

9th English Unit 6 Questions - Old Book

9th 3rd Term - Unit 1

Prose:- Miriam's Letter

1. What is the story of Coachman Ali all about?

a) Olden days postal system

b) A father waiting for a letter from his daughter

c) Carelessness of postal department

d) Lack of humanity in today's world

Explanation:- The story "Miriam's letter is about a man called Coachman Ali waiting for a letter from his daughter who married an army guy and left the town before five years to Punjab regiment

2. In which part of the day is the story "Miriam's letter" set?

a) Early dawn

b) Late dawn

c) Late night

d) Early evening

Explanation:- The story starts with an early morning 4.0 clock setting where the readers can spot Coachman Ali sitting at the post office for a letter from his daughter

3. Match the synonyms

i. Gleamed - Glowed

ii. Plod - Walk heavily

iii. Inhabitants - Dwellers

iv. Faintly - Indistinctly

a) 2413

b) 4123

c) 1234

d) 3412

4. What was Coachman Ali's favourite sport?

a) Swimming

b) Hunting

c) Racing

d) Baseball

Explanation:- Coachman Ali was good at hunting. And all the villagers spoke high about his hunting skill

5. Which year marked the beginning of postal system in India?

- a) 1866
- b) 1686
- c) 1688**
- d) 1886

Explanation:- East India Company first opened the company post in Bombay in 1688

6. Where East India Company first opened a post box in 1688?

- a) Madras
- b) Calcutta
- c) Delhi
- d) Bombay**

7. What relationship has Miriam got with Coachman Ali?

- a) Wife
- b) Daughter**
- c) Head post mistress
- d) Grand daughter

Explanation:- Miriam is daughter of Coachman Ali from whom he had been waiting for a letter for 5 long years

8. Why did Coachman Ali go to post office everyday early morning?

- a) To deliver letters to the village people
- b) To check if he had received letter from Miriam**
- c) To work as peon in post office
- d) He was insane

9. Why was Coachman Ali desperately awaiting letter from his daughter?

- a) No response from his daughter since she had left town after marriage**
- b) His daughter joined army long back
- c) His daughter had chronic illness
- d) None of these

Explanation:- Coachman Ali was waiting for a letter from his daughter eagerly because, his daughter married an army guy and left the town before five years to Punjab regiment and since then Ali did not hear any news from her.

10. When did Coachman Ali understand the meaning of love and separation?

- a) When Miriam went off to Punjab after marriage

b) When he did not hear from his daughter for five years

c) Both A & B

d) When Miriam died

11. Why Coachman Ali could not enjoy could no longer enjoy his sportsmanship?

a) His daughter's absence has saddened him

b) He became old

c) He suffered from eyesight problem

d) He lost interest in life

Explanation:- After Ali's daughter left him, he was left alone and he started to realize the real pain of separation and love

12. What was Coachman Ali's early morning 4'o' clock routine?

a) Going for a morning walk

b) Cleaning the post office

c) Delivering letters to the village people

d) Waiting at the post office for a letter

Explanation:- It has been a daily routine for Coachman Ali to go to post office early morning 4.o clock and wait for a letter from his daughter.

13. Match the antonym

i. Profound - Disturbance

ii. Serenity - Shallow

iii. Haughty - Calm

iv. Anxious - Humble

a) 3142

b) 4123

c) 2143

d) 1423

14. Zip codes are system of postal codes used by

a) Indian postal service

b) United states postal service

c) Russian postal service

d) England postal service

15. ZIP is an acronym for?

a) Zonal Indian Postcode

b) Zigzag Interstate Pin code

c) Zone Improvement Plan

d) Zip Interlinking Pin

16. What did Coachman Ali handover to the surprise of post office clerk from an old tin box?

a) 1 lakh cash

b) Jewel

c) 5 gold coins

d) Stamp collection book

Explanation:- Coachman Ali handed over 5 gold coins to clerk Lakshmi Das to deliver the letter from his daughter whenever it is received and if it is been received after his death, he requested Lakshmi Das to place the letter on his grave

17. What made the postmaster understand the feelings of Ali?

a) When postmaster anxiously waited for letter from his sick daughter

b) When Ali died

c) When postmaster fell sick

d) Both B & C

Explanation:- The postmaster's daughter was laying sick in the nearby town and he was waiting to hear some news about her health. It was at that moment the postmaster really understood the feelings and pain of Coachman Ali.

