



Time : 3 Hours

**ENGLISH COMMUNICATION
SKILLS**

Subject Code

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Total No. of Questions : 38 (Printed Pages : 12)

Maximum Marks : 70

- INSTRUCTIONS :** (i) The question paper consists of questions from 1 to 38.
(ii) All the questions are compulsory; however there is internal choice in Q. No. 13, 14, and 38.
(iii) Figures to the right indicate full marks to each question.

From the alternatives given below choose and rewrite the most appropriate synonym for the underlined word :

1. The duty of the police is to enforce the laws. 1
- teach
 - implement
 - effect
 - check
2. The government has sanctioned 20% income tax relief. 1
- approved
 - planned
 - increased
 - gifted

From the alternatives given below, choose and rewrite the most appropriate antonym for the underlined word :

3. The gang assaulted him in the street. 1

- punished
- harmed
- threatened
- defended

4. The company had increased the price of its cars. 1

- fluctuated
- hidden
- reduced
- changed

From the alternatives provided below, select and rewrite the most appropriate answer :

5. What does the law say with regard to discourtesy ? 1

- Discourtesy is a legal offence
- The law is lenient to discourteous people
- Discourtesy is accepted by law
- Discourtesy is not a legal offence

6. What was the full name of the school for coloured people ? 1
- Normal Hampton and Agricultural Institute, Virginia.
 - Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Virginia.
 - Agricultural Hampton Institute Virginia.
 - Institute Normal Hampton Virginia.

Answer each of the following questions in about 25-30 words :

7. How can effective use of digital marketing lower cost ? 2
8. Why is October 13th designated as the International Day for Disaster Reduction ? 2

Read the following stanzas carefully :

Good manners you can always

Cultivate them in your talk,

You can learn them all

In your life as you walk.

Answer the following question with reference to the poem, by selecting the most appropriate alternative :

9. Identify the figure of speech in second line. 1
- Repetition
 - Smile
 - Metaphor
 - Personification

Answer the following question with reference to the poem in about 10-15 words :

10. According to Dorian P Potter, when can one learn good manners ? 1

Answer the following question with reference to the poem in about 25-30 words :

11. What is the theme of the poem "Hope is the thing with feathers" ? 2

12. Why did the poet Robert Frost take the road that not many people had taken ? 2

Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words (any one) : 4

13. What was the narrator's impression about little girl Promodini ?

Or

Why was the guesthouse run by the Bhandaris famous ?

Answer the following question in about 50-60 words (any one) :

14. Vasu's wife insisted to sell the turtle. In your opinion was she right ?

Justify. 4

Or

Vasu was a self-respecting fisherman. Comment.

Each of the following sentences tests the usage of grammar. Read the instructions given after every sentence carefully and select the correct answer from the alternatives provided.

15. They have declared the results. (Change to Passive Voice) 1
- The result had been declared by them
 - The result is declared by them
 - The result has been declared by them
 - The results have been declared by them
16. They went for picnic last Sunday. (Insert a suitable Article) 1
- an
 - a
 - the
 - no article required
17. The maid has understood the instructions. (Select a suitable question tag) 1
- The maid has understood the instructions, has she ?
 - The maid has understood the instructions, haven't she ?
 - The maid has understood the instructions, hasn't she ?
 - The maid has understood the instructions, have she ?

18. The dress is too costly to be purchased. (Rewrite using so that) 1

- The dress is so costly to be purchased.
- The dress is so costly that it cannot be purchased.
- The dress is so costly that it could be purchased.
- The dress is so costly to purchase.

19. My teacher speak four languages. (Use suitable modal auxiliary of ability) 1

- should
- might
- can
- must

20. Very few books are as popular as 'David Copperfield'. (Rewrite in Superlative Degree) 1

- No other book is as popular as 'David Copperfield'.
- 'David Copperfield' is more popular than any other book.
- 'David Copperfield' is a popular book.
- 'David Copperfield' is one of the most popular book.

Read the passage given below carefully :

Quite recently India laid the foundation stone for one of the most sought after projects -- running a Bullet Train. It was very well considered as a dream project of the Honourable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. His dream was to have a high speed train in India that cuts the travel time and yet remains as economical option to go from one city to another. Entire India felt proud of having its first bullet train scheduled to run between Mumbai and Ahmedabad a distance of 508 Km, in about 2 hours 35 minutes . In his own words, "To grow, one needs to expand one's dreams and decide one's strength to achieve that. It's the New India which has to fly high" "Bullet Train is a project that will provide pace to Development. The technology of this High-Speed Rail, also known as HSR, was influenced by Japan. Along with new technology, it will also bring results faster", he added.

India has one of the world's largest railway networks. The number of lives that depend on railways is truly very large. It is the lifeline of this country. Hence, when it was announced by the new Railway Minister, Mr. D.V. Sadananda Gowda that India would also be getting bullet trains like most of the developed nations. There was applause from all sections of the society. According Achal Khare, the Managing Director of the National High Speed Rail Corporation, the project would be completed by December 2023. .

