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 6TH CROSS, MALLESHWARAM, BENGALURU – 560 003
2025 -26 II PUC MODEL QUESTION PAPER – 2

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

TIME: 03 HOURS

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS:36

Instructions

1. Answer the questions in all the sections.
2. Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
3. Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
4. For multiple choice questions (MCQs), choose the correct answer and rewrite it.
5. For Part - A questions, only the first written answers will be considered for evaluation.
6. Answers to the question number 30A (a-i) or 30 B (a-i) should be in one sequence and at one place.
7. For question numbers 30, 31, 32 and 36 internal choices are there. Hence, answer either (A) or (B).

PART-A

I. Answer the following questions by choosing the right option.

10x1=10

1. The word "garish" is associated with _____ in 'Romeo and Juliet'.

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| a) Ethiopie | b) Sun |
| c) Snowy dove | d) Romeo. |

2. Choose the right sequence of incidents as they place in 'Too Dear!'.

- a) The Guard was dismissed - expenditure came to 600 francs - the criminal did not run away - death punishment was changed to life imprisonment.
- b) Death punishment was changed to life imprisonment -expenditure came to 600 francs -the guard was dismissed – the criminal did not run away.
- c) The Criminal did not runaway - The guard was dismissed- expenditure came to 600 francs- death punishment was changed to life imprisonment.
- d) The Criminal did not runaway- - death punishment was changed to life imprisonment- the guard was dismissed - expenditure came to 600 francs.

3. The main speaker of the poem 'On Children' is a _____

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| a. child | b. woman | c. prophet | d. God |
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4. Match the Column A with Column B with reference to the play 'A Sunny Morning' and choose the correct option.

- | A | B |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| A. Wild boar's head | i. Laura's boudoir |
| B. Tiger's Skin | ii. As a shoe brush |
| C. Handkerchief | iii. Gonzalo's Study |
| a) A-iii, B-i, c-ii | b) A-ii, B-iii, c-i |
| | c) A-iii, B-ii, c-i |
| | d) A-i, B-iii, C-ii |

5. In the story 'The Gardener', _____ found it hard to decide whether the old man's arrival was for the better or for the worse.

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| a) Tammanna | b) the old man |
| c) Basavaiah | d) the owner's wife |

6. Which of the following quote is by Bernard Shaw as mentioned in 'I Believe That Books Will Never Disappear'?

- a) All that is near becomes far.
- b) This quiet dust was gentlemen and ladies.
- c) Every book worth being re-read has been written by the spirit
- d) The Gods wrought and spun the skein of ruin for men.

7. According to George Mikes, _____ has more dangers than anything else in Japan.

- a) feeding deer
- b) eating soup
- c) crossing the road
- d) making a phone call

8. Identify the correct statement with reference to 'The Voter'.

- a) Rufus Okeke voted only for PAP.
- b) Elders expressed their willingness to vote for Maduka without taking money.
- c) Rufus Okeke tore the ballot paper into two pieces and put one half in each box.
- d) Markus Ibe knew that he would be defeated in election.

9. _____ is the owner of Ram's Cycles in 'Where There Is A Wheel'.

- a) S. Kannakarajan
- b) Muthu Bhaskarn
- c) Sheela Rani Chunkath
- d) N. Kannammal.

10. The Panchama had to wait at the well until _____ arrived, to draw water, in the poem 'Water.'

- a) an untouchable
- b) a kamma landlord
- c) a shudra
- d) a Bisleri man

11. Fill in the blanks with the passive form of the verb given in the brackets. 3x1=3

Basavaiah tried to outshine Tammanna in his own way. A palatial house _____ (build) by him.
People _____ (appoint) just to praise him. Scholars, poets and musicians _____ (invite) to his place.

12. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expressions given in brackets. 2x1=2

[put up, give up, face lit up]

Ramesh had promised to _____ sweets as per doctor's advice as he was a diabetic.
His _____ when he saw a sweet printed 'Sugar free'.

