

SECTION A

- I. Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below.
(Please do not copy the question – simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase.)
[1 x 16 =16]
1. Rajam described the lighthouse, the sea, the trams and buses of _____ to Granny.
a) Bombay
b) Madras
c) Kerala
d) None of the above
 2. The old man was paid _____ rupees by the king for planting trees.
a) twenty
b) fifteen
c) ten
d) fifty
 3. Sankar would be hanged by his tuft by Mani over Sarayu from a _____ branch.
a) peepul
b) tamarind
c) mango
d) banyan
 4. The _____ master pursed his lips and scratched his nose.
a) Tamil
b) English
c) head
d) scripture
 5. Swaminathan slapped _____ and _____.
a) Pea, Sankar
b) Somu, Sankar
c) Pea, Somu
d) Rajam and Mani
 6. Granny said that _____ was called the Gramme or something and was a witty boy.
a) Somu
b) Pea
c) Sankar
d) Mani
 7. Rajam's mother had a black trunk filled with _____.
a) jewels
b) gold vessels
c) silver vessels
d) both b and c
 8. The boy with a _____ cap sat on the first bench woke up with a start every time his head sank down.
a) red
b) white

- c) green
- d) blue

9. First A had a leisure between three and three forty-five on _____.

- a) Tuesday
- b) Wednesday
- c) Thursday
- d) Friday

10. Sankar was gifted a _____ by Rajam.

- e) clockwork engine
- f) belt
- g) bound notebook
- h) fountain pen

11. Who said the line- "If Richard Belanger could do it, why not Manjula Parelkar?"

- a) Manjula's mother
- b) Manjula's father
- c) Manjula's brother
- d) Manjula herself

12. In the poem 'I Sit and Think', the speaker is most likely _____

- a) a young child dreaming of future.
- b) an old person remembering the past.
- c) a visitor waiting for friends to arrive.
- d) a poet observing nature.

13. Why did Manjula wish to learn cooking?

- a) She wanted to satisfy her mother.
- b) She wanted to surprise her father.
- c) She wanted to learn something new.
- d) She was disappointed by her father's words.

14. The father of Puneet owned a lot of land in _____.

- a) Tumkur
- b) Belgaum
- c) Bangalore
- d) Bihar

15. The poet had seen _____ in the summer.

- a) Butterflies and morning mist
- b) Silver sun and meadow flowers
- c) morning mist
- d) meadow flowers

16. Sharad offered _____ to his co-passengers.

- a) apples
- b) bananas
- c) peanuts
- d) tea

SECTION B

II. Answer the following questions with reference to the context :-

- A. 'There is so much in you that other children don't have'** [3 x 3 = 9]
1. Who is the speaker of the above lines? Who is being spoken to? Name the author of the lesson.
 2. Comment on the speaker's attitude in the given context.
 3. How does the person spoken to react and why?
- B. Our choice is his choice. He is only a child.** [3 x 3 = 9]
1. Who says the above lines? Who is the 'child' in the above sentence? What are the names of his parents?
 2. What happened immediately after this?
 3. Why did Sharad say that he never gets lonely?
- C. 'Is it not very expensive?'** [3 x 3 = 9]
1. Who is the speaker of the above statement? To whom were these lines spoken to?
Where had the speaker and listener met?
 2. What was the listener's response to this statement?
 3. What according to the listener is the most important thing for a young person?
- D. 'I sit beside the fire and think of how the world will be
When winter comes without a spring that I shall ever see.'** [3 x 3 = 9]
1. Name the poem and the poet. What things has the poet not seen yet?
 2. Explain the above lines. What makes the speaker feel sad?
 3. Is there an element of nostalgia in the poem? Why do you think so? Do you think the speaker feels young or old?
Give reasons for your answer.
- E. It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll.** [3 x 3 = 9]
1. What does the expression 'how strait the gate' mean?
 2. Why does it not matter?
 3. What does the second line of the quote suggest?
- F. 'Do you think I could have some extra money tomorrow?'** [3 x 3 = 9]
1. What was Manjula's disability? Why did she need extra money? What other thing did Manjula want from her parents?
 2. What gifts did Manjula receive on her birthday from her family?
 3. How did a newspaper cutting help Manjula?

SECTION C

- III. Write the meanings of the following words :-** [1 x 5 = 5]
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| 1. searchingly | 4. gossamer |
| 2. fell clutch | 5. glimpsing |
| 3. pursue | |
- IV. Make meaningful sentences of your own with the following words or phrases :-** [1 x 5 = 5]
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| 1. mischievous | 4. sophisticated |
| 2. underestimated | 5. bundled up |
| 3. golden noose | |

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