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STATE LEVEL EXAMINATION – QUESTION BOOKLET

LANGUAGE TESTING

CLASS X

ENGLISH

DATE : 8 NOVEMBER 2015, DAY : SUNDAY

[Time : 11.45 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.]

Time : 45 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 50

PART – VII: English (EG)

SECTION A

Single Correct Choice Type

Each question has four choices (1), (2), (3) and (4), out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct.

Direction (Q No 1 to 4)

Read the passages and answer the questions given below it:

The world over, nations have been vying to attract tourists. And yet a huge section of the intelligentsia is convinced that more the tourists, the corresponding is the decline in pristine nature of the place. Parrot island, in the calm and balmy waters of Andaman is one such place that has escaped the heard of tourists.

No wonder, that the trimmed lush green mangroves and green meadows bordering the sea, it is nature at its best. Untouched and virgin miles of beach that are answer to the prayers of those seeking solace in the arms of mother nature.

Gifted with the combination of serenity and solitude, bluish backwater, which is neither flowing not stagnant, Parrot island is balm for the soul. Here the approach to the island is a pleasure. Five small islands from a stunning visage as one approaches this island. It is strange to see such a beautiful and gorgeous place, enhancing ambience and yet so largely unexplored. Naturally, I felt I was one the only luckiest spectator that evening, when I saw beautiful visage of the five islands. From Nilambur jetty, there is option of travelling to parrot island and the nearby Limestone caves. It take 20 minutes boat ride from the Nilambur Jetty to parrot island. Without meandering, I can say with certainty that parrot Island is a must visit for all Indians. As the evening sun descends down, the sky spreading a crimson colour which at times looks like a mix of orange, pink and purple light. Be one with this island for witnessing they early sunrise parrots flocking together in search their paradise. Visit the paradise

1. According to intellectuals, increasing number of tourists, leads to....

(1) more attractions for tourists destinations	(2) increase in the number of tourists
(3) decline in the pristine nature of the place	(4) betterment of tourists facilities
2. The passage is about....

(1) Tourism in general	(2) Parrot Island
(3) Nilambur Jetty	(4) Effects of tourism
3. Which of the given is not mentioned as a special features of the parrot Island?

(1) largely explored place	(2) calm and balmy waters
(3) enchanting ambience	(4) serenity and solitude
4. Which word in the passage means 'feeling of emotional comfort'?

(1) balmy	(2) virgin
(3) meandering	(4) solace

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Direction (Q No 5 to 8)

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

True Grit :

“Parth S. Sutaria, 44 Panvel, Mumbai

“The day that was : July 25, 2005

“Awarded for; Drawing a flood Trapped family to safety

The rain refused to let up, The ground-floor of the building, inside the ONGC colony at Panvel, was already flooded with water and the level was rising by the minute. At 7 P.M, the power went off, plunging the entire area into darkness. By that time , the water had risen from ground-level to a height of five feet. Parth and his mother were busy packing, afraid that they might have to vacate their firstfloor flat , too. His father, a finance manager with ONGC, was struck on this way home. Suddenly they heard screams and banging. Parth rushed downstairs and waded through the water neck-deep by this time-towards the ground-floor flat. Their door, he found out, was stuck and with the water-level rising alarmingly the trapped family faced an ominous future. Parth found a piece of log from a neighbor and began to hammer on the door. “People from the entire building had come down, but just stood paralysed,” he says. After a while, the mesh gave way but the main door still wouldn’t open. By this time the water came almost up to his mouth. “I don’t remember anything,” he says “ Just that door and the children crying inside and that I had to get them out” After many more heaves. The top half splintered and fell through. The family was pulled out to safety. Not surprisingly, it is the army and its spirit of service that the admires the most.

