

I PUC MID-TERM EXAMINATION, SEPT./OCT.-2026

SUBJECT : ENGLISH (02)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
2. Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
3. One mark questions attempted more than once will be awarded zero.
4. For multiple choice questions, choose the correct answer and rewrite them.

PART-A

I Answer the following questions by choosing the right option : 10x1=10

1. According to the Elephant, who invited the Elephant into the hut in "The Gentlemen of the Jungle."
a) Lion b) Mr. Buffalo c) Mr. Rhinoceros d) The man
2. How did the man ultimately resolve the conflict with the animals in "The Gentlemen of the Jungle"?
a) the man negotiated a peaceful agreement
b) the man sought the help from the Lion
c) the man burned down the hut along with the animals inside
d) the man surrendered his hut to the animals
3. What drives away the joy of the boy in the poem 'The School Boy'?
a) The skylark b) Birds on every tree c) The distant huntsman d) The school
4. The narrator took _____ years to learn about the medicinal creeper in 'Around a Medicinal Creeper'.
a) twenty b) ten c) few d) two
5. Which of the following statements about Mara is true in 'Around a Medicinal Creeper'?
a) Mara did not have any teeth on the left side of his mouth
b) Mara did not have any teeth on the right side of his mouth
c) Mara lost his teeth due to old age
d) Mara lost his teeth while cutting the bamboo shoots.
6. In 'Oru Manushyan', _____ was highly valued by the people of the big city where the narrator lived.
a) teaching English b) mercy c) money d) kindness
7. Complete the analogy with reference to 'Money Madness'.
A Pound : Pang :: Ten Pounds : _____.
a) Insanity b) Quail c) Real Tremor d) Delirium
8. Match column 'A' with column 'B' related to 'Babar Ali'.

A	B
i) Nasiruddin Sheik	a) A fishmonger
ii) Tulu Rani Hazra	b) college student
iii) Debarita Battacharya	c) jute seller

a) i-b, ii-c, iii-a b) i-a, ii-b, iii-c c) i-c, ii-a, iii-b d) i-b, ii-a, iii-c

(P.T.O)

9. The speaker's friendship with the cool breeze and leaves in the poem "If I was A Tree" would be _____.
a) good b) bad c) sweet d) better
10. The village headman considered _____ as a 'lunatic' in 'The Watchman of the Lake'.
a) The King b) Mara c) Ganga d) Bhima
11. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles : 2x1=2
Once upon a time _____ elephant made friendship with _____ man.
12. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given in the brackets: 3x1=3
The girl placed the flowers _____ the vase, kept it _____ the shelf, and smiled _____ joy.
(at, in, on, with)
13. Match the expressions under Column A with its corresponding language function under Column B : 5x1=5

A
(EXPRESSIONS)

- (i) At what time does the bus arrive?
- (ii) She is my mother, Geetha
- (iii) How may I help you?
- (iv) Have a good day. Take care. Bye
- (v) Congratulations! you won 1st prize

B
(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS)

- (a) Introducing
- (b) Offering help
- (c) Congratulating
- (d) Seeking information
- (e) Request for help
- (f) Leave taking

PART-B

II Answer any THREE of the following questions in one or two sentences each: 3x2=6

- 14. Name any two seasons that are mentioned in "The School Boy".
- 15. Write the names of two diseases that Krishna suffered from in 'Around a Medicinal Creeper'.
- 16. Who is Babar's father and what is he ?
- 17. Who was in a hurry to complete the roadwork in 'Watchman of the Lake'? and Why?

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

- 18. Describe the circumstances that led to the appointment of the Commission of Enquiry.
- 19. Why was the white man ready to give his entire plantation to Mara 'Around a Medicinal Creeper'?
- 20. What was the routine of the Narrator in the big city in 'Oru Manushyan'?
- 21. How does money trigger fear in an individual in the poem 'Money Madness'?
- 22. Give an account of Babar Ali's 'Anand Shiksha Nikethan'.
- 23. Why does the speaker in the poem 'If I was A Tree' want to be a tree?

