

Balbharti Schools
Common Achievement Test
Class VII
Model Question Paper

Total Marks: 80

Time allowed: 2.30 Hrs.

Instructions:

This paper consists of reading, language (grammar and vocabulary) and writing.

Answer all questions.

Answers for the writing section are to be written in the space provided for it.

Marks for each section and questions are indicated against them.

SECTION A

READING

20 marks

- I. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing answers from the given options. (10 marks)**

The Galapagos Islands are in the Pacific Ocean, off the western coast of South America. They are a rocky, lonely spot, but they are also one of the most unusual places in the world. One reason is that they are the home of some of the last giant tortoises left on earth. Weighing hundreds of pounds, these tortoises, or land turtles, wander slowly around the rocks and sand of the islands. Strangely each of these islands has its own particular kind of tortoise. There are seven different kinds of tortoises on the eight islands, each kind being slightly different from the other. Hundreds of years ago, thousands of tortoises wandered around these islands. However, all this changed when people started landing there. When people first arrived in 1535, their ships had no refrigerators. This meant that fresh food was always a problem for the sailors on board. The giant tortoises provided the solution to this problem. Ships would anchor off the islands, and crew would row ashore and seize as many tortoises as they could. Once the animals were aboard the ship, the sailors would roll the tortoises onto their backs. The tortoises were completely

helpless once on their backs, so they could only lie there until used for soups and stews. Almost 100,000 tortoises were carried off in this way. (221 words)

1. The author calls the Galapagos Islands as an unusual place because
 - a. they are in the Pacific Ocean
 - b. the endangered giant tortoises are found there.
 - c. they are rocky and lonely spots.
 - d. they are located off the western coast of South America.

2. The statement ,_____ is correct.
 - a. there is one kind of tortoise found on seven islands.
 - b. there are eight kinds of tortoise found on eight islands.
 - c. there are seven kinds of tortoise found on eight islands.
 - d. all the tortoises are found on one island.

3. The giant tortoises provided a solution to the problem of not having refrigerators means that _____.
 - a. the sailors went looking for refrigerators.
 - b. fresh food was available in plenty.
 - c. the giant tortoises were killed and eaten.
 - d. the sailors seized the tortoise to store in refrigerators.

4. 'Ships would anchor off the island' means _____.
 - a. ships would go off.
 - b. ships would be near the shore.
 - c. ships would be off to another land.
 - d. ships would go to another island.

5. In paragraph four the word 'crew' means _____
- the new settlers.
 - men arriving at Galapagos islands.
 - men working on the ships.
 - men catching the tortoises.
6. How did the crew make the tortoises helpless?
- by anchoring off the islands.
 - with invention of refrigerators.
 - by rolling the tortoises onto their backs.
 - by seizing the tortoises.
7. 'Hundreds of years ago, thousands of tortoises wandered around these islands' means
- Number of tortoises have been now been reduced from thousands to a few.
 - All tortoises have been destroyed and eaten up by sailors and hunters.
 - There are no tortoises now in the islands.
 - Tortoises have destroyed all humans in the islands.
8. Which of the following statements about the tortoises is true?
- Tortoises are powerful when thrown into water.
 - They are powerful when thrown into out of water.
 - They are helpless when thrown onto their backs.
 - All the above statements are true.
9. Which word from the passage means the same as 'move aimlessly'?
- wandered
 - lonely
 - unusual
 - landing
10. Almost 100,000 tortoises were carried off in 'this' way. 'this' here means

- a. sailor eating the tortoisés by making soups and stews.
- b. sailors killing them for their shells
- c. sailors taking them to their countries.
- d. Sailors selling them for money.

II. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow. (10 Marks)

Christmas time drew near, and many young trees were axed and felled . Some were even smaller and younger than the Fir Tree, which enjoyed neither rest nor peace for longing to leave his forest home. These young trees which were chosen for their beauty, kept their branches, were laid on wagons and drawn by horses far away out of the forest.

The Fir Tree scorned at them .He was envious of them .He could no longer control his anger and burst out .“Where are they going ?” asked the fir tree. “They are not taller than I am; indeed, many are smaller than me! And why do they keep all their branches? Where are they heading to?

“We know, we know,” sang the sparrows. “We have looked through the windows of the houses in the town, and we know what is done with them. Oh! You cannot think what honour and glory they receive. They are dressed up in the most splendid manner. We have seen them standing in the middle of a warm room, and adorned with all sorts of beautiful things- honey cakes, gilded apples, playthings and many hundreds of wax tapers.” They are the Christmas Trees.

