

English MCQ Practice

+2 1st Year (Class XI)

44 questions · 9 chapters · answers with explanations

How to use: attempt each chapter's questions without looking, then check the Answer Key at the end. Read the one-line explanation for every question you got wrong, and revise that topic in your notes.

Prose

1. Who wrote "Standing Up for Yourself"?
(a) Leo Tolstoy (b) Yevgeny Yevtushenko
(c) Louis Fischer (d) O. Henry
2. "The Legend behind a Legend" is about the building of the
(a) Jagannath Temple, Puri (b) Sun Temple, Konark
(c) Lingaraj Temple (d) Taj Mahal
3. Who fixed the crowning stone of the Konark temple?
(a) Bisu Maharana (b) Dharmapada
(c) King Narasimha Deva (d) a stranger
4. In "The Golden Touch", Midas's daughter is named
(a) Marygold (b) Rosalind
(c) Mary (d) Goldie
5. How was Midas cured of the Golden Touch?
(a) by praying
(b) by bathing in the river and sprinkling its water
(c) by giving away his gold
(d) by sleeping
6. "In London in Minus Fours" was written by
(a) Louis Fischer (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
(c) Mahatma Gandhi (d) Winston Churchill
7. Gandhi went to London in 1931 to attend the
(a) First Round Table Conference (b) Second Round Table Conference
(c) Simon Commission (d) Cripps Mission
8. Ritsuko Komaki became a cancer doctor after witnessing the bombing of
(a) Nagasaki (b) Hiroshima
(c) Tokyo (d) Pearl Harbor

Poetry

9. "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" was written by
(a) Robert Frost (b) Robert Southey
(c) Thomas Moore (d) William Wordsworth

10. Why does the horse shake its harness bells?
(a) it is hungry
(b) it thinks there is some mistake in stopping
(c) it sees a wolf
(d) it is tired
11. "Oft, in the Stilly Night" was written by
(a) Thomas Moore
(b) John Keats
(c) Robert Frost
(d) Elizabeth Pinard
12. In "Oft, in the Stilly Night" the poet compares himself to one who walks alone through a deserted
(a) garden
(b) banquet hall
(c) forest
(d) road
13. Who placed the bell on the Inchcape Rock?
(a) Sir Ralph the Rover
(b) the Abbot of Aberbrothok
(c) a fisherman
(d) the king
14. The central idea of "The Inchcape Rock" is
(a) love of nature
(b) evil deeds bring their own punishment
(c) friendship
(d) patriotism

Non-detailed Study

15. "Three Questions" was written by
(a) Leo Tolstoy
(b) O. Henry
(c) Saki
(d) R.K. Narayan
16. According to the hermit, the most important time is
(a) tomorrow
(b) the past
(c) now (the present)
(d) old age
17. In "After Twenty Years", the policeman on patrol was actually
(a) Silky Bob
(b) Jimmy Wells
(c) a stranger
(d) Bob's brother
18. In "The Open Window", the story of the tragedy was invented by
(a) Mrs Sappleton
(b) Vera
(c) Framton Nuttel
(d) Mr Sappleton
19. Harry Houdini was famous as a great
(a) singer
(b) escape artist
(c) scientist
(d) writer

Grammar — Articles and Nouns

20. Choose the correct article: He is ____ honest man.
(a) a
(b) an
(c) the
(d) no article
21. Choose the correct article: She is ____ university student.
(a) a
(b) an
(c) the
(d) no article

22. Which noun is uncountable?

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| (a) chair | (b) information |
| (c) book | (d) pen |

23. Choose the correct option: He gave me some ____.

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| (a) advices | (b) advice |
| (c) an advice | (d) advise |

Grammar — Tenses

24. Choose the correct form: She ____ to school every day.

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| (a) go | (b) goes |
| (c) going | (d) gone |

25. Choose the correct form: I ____ my homework already.

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| (a) finished | (b) have finished |
| (c) had finish | (d) finishing |

26. Choose the correct form: When I reached the station, the train ____.

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| (a) left | (b) had left |
| (c) has left | (d) leaves |

27. Choose the correct form: They ____ football when it started raining.

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| (a) play | (b) were playing |
| (c) are playing | (d) have played |

28. Choose the correct form: He has been living here ____ 2015.

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| (a) for | (b) since |
| (c) from | (d) in |

Grammar — Modals and Prepositions

29. Choose the correct modal: You ____ wear a helmet while riding. It is the law.

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| (a) may | (b) must |
| (c) might | (d) could |

30. Choose the correct modal: ____ I come in, sir?

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| (a) Must | (b) May |
| (c) Should | (d) Would |

31. Choose the correct preposition: The book is ____ the table.

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| (a) on | (b) at |
| (c) in | (d) over to |