13. Read the following paragraph and match the pronouns in Side A with the nouns / noun phrases in Side B they refer to 5x1=5

Goldsmith was also called Dr. Goldsmith because he (a) had studied medicine. One day a poor woman visited at his (b) house, and she (c) asked him if he would come to see her husband, who (d) was sick and would not eat any food. Goldsmith gave her a small box which (e) had money in it.

A
(Pronouns)

- a. He
- b. His
- c. She
- d. Who
- e. Which

B
(Nouns / Noun phrases)

- i. A Small box
- ii. Poor Woman's husband
- iii. Dr. Goldsmith's
- iv. Dr. Goldsmith
- v. A poor Woman
- vi. House.

PART-B

II. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions in two sentences / words / phrases each. 3x2=6

14. Give any two images that describe the beauty of Juliet in 'Romeo and Juliet'.
15. What do bows and arrows refer to, in the poem 'On Children'?
16. What were the parents of Vandana Shiva?
17. Where does the water sit innocently in the poem 'Water'? Where does it dance into in?

III Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 60 words each.

4x3=12

18. Why did Vandana Shiva Start Navdanya farm?
19. Why do Dona Laura and Don Gonzalo choose not to reveal their true identities to each other?
20. How does the poet explain that one man's love is different from that of others in the poem 'When You Are Old'?
21. 'To The Foot From Its Child' represents the conflict between illusion and real life. Elaborate.
22. How does the poet create heaven on Earth, according to Kuvempu?
23. Describe the playful yet risky interaction between drivers and pedestrians in Brazil, according to George Mikes.

IV. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions in about 100 words each.

3x4=12

24. Why did the king of Monaco keep changing his mind in dealing with the criminal in 'Too Dear!'?
25. 'A Sunny Morning' revolves around concealing one's own identity. Discuss.
26. "Man lives for some kind of vengefulness. Without it, there would be no reason for his existence." Evaluate this statement in the light of the story 'The Gardener'.
27. What are the views of Borges toward his mother?
28. Give an account of Roof's role as an election campaigner in the story 'The Voter.'
29. Explain the economic implications of cycling among women in Pudukkottai.

PART-C

V. 30.

A. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

9x1=9

Gerty was born in 1896 in Prague. Now, Prague is the capital of Czech Republic. Her father was a manager at a sugar factory. Gerty was tutored at home by her mother. When she was sixteen, she decided to become a doctor. She didn't know enough Mathematics, chemistry and physics and Latin. She decided to learn them properly. She learnt them in one year. Others would have taken eight years to learn what she learnt in one year.

Gerty was one of the first women to be admitted to the medical school at Charles University in Prague. She became close friends with a fellow student called Carl Cori. He loved her for her sense of humour and her passion for mountain climbing. Both graduated from the medical school. Later, they got married. They started working together. They conducted many experiments and published research articles. Later, they migrated to USA. Here also they continued to work together. Many universities refused to employ them together. They didn't like the idea of married couple working together. But, both Carl and Gerty didn't budge an inch. They worked side by side only in those institutions that agreed to employ them together. They discovered how glucose is broken down by enzymes in the body to release energy. This process is now called as 'Cori Cycle.'

The research of Gerty and Carl Cori has helped thousands of children with diabetes. It won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for them in 1947. Gerty was the first women to win Nobel Prize in medicine. The Coris were one of the very few married couple to win the Nobel Prize jointly - She died in 1957.

- a. Where did Gerty meet Carl Cori?
- b. Which is the capital city of Czech Republic?
- c. What was Gerty's father?
- d. Gerty decided to become a doctor at the age of _____. (Fill in the blanks)

- e. Where did Gerty and Carl migrate to?
- f. Why did many universities refuse to employ Coris?
- g. Make the antonym of the word 'agree' with suitable prefix.
- h. Who did the discovery of Cori Cycle' help?
- i. Name the idiom used in the passage that means 'refuse to change'.

OR

B. Read the following poem and answer the questions set on it.

9x1=9

HOME THEY BROUGHT HER WARRIOR DEAD

Home they brought her warrior dead:

She nor swoon'd nor utter'd cry:

All her maidens, watching, said,

"She must weep or she will die"!