18. Abbreviate PIN code

a) Postal Index Number

b) Place Identification Number

c) Post Identification Number

d) Point Identification Nearby

19. When was PIN code system introduced in India?

a) 26th January 1950

b) 2nd October 1965

c) 15th August 1972

d) 1st May 1962

20. Statement 1:- Pin code has six digits

Statement 2:- Zip code has five digits

a) Both 1 & 2 are false

b) 1 is true and 2 is false

c) 1 is false and 2 is true

d) Both 1 & 2 are true

Explanation:- Pincode is Indian postal code system which has six digits (638300) and Zip code is US postal code system that has five digits (90210)

21. "One India One Rate" scheme launched in India was related to which of the following departments?

a) Railway department

b) Electricity department

c) Postal department

d) Welfare department

Explanation:- "One India One Rate" concept for speed post is launched in the year 2006 under which a minimum rate of Rs.25 would be charged for delivering package less than 50gms

22. "Speed Post" – a high speed postal service provided by Indian Post was started in the year

a) 1956

b) 1966

c) 1976

d) 1986

23. Match the idioms with their meaning

i. Accustomed to - In the middle of

ii. In the midst of - Get used to

iii. To bear with - Deprived of

iv. Bereft of - To be patient

a) 2143

b) 1234

c) 4321

d) 3412

24. The hunter's instinct was still there within Ali. Find the suitable synonym

a) Behaviour

b) Aptitude

c) Talent

d) Intuition

Explanation:- Instinct means- Intuition which means inner gut feeling

25. Identify the sentence :The boy sat under the tree

a) Simple sentence

- b) Compound sentence
- c) Complex sentence
- d) Affirmative sentence

Explanation:- The sentence has only one finite verb= sat. Such sentences are called simple sentence

26. I saw my friend and I greeted him. Identify the sentence type

a) Compound sentence

- b) Simple sentence
- c) Positive sentence
- d) Complex sentence

Explanation:- When two simple sentences are combined using conjunctions such as 'and, but, yet, whereas, nevertheless, therefore' –then it is compound sentence.

27. Convert the simple sentence into compound sentence

"Having boiled some water, he put some tea in it"

a) He boiled some water and then put some tea in it

- b) In spite of boiling some water he put some tea
- c) Firstly he boiled some water to put some tea
- d) Water is being boiled by him to put some tea

28. Dhumketu is the pen name of which of the following Gujarati short story writer –who is author of "Miriam's letter"

a) Gowrishankar Govardhandas Joshi

- b) Shaukhat Ali
- c) Ramachandra Guha
- d) Gurugobind Singh

29. Why did men at Post office mock at Ali?

- a) Ali's waited at post office every morning
- b) Ali kept disturbing clerks for his letter
- c) Insane behaviour of waiting for letter for five long years

d) All the above

30. Combine the following sentence using "Unless" clause

Take this medicine regularly. You will recover soon

- a) Take this medicine unless you will recover soon

- b) Unless you take medicine regularly you will not recover soon
- c) You will recover soon unless you take this medicine regularly
- d) Unless you recover soon you will have to take medicine regularly

Poem:- A Sonnet For My Incomparable Mother

31. Fourteen line poem with a fixed rhyme scheme is called as

- a) Sonnet
- b) Ballad
- c) Epic
- d) Stanza

32. What is the poem "A sonnet for my incomparable mother" all about?

- a) A daughter's admiration for her mother
- b) A daughter's affection towards mother
- c) A daughter trying to be like her mother

d) All the above

33. "I often contemplate my childhood, mom" - what does the underlined word mean?

- a) Memorize
- b) Think about
- c) Grudge
- d) Feel happy

34. What are the things the mother has given to her daughter- says the daughter in the poem "A Sonnet for my incomparable mother"?

- a) Strength and security
- b) Sadness and dullness
- c) Love and devotion

d) Both A&C

35. What are the things a mother spent on her daughter-says the poet in the poem "A Sonnet for my incomparable mother"?

- a) Heart
- b) Mind
- c) Energy and soul

d) All the above

36. "You let me separate and let me free"- What is the meaning of the line?

