

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

SUBJECT : ENGLISH (02)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions :

- 1) Answer the questions in all the sections.
- 2) Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
- 3) Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
- 4) For multiple choice questions (MCQ's) choose the correct answer and rewrite it.
- 5) For Part-A questions, only the first written answers will be considered for evaluation.
- 6) For question numbers 31 and 32 internal choices are there. Hence, answer either (A) or (B)

PART-A

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

1. Juliet does not describe the night as _____.
a) garish b) loving c) gentle d) black-browed
2. The annual expenditure for the maintenance of the criminal was about _____ francs in "Too Dear!"
a) 16000 b) 12000 c) 600 d) 200
3. In "On Children" _____ bends the bow to send the arrows swift and far.
a) archer b) prophet c) parents d) woman
4. Tagore's essay, _____ speaks of the role of forests in "Everything I Need To Know, I Learned In The Forest".
a) Monocultures of the Mind b) Tapovan
c) Gandhi and Globalization d) A-Z of Organic Farming
5. The village woman who laid resistance against cutting down of trees in Adwani village was _____.
a) Vandana Shiva's mother b) Vandana Shiva c) Bachni Devi d) Carolyn Merchant
6. Match the following:

A	B
A) Dona Laura	i) Violets
B) Don Gonzalo	ii) Parasol
C) Petra	iii) Handkerchief

a) A-i, B-ii, C-iii b) A-ii, B-iii, C-i c) A-ii, B-i, C-iii d) A-iii, B-ii, C-i
7. Dona Gonzalo ran off to _____ with a ballet dancer in "A Sunny Morning".
a) Maricela b) Aravaca c) Madrid d) Paris
8. In "The Gardener", Tammanna opines that he had no more reason to live after _____.
a) he was felicitated as the best poet b) Basavaiah encroaches his property
c) Basavaiah's death d) composing many ballads
9. The old man had a _____ in one hand and a newspaper tucked under his arm.
a) crow b) spade c) axe d) hammer
10. Choose the correct order of the incidents that takes place in the story "The Gardener"
a) The owner's lifestyle changed- The old man narrated his story - The owner's wife got worried- The old man arrived at the farm.
b) The old man arrived at the farm - The owner's lifestyle changed - The owner's wife got worried - The old man narrated his story
c) The owner's wife got worried - The old man narrated his story - The old man arrived at the farm - The owner's lifestyle changed
d) The old man narrated his story - The owner's lifestyle changed - The owner's wife got worried - The old man arrived at the farm

(P.T.O)

11. Fill in the blanks with the passive form of the verb given in the brackets:

3x2=6

- a) Yesterday, a strange thing _____ (see) near the bus stop. Two lost bags _____ (find) by a policeman and _____ (return) to the owner.
- b) Basavaiah had 200 acres less land than Tammanna. So, Tammanna _____ (ask) to sell his 200 acres to Basavaiah. This _____ (reject) by Tammanna. Instead, a demand _____ (place) that Tammanna was ready to buy all his land.

12. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expressions given in brackets :
(straight out, get rid of, look out, in full swing)

3x1=3

You must _____ the old clock _____ of the room _____ for the latest model.

13. Read the following paragraph and match the pronouns in side A with the nouns/noun phrases in side B they refer to :

5x1=5

Reading newspaper starts the day of us (a). The newspaper staff collects information and they (b) discuss it (c) in their meetings. The editor, who (d) is the head, then assigns selected stories to the journalists, which (e) then goes for printing.

A
(Pronouns)

B
(Nouns/Noun Phrases)

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| a. Us | i. Information |
| b. They | ii. Journalists |
| c. It | iii. People |
| d. Who | iv. Editor |
| e. Which | v. Staff |
| | vi. Selected stories |

PART-B

II Answer any THREE of the following questions in 1-2 sentences/word/phrases each: 3x2=6

14. Name the two birds mentioned in "Romeo and Juliet".
15. What is the image used to suggest 'parents' and 'children' in "On Children"?
16. What were the parents of Vanadana Shiva working as?
17. How old is Don Gonzalo and who is his servant?

III Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 60 words each :

4x3=12

18. How does the Prophet make the mother's understand that "Your children are not your children"?
19. Write a short note on Navdanya Farm.
20. Describe how Dona Laura described her own death in "A Sunny Morning"?
21. Bring out the uniqueness of the poet's love as expressed in "When You Are Old"?
22. Why does the owner's wife find herself in a fix in the story "The Gardener"?
23. The foot toils in a shoe until the whole man chooses to stop. Comment on this line with reference to Neruda's poem.