32. Choose the correct preposition: I was born ____ 2008.

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| (a) on | (b) at |
| (c) in | (d) by |

33. Choose the correct preposition: He is good ____ mathematics.

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| (a) in | (b) at |
| (c) on | (d) with |

34. Choose the correct preposition: We will meet ____ 5 o'clock.

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| (a) in | (b) on |
| (c) at | (d) by |

Vocabulary

35. Choose the synonym of "brave".
(a) cowardly (b) courageous
(c) weak (d) lazy
36. Choose the antonym of "ancient".
(a) old (b) modern
(c) historic (d) past
37. Choose the correctly spelt word.
(a) recieve (b) receive
(c) receeve (d) riceive
38. "Greed" means
(a) a strong wish to have more than you need
(b) kindness
(c) courage
(d) fear

Writing Skills

39. In a formal letter, which closing is correct?
(a) Yours lovingly (b) Yours faithfully
(c) Your friend (d) Bye
40. A notice should be written in a
(a) long essay form
(b) box, with a title, date and the issuing authority
(c) poem form
(d) dialogue form
41. In an advertisement for "To-let", which detail is essential?
(a) the owner's hobbies (b) location and contact number
(c) a long story (d) the weather
42. An e-mail's "Subject" line should
(a) be left empty (b) state the purpose in a few words
(c) contain the whole message (d) have only the date

Reading Skills

43. "Skimming" a passage means reading to
(a) find a particular fact (b) get the general idea quickly
(c) learn it by heart (d) count the words
44. Which is the best title for a passage?
(a) a long sentence
(b) a short phrase that sums up the main idea
(c) the first word
(d) the author's name

Answer Key with Explanations

Prose

1. (b) Yevgeny Yevtushenko — Yevtushenko was a famous Russian poet.
2. (b) Sun Temple, Konark — The Konark temple was built in the 13th century.
3. (b) Dharmapada — Dharmapada, Bisu Maharana's twelve-year-old son.
4. (a) Marygold — She turned into a golden statue when Midas touched her.
5. (b) by bathing in the river and sprinkling its water — The stranger told him to do this.
6. (a) Louis Fischer — From Fischer's "The Life of Mahatma Gandhi".
7. (b) Second Round Table Conference — He stayed at Kingsley Hall in the East End.
8. (b) Hiroshima — Radiation diseases she saw there inspired her.

Poetry

9. (a) Robert Frost — An American poet.
10. (b) it thinks there is some mistake in stopping — They stopped where there was no farmhouse.
11. (a) Thomas Moore — An Irish poet.
12. (b) banquet hall — It shows his loneliness after losing his friends.
13. (b) the Abbot of Aberbrothok — To warn sailors of the hidden rock.
14. (b) evil deeds bring their own punishment — Sir Ralph's own ship struck the rock.

Non-detailed Study

15. (a) Leo Tolstoy — A Russian writer.
16. (c) now (the present) — It is the only time we have power over.
17. (b) Jimmy Wells — He recognised Bob as a wanted man and sent another officer.
18. (b) Vera — "Romance at short notice was her speciality."
19. (b) escape artist — He escaped from handcuffs, chains and locked trunks.

Grammar — Articles and Nouns

20. (b) an — "Honest" begins with a vowel sound (silent h).
21. (a) a — "University" begins with a "yoo" consonant sound.
22. (b) information — We say "some information", not "an information".
23. (b) advice — "Advice" is uncountable; "advise" is the verb.

Grammar — Tenses

24. (b) goes — Simple present, third person singular.
25. (b) have finished — Present perfect with "already".
26. (b) had left — Past perfect for the earlier of two past actions.
27. (b) were playing — Past continuous for an action in progress.
28. (b) since — "Since" + point of time; "for" + period of time.

Grammar — Modals and Prepositions

29. (b) must — "Must" shows obligation.
30. (b) May — "May" is used for polite permission.
31. (a) on — "On" for a surface.
32. (c) in — "In" for years, months and seasons.
33. (b) at — "Good at" a subject or skill.
34. (c) at — "At" for a point of time.

Vocabulary

35. (b) courageous — Brave = courageous.
36. (b) modern — Ancient ↔ modern.
37. (b) receive — "i before e, except after c".
38. (a) a strong wish to have more than you need — Midas's love of gold is an example.

Writing Skills

- 39. **(b)** Yours faithfully — Used when the letter begins "Sir/Madam".
- 40. **(b)** box, with a title, date and the issuing authority — It must be short and clear.
- 41. **(b)** location and contact number — Classified ads are brief and give key facts.
- 42. **(b)** state the purpose in a few words — It tells the reader what the mail is about.

Reading Skills

- 43. **(b)** get the general idea quickly — Scanning is for finding particular facts.
- 44. **(b)** a short phrase that sums up the main idea — Titles should be short and relevant.