Then they praised him, soft and low,

Call'd him worthy to be loved,

Truest friend and noblest foe;

Yet she neither spoke nor moved.

Stole a maiden from her place,

Lightly to the Warrior stepped,

Took the face-cloth from the face;

Yet she neither moved nor wept.

Rose a nurse of ninety years,

Set his child upon her knee

Like Summer tempest came her tears-

"Sweet my child, I live for thee."

- a. Who were watching the warrior's wife?
- b. How did warrior's wife react when her husband was brought dead?
- c. Where was the warrior brought dead?
- d. How old was the nurse?
- e. Who took the face-cloth from the face of the dead warrior?
- f. What did the warrior's wife do after the removal of the face cloth?
- g. Who set the child on warrior's wife knee?
- h. Make an antonym for the word 'worthy', using a suitable prefix.
- i. Complete the analogy: Cry : die :: Knee : _____

PART -D

VI. 31.

A. Rewrite as directed

4 X 1=4

i. The Lecturer in English told us to submit _____ first assignment on Monday.

[Use proper article]

ii. this rascal / you must / with /some cheaper way / find / of dealing.

[Rearrange Segments into a meaningful Sentence]

iii. Biodiversity_____ (has/have) been the teacher of abundance.

[choose the verb that agrees with the subject]

iv. In 2011, the UN General Assembly_____ (organize) a conference on Harmony with Nature.

[Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verb given]

OR

B. Fill in the blanks with the right linkers.

4×1=4

[because, after, however, as though]

The old man started telling his story. _____proceeding to some extent, he started to fumble _____ he had committed a mistake. She felt like going away saying that it was none of her concern. _____, she continued to sit there quietly _____ she did not want to hurt the old man.

32.

A. Rewrite as directed

2x1=2

i. He is a great actor, _____ ? [Add a suitable question tag]

ii. We played kabaddi during our school days.

[Frame 'wh' question to get the underlined words as answer]

OR

B. Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them.

2x1=2

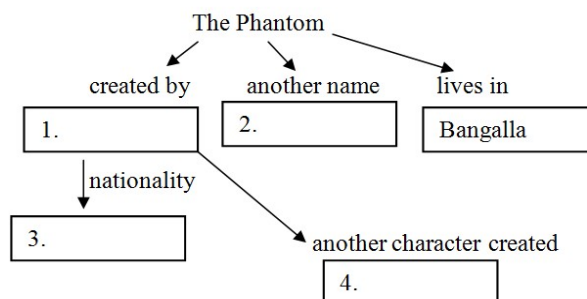
i. Children likes sweets

ii. A sun rises in the east.

33. Read the following paragraph and make notes by filling the boxes given below.

4x ½ =2

The Phantom is a fictional comic strip hero who was created by Lee Falk, an American. He lives in the fictional African country of Bangalla solving the problems of the tribal people. He is also called Mr. Walker, the Ghost who walks. Lee Falk also created the character Mandrake the Magician.



34. Report the following Conversation.

5x1=5

Roof : We have a minister from our village. Do you want him to lose in this election?

Elders : No, we will not betray our son. We shall see him win.

Roof : Thank you for your Support.

35. Complete the following dialogue

3x1=3

Student : _____ (Greeting)

Teacher : Very Good Morning

Student : _____ sir? (Requesting)

Teacher : Sure, you can have the book

Student : _____ (Expressing gratitude)

VII. 36.

A. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement that appeared in the "Deccan Times", dated 1st November 2025.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Wanted Office Assistants Qualification: PUC Basic Computer Knowledge Fluency in English and Kannada <u>Apply to:</u> The Manager 5G Digital Solutions Hassan - 573201</p> |
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(Write XXXX for name, YYYY for address)

OR

B. Imagine that you are the Secretary of your students' Union and prepare a speech of about 120 words on "World No Tobacco Day".

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Use the following information.

Consuming tobacco is injurious to health - Smoking and chewing tobacco - ill effects on health - a silent killer - may lead to cancer - fatal.

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