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2025 -26 II PUC MODEL QUESTION PAPER – 1

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. Juliet does not describe the night as _____ .

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| a. garish | b. loving |
| c. gentle | d. black browed |

2. In ‘Too Dear!’, _____ was the initial punishment given to the criminal.

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| a. life imprisonment | b. death sentence |
| c. temporary stay in lock up | d. grant of pension |

3. According to the speaker of 'On Children', Life does not tarry with _____ .

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| a . today | b. tomorrow |
| c. yesterday | d. day after tomorrow |

4. Dona Laura enters the park, accompanied by _____ in the play ‘A Sunny Morning’.

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| a. Juanito | b. guard |
| c. Don Gonzalo | d. Petra |

5. In ‘The Gardener’, the rivalry between Tammanna and Basavaiah started moving from visible to abstract domain when Tammanna thought of _____ .

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| a. composing his experiences as ballads and singing them |
| b. taking the recourse to the police |
| c. taking the case to the court of law |
| d. asking some persons to attack Basavaiah |

6. Borges believes that 'Poetic act' happens when

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| i. the poet writes it | ii. the reader reads it |
| a. Only i is correct | b. Only ii is correct |
| c. Both i and ii are correct. | d. Neither i nor ii is correct |

7. Complete the analogy with reference to 'Japan And Brazil Through a Traveller's Eye'.

Driver : Hunter :: Pedestrian : _____

- a. Pray
- b. Prey
- c. Play
- d. Predator

8. In 'The Voter', Roof was a very popular man in his village because _____.

- a. he supported both PAP and POP.
- b. he was an expert in whispering campaign.
- c. he never abandoned his village to seek work in towns.
- d. he offered two shillings during election campaign.

9. According to Sainath, more than economic aspect, _____, that the cycling brings is vital for rural women of Pudukkottai.

- a. self-respect
- b. mobility
- c. social sanction
- d. leisure time

10. Which is the odd pair among the following?

- a. Jesus and the Samaria woman
- b. Panchamas and Untouchables
- c. Village and the Wada
- d. Suvarthamma and Bisleri

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

3x1=3

The ministers felt it difficult to carry out the death sentence. Therefore, it ____ (decide) to alter it to one of imprisonment for life. This ____ (inform) to the prince and he agreed to this. The criminal ____ (keep) in the prison and they placed a guard over him.

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

2x1=2

(in a fix, given up, face lit up)

Roof's _____ when he was offered money to vote for Maduka. But on the day of election, he was _____ and decided to vote both Marcus and Maduka.

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

Mother Teresa was born on 26th August 1910 in Skopje, which (a) is in Macedonia now. Her (b) father was Nikola Bojaxhiu, who (c) was a simple businessman. She (d) was a beautiful and hard working girl who was fond of singing. She went to Ireland where (e) she began learning English before travelling to Kolkata.

A (Pronouns)	B (Nouns/Noun phrases)
a. which	(i) Mother Teresa
b. Her	(ii) Nikola Bojaxhin
c. who	(iii) Ireland
d. She	(iv) Skopje
e. where	(v) Kolkata
	(vi) Mother Teresa's

PART-B.

II. Answer any THREE of the following questions in one or two sentences / word / phrases each. 3x2=6

14. What are the two things that Romeo intends to do after the measure?

15. According to the prophet in 'On Children', what parents may house and what they may not?

16. What is Chipko movement? Women from which region participated in it, according to Vandana Shiva?

17. Which is the 'mighty movement' mentioned in the poem 'Water'? Where did it happen?

III. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 60 words each.**4x3=12**

18. How was Himalayan region affected by logging, according to Vandana Shiva?
 19. How does Don Gonzalo recall the beauty of 'The Silver Maiden'?
 20. How does the poet portray that his love is different from that of others in the poem 'When You Are Old'?
 21. How does the child's foot get defeated as described in the poem 'To The Foot From Its Child'?
 22. What aspects of nature make this earth heaven according to Kuvempu?
 23. Why bowing is difficult for a visitor to learn, according to George Mikes?
- IV. Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 100 words each.**
- 3x4=12**
24. What were the arguments put forth by the prisoner for not going out of the prison in 'Too Dear!'?
 25. "Laura and Gonzalo recognise each other but conceal their identity". How does the play 'A Sunny Morning' present this?
 26. Describe the competition between Tammanna and Basavaiah, after Tammanna began to compose and sing ballads.
 27. "The function of books is irreplaceable". Explain this statement with reference to 'I Believe That Books Will Never Disappear'.
 28. Why did the people of Umuofia feel that they had underrated the power of ballot paper before in 'The Voter'?
 29. Write a note on the contribution of Arivoli Iyakkam in motivating women to learn cycling.

