

TERM-1

SAMPLE PAPER

SOLVED

ENGLISH

LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Time Allowed: 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions: Same instructions as given in the Sample Paper 1.

READING

I. Read the passage given below.

1. *Listening is the ability to accurately receive and interpret message in the communication process. One of the greatest gifts any of us can ever receive is the gift of listening. It is also one of the greatest gifts we can ever give. Unfortunately, it appears to be a lost art. We live in a world where everyone is talking but few are listening. What often passes for listening is simply one person pausing to collect their thoughts for their next soliloquy.*
2. *Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear, whereas listening requires more than that it requires focus. Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told, the use of language and voice, and how the other person uses his or her body. In other words, it means being aware of both verbal and non-verbal messages. Your ability to listen effectively depends on the degree to which you perceive and understand these messages.*
3. *Listening is a difficult task. Like every skill the more you do it, the better you get up Listening can be developed through practice, or lost if not used regularly. Good listeners focus on what they are hearing. They pause to think about what they've heard before responding. They ask questions because they want to know the answers. Not just to keep the conversation going.*
4. *So often, we are distracted with other things. We try to listen while continuing to work on the computer or watch television. To be fully present means we eliminate these distractions and focus exclusively on the other person. It takes great effort to be fully in the moment, leaning forward, eyes and heart open. Words are only the part of communication. Sometimes we need to experience the other person's feelings to really understand. We need to listen with our heart as well as our mind. We must repeat back what the other person has said. When we do this—and do it accurately—we communicate that we understand. It also gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding if we have misunderstood something. Plenty of people are good talkers, few are good listeners. If you develop the latter skill, you will find yourself invited into amazing conversations that wouldn't otherwise happen.*

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY EIGHT out of the ten questions by choosing the correct option.

1. **According to the passage, listening appear to be a lost art because:**
 - (a) it is very difficult.
 - (b) we live in a world where everyone is talking but only a few are listening

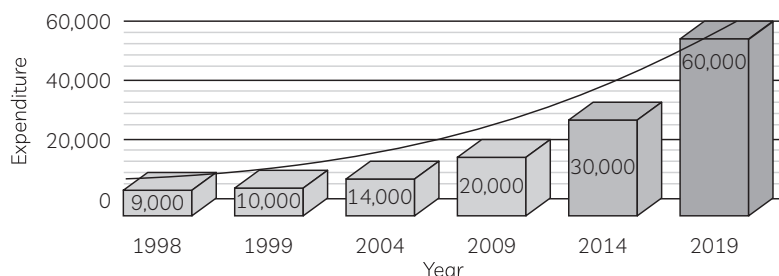
- (c) listening is a necessary task.
(d) it makes us emotional.
2. Choose the options with the sentences that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
(I) Words are only the part of communication.
(II) Lots of people are good listeners.
(III) Listening refers to the voice that you hear.
(IV) Good listeners focus on what they hear.
(V) Listening is a tough task.
(VI) Hearing requires no focus.
(a) II, III, VI (b) III, V, VI
(c) I, III, IV (d) I, IV, VI
3. Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to paragraph 3.
Jane: I am feeling so bad that I responded in a very eerie manner to Max. He didn't mean what I thought of him. I should have heard him clearly first.
Jeena: Yes, you should definitely be a good listener. Just focus on
(a) what you hear. Pause to think before responding.
(b) your relation with the speaker
(c) your communication skills
(d) your hearing capacities and try to enhance them
4. Identify the way the skill of listening be developed?
(a) By practice
(b) By removing distractions
(c) By repeating back what the other person has said
(d) By being aware of voice messages
5. Select the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the following.
(a) Do more listening than talking.
(b) Never stop listening.
(c) Learn by talking
(d) listening is talking.
6. We need to experience the other person's feelings
(a) to really understand
(b) to be the part of the communication
(c) to recalibrate our understanding
(d) to keep the conversation going
7. What our ability to listen effectively depends on?
(a) how the other person uses his or her body
(b) use of language and voice
(c) both (a) and (b)
(d) degree to which we perceive and understand the messages
8. We need to with our heart as well as our mind.
(a) talk (b) listen
(c) think (d) respond
9. 'hearing', different from 'listening' as:
(a) Hearing eliminates distraction; Listening gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding
(b) Hearing is the ability to receive message; Listening is the ability to interpret message
(c) Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear; Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told
(d) Option (a), (b) and (c)
10. Choose the option that lists the quote best expressing the central idea of the passage.
(a) "If you make listening and observation your occupation, you will gain much more than you can by talk."
—Robert Baden-Powell
(b) "Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply."
—Stephen R. Covey
(c) "Friends are those rare people who ask how we are, and then wait to hear the answer."
—Ed Cunningham
(d) "When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen."
—Ernest Hemingway

