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Time : 3 Hours

ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

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Total No. of Questions : 39

(Printed Pages : 12)

Maximum Marks : 80

- INSTRUCTIONS :** (i) The question paper is divided into *four* sections : (A), (B), (C) and (D). All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Write the number of each question clearly.
- (iii) Q. Nos. 4 to 13 and 19 to 24 are MCQ type and have four alternatives of which only one is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- (iv) Q. Nos. 15 to 18, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38 and 39 have an internal choice.
- (v) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- (vi) Figures to the right indicate marks.

(Section A)

(Reading Skills)

Read the following passage :

(A bedtime story is a traditional form of storytelling, where a story is told to a child at bedtime to prepare the child for sleep.) The bedtime story has long been considered "a definite institution in many families".

Reading bedtime stories yields multiple benefits for parents and children alike. (The fixed routine of a bedtime story benefits the child by improving the child's brain development, language mastery, and logical thinking skills.) The storyteller-listener relationship creates an emotional bond between the parent and the child. Due to "the strength of the imitative instinct" of a child, the parent and the stories that they tell act as a model for the child to follow.

(Bedtime stories are also useful for teaching the child abstract virtues such as sympathy, selflessness, and self-control, as most children are said to be "naturally sympathetic when they have experienced or can imagine the feelings of others". Thus, bedtime stories can be used to discuss darker subjects such as death and racism. As the bedtime stories broaden in theme, the child "will broaden in their conception of the lives and feelings of others".

For adults, however, bedtime stories serve a different purpose. According to Dr. Christine Won, associate professor of medicine at Yale School of Medicine and the medical director of Yale Centre for Sleep Medicine, "A bedtime story works by detracting the mind from self-sabotaging thoughts and worries, which allows the body's adrenaline to come down so the brain can transition into the sleep state". (247 words) (Source : [https://kids.kiddle.co/Bedtime\\_story](https://kids.kiddle.co/Bedtime_story))

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer questions 1, 2 and 3 briefly in about 10-15 words each and questions 4 to 8 by choosing the best alternative from those provided :

1. What is a bedtime story ?

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2. What are the benefits of a fixed storytelling routine for children ? 1
3. What useful qualities do bedtime stories teach children ? 1

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative from those given below :

4. For an adult, a bedtime story helps to ..... 1
- Distract the mind from self-sabotaging thoughts and worries.
  - Broaden their conception of lives and feelings.
  - Develop abstract qualities like self-confidence.
  - Strengthen emotional bonds with parents.

Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below :

5. Virtues : 1
- theme
  - serve
  - development
  - capabilities
6. Transition : 1
- change
  - strength
  - emotion
  - purpose



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

7. Concern more with the needs and wishes of others than with one's own :1

- sympathy
- self-control
- selflessness
- mastery

8. The act or habit of behaving in a way that harms one's own goals, well-being, relationships, etc :

- self-sabotaging
- racism
- traditional
- feelings

Read the following passage carefully :

Seaweeds, the primitive, marine non-flowering algae are medium-sized algae that grows along the seashores. Most come in colours like red, green, brown, and black, and randomly wash up on beaches and shorelines. Seaweeds are generally anchored to the sea bottom or other solid structures by rootlike "holdfasts," which perform the sole function of attachment and do not extract nutrients as do the roots of higher plants. Some types of seaweeds are

microscopic, such as the phytoplankton that live suspended in the water column and provide the base for most marine food chains. And some types are enormous, like the giant kelp that grow in abundant "forests" and tower like underwater redwoods from their roots at the bottom of the sea.

Several seaweed species are edible and used for human consumption. They are full of vitamins, minerals, and fibre, and can be tasty. The Japanese use the nori seaweed to make sushi rolls. Alternatively, many are also used commercially in manufacturing. For instance, seaweeds are used as fertilizers or as sources of polysaccharides. They are also used as effective binding agents in such commercial goods as toothpaste and fruit jelly, and popular softeners in organic cosmetics and skin care products. (Words 198)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose a suitable title and choose the para-wise main topics and sub-topics, from the alternatives provided, using the format given below :

- Title : ..... 9 .....
- I : ..... 10 .....
- II : ..... 11 .....
- A : ..... 12 .....
- B : ..... 13 .....

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- ..... 1
- Seaweed— a non-flowering algae.
  - Japanese seaweed.
  - Primitive roots.
  - Giant kelp.

10.

- ..... 1
- Solid structures.
  - Types of seaweed.
  - Importance of seaweed.
  - Phytoplankton.



11. .... 1
- Species of seaweed.
  - Uses of seaweed.
  - Classification of seaweed.
  - Structures of seaweed.
12. .... 1
- Used for consumption & in making sushi rolls.
  - Used as fertilizers.
  - Binding agents.
  - Popular softeners.
13. .... 1
- Sustains marine food chain.
  - Making sushi rolls.
  - Used as fertilizers and in organic cosmetics.
  - Source of polysaccharides.
14. Write a summary of the above passage in about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraph. 3

**(Section B)**

**(Writing Skills)**

Attempt any *one* of the following : 3

15. The Students' Council of Arya Vidya Mandir Higher Secondary School, Ponda is organising an Inter-Class Quiz Competition on the topic 'History of Goa'. Draft a suitable notice inviting students to participate in the Competition giving relevant details. You are Rusham/Rushal Wadkar, the General Secretary of the school. (30-40 words)

Or

15. The Wizard Industries, Pvt. Ltd needs a security guard for their Corlim Unit in Panjim. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local daily giving necessary details. You are Sean/Siena Barnes, Manager, Wizard Industries, Pvt. Ltd., Panjim, Goa. Ph. No. 8908778878. E-mail : seebarnes@gmail.com. (30-40 words)