PART-C.**30. A.****Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.****9x1=9**

Today's woman is a highly self-directed person, alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her functions in the private domestic domain and the public domain of the world of work. Women are rational in approach, careful in handling situation and want to do things as best as possible. The fourth World Conference of Women held in Beijing is September 1995 had emphasised that no solution to the most threatening social, economic and political problems could be found without the participation of the women. The 1995 World Summit for Social Development had also emphasised the pivotal role of women in eradicating poverty and mending the social fabric.

The Constitution of India has conferred on women equal rights and opportunities with men. Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, majority of women are not allowed to enjoy the rights and opportunities bestowed to them. One of the major reasons for this state of affairs is the lack of literacy and awareness among women. Education is the main instrument through which we can narrow down the inequality and accelerate the process of economic and political change in the status of women.

The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity. If the developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. Various committees and commissions have been constituted before and after independence to evaluate the progress in women's education and to suggest ways and means to enhance the status of women. The female literacy rate has gone up in the 20th century from 0.6 percent in 1901 to 39.29 percent in 1991, but India still possesses the largest number of illiterate women in the world. The female literacy index for the year 1991 shows that there are eight states which fall below the national average. The most populous states of the country, UP, MP, Bihar and Rajasthan fall in the category of most backward states as far as female literacy is concerned.

Women's political empowerment got a big boost with the Panchayat Raj Act of 1993 which gave them 30% reservation of village panchayats, Block Samitis and Zilla Parishads throughout the country. The National Commission for women was also setup in 1992 to act as a lobby for women's issues.

- a. What was the female literacy rate in India in 1991?
- b. Which is the main instrument that can be used to narrow down the inequality of women?
- c. When was the National Commission for Women set up?
- d. What did the 1995 World Summit for Social Development emphasise?
- e. Mention any one of the States that falls below the national average in female literacy rate.
- f. The antonym for the word 'rational' is _____.
- g. Where was the Fourth World Conference of women held?
- h. What should the developing nations do if they want to eradicate poverty?
- i. Add a suffix to the word 'empower' to make its noun form.

OR

B. Read the following poem and answer the questions Set on it. 9x1=9

Prayer of a Black Boy.

Lord, I am so tired,

Tired I entered this world.

Far have I wandered since the cock crew,

And the road to school is steep.

Lord, I do not want to go into their school,

Please help me that I need not go again.

I want to follow father into the cool gorges

When the night is hovering over magic forests

Where the spirits play before the dawn.

Barefoot, I want to tread the red-hot paths

That boil in midday sun,

And then die down to sleep beneath a mango tree.

And I want to wake up early

When down there the white man's siren starts to howl,

And the factory

A ship on the sugar fields,

Lands and spits its crew,

of black workers into the landscape...

Lord, I do not want to go into their school,

Please help me that I need not go again.

a. Where does the ship land?

b. How does the speaker want to tread red-hot paths?

c. How did the speaker enter this world?

d. Add a prefix to the word "follow" to form its antonym.

e. What does the speaker not want to do?

f. Which word in the poem means 'hanging in the air'?

g. Where do the spirits play before the dawn?

h. Whom does the speaker want to follow into the cool gorges?

i. Where does the speaker want to sleep?

VI. 31. A. Rewrite as directed.

(i) Copernicus said that _____ earth revolves around the Sun. (Use proper article)

(ii) to maintain/should be/peace/enforced/Law and order/in society.

(Rearrange the segments into a meaningful sentence)

(iii) Each man and each woman _____(was/were) given an opportunity to speak.

(Choose the right Verb that agrees with the Subject)

(iv) One of my close relatives _____(live) in Sydney now.

(Use appropriate form of verb given in the brackets)

OR**B. Fill in the blanks with right linkers.**

(as, at last, and, but)

One fine day, a wealthy man drove out of his city. He saw a farmer's horse on his way _____ he was attracted to it. He wanted to buy it _____ it was looking great. _____ the farmer was not willing to sell his horse. However, the rich man pleaded with him and was ready to pay more. _____ the farmer was convinced, and he agreed to sell his horse.