5. Which natural calamity is the heroic deed related to?
(1) five outbreak (2) floods
(3) rising water level (4) family trapped in a house
6. For which act of bravery was Parth awarded
(1) Saving a family trapped inside a house (2) Surviving the flood and coming out safe
(3) Notifying the authorities about the flood (4) Leaving the flood affected area with his mother
7. Why was the entire area plunged in darkness?
(1) Lights were switched off (2) There was a short circuit due to water
(3) Power failure because of heavy rainfall (4) Reason not mentioned in the passage
8. The word “Ominous’ means
(1) bad omen (2) unpredictable
(3) bright (4) unknown+

Direction (Q No 9 to 12)

Read the passage and answer the questions given below it:

More than 175 species of bird can be seen in and around the city. Painted stork and black ibis are considered nearly threatened birds species as per international standards. But these birds can still be seen near Pune. However, their number is reducing rapidly. Birds like lesser flamingos have vanished, while species like jungle crow and black winged stilt are seen everywhere. These birds indicate the high level of pollution in the city.

The disappearing of hills and forest, air and water pollution are the major factors and this. The situation will worsen in the near future. The rapid increase in the population will lead to further encroachment on bird habitats. Big trees which are nesting areas for larger birds, are being cut to widen roads and build residential complexes, By law, it is compulsory for builders to replant trees if they have had to cut trees for building purpose. However the builder lobby is least bothered about tree plantation and they are given excused after their grease palms

It is high time we ensure that the right environment is created for the protection of birds. Birds are trying to adjust to their surroundings and all they need is a little support from us. Article 51 A of the Indian Constitution stipulates that is the duty of every citizen to protect the environment. However, we care only about our rights and conveniently forget our duties.

9. Which of the given birds is not an endangered species?
(1) Painted stork (2) Black Ibis
(3) Black Winged Stilt (4) Lesser Flamingos
10. Article 51 A of the Indian Constitution stresses upon.....
(1) tree plantation (2) right environment for bird protection
(3) high level of pollution (4) duty of the citizen to protect the environment
11. It is compulsory for.... To replant the trees they have cut
(1) builders (2) citizens
(3) government (4) environmentalists
12. Which of the given is a major reason for reduction in the number of birds?
(1) disappearing hills and forests (2) air and water pollution
(3) both (1) and (2) are correct (4) neither (1) nor (2) is correct

Direction (Q No 13 to 14)

The following five sentences from a paragraph. The first and last sentences are given. Choose the order in which three sentences (PQR) should appear to complete the paragraph:

13. S1: The product was launched six months back.
S2:

S3:
S4:
S5: The company now may bring down the price.
P: One of the reasons is that it is costly
Q: It is one of its kind in India
R: However the marketing reports are not good.

Options:

- (1) PQR (2) QRP
(3) RPQ (4) RQP

14. S1: Rajiv wanted to become a doctor
S2:
S3:
S4:
S5: He put away enough money to pay his first year fees.
P: They could not afford the fees
Q: Undaunted, he pursued a job in the dockyard
R: However, he came from a poor family.

Options:

- (1) PQR (2) QPR
(3) PRQ (4) RPQ

Direction (Q No 15 to 16)

The following questions have the second sentences missing. Choose the appropriate alternative to complete it.

15. A: Sheela woke up late
B:
C: So, by the time she reached school, it had already started
(1) She took the time to get ready (2) She got ready in a hurry
(3) She missed her school bus, as she was late (4) She had her breakfast
16. A: We arrived at work on Monday
B:
C: So, we immediately informed the police
(1) Things were as we had left them on Friday (2) We found that someone had burgled the office
(3) We saw that the phone was not working (4) We were unable to open the lock

Direction (Q No 17 to 21)

Choose the correct word and fill in the blanks:

17. One who leaves mankind is called a....
(1) Philanthropist (2) Misanthropist
(3) Kind (4) Philosopher
18. A building for lodging of soldiers is.....
(1) Camp (2) station
(3) Barrack (4) Battalion
19. If someone oppose others all the time you call him....
(1) Soldier (2) Fighter
(3) Protagonist (4) Antagonist
20. A long journey specially by sea is a
(1) Voyage (2) Odyssey
(3) safari (4) Flight
21. When a ruler is autocratic, he is....
(1) Co-operative (2) Dictatorial
(3) Inspirational (4) Charitable

