

**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, POKHARIPUT, BHUBANESWAR**

**SUB- ENGLISH CLASS -X**

**FULL MARKS- 40**

**TIME- 1 HOUR**

**READING (10 MARKS)**

**(Q. 1-6) Read the passage and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options:**

Mauritius, known for its beaches, lagoons and reefs, has now opened its frontiers to international travellers. It reopened its border after remaining closed for several months due to COVID pandemic. Reportedly, before the pandemic walt in March 2020, the country's tourism and hospitality industry raked in around 24 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), which employed nearly a quarter of the workforce. However, in the last financial year, the Mauritian economy shrank low dreadfully thereby leaving it in desperate need for tourists to return. As such, this comes as welcoming news to both travellers and locals there.

As per the guidelines, guests will be able to make the most of their vacation in their preferred facilities, which will have features like beach access and swimming pool. In the first phase, vaccinated guests, who have a negative RT-PCR test and stay in the resort for 14 days, will be allowed to leave the hotel and travel around the island, following another test. They will then be allowed to explore the island's many fascinating spots at the same time. However, those visiting the island for a shorter period of time, will have to remain confined to the resorts, from where they will have to head back home after checking out. Global airlines, including Air Mauritius, will add additional flight capacity from July 15, 2021, which will increase in the lead up to the full reopening of Mauritius from October 1, 2021.

1. The reason why Mauritius is in a pressing need to reopen its borders for tourists is that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the pandemic is in continuously decreasing mode
  - b. the travellers can learn guidelines to save their lives
  - c. the economy is seriously affected by the closure
  - d. the country is famous for many a tourist attraction
  
2. 'They(travellers) will then be allowed to explore the island's many fascinating spots...'Which of the following statements is NOT CORRECT if we analyse the sentence?
  - a. Many travellers visit the island.
  - b. There are many beautiful tourist spots in the island.
  - c. Many tourist spots in the island are fascinating.
  - d. Their life is worthless who have never visited this island.

3. The author attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ about the latest development in Mauritius through this write-up.
- inform the readers
  - criticize the tourists
  - demotivate the travellers
  - praise the visitors
4. Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
- Gross Domestic Products of Mauritius
  - Mauritius Reopens for Vaccinated Travellers
  - Beaches, Lagoons and Reefs
  - I Love Mauritius! Do You?
5. Which of the following words does NOT CORRESPOND to 'desperate'?
- Anxious
  - Worried
  - Distressed
  - Joyful

**(Q. 6-10) Read the passage and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options:**

The lull in the monsoon post June 23 has resulted in a 32% rainfall deficit during that period, and is likely to push farmers into changing their kharif crop patterns, according to an analysis by CRISIL research. Especially in northwest and central India, which are seeing rainfall deficits as high as 55%, farmers may be forced to move from oilseeds such as soybean and groundnut to crops which have lower water requirements, such as cotton and maize. Overall, sowing was slower than last year, with the total sown acreage lagging behind 12%.

The southwest monsoon arrived in the country on June 3 this year, and had covered almost 93% of kharif acreage by June 23, a week before its usual onset. Until that point, there had been 28% surplus rainfall. After that point though, the monsoon played truant, resulting in a 32% deficit compared with the long period average, between June 23 and July 12.

The highest deficit of 55% was in the northwest region, with Punjab and Haryana recording 70% and 80% deficits respectively. However, CRISIL noted that this may not have too much of an impact on sowing as these States have high levels of irrigation. It's a different story in Rajasthan, which saw a 58% deficit during that period. "If not recovered within the next 10 days, this may effectuate a shift from soybean to maize in key deficit areas," said the report.

6. Which of following is a statement related to CRISIL research?

- a. The southwest monsoon will arrive late.
  - b. Farmers will be forced to change their kharif crop patterns.
  - c. Rajasthan desert is a greater part of Thar Desert.
  - d. June 3 and June 23 are important dates for monsoon.
7. On the basis of water requirement for crops, which of the following is like the combination of 'soyabean: cotton'?
- a. groundnut: maize
  - b. soyabean: groundnut
  - c. cotton: maize
  - d. groundnut: sugarcane
8. What is the meaning of the expression 'the monsoon played truant' as used in the passage?
- a. Those who play during the monsoon become the best players.
  - b. The monsoon remained absent from school.
  - c. No player is better than the monsoon.
  - d. Either the monsoon did not come in time or it left early.
9. Which of the following state witnessed the highest rainfall deficit as mentioned in the passage?
- a. Punjab
  - b. Haryana
  - c. Rajasthan
  - d. Odisha
10. The rainfall deficit will not affect sowing in Punjab and Haryana much because \_\_\_\_\_
- a. they are not costal states of India.
  - b. they are monsoon favourite states of the country.
  - c. they have high levels of irrigation.
  - d. they have strong governments which care for farmers.