IV Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 100 words each :

3x4=12

24. How does Juliet express her passionate love for Romeo.
25. Why does the criminal in "Too Dear" refuse to escape from the prison.
26. Forest is a source of many positive things, according to Rabindranath Tagore. Discuss.
27. "A Sunny Morning" revolves around concealing one's own identity. Explain.
28. "When You are Old" is a poem of contrast. What purpose do they serve in conveying speaker's thoughts?
29. Explain the 'invisible' means by which Tammanna decided to destroy Basavaiah in the story "The Gardener".

PART-C

V 30. A. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it :

9x1=9

Tropical rainforests are often called the lungs of our planet because they produce massive amounts of oxygen. They cover only six percent of the Earth's land, yet they host more than half of the world's plant and animal species. This dense, green ecosystem is divided into layers, starting from the dark forest floor up to the sunny emergent layer where giant trees tower over everything else.

Every single organism in the rainforest relies heavily on the others to survive. For example, Brazil nut trees depend entirely on an orchid bee for pollination. They also rely on a small rodent called the agouti, which is the only animal with teeth sharp enough to crack open their tough seed pods. The agouti eats some seeds and buries the rest. These forgotten seeds eventually sprout into new trees, keeping the forest alive.

Unfortunately, these vital habitats face severe threats today from human activities. Massive areas of forest are cut down daily for timber, cattle ranching, and large agricultural farms. This destructive process, known as deforestation, drives animals out of their natural homes and speeds up global climate change. When trees are destroyed, they can no longer absorb harmful carbon-di-oxide from the air.

Thankfully, people worldwide are joining hands to protect these precious ecosystems. Indigenous communities are using modern drone technology to monitor their lands and stop illegal logging. Meanwhile, scientists are discovering incredible new plant species that could help cure dangerous human diseases. Protecting the rainforest is not just about saving exotic animals, it is about securing the health of our entire global environment. Every tree saved helps keep our planet's climate stable for future generations.

Questions:

- Why are tropical rainforest called as lungs of our planet?
- According to the text, _____ area of the earth is covered by the tropical rainforest.
- On what do Brazil nut trees depend for pollination?
- Name the rodent mentioned in the passage.
- Give any two reasons, why the trees are cut down, as mentioned in the passage.
- What is the impact of deforestation?
- What are the scientists working at to discover?
- Make the antonym of the word 'human' with suitable prefix.
- Whish word from the passage means 'not according to law'?

PART-D

4x1=4

VI. 31. A. Rewrite as directed:

- _____ students are highly intelligent. (Use appropriate article)
- even / there / is / in / creativity / man
(Rearrange the above segments into a meaningful sentence)
- A meeting _____ (is / are) arranged tomorrow.
(Choose the right verb that agrees with the subject)
- The players _____ (be + practice) hard for the match.
(Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verb given)

OR

1x4=4

31. B. Fill in the blanks with right linkers:

(as a result, even though, but, and)

Man is an inseparable part of the environment. _____, he is exploiting, _____ misusing the environment. _____, environment is under distress. _____ environment is giving many warnings, man continues to neglect them still.

(P.T.O)

32. A. Rewrote as directed :

- i) Man is very greedy, _____? (Add a question tag)
- ii) Delhi is the most polluted city. (Frame a 'Wh' question to get the underlined word as answer)
- iii) The child fell down. (Change into a question using the right form of 'Do')

OR

32. B. Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them :

3x1=3

- i) The train passed in the tunnel.
- ii) A mid-term vacation starts tomorrow.
- iii) Where the books are ?

33. Report the following conversation :

5x1=5

Alifano : What is blindness to you ?

Borges : It is a way of life. I am not completely unhappy.

Alifano : Have you thought of writing a book on the history of book?

Borges : It is an excellent idea.

PART-E

VII. 34. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement which appeared in "The Indian Express", dated 20th September 2026. (Write xxx for name and yyy for address.)

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WANTED

Sales Representatives

Qualification: Any Degree

Good Communication Skills and Basic Computer knowledge a must
Fluency in English, Hindi and Kannada a must

Apply within 10 days to:

The Manager (HR)
Accenture Pvt. Ltd.,
RMZ Eco Space,
Sarjapur Road,
Bangalore - 560 103.