II. Read the passage given below:

1. With an estimated ₹ 60,000 crore front-end expenditure, the recently concluded 2019 Lok Sabha elections is the most expensive elections held ever, according to a report by Centre for Media Studies, a premier research organisation. BJP spent about 45% of the total expenditure.
2. The report estimated that ` 700 per vote was spent and on an average, nearly ` 100 crore per Lok Sabha constituency was spent in these elections.
3. The methodology for estimation was based on a PPE approach of enquiry, a method evolved by CMS for estimating

corruption in India over years. Key sources for the estimation included campaign activities by parties and candidates, voters' observation in elected constituencies, secondary data on demographic divides, field study and media coverage among others.

4. While CMS had estimated ₹ 30,000 crore as



5. CMS found that the leaders of the opposing parties were accusing each other of receiving anonymous grants which were spent in the elections. The report was released at the Curtailing. New Delhi, during a round table discussion on 'Electoral Reforms Required for Curtailing Rising Costs of Elections in Our Country.' Quraishi, in his tenure as CEC (Chief Election Commission) had established an "expenditure monitoring department" in the election commission. Commenting on the report, he said. "Money power has assumed new dimensions in these elections." and added that the electoral bonds system brought in by the BJP governments are 'unmitigated disaster' as far as poll expenditure is concerned.
6. As per the report, around ₹ 12,000-15,000 crore was distributed to the voters directly, ₹ 20,000-25,000 crore was spent on publicity. ₹ 5,000-6,000 crore on logistics. ₹ 10,000-12,000 crore on formal expenditure and ₹ 3,000-6,000 crore was spent for miscellaneous purposes.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY SIX out of the eight questions by choosing the correct option.

- 11.** Pick the correct statement from the following lines that was said by Quraishi, the Chief Election Commission.
- "Money power has assumed new dimensions in these elections."
 - "In 2009, the Congress' share was 40% of total expenditure, against 15 to 2007 in 2019."
 - "The BJP spent about 20% in 1998 against about 45% in 2019 out of the total poll expenditure estimate."
 - Options (a) and (c)

poll expenditure in the 2014 elections the figure has doubled in the 2019 elections, making Indian elections as the costliest elections ever in the world.

The BJP spent about 20% in 1998 against about 45% in 2019 out of the total poll expenditure estimate. In 2009, the Congress' share was 40% of total expenditure against 15 to 20% in 2019," the report stated.

- 12.** Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.

- CMS found that the leaders of the opposing parties were accusing each other of receiving anonymous grants which were spent in the elections.
 - The report was released in the Curtailing, New Delhi, at the round table discussion.
- (1) is the result of (2).
 - (1) is the reason for (2).
 - Both (1) and (2) are true
 - (1) contradicts (2).

- 13.** The key sources for the estimation of corruption in poll expenditure are the:

- Secondary data on demographic divides and field study
- Campaign activities by parties and candidates
- Voter's observation in select constituencies
- Options (a), (b) and (c)

- 14.** The term 'front-end expenditure' means expenses made

- in the beginning
- in the end
- in between
- temporarily

- 15.** made Indian elections the costliest election ever in the world.

- Media coverage
- Poll expenditure
- rallies
- voters

- 16.** Which of the following statement is NOT TRUE according to the passage?

- The recently concluded 2019 Lok Sabha elections the most expensive elections held ever.

- (b) The methodology for estimation was based on a PPE approach of enquirer
- (c) Nearly ₹ 100 crore per Rajya Sabha constituency was spent in these elections.
- (d) CMS found that the leaders of the opposing parties were accusing each other of receiving anonymous grants which were spent in the elections.