The Fir stood speechless after this .He was quite ashamed of his vain pride. (214 words)

Tick the correct option to complete the sentence.

11. Close to Christmas, many young trees are _____

- a. decorated in the most splendid manner
- b. axed and felled
- c. burnt for fuel
- d. cut and thrown away

12. How did the Fir Tree react when he saw the young trees being taken on the wagons?

- a. he was delighted and praised them
- b. he was sad and mourned over their felling
- c. he was envious and scorned at them
- d. he was happy

13. The young trees were chosen for_____

- a. being the adorned Christmas Trees
- b. being sold out to the public
- c. being chiseled to make boxes
- d. being made into ornaments

14. The synonym of 'magnificent'

- a. tapers
- b. splendid
- c. wagons
- d. small

15. The antonym of ' *doubtfully* '

- a.* Indeed
- b.* Glory
- c.* Envious
- d.* unsure

16. Which word is not nearer to the meaning of the word 'scorned' in the second paragraph?

- a.* ridiculed
- b.* mock
- c.* contempt

d. respect

Answer the following questions. 2 Marks

17. Why did the young trees receive honour and glory unlike the Fir Tree ?

18. Why was the Fir Tree ashamed of himself?

SECTION B Language (Grammar and Vocabulary)

45 marks

Choose the best suitable word / phrase from the given options.

19. Run _____ or you'll lose the race.

- a) fast
- b) more Fast
- c) faster
- d) fastest

20. This cloth is dyed in _____ colours . it will not fade away.

- a) fast
- b) faster
- c) fastest
- d) more fast

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the given options.

21. I _____ here in this office for the past five years.

- a) am working
- b) have worked
- c) worked
- d) have been working

22. She _____ beautifully at Nisha's birthday party.

- a) danced
- b) dances
- c) will have danced
- d) would have danced

23. Radha _____ herself behind the cupboard last evening.

- a) hides
- b) hid
- c) hid
- d) has hid

24. Neither Sita, nor Gita _____ able to find her till late evening.

- a) were
- b) are
- c) is
- d) was

25. A set of fairy tales _____ awarded to the winner in the assembly.

- a) is
- b) was
- c) are
- d) were

Replace the underlined preposition with an appropriate one.

26. An amphibian can live easily on land and on water.

- a) in
- b) inside
- c) within
- d) around

27. Could you please add some green chillies within my omelette.

- a) to
- b) inside
- c) upon
- d) into

Pick the sentence with the correct conjunction.

28. a) Do not cheat or else you will be punished.
- b) Do not cheat because you will be punished.
- c) Do not cheat since you will be punished.
- d) Do not cheat whether you will be punished.

29. a) I cannot sing but dance.
- b) I can neither sing or dance.
- c) I can sing and not dance.
- d) Neither can I sing nor can I dance.

Complete the following sentences with suitable words from the given options.

30. Could I have _____ more water?

- a) some
- b) little
- c) few
- d) any

31. I have _____ work to finish before I sleep.

- a) lot of
- b) more
- c) much

d) few

32. I spent _____ money I had.

a) the little

b) a little

c) very little

d) little

Pick the correct sentence.

33. a) Where did you buy this dress from?

b) Where you bought this dress from?

c) Where this dress you buy from?

d) This dress you bought from where?

34. a) I am liking the weather today.

b) I like the weather today.

c) I today like the weather.

d) I am like the weather today.

35. a) can you shut the door please.

b) please shut the door can you.

c) the door can you shut please.

d) shut the door, can you please.

Complete the following sentences based on the dialogue given below.

RAJESH: Is this soup fresh?

WAITER: Yes sir.

RAJESH: What do you think about the fly in my soup.

WAITER: Oh! That's fresh too.

36. Rajesh asked the waiter _____

- a) that his soup was fresh.
- b) if his soup is fresh.
- c) whether his soup was fresh.
- d) was his soup fresh.

37. He asked the waiter _____

- a) What he thought about the fly in his soup.
- b) What about the fly in his soup.
- c) If the fly in his soup was fresh.
- d) What did he think about the fly in his soup.

38. The waiter remarked _____

- a) It was too fresh.
- b) It is fresh too.
- c) That it was fresh too.
- d) That it was too fresh.

Pick the correct passive form of the following sentences.

39. The gardener waters the plants.

- a) The plants are watered by the gardener.
- b) The plants were watered by the gardener.
- c) The gardener has to water the plants.
- d) The plants are to be watered by the gardener.

40. I have to write this letter today.

- a) This letter has to be written today.
- b) This letter is to be written by me today.

- c) Today, this letter has to be written.
- d) This letter has to be written by me today.

