

# SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION - 2024

## ( ANNUAL )

प्रश्न पुस्तिका सेट कोड  
Question Booklet  
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**B**

## ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)

विषय कोड :  
Subject Code :

**113**

कुल प्रश्न :  $100 + 11 = 111$

कुल मुद्रित पृष्ठ : 40

**Total Questions :  $100 + 11 = 111$**

**Total Printed Pages : 40**

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( पूर्णक : 100 )

[ Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes ]

[ Full Marks : 100 ]

### Instructions to the candidate :

1. *Candidate must enter his / her Question Booklet Serial No. (10 Digits) in the OMR Answer Sheet.*
2. *Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*
3. *Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.*
4. *An extra time of 15 minutes has been allotted for the candidates to read the questions carefully.*
5. *This question booklet is divided into two sections — Section-A and Section-B.*

6. In Section-A, there are 100 objective type questions, out of which **any 50 questions are to be answered**. First 50 answers will be evaluated in case more than 50 questions are answered. Each question carries **1 mark**. For answering these **darken the circle with blue / black ball pen** against the correct option on **OMR Answer sheet provided to you**. **Do not use whitener / liquid / blade / nail etc. on OMR-Sheet, otherwise the result will be treated as invalid.**

7. In Section-B, there are **11 Descriptive Answer Type Questions, which are to be answered.**

8. Use of any electronic appliances is strictly prohibited.



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## SECTION - A

## ( Objective Type Questions )

Question Nos. 1 to 100 have *four* options out of which only one is correct. You have to mark your selected option on the OMR Sheet. Out of 100 questions you have to attempt only 50 questions.

$$50 \times 1 = 50$$

**Instruction :** Question Nos. 1 to 60 are based on prescribed texts.

1. 'There only minds like yours can do no harm.' — is from
 

(A) God Made the Country      (B) Koel  
       (C) Martha                      (D) The Sleeping Porter
2. 'Sawarani' and 'Rays' are prominent works of
 

(A) Vidyapati  
       (B) Puran Singh  
       (C) Durga Prasad Panda  
       (D) Laxmi Prasad Devkota

3. 'The roses are on fire which winds and waters catch !' is from  
 (A) Koel (B) Martha  
 (C) Ode on Solitude (D) The Empty Heart

4. 'Puvin Sirippu' is a collection of ..... by Periasamy Thooran,  
 (A) essays (B) stories  
 (C) novels (D) poems

5. 'I am restless ! Where is my beloved ?' — is from  
 (A) Koel (B) Thinner than a Crescent  
 (C) The Empty Heart (D) Ode on Solitude

6. The scared and offended nightingale is  
 (A) natural (B) mute  
 (C) musical (D) peaceful

7. Films today are a significant part of creative

(A) culture (B) expression  
(C) art (D) science

8. It is shameful to know that the Buddhist monks are

(A) beaten up (B) laughed at  
(C) imprisoned (D) driven away

9. The old woman is never ashamed of being the daughter of black  
..... slaves.

(A) American (B) British  
(C) African (D) Brahmin

10. The Greek invaders were followed by

(A) Romans (B) Sakas and Huns  
(C) Sun and Moon (D) French

11. Joan Lexau is the writer of

(A) Me and the Ecology Bit (B) The Pace for Living  
(C) Once Upon a Time (D) Acceptance S

12. Mahadevi Verma sometimes put Gillu in a / an

(A) box

(B) bag

(C) envelope

(D) purse

13. The daughter had worked hard to

(A) pass the examination

(B) buy expensive clothes

(C) save money

(D) fulfil her dream

14. .... are capable of producing allergy.

(A) Immunity

(B) Medication

(C) Allergens

(D) Fever

15. Jabra gave a loud bark and ran towards the

(A) field

(B) house

(C) river

(D) well

16. Dr. Rana S. P. Singh has written a number of articles on

(A) beauty care (B) skin care  
(C) healthcare (D) hair care

17. The old banker had given the party ..... years ago.

(A) 15 (B) 16  
(C) 20 (D) 25

18. Mr. Gessler was a ..... shoemaker settled in London.

(A) Italian (B) Indian  
(C) French (D) German

19. A spirit of underlying ..... is a remarkable feature of Indian culture.

(A) unity (B) tradition  
(C) culture (D) feeling

20. .... is something which people hardly pay any attention to.