IV Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 100 words each : 3x4=12

- 24. Write a note on the trial conducted by the Commission of Enquiry.
- 25. 'The School Boy' is a critique on the formal system of education. Comment.
- 26. Narrate any two stories associated with the medicinal creeper as told by Mara.
- 27. Explain the embarrassing situation faced by the narrator at the restaurant in 'Oru Manushyan'.
- 28. Why is Babar Ali called the 'youngest headmaster in the world' and how does this title reflect his achievements?
- 29. Sketch the character of Mara in 'Watchman of the Lake'.

PART-C

- V 30. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it : 9x1=9

In today's world, reading is one of the best habits a student can develop. Reading does not simply improve language skills; it also opens the door to new ideas and experiences. A good book does more than provide information. It opens a window to new ideas, people and places. It takes us to distant places, introduces us to different cultures, and helps us understand people whose lives are different from our own. Regular reading improves vocabulary, strengthens concentration and helps students express their thoughts clearly. It also develops imagination. Students who regularly read newspapers, stories, biographies, and informative articles often become more confident in expressing their thoughts. In today's world, many students spend long hours on mobile phones and social media. Although technology has many advantages, it can easily distract young people from meaningful activities.

Setting aside even twenty minutes a day for thoughtful reading can make a great difference. The important thing is to choose useful and interesting material and read it with attention. So reading should become a daily habit and not be limited to examinations and mere school activity. Reading is a lifelong habit that can enrich both knowledge and character.

Questions :

- a) Which is the best habit a student can develop?
- b) What can a good book introduce us to?
- c) Mention any one benefit of regular reading?
- d) Name any two types of reading material mentioned in the passage.
- e) What can easily distract young people from meaningful activities?
- f) How much thoughtful reading each day can make a noticeable difference?
- g) How does regular reading help students express their thoughts?
- h) Reading should be considered a _____ habit.

(Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage)

- i) Find a word from the passage that means 'to make something better' or 'to improve'.

PART-D

- VI 31. A. Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject : 4x1=4

The team _____ (has/have) been working on the new project for weeks. Some members _____ (is/are) focused on marketing, while others _____ (is/are) handling the finances. The project manager _____ (is/are) making sure everything stays on track.

OR

31. B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in brackets. 4x1=4

Mara said that the Goddess _____ (stand) before him. Her tresses _____ (be) wild. Her forehead was _____ (splash) with vermilion. Mara _____ (fall) down and prayed her not to destroy the lake.

32. A. Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them : 5x1=5

- i) A pair of shoes were lying near the door.
- ii) The children found a egg in the nest.
- iii) I am knowing swimming.
- iv) The leafs are dry.
- v) She don't like fast food

OR

(P.T.O)

32. B. Re-arrange the jumbled segments into meaningful sentences:

5x1=5

- i) in / cured / was completely / Krishna / five days
- ii) peace and tranquility / wanted / have / to / the Lion / in his kingdom
- iii) maths / he / good / is / at / very
- iv) ice cream / I / love / eating
- v) birds / in / the / flying / sky / are / the

33. Rewrite as directed:

4x1=4

- i) Ramesh won the prize.

(Frame a 'wh' question so as to get the underlined word as answer)

- ii) She studied hard for exams.

(Change the sentence into a question beginning with right form of "do")

- iii) You are busy, _____ ? (Add a question tag)

- iv) He doesn't like coffee, _____ ? (Add a question tag)

PART-E

34. Refer to the following list of events and answer the questions set on it :

4x1=4

COLLEGE CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

Sl.No.	Event	Time	Venue
1.	RANGOLI	9.00 AM	ASSEMBLY HALL
2.	MEHENDI	10.00 AM	ROOM NO. 402
3.	DANCE/DRAMA	11.00 AM	AUDITORIUM
4.	QUIZ	2.00 PM	AUDITORIUM

- a) At what time does the rangoli event take place ?
- b) Which event is taking place in Room No. 402 ?
- c) Where will the Dance/Drama events be held ?
- d) Name the event that is taking place in the afternoon.

35. Complete the following conversation between a teacher and a student :

4x1=4

Teacher : Why were you absent yesterday?

Student : _____ (giving reason)

Teacher : I See. Did you complete your homework?

Student : _____ (responding about homework)

Teacher : At least, submit it by tomorrow.

Student : _____ (agreeing to submit)

Teacher : Good. Make sure to be regular to class.

Student : _____ (accepting)