41. Mr. Sharma is buying a new car.

- a) A new has been bought by Mr. Sharma.
- b) A new car is buying Mr. Sharma.
- c) A new car has to be bought by Mr. Sharma.
- d) A new car is being brought by Mr. Sharma.

Which part /parts of the sentence are grammatically incorrect?

a b c d

42. The little girl and her mother are going up the hill.

- i) only a ii) b and c iii) only c iv) a and

a b c d\

43. The sea route was found with Vasco da Gama on 1524.

- i) a and b ii) b and c iii) c and d iv) b and d

a b c d

44. He don't keep his things in place and look for them everywhere .

- i) a and b ii) a and c iii) a and d iv) only a

a b c d

45. I and my friends am going there for attend the funeral ceremony .

- i) a ii) b and c iii) b iv) c and d

a b c d

46. They were played well and lost the match to their opponents .

- i) a and b ii) b iii) band c iv) c

Rearrange the words into meaningful sentences.

47. /we / since / my brother / in this place / have been living /was born. /

48. /are /many ways / theorem /where /a mathematical / can be/ proved./

49. /on/stay/ their seats / passengers/ has opened / conductor / door / requested/ are/ the / until/
the /

50. / before / diseases / known / 18th century / some / not / were / of / these / the/ common/

51. /cancer/ her / had / family/ knew/even/Anand/ but / did not / tell / he /his/

Rearrange the parts of a sentence into a meaningful sentence. Words or phrases are lettered P,Q,R and S.

52. P : regularly checked

Q : you should have

R : blood pressure

S : your

- a. RPSQ
- b. RSQP
- c. RQPS
- d. QPSR

53. P : Indian

Q : earn as much

R : working women

S : as men

- a. PRQS
- b. RSQP
- c. RQPS
- d. PRSQ

54. P: I shall bring

Q: from that place

R: when I shall go to Mumbai

S: a nice gift for you

- a. QRSP
- b. PSRQ
- c. RPSQ
- d. PQSR

Fill in the blanks with the suitable words

55. Among the factors ----- to the low productivity in agriculture, the first place is occupied by irregular water supply.

- a. producing
- b. showing
- c. resulting
- d. contributing

56. Renu is a ----- . You can lead her by nose.

- a. novice
- b. blind
- c. simpleton
- d. woman

57. He ----- his matriculation examination in 1992.

- a. obtained

- b. passed
- c. performed
- d. completed

58. He ----- all his energies to bear upon the task.

- a. brought
- b. put
- c. devoted
- d. organized

Select the word which is closest to the opposite in meaning of the underlined word

59. The value of some shares has appreciated.

- a. increased
- b. decreased
- c. changed
- d. profitable

Choose the option which contains a pair of words related to each other in the same way as the pair given in capital letters.

60. BAKER: CAKE

- a. Trees: Forest
- b. Carpenter: Furniture
- c. Nurse: Hospital
- d. Teacher: School