(A) Security

(B) Education

(C) Relation

(D) Ecology

21. The corn-merchant was unable to handle the ..... of life.

(A) anxieties

(B) pleasures

(C) dramas

(D) pace

22. Jim drove his ..... round and round the backyard all summer.

(A) bicycle

(B) motorbike

(C) car

(D) truck

23. Akoulya's grandmother wanted the people to ..... instead of fighting.

(A) play

(B) eat

(C) drink

(D) rejoice

24. Mahadevi Verma was injured in a

(A) train accident (B) plane accident  
(C) car accident (D) motorbike accident

25. The daughter always tries to follow her ..... advice.

(A) father's (B) mother's  
(C) sister's (D) brother's

26. The girlfriend's ..... had not rubbed off on the narrator in 'Love Defiled'.

(A) goodness (B) selfish  
(C) generous (D) cunning

27. Munni blamed Halku for the destruction of the

(A) hut (B) crop  
(C) clothes (D) utensils

28. The lawyer considered both capital punishment and life imprisonment

(A) good (B) moral  
(C) correct (D) immoral

29. The flower pots looked like

(A) hats

(B) umbrellas

(C) sandals

(D) gloves

30. There was ..... to look after Sun and Moon.

(A) somebody

(B) anybody

(C) nobody

(D) everybody

31. The porter's heart twitters like a

(A) crow

(B) rabbit

(C) squirrel

(D) bird

32. The ..... burns the Koel's heart.

(A) dry garden

(B) wet garden

(C) green garden

(D) neighbouring garden

33. "He is challenging the mountain." — Who is 'he' in this line ?

(A) Porter

(B) Villager

(C) Porter's son

(D) Porter's father

34. Who wrote the poem 'Koel' ?

(A) William Cowper

(B) Alexander Pope

(C) Laxmi Prasad Devkota

(D) Puran Singh

35. The trees owned by a ..... gives him shade in summer.

(A) contented man

(B) builders

(C) contractors

(D) destroyers of nature

36. The ..... has burnt the wings of the Koel.

(A) Fire of Anger

(B) Fire of Love

(C) Fire of Hatred

(D) Fire of Jealousy

37. Gillu had discovered a new method to tackle the

(A) winter cold (B) summer heat  
(C) rainy season (D) strong winds

38. Film production in India, according to Satyajit Ray, is

(A) qualitative (B) quantitative  
(C) hardly recognizable (D) of low quality

39. The Indian society has the capacity for

(A) revive (B) readjustment  
(C) succumb to survive (D) be indifferent

40. The hero in the movie, as described in 'The Pace For Living', took off

his ..... when he came indoors.

(A) shoes (B) tie  
(C) shirt (D) hat

41. A man, according to Alexander Pope, is said to be blessed when he  
has no

(A) relationships (B) anxieties  
(C) properties (D) friends

42. Radha is growing thinner than a

43. The ..... of the Burmese people was indeed pathetic.

44. The crows were engaged in poking their ..... at the flowerpots.

(A) noses	(B) beaks
(C) legs	(D) hands

45. .... are handicapped in finding a living for themselves.

(A) Slow thinkers (B) High thinkers  
(C) Fast thinkers (D) Middle-paced thinkers

46. Instead of driving a car, Jim advises Mr. Johnson to .....  
to the post-office.

(A) jog (B) walk  
(C) run (D) drive

47. The ..... University had conferred an honorary doctorate  
on Satyajit Ray.

(A) Delhi (B) Oxford  
(C) Cambridge (D) Harvard

48. Aung San Suu Kyi got the Nobel Peace Prize on the

(A) International Human Rights Day  
(B) International Labour Day  
(C) International Animal Day  
(D) International Migrant Day