17. What has been referred as 'unmitigated disaster'?

- (a) Electoral bonds system brought in by the the BJP government
- (b) Opposing parties abusing each other
- (c) Money distributed to the vote
- (d) Election commission

18. As per the report, ₹ 3,000 – 6,000 crore was spent on:

- (a) logistics
- (b) miscellaneous purposes
- (c) publicity
- (d) formal expenditure

GRAMMAR AND WRITING

GRAMMAR

III. Answer ANY FIVE out of the six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.

19. They understand it because it was too difficult.

- (a) not
- (b) could not
- (c) shall not
- (d) might not

20. The leader, together with his wife, the press cordially.

- (a) greet
- (b) will greets
- (c) greets
- (d) greeting

21. the husband and wife are members of this club.

- (a) Any of
- (b) All
- (c) Both
- (d) Each

22. Nobody the trouble I've seen.

- (a) knows
- (b) is knowing
- (c) know
- (d) has known

23. Change the narration of the following sentences by choosing the correct option

"Can you tell me how far is the bus stop from here?"; said the stranger to the boy.

- (a) The stranger proposed to the boy to tell him how far was the bus stop from there
- (b) The stranger asked the boy whether he could tell him how far was the bus stop from there.
- (c) The stranger requested the boy to tell how far is the Bus stop.
- (d) The stranger asked the boy whether you can tell how far is the bus stop from here.

24. Change the narration of the following sentences by choosing the correct option

The doctor said, "He is sleeping, please do not disturb him."

- (a) The doctor informed that he had sleeping requested did not disturb him.
- (b) The doctor informed that he is sleeping requested do not disturb him.
- (c) The doctor informed that he was sleeping requested not to disturb him.
- (d) The doctor said that he slept requested do not disturb him.

WRITING

IV. Answer ANY FIVE out of the six questions given, with reference to the context below.

You are Raghav, a resident of Indrapreet Vihar, Patna. There have been increased reporting of cases of domestic violence during the period of nationwide lockdown. This shows a grave scenario that being forced to stay indoors is proving to be harmful for the mental health of many people. You have to write a letter to the editor of a daily local and create awareness about this issue.

25. In a letter to Editor, Raghav writes a line - "It was unfortunate to have observed that ...?"

Which paragraph is likely to contain this line?

- (a) Lead Paragraph
- (b) Concluding Paragraph
- (c) Explanatory Paragraph
- (d) Options (a), (b) and (c)

26. The purpose of Raghav for writing a letter to the editor is:

- (a) to bring a pertinent local/ social concern to light
- (b) to raise concern regarding an ongoing familial issue

- (c) to register a complaint for a product
- (d) to enquire about a particular service/product

27. Choose the CORRECT option that has the right match of both the columns.

(A) poor sanitary condition of area	(I) business complaint letter
(B) defective T.V. set	(II) letter to the editor
(C) mental illness spreading in lockdown era	(III) official complaint letter

- (a) (A) – (I) ; (B) – (II); (C) – (III);
- (b) (A) – (I); (B) – (III); (C) – (II);
- (c) (A) – (III) ; (B) – (II); (C) – (I)
- (d) (A) – (III) ; (B) – (I); (C) – (II)

- (a) draw the attention of the concerned authorities
- (b) draw the attention of the concerned editors
- (c) draw the attention of the concerned publishers
- (d) draw the attention of the public

28. "Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to
....."

29. Writing a letter to the editor will help Raghav to

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release the lock-down • Stop the violence <p style="text-align: center;">(a)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give an alternative for physical violence • Suggest verbal spat instead <p style="text-align: center;">(b)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the problem of stress among people • Bring enlightenment in people's life <p style="text-align: center;">(c)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spread awareness about the issue • Help many people to overcome the stressful period indirectly through his suggestions <p style="text-align: center;">(d)</p>
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30. Raghav shares some suggestions in his letter, to address the issue.

Select the option that helps him complete these suggestions, appropriately.

The frustration and the burden of negative thoughts have turned them into ruthless beasts. For those people who are finding it hard to deal with the current situations, there needs to be some sort of help given. It can be in the form of providing (i).....

..... or airing informative commercials on keeping good mental health over the mass media.