- a) Giving freedom and empowerment
- b) Releasing from bondage
- c) Allowing to do things at one's own will

d) Both A&C

37. What does the daughter strive to be every day?

- a) To become like her mother**
- b) To be a kind person
- c) To attain God's feet
- d) To become a visionary

Supplementary Lesson:- The Stroke Of Genius

38. Who was the witty minister and court poet of King Akbar, known for his intelligence and sense of humour?

- a) Tennali Raman
- b) Birbal**
- c) Vittalachariya
- d) Harisena

Explanation:- Birbal was advisor, main commander of army in the Mughal court who is famously known for his intelligent folk tales

39. What does the phrase "stroke of genius" mean?

- a) Outstandingly brilliant idea**
- b) Idea with humour
- c) Devastating genius
- d) Stroke disease in brain

40. Through which means messages were sent in olden days?

- a) People
- b) Pigeon
- c) Both A&B**
- d) Horse

Explanation:- In olden days, letters and information between people and kingdoms were transferred either with the help of pigeon or men carried the letters riding horses and conveyed the messages.

41. Who was the famous Indian poet, scholar, advisor in the court of King Krishnadevaraya known for his folk tales?

- a) Kalidasa
- b) Birbal
- c) Chanakya

d) Tennali Raman

42. Who was the Rajput prince married by Akbar, who gave successor heir to Akbar?

- a) Mumtaz
- b) Jodha**
- c) Lakshmibhai
- d) Razia sultana

Explanation:- Jodha is a hindu Rajput princess who was married to Akbar by her father Bharmal of Amber and she is the mother of Jahangir who succeeded Akbar.

43. Why was Akbar desperate in getting a male heir?

- a) To succeed the throne**
- b) To take care of palace
- c) To protect Jodha
- d) For the sake of pride

Explanation:- Akbar married many princess and wished for a male heir to succeed after him but ended up in vain. And finally though Jodha he got male heir

44. What idea did Birbal give to Akbar to identify the news of birth of male heir?

- a) To appoint a horseman
- b) To send message through pigeon
- c) To appoint 150 soldiers from palace till Akbar's place**
- d) Birbal would run to convey the message

Explanation:- At the time of Jahangir's birth Akbar had to leave away from Jodha for a work which is 150 mile away. So Birbal gave an idea to make 150 soldiers stand every 1 mile with drum and once male heir is born- single beat in drum should be given which is passed from one soldier to another once the sound is heard.

45. What idea did Birbal give to differentiate birth of male heir from female heir?

- a) To beat once on the drum if it was a male child**
- b) To Shoot a pistol if it was a female child
- c) To burst crackers if it was a male child
- d) Both A&B

Explanation:- Soldiers were instructed to pass one beat on drum if a male heir is born and two beats if a female heir is born.

46. The 150 soldiers were made to stand at what distance in order to convey the birth of male child to Akbar?

- a) 1 km
- b) 1 mile**
- c) 1 far long
- d) 100 m

47. Fill the suitable words. The ____ and ____ of Birbal had endeared him to Akbar.

- a) Humour and poetry
- b) Cunningness and strategy
- c) Wit and wisdom**
- d) Fun and frolic

48. The stories of _____ and _____ have been handed down from generation to generation as most loved figures in the folklore of India

- a) Chanakya and Chaitanya
- b) Tennaliraman and Akbar
- c) Krishnadevarayar and Birbal
- d) Akbar and Birbal**

49. Which of the following statements are true

- i. Akbar could not read and write
- ii. Akbar loved books so much
- iii. Akbar had built a grand library with 24,000 manuscripts
- iv. Akbarnama- the biography of Akbar written by Abul Fazl

- a) Statement 1 & 2 are true; 3 & 4 are false
- b) Statement 1, 2, 3 are true; 4 is false
- c) Statement 1 & 3 are true; 2 & 4 are false

d) Statement 1, 2, 3 and 4 are true

50. What was the title given to kings during the Mughal period referring them as "king of kings"?

- a) Maharaj
- b) Emperor
- c) Shahenshah**
- d) Bahadur

Explanation:-‘Shahenshah’ is the title given to Persian kings which mean king of kings.

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