49. The rich man died before he could ..... the eighth pot.

(A) fill

(B) empty

(C) half-fill

(D) half-empty

50. Vidyapati's poems usually deal with

(A) Krishna's love

(B) Mahadev's love

(C) Rukmani's love

(D) Radha's love

51. The porter is challenging the

(A) people

(B) mountains

(C) nature

(D) houses

52. Durga Prasad Panda is primarily a

(A) linguist

(B) Buddhist

(C) dentist

(D) lawyer

53. Walter de la Mare creates an atmosphere of ..... in his poems.

(A) joy (B) suspense

(C) fear (D) mystery

54. "When touched it makes a squeaky noise" — is from

(A) Polythene Bag (B) Martha

(C) The Empty Heart (D) Ode on Solitude

55. While Martha told her stories, the children used to stare at her

with

(A) ease (B) joy

(C) tension (D) sadness

56. Jim's dog had dug up Ms. Greene's

(A) courtyard (B) backyard

(C) garden (D) field

57. .... is the main character in 'January Night'.

(A) Hanku

(B) Halku

(C) Jabra

(D) Munni

58. Allergy causes a ..... reaction against normally harmless substances in our environment.

(A) fast

(B) mild

(C) violent

(D) quick

59. Chekhov wrote ..... plays.

(A) 12

(B) 17

(C) 19

(D) 20

60. Mr. Gessler's shop was like entering a

(A) museum

(B) palace

(C) temple

(D) church

Direction (61-67) : Choose the correct spelt word :

61. (A) Concert (B) Koncirt

(C) Cauncert (D) Councert

62. (A) Suspeceu (B) Suspicion

(C) Seuspicion (D) Saspcion

63. (A) Norishmant (B) Noeurishment

(C) Nourishment (D) Nuerishmant

64. (A) Abindant (B) Abeendant

(C) Abandante (D) Abundant

65. (A) Dispuse (B) Dispise

(C) Despise (D) Duspise

66. (A) Hoerse (B) Haerse

(C) Hairuse (D) Hoarse

67. (A) Immortalitye (B) Emmortality

(C) Ummortality (D) Immortality

*Direction ( 68-73 ) : Choose the correct option of the following :*

68. Direct speech of : She exclaimed with delight that it was a very

beautiful voice.

is

(A) She said, "What a beautiful voice !"

(B) She shouted, "A beautiful voice for sure !"

(C) She says, "A very beautiful voice !"

(D) She will say, "Indeed a beautiful voice !"

69. Direct speech of : Suresh asked me if I had seen his keys.

is

- (A) Suresh says to me, "Will you see my keys ?"
- (B) Suresh said to me, "Have you seen my keys ?"
- (C) Suresh enquired, "Can you see my keys ?"
- (D) Suresh will say, "May you find my keys ?"

70. Direct speech of : Smita asked Kavita what she was doing there.

is

- (A) Smita can say to Kavita, "What are you doing here ?"
- (B) Smita said to Kavita, "What are you doing here ?"
- (C) Smita said to Kavita, "What are you doing there ?"
- (D) Smita said, "What is Kavita doing here ?"



71. Indirect speech of : Ramesh said to me, "Thank you!"

is

- (A) Ramesh thanked me
- (B) Ramesh can thank me
- (C) Ramesh may thank me
- (D) Ramesh has to thank me

72. Indirect speech of : Chotu said to Vishal, "Work hard."

is

- (A) Chotu ordered Vishal to work hard
- (B) Chotu requested Vishal to work hard
- (C) Chotu will ask Vishal to work hard
- (D) Chotu advised Vishal to work hard

73. Indirect speech of : He said to Veenu, "Are you tired ?"

is

- (A) He asks Veenu if she was tired
- (B) He asked Veenu whether she was tired
- (C) He enquired Veenu if she is tired
- (D) He said to Veenu if she is tired