Choose the correct option for (i)

- (a) online counseling sessions
- (b) free subscription to online entertainments
- (c) anti-depressants
- (d) stress-relief activity books

LITERATURE

This section has sub-sections - V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt any 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX.

V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

"Mr. Keesing had a good laugh at my arguments, but when I proceeded to talk my way through the next lesson, he assigned me a second essay. This time it was supposed to be on 'An Incurable Chatterbox'. I handed it in, and Mr. Keesing had nothing to complain about for two whole lessons. However, during the third lesson, he'd finally had enough. "Anne Frank, as a punishment for talking

in class, write an essay entitled-'Quack, Quack, Quack, said Mistress Chatterbox.'"

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

31. Identify Anne's feeling when she was punished for the third time by Mr. Keesing.

- (a) she was happy as she had to write three essays on the same topic.
- (b) she enjoyed making fun of Mr. Keesing in her own way.

- (c) she was worried as she had run out of original ideas for her essay.
- (d) she was thrilled at another opportunity to showcase her writing abilities.

32. Select the CORRECT convincing argument that was made by Anne.

- (a) She had inherited the trait from her mother, so couldn't stop being talkative.
- (b) She was talkative in the same way as other students.
- (c) She had the right to be talkative, as it was a classroom and not a prison.
- (d) She found it impossible to be quiet like the others as she couldn't change herself.

33. Based on this extract, pick the option with the list of words that best describe Mr. Keesing.

- (a) arrogant and stern
- (b) strict and innovative
- (c) lenient and strict
- (d) innovative and jovial

34. Mr. Keesing 'had a good laugh'. This implies that

- (a) he realised the humour in it and was amused.
- (b) he celebrated his ability to make Anne write the essay.
- (c) he ridiculed Anne in front of the whole class.
- (d) he pulled up Anne for her arguments in the essay.

35. Why did Mr. Keesing choose the title - 'An Incurable Chatterbox' as topic for Anne to write?

- (a) because he expected Anne to express her inability to elaborate on such a topic.
- (b) because he expected that this would embarrass Anne and would check her in discipline.
- (c) because he expected her to apologise and not repeat her talkative behaviour.
- (d) because he expected Anne to explore her creative writing skills.

VI. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him.

It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.

Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence — but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas.

(Letter to God)

36. Select the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.

- (I) Lencho had no faith in God
- (II) Lencho was extremely ecstatic to see the amount
- (III) Lencho was a naïve man
- (IV) Lencho was a diligent farmer
- (V) Lencho was angry on the amount being sent by God
- (VI) Lencho had requested God to send him some amount
- (VII) Lencho wrote a letter to his friend asking for some money

- (a) (I), (II) & (VII) (b) (II), (III) & (IV)
- (c) (V), (VI) & (VII) (d) (I), (II) & (III)

37. Choose the option that correctly classifies fact/s and opinion/s in the statements given below:

- (1) Lencho wrote a letter to God requesting him to send hundred pesos
 - (2) Lencho may have taken his friend's help for food till the letter came
 - (3) Lencho firmly believed that God would help him
 - (4) Postmaster was a mature and kind hearted person as we could understand the problems of Lencho
- (a) F- (1), (2) & (3) and O- (4)
 - (b) F- (1), (3) & (4) and O- (2)
 - (c) F - (1) & (2) and O- (3) & (4)
 - (d) F- (2) and O - (1) & (3)

38. Choose the word that can NOT replace the word 'denied'.

- (a) decline (b) gainsay
- (c) perform (d) contradict

39. What amount of money did Lencho receive?

- (a) Thirty pesos (b) Hundred pesos
- (c) Seventy pesos (d) Twenty pesos

40. Identify Lencho's emotions when he counted the money.

- (a) astonished (b) elated
(c) angry (d) indifferent

VII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

*What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily over – there it is in the water!
No use to say – 'O there are other balls':
(The Ball Poem)*

41. What does the expression 'what, what is he to do?' denote:

- (a) Loss of ball
(b) Further action of play
(c) Boy's grief over the loss of ball
(d) Fetching of happiness

42. What does the ball gone into the water symbolises?

- (a) The ball will become wet.
(b) The boy will have to buy a new ball.
(c) The time that has gone by.
(d) The boy will be scolded by his parents.