Direction (Q No 22 to 25)

Choose the correct meaning of the idioms and phrases:

22. At wit's end:
(1) impoverished (2) annoyed
(3) completed (4) perplexed
23. Out of the blue:
(1) angrily (2) quietly
(3) unexpectedly (4) revengefully

24. In round numbers:
 (1) roughly (2) strictly
 (3) maximum (4) approximately
25. Few and far between:
 (1) rare (2) simple
 (3) different (4) frequent

Direction (Q No 26 to 33)

In the following passage, there are some numbered blanks. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate word from the given options:

Pleasure and pain are inseparable facets (26)...human existence. While the experience of our well-being is rather vague and intangible, (27) of pain is real and affects our body, mind and spirit, (28) Our lives in more ways than one. Pain is an unpleasant experience caused by tissue damage that (29)from physical trauma, burns, illness or injury. Despite the agony caused (30) Pain, it is essential (31) our survival. Pain (32) an alarm bell, (33) you to pay immediate attention to take action

26. (1) in (2) on
 (3) of (4) by
27. (1) experiencing (2) experience
 (3) experiences (4) experienced
28. (1) alter (2) alters
 (3) altered (4) altering
29. (1) resulted (2) is resulting
 (3) result (4) results
30. (1) by (2) on
 (3) in (4) of
31. (1) of (2) for
 (3) with (4) by
32. (1) rang (2) is ringing
 (3) rung (4) rings
33. (1) alerted (2) alerting
 (3) alerts (4) alert

Direction (Q No 34 to 37)

Choose the appropriate word and fill in the blanks:

34. The... mother took lots of efforts to bring up her children.
 (1) anxious (2) anxiety
 (3) anxiously (4) anxiousness
35. A curious thing about the..... of motion films, is that the people who made it were not interested in films.
 (1) develop (2) developing
 (3) development (4) to develop
36. The police say untidiness should not be a reason People to avoid subways.
 (1) by (2) because
 (3) to (4) for
37. Most dogs snarl you pull their tail.
 (1) unless (2) if
 (3) because (4) since

Direction (Q No 38 to 40)

Choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word:

38. Abundance
 (1) Magnificent (2) Scarcity
 (3) Magnanimous (4) Rare
39. Conquer:
 (1) Victorious (2) winner
 (3) Defeated (4) Surrender

40. Flexible:
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| (1) Rigid | (2) Still |
| (3) Deep | (4) Unfortunate |

Direction (Q No 41 to 44)

Read the passage, that morning too I stepped out onto our veranda to take in some air. Looking around, my glance fell on a bundle of green in a corner of the veranda. It was parrot; its awkward twitching indicated that it was alive. Even as I approached it the parrot made no effort to fly away. Parrots are intermittent visitors to our veranda but always skitter away if you get too close to them. It was obviously wounded in some way. I picked it up.

I expect we named it Hariya because of its bright green plumage, and it became a family pet. A cage more to protect Hariya from predators than to keep him imprisoned. In fact, we often let him out of his cage, so he could fly away if he wanted to. Hariya just didn't seem to want to. It was only after many days that we realized that he had never shown an urge to fly.

One day I took Hariya in my hands and gently examined him more thoroughly than we had ever done. To my horror I found that his wings had been stitched up with every fine plastic thread that was almost invisible to the naked eye. Someone had obviously taken great pains to ensure that Hariya couldn't fly.