### **WRITING & GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)**

**(Q. 11-15) Read the Letter to the Editor given below and fill the gaps choosing the most appropriate options:**

Plot No. 78/9

Jayadev Vatika  
Bhubaneswar-78

27 July 2021

The Editor  
The News Times  
New Delhi

Subject- 11. \_\_\_\_\_

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw your attention towards the problem of inflation which has made life 12. \_\_\_\_\_.

Nowadays, prices are rising at a compounded speed. It was not so in earlier times when things were normal prior to this pandemic. 13. \_\_\_\_\_, the prices are rising but on the other, the income levels and sources are in decline. The sharp rises in prices have crushed the common man. He cannot bear even the daily expenses of his family.

It is high time that the concerned authorities should wake up to this social cause. I hope that the letter will find a place in your newspaper and 14. \_\_\_\_\_ for the authorities.

With regards

15. \_\_\_\_\_

XYZ

11.

- a. The Positive Side of COVID
- b. Rising Inflation in the Country due to the Pandemic
- c. Provide a Job to every Educated Person
- d. A Mystery Called Life

12.

- a. difficult for the common man

- b. joyful for the villagers.
- c. of students fully online.
- d. unstable with so much money

13.

- a. Standing on feet
- b. On their own legs
- c. In all eye
- d. On one hand

14.

- a. must work as a tight slap
- b. shall bring happiness to
- c. will act as an eye-opener
- d. can decrease the prices of all the commodities

15.

- a. Yours truly
- b. Yours affectionately
- c. Forever yours
- d. Honour at your lotus feet

**(Q. 16-18) Read the passage given below and fill the gaps choosing the most appropriate options:**

A mystery is simply 16. \_\_\_\_\_ unsolved question and the attempt to answer it. In literature, this mystery is often an evil, but anything unexplainable can inspire a great mystery novel. Like any other genre of fiction, mystery follows a formula, one 17. \_\_\_\_\_ readers expect. The thing that must happen: something unexplainable. It 18. \_\_\_\_\_ be a wrongdoing, a disappearance, or the impossible arrival of something or someone.

16.

- a. a
- b. an
- c. such
- d. all the

17.

- a. that
- b. every
- c. either
- d. this

18.

- a. shall
- b. would
- c. can
- d. ought to

**(Q. 19-20) Read the questions given below and fill the gaps choosing the most appropriate options:**

19. Endless sacrifices \_\_\_\_\_ by our freedom fighters that offered us the opportunity to live a life of happiness.

- a. were made
- b. has been made
- c. which made
- d. are making

20. Courage is more than simply \_\_\_\_\_ to act carelessly, it is the ability to respond to fear.

- a. decided
- b. decision
- c. deciding
- d. decisive

### **LITERATURE (20 MARKS)**

**(Q. 21-25) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options:**

“It’s really getting bad now,” exclaimed the man. “I hope it passes quickly.” It did not pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside, the cornfield, on the whole valley. The field was white, as if covered with salt.

Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho’s soul was filled with sadness. When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons, “A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing. This year we will have no corn.”

21. From the morning to the time the storm stopped, Lencho's feelings changed \_\_\_\_\_

- a) from happiness to the highest joy
- b) from expectation to grief
- c) from sadness to enjoyment
- d) from sorrow to fulfilment

22. By the expression 'Not a leaf remained on the tree.', the writer shows that \_\_\_\_\_

- a. only the leaves were fallen from the trees.
- b. there was nothing on the trees except flowers.
- c. the storm was really severe.
- d. Lencho was standing alone in the field.

23. Locusts are a type of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. creepers
- b. trees
- c. liquid
- d. insects

24. How does Lencho look at the year ahead?

- 1. No corn to eat.
- 2. Suffering in poverty.
- 3. Help from friends and relatives.
- 4. Great joyful experience of learning from nature.

- a. Both 1 and 4
- b. Both 2 and 4
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. 2, 3 and 4

25. 'The field was white, as if covered with salt.' Which of the following figures of speech are found in the line?

- 1. Personification
- 2. Simile
- 3. Alliteration
- 4. onomatopoeia

- a. Both 1 and 2
- b. Both 2 and 3
- c. Both 3 and 4
- d. Both 1 and 4

**(Q. 26-30) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options:**

He should be snarling around houses  
At the jungle's edge,  
Baring his white fangs, his claws,  
Terrorising the village!  
But he's locked in a concrete cell,  
His strength behind bars,  
Stalking the length of his cage,  
Ignoring visitors.