43. Which of the following option can NOT replace the term 'merrily'.

- (a) Happily (b) Joyfully
(c) Cheerfully (d) Sadly

44. There is no use to say- 'O there are other balls' because:

- (a) They will not be as good.
(b) That are special memories attached with this ball.
(c) They will not be as expensive.
(d) They will not be special.

45. 'What is the boy now, who has lost his ball'. Which feeling is expressed in this line?

- (a) regret (b) cheerful
(c) despair (d) no feelings

VIII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Griffin, the scientist, had carried out experiment after experiment to prove that the human body could become invisible. Finally he swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became as transparent as a sheet of glass — though it also remained as solid as glass.

Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin

set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money, and quite invisible — until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked!

(Footprints Without Feet)

46. Select the option that describes the phrase 'his body became as transparent as a sheet of glass'. It means that Griffin

- (a) became fat (b) became thin
(c) became strong (d) became invisible

47. Griffin carried out multiple experiments. Why did he do so?

- (a) to become the most successful
(b) to become invisible
(c) to become the richest
(d) to become the strongest

48. What did Griffin do to take revenge from his landlord?

- (a) murdered his landlord
(b) burnt his landlord's house
(c) threw his landlord off a building
(d) beaten his landlord to death

49. Choose the option that is NOT true about Griffin.

- (a) He was a brilliant scientist
(b) he was successful at being invisible
(c) he was a lawful person
(d) he was revengeful

50. Choose the option that is NOT true as per the extract.

- (a) Griffin had a healthy relationship with his landlord
(b) Griffin became transparent as sheet of glass
(c) Griffin was a brilliant scientist
(d) Griffin became a homeless wanderer

IX. Attempt the following.

51. Select the option that correctly classifies fact/s and opinion/s in the statements given below:

- (1) Mandela was accompanied by his friends to the ceremony
(2) He was elated to achieve freedom for his nation
(3) He abolished racism from his nation
(4) He earned a lot of money
(a) F - (1), (2), (3) & (4)
(b) F- (1) & (3) and O- (2) , (4)
(c) F- (2), (3) and O - (1) , (4)
(d) O - (1) , (2) , (3) & (4)

52. Why did the woman in-charge laugh at the pilot of old Dakota when he asked her about the black aero plane?
 (a) as there was no other airplane flying on the stormy night
 (b) as she thought the pilot was fooling her
 (c) as she was funny
 (d) as it was an alien
53. Choose the option that appropriately describes the relationship between the two statements given below.
 (1) The tiger's movement in silence in its zoo cage
 (2) The tiger staring at the stars in the sky
 (a) Beginning – ending
 (b) cause – effect
 (c) question – answer
 (d) introduction – conclusion
54. Which poetic device is used in the line “Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy”?
 (a) paradox (b) metaphor
 (c) oxymoron (d) repetition
55. Choose the option that appropriately describes the relationship between the two statements given below.
 (1) Anne's parents emigrated to Holland for work
 (2) Anne and her sister were sent to live with their grandmother
 (a) Beginning – ending
 (b) cause – effect
 (c) question – answer
 (d) introduction – conclusion
56. Maddie never liked Peggy for bullying Wanda but she never stopped her. Why?
 (a) as she enjoyed watching it
 (b) as she wasn't courageous enough to stop Peggy from doing it
 (c) as she wanted Peggy to do it
 (d) as she wanted a revenge from Wanda
57. Choose the reason why was the young seagull maddened when he looked at the food that her mother was holding.
 (a) it was his favorite
 (b) he wanted to taste it
 (c) he was starving
 (d) he wanted to play with his mother
58. Select the correct combination of emotions that may end the world.
 (a) fear – love
 (b) anxiety – hatred
 (c) excitement – sadness
 (d) Lust – hatred
59. Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
 (1) Tricky had become so weak and malnourished
 (2) Dr. Herriot decided to take Tricky away with him to his hospital
 (a) (1) is true but (2) is false
 (b) (1) is false but (2) is true
 (c) Both (1) and (2) are true
 (d) Both (1) and (2) are false
60. When the train was moving, Hari couldn't board it. Why?
 (a) for thoughts in his mind
 (b) for the fear of getting caught
 (c) for the sake of his honesty
 (d) for the sake of his friendship with Anil