Attempt any *one* of the following : 5

16. Recently, the N.S.S. Unit of your school organised a Tree Plantation Drive under Meri Mati, Mera Desh programme. As the secretary of the N.S.S. Unit write a report about the event for the school magazine. You are Amit/Amita D'Souza, Secretary of the N.S.S. Unit of Holy Trinity Higher Secondary School, Margao. (70-80 words)

Or

16. The Leo Club of Clova organised an All-Goa Football Tournament for the senior citizens on 27 February at Fatorda Stadium. As a Staff Reporter of a local newspaper, write a report of the event to be published in the newspaper. (70-80 words)

Attempt any *one* of the following : 8

17. The increasing number of stray animals have been a problem to the people and the society at large. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily highlighting the importance and need to construct more rescue shelters to protect these animals. You are Vilda/Victor Pereira. Your address is House No. 123/A, Vista do Rio Colony, Velsao, Goa. (100-150 words)

Or

17. The state receives abundant rainfall every year however during summers many areas are severely impacted because of water scarcity. Write a letter requesting the Sarpanch of Chandor to construct water tanks to help in rainwater harvesting in your village. You are Nikhil/Naila Cotta, Flat No. 12/C, Verdo Campos Apartments, Chandor, Goa. (100-150 words)



18. Write an essay in about **200-250** words on any *one* of the following topics : 10

- Importance of Sleep.
- Waste Management—The need of the hour.
- The future of Artificial Intelligence.
- Advantages of Organic Farming.
- India in 2047.

(Section C)

(Grammar)

Rewrite the sentence by selecting the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given in the brackets :

19. Last Saturday, I ..... (go) to a restaurant in Panjim and .....(lose) my wallet there.

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(To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below and rewrite the sentence.)

- will be going/lost
- had been going/had lost
- had gone/lost
- gone/had lost



20. I ..... run 100 metres in 10 seconds when I was younger. 1

(Rewrite the sentence by selecting a modal of past ability from the alternatives provided below)

- can
- could
- will
- may

21. The tourists admired the view at the beach. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence in Passive Voice.)

- The view at the beach was admired by the tourists.
- The view at the beach had been admired by the tourists.
- The view at the beach was being admired by the tourists.
- The view at the beach will be admired by the tourist.

22. The lawn was too big to be mowed. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by replacing 'too' and using 'so ... that').

- The lawn was so big that it was not mowed.
- The lawn was so big that it couldn't be mowed.
- The lawn is so big that it cannot be mowed.
- The lawn is so big that it will not be mowed.

23. No other country in the world is as populated as India. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using Superlative Degree of comparison.)

- India is most populated country in the world.
- India is more populated than any other country in the world.
- India is the most populated country in the world.
- India is very populated country in the world.

24. If you don't repair the roof, it will leak. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using 'Unless') :

- Unless you repair the roof, it will leak.
- Unless you don't repair the roof, it will not leak.
- Unless you repair the roof, it will stop leaking.
- Unless you repair the roof, it will not leak.

**(Section D)**

**(Textual)**

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences of about 10-15 words each :

*"Driving from my parent's  
home to Cochin last Friday  
morning, I saw my mother, beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face  
ashen like that of a corpse."*

25. What did Kamala Das notice about her mother when she sat beside her ? 1



26. Name and explain the figure of speech in the last line. 1  
*Perhaps the earth can teach us*  
*as when everything seems dead*  
*And later proves to be alive*  
*Now I'll count upto twelve*  
*and you keep quiet and I will go.*

27. What is the importance of 'Keeping Quiet' ? 1

28. Name and explain the figure of speech in line one. 1

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

29. Why is a thing of beauty a joy forever ? 2

*Or*

29. What problems did Aunt Jennifer face in her married life and how did it affect her ?

30. Why are the things put up on the classroom wall meaningless for the slum children ? 2

*Or*

30. What was the plea of the poor farmer who had put up a roadside stand ?

Answer the following questions in about **25-30** words :

31. Why did M. Hamel blame himself for the children of Alsace not learning French ? 2

32. Which are the two distinct worlds the bangle-makers of Firozabad live in ? 2

33. How did the instructor build a swimmer out of Douglas ? 2

34. What did Edla promise the rattrap peddler when he came to thank her after the Christmas Eve dinner ? 2

35. How did Gandhiji bring about a social and cultural change in Champaran ? 2

*Or*

35. Why did the 'office boy' join the Gemini studios ?

36. According to Umberto Eco what are interstices ? 2

*Or*

36. How did Sophie include her brother Geoff in her fantasy of her future ?

Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words :

37. The history of Antarctica reveals the history of mankind. Explain with reference to the lesson, 'Journey to the end of the Earth'. 4

38. There are moments in life when we must make difficult choices between our roles as individuals with personal choices and those as a citizen with a sense of national loyalty. What makes Dr. Sadao rise about the narrow prejudices and act the way did. Discuss with reference to the lesson, 'The Enemy'. 4

*Or*

38. Why is an adult's perspective on life different from that of a child's ? Explain with reference to the lesson, 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy ?'

39. The two stories in the lesson, Memories of Childhood, speak of discrimination that exists in our society. How can we help to remove such discriminations ? 4

*Or*

39. The Tiger King indiscriminately killed ninety-nine tigers to protect himself and disprove the prophecy. As the King of Pratibandapuram, how did the Tiger King fail in his responsibility towards his kingdom ?