On the basis of your reading and comprehending the above passage, answer the questions given below in complete sentences in about 10-15 words :

21. What was the Prime Minister's ambitious dream ? 1
22. Where is the technology for the bullet train coming from ? 1
23. What is the full form of HSR ? 1
24. Which country has one of the largest Railway networks in the world ? 1

Choose and rewrite the correct meaning of the words given below, from the alternatives provided :

25. Schedule 1
- Diary
 - Option
 - Concern
 - Timetable
26. influence 1
- register
 - induced
 - called
 - engaged

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Choose the alternative that best matches the meaning given below :

27. base 1

- strength
- technology
- foundation
- distance

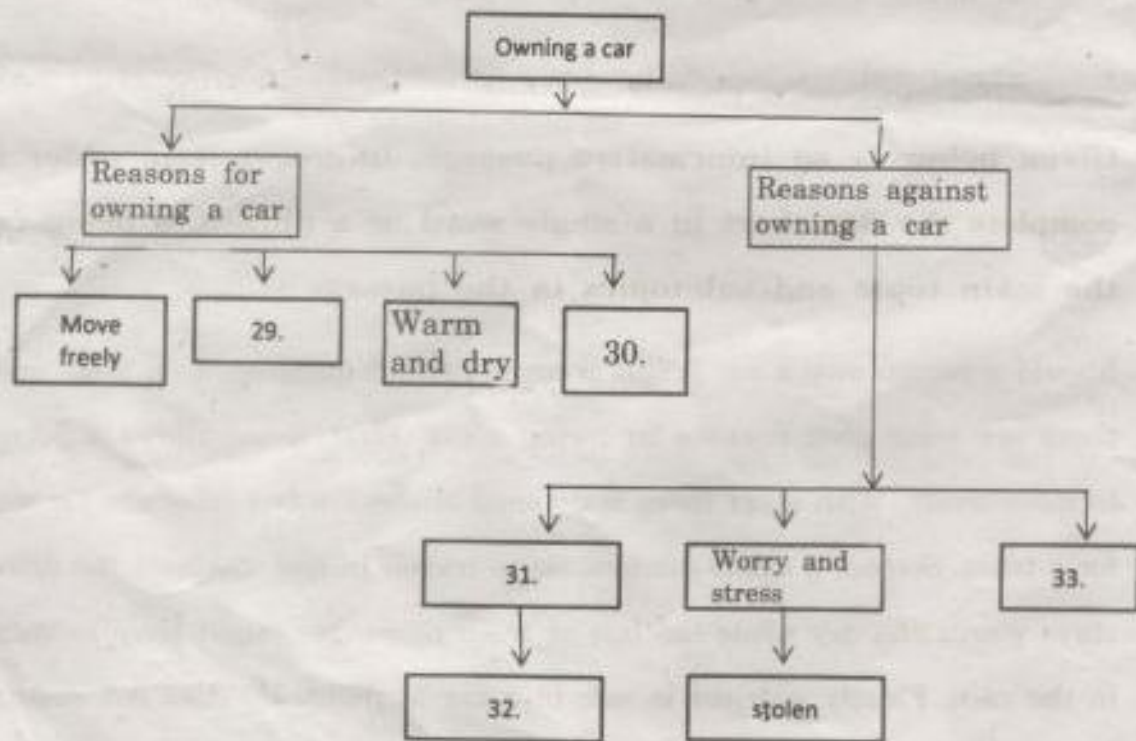
28. support 1

- speed
- lifeline
- applause
- announced

Given below is an informative passage. Interpret it in order to complete the flowchart in a single word or a phrase to bring out the main topic and sub-topics in the passage :

Should a person own a car ? This is an important question. In a large area, there are some good reasons for owning a car. First, a car allows a person to move freely. With a car there is no need to check a bus schedule. Or wait for a train. Second, a car is comfortable to travel. In bad weathers the driver stays warm and dry while the bus or train passenger might have to stand in the rain. Finally a driver is safe in a car at night. He does not need to wait in a dark corner or a dark street.

There are on the other hand many good reasons against owning a car. First it can be very expensive. The price of fuel and to repair and car insurance can cost a good deal. In addition, it is expensive to maintain a car and to repair it whenever needed. Secondly owning a car can cause worry and stress. If you leave your car on the street it might get stolen. Also everyone needs to worry pollution and energy problems. Air and noise pollution increase as more and more people drives cars. More cars means more fuel. Drivers often wait in long queues to buy fuel. It is also exhausting to drive in rush hour traffic and look for parking space. So should a person buy a car ? We should weigh both sides before answering the question.



29. 1
30. 1
31. 1
32. 1
33. 1
34. You are Vibha/Vishank the head girl/head boy of Rehan International School, Margao. Your school is going to publish its annual magazine next month. Write a notice for the notice board of your school inviting students to submit write ups for the magazine. (Word limit 30-40) 3
35. Write a Descriptive paragraph using the words/phrases given in the brackets. 4
- (Kashmir, paradise on earth, bank of River Jhelum, Dal Lake, natural beauty, various gardens, waterfalls, houseboat, traditional handicraft, Kashmiri shawl, wood carving, dry fruits) (About 60 words)
36. You are Simran/Roy Fernandes of Home Store, Crown Mall, Margao. Write a letter to Abdul Woollen Mills, Amritsar, placing an order for 400 blankets for your store. (Use Full Block Format) 5
37. You are Dia/Dilip Naik residing at Skylark Apartments. Aquem Goa. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement giving your complete CV. (Use Full Block Format) 7

“Wanted a smart graduate, for the Post of Front Office Executive at Santosh Travel Agency, Margao. Candidate should have knowledge of computers and good communication skills.”

38. Write an essay on any *one* topic in about 175-200 words (4 paragraphs) 8

- Blessings of a village life
- Youth as Agents of Change in society
- Travelling—a journey of learning.