SOLUTION

SAMPLE PAPER - 8

READING

1. (b) *we live in a world where everyone is talking but few are listening*
Explanation: Its clearly given in the passage that unfortunately, it appears to be a lost art. Hence, (b) is the right answer.
2. (a) *II, III, VI*
3. (a) *what you hear. Pause to think before responding.*
Explanation: In the paragraph 3, it is clearly given that good listeners should focus on what they are hearing. They pause to think about what they have heard before responding. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

4. (a) *By practice*

Explanation: Like every other skill, the more you practice listening, the more you'll develop it. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

5. (a) *Do more listening than talking*

6. (d) *really understand*

Explanation In order to understand the other person completely, we need to listen to him through both our heart and mind. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

7. (d) *degree to which we perceive and understand the messages*

8. (b) *listen*

9. (c) *Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear; Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told*

10. (a) *"If you make listening and observation your occupation, you will gain much more than you can by talk." —Robert Baden-Powell*

Explanation: The passage conveys a message that listening is an important thing in communication along with talking. We need to listen with our heart and mind in order to understand what other person's feelings are. It gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding if we have misunderstood something. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

11. (a) *"Money power has assumed new dimensions in these elections."*

12. (c) *Both (1) and (2) are true*

Explanation: It is clearly given in paragraph 2 of the passage that CMS found that the leaders of the opposing parties were accusing each other of receiving anonymous grants which were spent in the elections. The report was released in the Curtailing, New Delhi, at the round table discussion. So, both the statements are true. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

13. (d) *Options (a), (b) and (c)*

14. (a) *in the beginning*

Explanation: Its clearly given in the passage that the full form of CMS is Centre for Media Studies. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

15. (b) *Poll expenditure*

16. (c) *Nearly ₹ 100 crore per Rajya Sabha constituency was spent in these elections.*

17. (a) *Electoral bonds system brought in by the the BJP government*

18. (b) *miscellaneous purposes*

Explanation: From the passage, it is clear that the government spent 3,000-4,000 crore

rupees for miscellaneous purposes. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

19. (b) *could not*

20. (c) *greet*

Explanation: The phrase 'together with' makes the leader and his wife a singular noun. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

21. (c) *Both*

22. (a) *knows*

Explanation: Since 'nobody' is a singular noun. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

23. (b) *The stranger asked the boy whether he could tell him how far was the Railway Station from there.*

24. (c) *The doctor informed that he was sleeping requested not to disturb him.*

25. (c) *Explanatory Paragraph*

Explanation: The phrase "It was unfortunate to have observed that" is used to highlight the concern and explain the situation further, thus it should be used in Explanatory Paragraphs (Para 2). Hence, (c) is the right answer.

26. (a) *to bring a pertinent local/ social concern to light*

Explanation: A letter to editor is always written with the intention of bringing an important issue to light so that people are aware about the issue. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

27. (d) *(A) – (III); (B) – (I); (C) – (II)*

28. (a) *draw the attention of the concerned authorities*

Explanation: The purpose of writing a letter to editor is to draw the attention of concerned authorities so that they can take concrete measures to improve the situation. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

29. (d) *Spread awareness about the issue, Help many people to overcome the stressful period indirectly through his suggestions*

30. (a) *online counseling sessions*

31. (c) *was worried as she had run out of original ideas for her essay.*

32. (a) *She had inherited the trait from her mother, so couldn't stop being talkative.*

Explanation: In her essay, Anne wrote that she can't do much about her habit of talking as she inherited it as a trait from her mother. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

33. (b) *strict and innovative*

Explanation: It is clear from the extract that Mr. Keesing was strict and innovative. He asked Anne to write an essay entitled-'An Incurable Chatterbox' and 'Quack, Quack, Quack, said Mistress Chatterbox' as a punishment for talking in the class. Also, he is a strict teacher who didn't allow Anne to talk in the class. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

34. (a) *realised the humour in it and was amused.*

35. (b) *because he expected that this would embarrass Anne and would check her discipline.*

36. (a) (I), (II) & (VII)

37. (b) F- (1), (3) & (4) and O- (2)

Explanation: From the reading of the story, we know that Lencho had a firm belief in God and that he had written a letter to God requesting him money. We also know that the postmaster collected money for Lencho and gave it to him as 'God'. So, (1), (3) & (4) are proven facts. As there is no evidence for (2) in the story, it is just an opinion. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

38. (c) *perform*

Explanation: A person who denies something, he (a) contradicts, (b) gainsay or (d) declines it. So, (a), (b) & (d) are not the answers. Hence, (c) is the correct answer as perform does not correspond to 'denied'.