Choose the correct spellings

61. a. humoros
b. homoros
c. humorous
d. humerous

62. a. vaccum

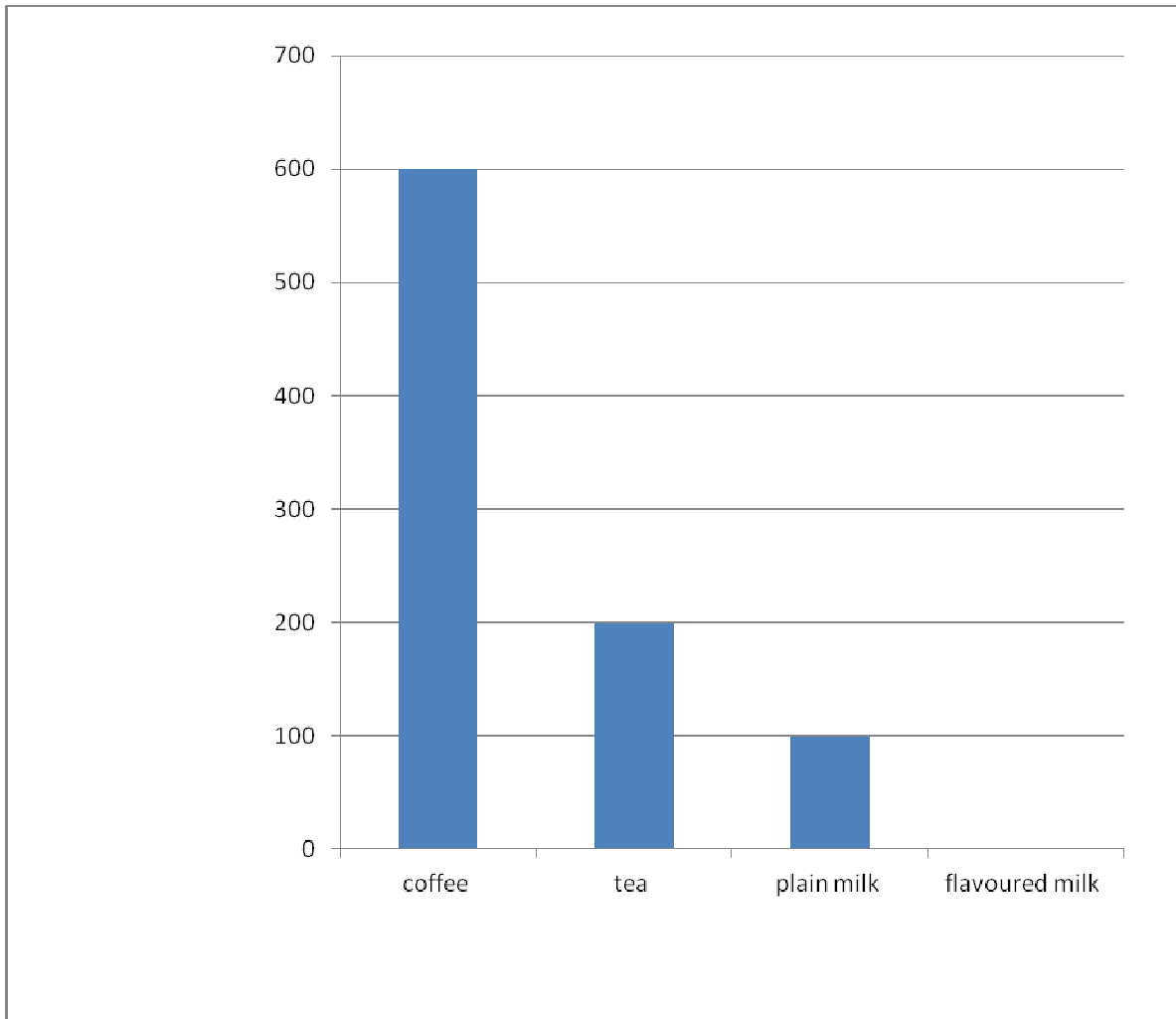
- b. vacuum
 - c. vacuum
 - d. vacuim
63. a. curoicity
- b. curiosity
 - c. curiocity
 - d. cuisosity

SECTION D

WRITING

10 Marks

The following graph shows the preferences in a survey conducted on a group of people as the first drink in the morning. Study the graph carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences. 6 Marks



64. How many people prefer to drink plain milk in the morning?

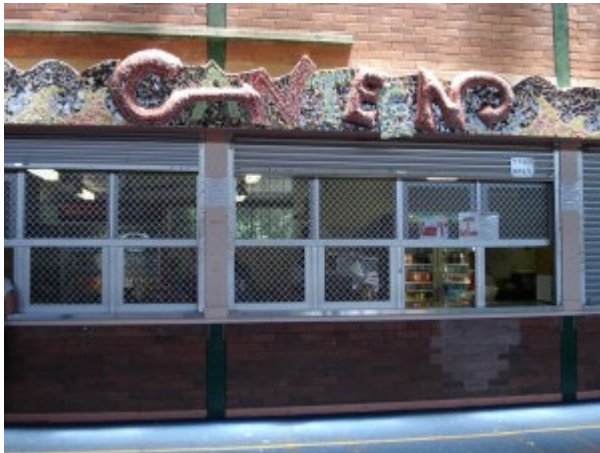
65. What do most people like to drink?

66. Which drink is preferred by none?

67. How many people like to drink tea?

7.2 Read the following excerpt about school canteen and complete arguments in support of or against the management and services of the school canteen. 9 Marks

School canteens



The school environment has a significant impact on the development of eating habits. Just about everyone can remember purchasing an ice-cream, tikki, parontha, roti, sabji, pizza, burger and roll back in their day as a special occasion. But these days, that special occasion has grown into multiple times a week or for some children every day.

Canteens are a unique food business. Under ownership of the school, the ultimate responsibility for what is sold and how it runs lies with the Principal. Depending on the level of school community engagement, the canteen could be operated under the direct management of any of the following:

- The Principal
- The School Council
- Leasee (private operator)

The canteen manager acts as an employee (paid or unpaid) who is managed by the management body.

In my opinion _____

I strongly disagree with _____

I believe that if _____
