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CLASS - 10 English
(GSEB)

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Marks: 50

SECTION : A

- Read the following paragraph and select the correct answer from the options, given below. [02]

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government. On that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr. de Klerk was first sworn in as second deputy president. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first deputy president. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the wellbeing of the Republic and its people.

1. Which of the following is true ?
(A) The world was unaware of the ceremony.
(B) Only people of South Africa witnessed the event.
(C) Mr. de Klerk first sworn in as first deputy president.
(D) It was going to be South Africa's first democratic non- racial government.
2. Choose a word from the passage that means 'support'.
(A) supremacy (B) outlaws (C) sworn (D) uphold

- Read the following paragraph and answer the questions. [03]

"Anne Frank, as punishment for talking in class, write an essay entitled - 'Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox', The class roared. I had to laugh too, though I'd nearly exhausted my ingenuity on the topic of chatterboxes. It was time to come up with something else, something original. My friend, Sanne, who's good at poetry, offered to help me write the essay from beginning to end in verse and I jumped for joy. Mr Keesing was trying to play a joke on me with this ridiculous subject, but I'd make sure the joke was on him.

Questions:

3. What was the topic of the essay that Anne had to write ?
4. Mention Anne's speciality.
5. How was Mr. Keating trying to play joke on Anne ?
- **Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in the bracket.**

Write only the answers.

[05]

[ledge, nightfall, pretended, ascending, hidden]

The sun was now ___6___ the sky, blazing on his ___7___ that faced the south. He felt the heat because he had not eaten since the previous ___8___. He stepped slowly out to the brink of the ledge, and standing on one leg with the other leg ___9___ under his wing, he closed one eye, then the other, and ___10___ to be falling asleep. Still they took no notice of him.

Answer any Three of the following questions in five to six sentences each. [06]

11. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.
12. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho and sign the letter 'God' ?
13. What does KisaGotami understand the second time that she failed to understand the first time ?
14. Bread making is still popular in Goa. Explain with reference to 'A Baker from Goa'.
15. What things does Mij do which tell you that he is an intelligent, friendly and fun-loving animal who needs love ?

SECTION-B

- **Read the following verse and answer the questions, given below : [03]**

Don't bite your nails, Amanda !
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda !
Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda !
(There is a languid, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me
- a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

Questions:

16. How many voices are there in the lines ?
17. Who do you think are the speakers ?
18. What emotion is experienced by the mermaid ?
- **Select the correct figure of speech from the options, given below. [02]**
19. He hears the last voice at night, the patrolling cars.
(A) Personification (B) Alliteration
(C) Onomatopoeia (D) Euphemism
20. Some say the world will end in fire Some say in ice.
(A) Alliteration and Transferred Epithet
(B) Euphemism and Climax
(C) Anticlimax and Simile
(D) Alliteration and Antithesis

- **Answer Any Three of the following questions in five to six sentences each. [06]**

21. What is 'dust of snow' ? How has it changed the poet's mood ?
22. Contrast tiger's situation inside and outside the zoo.
23. Why does the poet say, 'I would not intrude on him' ? Why doesn't he offer him money to buy another ball ?
24. Comment on the central idea of the poem 'The Trees.'
25. Why did Custard cry for a nice safe cage ? Why is the dragon called "cowardly dragon" ?

- **Read the passage and answer the questions.**

[03]

Bholi was seven years old when Mangla was married. The same year a primary school for girls was opened in their village. The Tehsildar sahib came to perform its opening ceremony. He said to Ramlal, "As a revenue official you are the representative of the government in the village and so you must set an example to the villagers. You must send your daughters to school. That night when Ramlal consulted his wife, she cried, "Are you crazy ? If girls go to school, who will marry them ?"

Questions :

26. When was the primary school opened ?
27. What suggestion did Tehsildar sahib give ?
28. How did Ramlal's wife react ?

- **Read the passage and answer the questions.**

[02]

The entire staff was roused and maids rushed in and out bringing his day bed, his night bed, favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl. Realising that my car would never hold all the stuff, I started to drive away. As I moved off, Mrs. Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears.

Questions :

29. Mention the activities of the entire staff.
30. Why did the writer drive away ?

SECTION-C

Rectify the errors.

[04]

	Error	Correction
No one is borne hating another person	31. _____	_____
because on the colour of his skin,	32. _____	_____
or his background, or his religious.	33. _____	_____
People must learn on hate, and if they can	34. _____	_____
learn to hate, they can be taught to love.		

Punctuate the following passage appropriately.

[02]

35 I have been reading as much as I could about tea, 36 Rajvir said. "37 **no** one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends 38 "

Fill in the blanks with proper article/s, conjunction/s and preposition/s. Write only the answers. [whether, when, on, a,]

[04]

Paper has more patience than people.' I thought of this saying 39 one of those days 40 I was feeling 41 little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering 42 to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding :

43. Convert the following into indirect form of narration.

[03]

"It's not true! I'll prove it!" Natalya said.

Chubukov: "What's the matter ? What are you shouting for ?

Natalya: "Take it to court! We'll see!"

• **Do as directed.**

[05]

44. The sight of the food maddened him.[Select the correct Exclamatory sentence]

- (A) Why the sight of the food maddened him !
- (B) How the sight of the food maddened him !
- (C) Alas ! the sight of the food maddened him.
- (D) The sight of the food really maddened him !

45. I hope it passes quickly.[Select the correct Question-tag]

- (A) I hope it passes quickly, didn't I ?
- (B) I hope it passes quickly, don't I ?
- (C) I hope it passes quickly, doesn't it ?
- (D) I hope it passes quickly, didn't it ?

46. Bread making is still popular in Goa. [Select the correct Interrogative sentence]

- (A) Isn't bread making still popular in Goa ?
- (B) Has bread making still popular in Goa ?
- (C) Wasn't bread making still popular in Goa ?
- (D) Doesn't bread making is popular in Goa still ?

47. The young seagull was too afraid to fly. [Select the correct sentence without 'too']

- (A) The young Seagull was so afraid that he could fly.
- (B) The young Seagull was so afraid that he couldn't fly.
- (C) The young Seagull was very afraid to fly.
- (D) The young Seagull was so afraid to fly.

48. His first flight had been made by him. [Select the correct Active voice]

- (A) He has made his first flight.
- (B) He made his first flight.
- (C) He had made his first flight.
- (D) His first flight was made by him.