Removing those threads was a very difficult task-it took me a whole week because it had to be done gently and slowly. It was only Hariya's faith and confidence in me that allowed it to happen. As I removed the last thread. Hariya squawked and fluffed his suddenly free wings. Then his neck swiveled and he just started at me. Hariya's eyes seemed to be shining

41. Hariya remained with the writer's family through he was not caged all the time because:
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| (1) he did not seem to want to go | (2) he never showed an urge to fly |
| (3) he was a family pet and he liked it | (4) his wings were stitched up |
42. Which quality of Hariya helped the writer to remove the stitches?
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| (1) he had a bright green plumage |
| (2) he had faith and confidence in the author |
| (3) he was wounded and weak |
| (4) he did not have an urge to fly and so remained calm |
43. He had never shown an urge to fly.
(Replace the underlined word with a synonym)
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| (1) impulse | (2) courage |
| (3) desire | (4) ability |
44. What were the indicators of the bird being alive?
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| (1) it made no efforts to fly away | (2) it was twitching awkwardly |
| (3) it was an intermittent visitor | (4) the writer could pick it up |

Direction (Q No 45)

The following five sentences from a paragraph. The first and last sentences are given. Choose the order in which the three sentences (PQR) should appear to complete the paragraph:

45. S1: A family had a very faithful dog.
S2:
S3:
S4:
S5: The master patted the dog lovingly
P: Once a massive fire broke out in the house
Q: The dog burnt himself but brought the child out of the house
R: Everyone ran out but a small child was left in the house
Options:
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| (1) PQR | (2) PRQ |
| (3) QRP | (4) RPQ |

Direction (Q No 46)

The following questions has the second sentences missing. Choose the correct alternative to complete it.

46. A: One day Rama was playing with his friends in an open area
B:
C: All the other boys fled from there except Rama who stayed to help
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| (1) All of a sudden a leopard appeared and attacked one of the boys |
| (2) He was twelve years old |
| (3) The leopard retaliated |
| (4) He was a very brave and helpful boy. |

Direction (Q 47 No 50)

Do as directed:

47. Select the appropriate meaning for the given idiom:
To be a mastermind -
(1) to be a pioneer (2) to be an entrepreneur
(3) to be an amateur (4) to be an expert
48. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences?
Girls are than boys knitting
(1) good (2) better
(3) best (4) as good as
49. Stale:
(1) new (2) old
(3) fresh (4) mouldy
50. Valuable:
(1) invaluable (2) worthless
(3) priceless (4) expensive
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40	VII	EN	A			1
41	VII	EN	A			4
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43	VII	EN	A			3
44	VII	EN	A			2
45	VII	EN	A			2
46	VII	EN	A			1
47	VII	EN	A			1
48	VII	EN	A			2

49	VII	EN	A			3
50	VII	EN	A			2

NOTE:

1. Topic Category for Mathematics can be for example: Algebra, Coordinate Geometry, Trigonometry, Differential Calculus, Integral Calculus, Vectors & 3D Geometry, Statistics & Probability.
2. For Multiple Choice Type question with answers say A, B and D, then ANS column will contain them as ABD (without commas, without spaces)
3. For a 4 x 5 Matrix Match Type Question with Option Pattern as PQRST- PQRST- PQRST- PQRST, if the Answer is
 (1) → (p), (q), (t) (2) → (q), (r), (t) (3) → (s), (t) (4) → (r)
 Then the Answer will be given as PQXXT-XQRXT-XXXST-XXRXX
 i.e. each inappropriate option will be marked as X and there must not be any spaces.

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6. 1	7. 4	8. 1	9. 1	10. 4
11. 1	12. 3	13. 2	14. 4	15. 3
16. 2	17. 1	18. 3	19. 4	20. 1
21. 2	22. 4	23. 3	24. 4	25. 1
26. 3	27. 2	28. 2	29. 4	30. 1
31. 2	32. 4	33. 3	34. 1	35. 3
36. 4	37. 2	38. 2	39. 4	40. 1
41. 4	42. 2	43. 3	44. 2	45. 2
46. 1	47. 1	48. 2	49. 3	50. 2

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