We _____ love our neighbours.
C. I don't _____ mention him.
D. One _____ be careful.

51. A past participle has three uses. Illustrate these uses with the past participle *broken*.

Part C

1. Prepare a telephonic conversation between two friends who are about to appear for the final examinations regarding the preparations they have made.
2. Prepare a brief note on telephone etiquette with special reference to the use of language.
3. Prepare a job application for the job of a Physiotherapist in a Multi-speciality Hospital
4. A. Frame a telephone conversation between you and an intimate friend of yours about your career interests.
B. Write a short speech you, as the Staff Secretary, would deliver on the retirement of your colleague.
5. Write a review of a movie that is a remake of a popular novel
6. A. Write a letter to a friend describing a recent exciting cricket match in which your side won.

- B. Write an essay on the importance of using helmet while riding two wheelers.
7. Write a letter to the District Collector to detail about the rash driving of the vehicles and the absence of traffic assistance in the city.
 8. Compose a telephone interview for the post of a business executive at an IT firm.
 9. Write a critical appreciation for a Film that you have watched.
 10. Prepare a Resume and Job Application letter to apply for the post of Executive Assistant, Trans shipment Job in DRS India Pvt. Ltd. Your job needs skills related to IT and Logistics.
 11. Attempt an essay on the "Impact of Social Media among youth".
 12. Attempt a review of a book you have read recently.
 13. Prepare a talk to be delivered on hazards of plastic waste' as part of Environment awareness programme.
 14. Write an application for the post of a Personal Secretary to the CM. Enclose your resume
 15. You are the Panchayath Member of your Ward. Write a telephone conversation between you and the District Medical Officer of the General Hospital in your vicinity about holding a blood donation camp in your locality.
 16. Write a short welcome speech that you, as the Panchayath Secretary of your ward, would deliver on the inauguration of the Blood Donation Camp
 17. Write an essay stating your views on the impact of social media on contemporary social events
 18. A Write a letter to a friend describing how you spent your summer vacation.
 19. Write an essay on the influence of Tv on our Lives.
 20. Prepare an essay on the influence of Information Technology and Social Media on college students.
 21. Prepare a review on one of the books you have read recently.
 22. Write a letter to your parents to be present in the college on the day of open house of your college.
 23. Write a letter to the District Collector to detail about the rash driving of the vehicles and the absence of traffic assistance in the city.