*Direction ( 74-80 ) : Choose the most suitable preposition :*

74. Atul agreed ..... my suggestion.

(A) at	(B) to
(C) for	(D) with

75. The Principal is known ..... me.

(A) with	(B) of
(C) to	(D) from

76. My house is ..... the road.

(A) across

(B) among

(C) without

(D) at

77. The teacher shouted ..... the top of her voice.

(A) before

(B) from

(C) for

(D) at

78. She saved him ..... falling down.

(A) from

(B) at

(C) for

(D) in

79. The guests were invited ..... lunch.

(A) in

(B) of

(C) by

(D) to

80. Most people are afraid ..... ghosts.

(A) by (B) at  
(C) of (D) for

*Direction ( 81-87 ) : Choose the correct form of verb :*

81. She ..... her knitting before I reached her house.

(A) has complete (B) will complete  
(C) had completed (D) can complete

82. Ramesh and Radha ..... good friends.

(A) is (B) was  
(C) are (D) where

83. Suman ..... know the answer.

(A) can (B) has  
(C) could (D) ought to

84. Lots of fruits ..... needed for the function.

(A) are (B) is  
(C) have (D) has

85. Each of the poor students ..... given a dress.

(A) is been (B) has been  
(C) were being (D) are been

86. Oil and water ..... not mix.

(A) do (B) could  
(C) does (D) should

87. The rest of the students ..... absent.

(A) is (B) are  
(C) has (D) have

Direction ( 88 - 91 ) : Choose the correct option of the following :

88. Choose the correct antonym of 'Notorious' —

(A) Famous (B) Innocent

(C) Senior (D) Stupid

89. Choose the correct antonym of 'Modern' —

(A) Golden (B) Ancient

(C) End (D) Timid

90. Choose the correct synonym of 'Ask' —

(A) Duty (B) Answer

(C) Query (D) Reality

91. Choose the correct synonym of 'Possibility' —

(A) Ask (B) Chance

(C) Luck (D) Des

**Direction ( 92-97 ) :** Choose the correct option of the following :

92. Active voice of : I was given this gift by Uma.

is

- (A) Gift from Uma is for me
- (B) Uma is being gifted to me
- (C) The gift given to me by Uma
- (D) Uma gave me this gift

93. Active voice of : The environment has to be saved by people.

is

- (A) The environment needs to be saved
- (B) People have to save the environment
- (C) Environment saving must be done
- (D) People can save the environment

94. Passive voice of : A surgeon should see him.

is

- (A) He should be seen by a surgeon
- (B) Seen by a surgeon should he
- (C) Should he see a surgeon
- (D) See a surgeon should he

95. Passive voice of : When do you drink coffee ?

is

- (A) Coffee is drunk by you when ?
- (B) When is coffee drunk by you ?
- (C) Drinking coffee is done by you when ?
- (D) When was coffee drank by you ?



96. Active voice of : Chicken is to be eaten by Suchi.

is

(A) Suchi must eat chicken

(B) Eat chicken Suchi must

(C) Suchi is to eat chicken

(D) Chicken eating by Suchi

97. Passive voice of : Sinha likes his subordinates to flatter him.

is

(A) His subordinates flattered Sinha

(B) His subordinates like to flatter him

(C) Sinha likes to be flattered by his subordinates

(D) Sinha likes to be flatter by his subordinates

**Direction ( 98-100 ) :** Choose the most suitable translation :

98. मैं दौड़ना जानती हूँ।

99. रमेश जगदीश का भाई है ।

- (A) Jagdish and Ramesh has brothers
- (B) Jagdish was brother of Ramesh
- (C) Ramesh has brother Jagdish
- (D) Ramesh is Jagdish's brother

100. भारत में प्रजातंत्र है ।

- (A) There is democracy in India
- (B) India is democracy
- (C) Democracy is India
- (D) In India is democratic country

**SECTION - B****( Descriptive Type Questions )**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Children must be brought up without pressure and then should enter adulthood free from the damaging effects of tradition and fear.

Children must be given freedom of expression of thought. A boy once asked Krishnamurthy, "Is it your hobby to give lectures ?

Don't you get tired of talking ? Why are you doing this ?"