32.A Rewrite as directed.

(i) Raghu has gone to attend the workshop, _____? (Add a question tag)

(ii) Charles Darwin developed the Theory of Evolution.

(Frame 'wh' question to get the underlined words as answer)

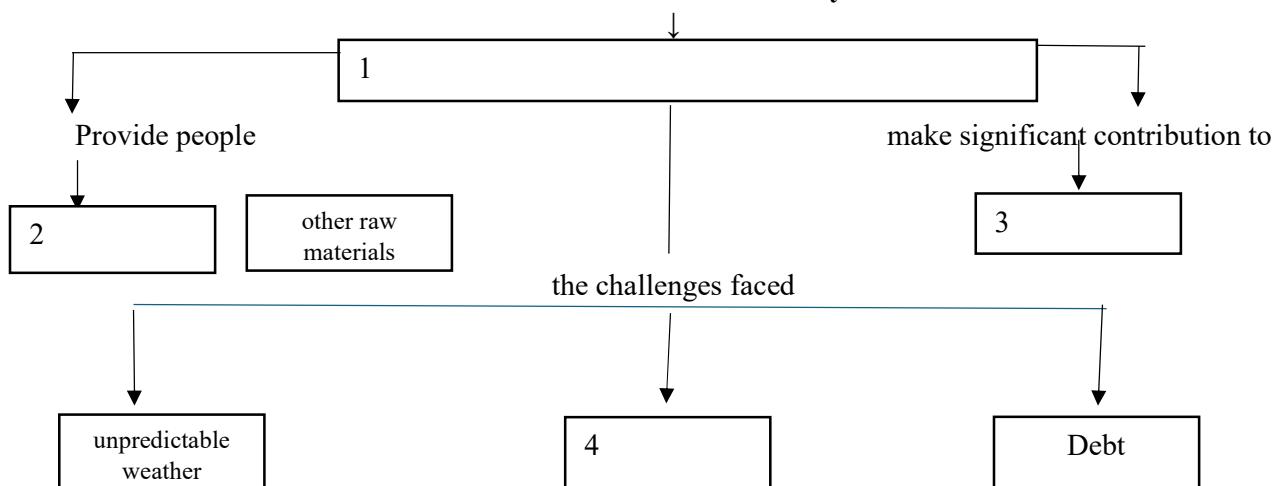
OR**B. Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them.**

(i) Many children is there in the playground.

(ii) When you are leaving to France?

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

Farmers are the backbone of a country, as they provide food and other raw materials to the people. They make significant contribution to a country's economic progress. However, farmers face many challenges including unpredictable weather patterns, crop failure and debt.

The backbone of a country

34. Report the following conversation.

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- Alifano : What is blindness to you?
Borges : It is a way of life. I am not completely unhappy.
Alifano : Have you thought of writing a book on the history of the book?
Borges : It is an excellent idea.

35. Complete the following conversation.

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(At a hospital)

- Abhijith : Can you book an appointment with the dentist?
Receptionist : _____ (agreeing). At what time do you want the appointment?
Abhijith : _____ (giving information)
Receptionist : OK, I will book it.
Abhijith : _____ (Expressing gratitude)

PART-E**36.A. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement that appeared in 'Hindustan Times' dated 5th March 2025.**

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<p style="text-align: center;">Wanted</p> <p>Software Engineer.</p> <p>Qualification: B.E in computer Science.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Good communication skills</p> <p>Apply within a week to:</p> <p>The HR Manager.</p> <p>Accenture Pvt. Ltd,</p> <p>RMZ Eco space,</p> <p>Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru-560103</p>
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(Use XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address)

OR

B. Imagine you are the president of your college union. You are asked to introduce the chief guest Girish N. on the occasion of 'World Disability Day'. Based on the information given below, write a speech in about 120 words.

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Name: Ginish N.

Profession: Paralympic Athlete

Place of Birth: Hosanagar, Hassan, Karnataka.

Achievements: Represented India in the Summer Paralympic games held in London-men's high Jump F-42

Category - won Silver medal - First Indian to win a medal in high jump - 8th Indian to win a medal in

Paralympics. Awards: Padma Shri (2013) Ekalavya Award (2013).

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