26. What can be the benefit of snarling of the tiger at the jungle's edge?

- a. It can stop population explosion.
- b. The wood cutters would be frightened to enter the jungle.
- c. The children would learn how to roar at their parents.
- d. Plump deer will enjoy when the tiger is away.

27. Which of the following are true about the tiger's condition in the cell?

- 1. Unhappy and silent
- 2. Waiting for the plump deer to pass
- 3. Inattentive towards the visitors
- 4. Walking in an angry manner

- a. 1, 2 and 3
- b. 1,3 and 4
- c. 2, 3 and 4
- d. 1, 2 and 4

28. Which of the following words DOES NOT correspond to 'baring'?

- a. uncovering



- b. exposing
- c. displaying
- d. hiding

29. Which of the following sentences used the word 'edge' INCORRECTLY?

- a. He stood and walked to the edge of the pond.
- b. He sat down on the edge of the bed.
- c. The thirsty man drank an edge of water.
- d. At the edge of the road stood an oak.

30. If the tiger were a speaker of English, he would tell the visitors, \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "I'm the king of the jungle, bow down to me."
- b. "Please, let me live in my natural habitat."
- c. "Wait, my children will come one day to take revenge and drink every drop of your blood."
- d. "Your branded clothes are not as attractive as my vivid strips."

**(Q. 31-35) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options:**

Mrs Hall, the landlord's wife, made every effort to be friendly. But Griffin had no desire to talk, and told her, "My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude. I do not wish to be disturbed in my work. Besides, an accident has affected my face." Satisfied that her guest was an eccentric scientist, and in view of the fact that he had paid her in advance, Mrs Hall was prepared to excuse his strange habits and irritable temper. But the stolen money did not last long, and presently Griffin had to admit that he had no more ready cash.

31. "My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude," said Griffin. But what was real reason of his arrival at Iping?

- a. He needed to enjoy a comfortable stay at an inn.
- b. He wanted to get away from the crowded city of London.
- c. He desired to play hide and seek with police in a country surrounding.
- d. He thought to develop a gang of invisible people and attack London soon.

32. Griffin told Mrs Hall that an accident had affected his face. Which of the following was seen by Mrs Hall on Griffin's face at that time?

- a. bandages
- b. false nose
- c. false teeth

d. dark glasses

33. Mrs Hall accepted Griffin at her inn in stead of his strange look and irritable behaviour because \_\_\_\_\_

a. he was an eccentric scientist.

b. he survived a serious accident.

c. Mrs Hall received the payments in advance.

d. a man desirous of solitude should not disturbed in any way.

34. The stolen money did not last long. Where had Griffin stolen the money from?

a. From his landlord's house after he set fire to that.

b. From the big London store when left that in the morning.

c. From the shopkeeper who he attacked in Drury Lane.

d. From the study of the clergyman in the early morning.

35. Which of the following words does NOT mean the same as 'eccentric'?

a. familiar

b. unusual

c. odd

d. strange

**(Q. 36-40) Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options:**

36. Which of the following statements is INCORRECT according to Mandela's speech on the day of inauguration?

a. He referred apartheid system as an extraordinary human disaster.

b. The blacks were considered as outlaws in their own country under white rule.

c. The country might face the oppression once again very soon.

d. The inauguration of new non-racial government was a victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

37. Which of the following finally helped the young seagull jump from the cliff and fly?

a. His mother bringing a piece of fish but remaining motionless in air.

b. His brothers and sister flying around him.

c. His father preening the feathers on his white back.

d. His father and mother calling him shrilly and threatening to let him starve.

38. In 'The Ball Poem', what does the poet mean by the expression 'O there are other balls'?

- a. The boy should purchase better and more beautiful balls.
- b. The loss was not important enough to worry about.
- c. Other people can give their balls to him.
- d. One should not play with balls in childhood days.

39. 'Some say the world will end in fire'. Which of the following figures of speech is found in the given line?

- a. simile
- b. metaphor
- c. personification
- d. alliteration

40. Which of the following options gives CORRECT information about Mrs Pumphrey in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'?

- a. Very wealthy, strict dog owner and intelligent in every way
- b. Very rich, lovingly soft hearted and grateful to Mr Herriot
- c. Suffering from lumbago, owner of Tricki and had dull eyes
- d. Had many dogs, loved her dogs and sent brandy and eggs to Mr Herriot