Krishnamurthy answered, "I'm glad you asked the question. You know, if you love something, you never get tired of it. I mean, love in which there is no desire to want something from it. You are talking and you are getting something like money, reward, sense of your

importance, then there is tiredness, then there is no meaning

because it is only self-realization, but if there is love in your heart, it is like a spring that always gives fresh water."

**Questions :**

- i) How should children be educated ?
- ii) What kind of freedom children must have ?
- iii) What did the boy ask Krishnamurthy ?
- iv) What was Krishnamurthy's answer ?

OR

The Civil Rights Movement was a social and political movement that took place in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s. The movement sought to end racial segregation and discrimination against African Americans and to achieve equal rights and opportunities for all people. The Civil Rights Movement was led by prominent figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X. It involved protests, boycotts and civil disobedience. The movement was successful in achieving many important victories including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the

1965, which ended segregation and ensured voting rights for African Americans.

**Questions :**

- i) What was the Civil Rights Movement ? 1
- ii) When did the Civil Rights Movement take place ? 2
- iii) What were the goals of the Civil Rights Movement ? 2
- iv) What were some of the important victories of the Civil Rights Movement ? <https://www.bsebstudy.com> 2

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Neeraj and his family planned a trip to the mountains. They packed their bags and set off early in the morning. The scenic beauty of the hills amazed Neeraj. During their trek, they encountered a waterfall that formed a small pool at the bottom. Neeraj couldn't resist taking

a dip in it. The water was cold but refreshing. As he swam, Neeraj noticed colourful fish swimming alongside him. He felt grateful to be surrounded by nature's wonders.

**Questions :**

i) Where did Neeraj and his family plan to go ? 1

ii) What amazed Neeraj during their trip ? 2

iii) What did Neeraj find at the bottom of the waterfall ? 2

iv) How did Neeraj feel while swimming in the pool ? 2

OR

The Golden Gate Bridge is a famous bridge located in San Francisco, California. It is a suspension bridge that spans the Golden Gate Strait, connecting the city of San Francisco with Marin County. The Golden Gate Bridge was completed in 1937 and was the longest suspension bridge in the world at the time. It is an iconic symbol of San Francisco and a popular

with millions of people coming each year to walk or cycle across the bridge or enjoy the views of the city and the bay.

**Questions :**

- i) Where is the Golden Gate Bridge located ? 1
- ii) What type of bridge is the Golden Gate Bridge ? 2
- iii) What is the Golden Gate Bridge spanning ? 2
- iv) Why is the Golden Gate Bridge a popular tourist attraction ? 2

3. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow :

I have a rabbit habit,

I like to crunch and chew

On celery logs and carrot sticks,

And apple wedges, too.

I have a rabbit habit,

I like to chomp and munch

On crispy green and juicy grapes,

Mmmn ... rabbit food for lunch !

**Questions :**

i) What does the poet like to crunch and chew ? 2

ii) What does he like to chomp and munch ? 2

iii) What does the poet like for his lunch ? 2

**OR**

Some people are like caterpillars,

Some people are like butterflies

People who are insecure,

People who think they are fat.

People who think they are ugly.

People who are scared of their flaws

Are the caterpillars.

**People who have accepted that no matter how hard you try,**

**You will never be perfect.**

**People who are dreamers,**

**People who believe anything can happen as long as you try,**

**Are the butterflies.**

**Questions :**

i) **What is the good thing about caterpillars ?** 2

ii) **What do the people who are butterflies, believe ?** 2

iii) **What do the people who are caterpillars, believe ?** 2

4. **Answer any five of the following questions :**  $5 \times 2 = 10$

a) **What is, according to Humayun Kabir, preferable to fanatic devotion ?**

b) **Why are the young visitors in 'Once Upon A Time' reprimanded ?**





9. Write a letter to your friend asking him to visit your native place during Diwali holidays.

10. You are Umesh. Write a speech in about 60 – 70 words on 'Population Control'.

11. You are Tribhuvan. Write a message in about 30 – 40 words to your friend inviting him to your place for combined study.



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