39. (c) *Seventy pesos*

40. (c) *angry*

41. (c) *Boy's grief over the loss of ball*

Explanation: The line here portrays the central idea of the poem that tells us that the time gone by never returns. Here, loss of ball or further action of play is not at all the idea. Nor does a loss ever brings happiness. Here the line shows grief about the time lost by means of the loss of the ball. (c) is therefore the correct answer.

42. (c) *The time that has gone by.*

Explanation: The ball in this poem is used to show the time that is rolling away quickly. Hence the ball is not meant in its real sense but as a poetic symbol so a, b & d can not be the answer. The ball gone into water can not be brought back the same as the time gone by. So the correct answer is (c).

43. (d) *sadly*

Explanation: Merrily is always used in the sense of joy and happiness so (a), (b) and (c) are not the answer. (d) is the correct answer here.

44. (b) *That are special memories attached with this ball.*

Explanation: The balls here represent the times that are gone by and all the balls in the water represent different moments of life. And every moment of our life has some special memories. So (a), (c) & (d) are not the answers. The answer here is (b).

45. (a) *regret*

Explanation: In these lines are expressed the feelings of a person who can just watch the time flying away and can do nothing. These feelings are expressed through a boy who is standing and watching his ball rolling into the water and can do nothing. The boy is not at all cheerful (b) on the loss. Every moment of our lives generates some feelings so (d) is not the answer. The boy may have a feeling of despair (c) but he still has some hope. The boy stands there and regrets having not been able to catch the ball. Same is our feeling when we see the time flying away. So, (a) is the correct answer.

46. (d) *became invisible*

Explanation: Griffin became 'transparent' as a sheet of glass that means he became invisible. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

47. (b) *to become invisible*

Explanation: It is clear from the extract that Griffin carried out many experiments to 'prove that the human body could become invisible'. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

48. (b) *burnt his landlord's house*

Explanation: It is clear from the extract that Griffin burned the house of his landlord to take revenge. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

49. (c) *he was a lawful person*

50. (a) *Griffin had a healthy relationship with his landlord*

Explanation: Griffin did not have a healthy relationship with his landlord. It is clearly given in the extract that 'His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him'. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

51. (c) F- (2), (3) and O - (1), (4)

Explanation: Options (2) and (3) are stated facts in the chapter while (1) and (4) are not. There is no such evidence in the story about them. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

52. (a) *as there was no other airplane flying on the stormy night*

Explanation: The woman in-charge saw it on her radar that there was not any other plane in the sky flying on a stormy night. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

53. (d) *introduction – conclusion*

Explanation: In the start of the poem, the tiger's movement in its cage is introduced to the readers. Then his stare at the stars shows that a wild animal should never be caged. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

54. Ans. (d) *repetition*

Explanation: Repetition is a poetic device that uses words and phrases repeatedly to make the poem sound more appealing. Here, words 'balls' is repeated. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

55. (b) *cause – effect*

Explanation: When Anne's parents moved to Holland for work, both Anne and Margot were sent to live with their Grandmother in Aachen to be taken care of. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

56. (b) *as she wasn't courageous enough to stop Peggy from doing it*

Explanation: Maddie was a kind-hearted girl who didn't like Peggy teasing Wanda but she

couldn't stop her because she didn't want Peggy to make fun of Maddie herself instead.

57. (c) *he was starving*

Explanation: The young seagull had been hungry for almost a day so, when he looked at the food that her mother was holding, he was maddened. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

58. (d) *Lust – hatred*

59. (b) *(1) is false but (2) is true*

Explanation: Dr. Herriot decided to take Tricky with him because he got obese and devoid of energy, not because he was weak. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

60. (a) *for some mixed feelings and thoughts in his mind*

Explanation: Hari saw that the train was moving but he couldn't board it for some mixed feelings and thoughts in his mind. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

