

English MCQ Practice

+2 2nd Year (Class XII)

46 questions · 10 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

- Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Olympics held in
 - London, 1948
 - Berlin, 1936
 - Paris, 1924
 - Rome, 1960
- Who advised Owens to jump from a mark before the take-off board?
 - his coach
 - Luz Long
 - Hitler
 - a referee
- Owens calls his greatest Olympic prize
 - his four gold medals
 - his friendship with Luz Long
 - meeting Hitler
 - a world record
- "On Examinations" is taken from Churchill's autobiography
 - My Early Life
 - The Second World War
 - Wings of Fire
 - My Experiments with Truth
- In the Latin paper at the Harrow entrance, Churchill
 - got full marks
 - could not answer a single question
 - copied answers
 - left the hall
- "The Portrait of a Lady" was written by
 - R.K. Narayan
 - Khushwant Singh
 - Sam Pitroda
 - Mulk Raj Anand
- How did the sparrows mourn the grandmother's death?
 - they chirped loudly
 - they sat silently and ignored the crumbs
 - they flew away at once
 - they ate all the bread
- Sam Pitroda is known for leading India's revolution in
 - space research
 - telecommunications
 - agriculture
 - banking
- Salk's polio vaccine used
 - live, weakened virus given orally
 - killed (inactivated) virus given by injection
 - bacteria
 - antibiotics

Poetry

10. In "Daffodils", the poet wandered lonely as a
(a) bird (b) cloud
(c) star (d) wave
11. The daffodils later "flash upon that inward eye", which means
(a) in a dream (b) in his memory or imagination
(c) in a photograph (d) in a mirror
12. "The Ballad of Father Gilligan" was written by
(a) W.B. Yeats (b) H.W. Longfellow
(c) D.H. Lawrence (d) Roald Dahl
13. Who attended the dying man in place of Father Gilligan?
(a) another priest (b) an angel sent by God
(c) the man's wife (d) a doctor
14. "Footprints on the sands of time" in "A Psalm of Life" means
(a) real footprints on a beach
(b) noble deeds that inspire others after we die
(c) old age
(d) bad habits
15. In "Television", Roald Dahl advises parents to replace the TV with
(a) a radio (b) a bookshelf
(c) a computer (d) a playground
16. In "Money Madness", D.H. Lawrence suggests that people should be given free
(a) cars (b) bread, shelter and fire
(c) money (d) holidays

Non-detailed Study

17. In R.K. Narayan's "The Doctor's Word", the doctor is
(a) Dr Gopal (b) Dr Raman
(c) Dr Swamy (d) Dr Krishnan

Grammar — Conditionals

18. Complete: If it rains, we ____ at home.
(a) stayed (b) will stay
(c) would stay (d) would have stayed
19. Complete: If I ____ rich, I would help the poor.
(a) am (b) were
(c) will be (d) had been
20. Complete: If he had studied, he ____ passed.
(a) will have (b) would have
(c) would (d) had

21. "Unless you work hard, you will fail" means

- (a) If you work hard, you will fail
- (b) If you do not work hard, you will fail
- (c) You will fail anyway
- (d) Work is not needed

Grammar — Voice

22. Passive of "She writes a letter" is

- (a) A letter is written by her.
- (b) A letter was written by her.
- (c) A letter has written by her.
- (d) A letter is wrote by her.

23. Passive of "They have finished the work" is

- (a) The work has been finished by them.
- (b) The work is finished by them.
- (c) The work had finished by them.
- (d) The work was being finished by them.

24. Passive of "Open the door" is

- (a) Let the door be opened.
- (b) The door is opened.
- (c) The door was opened.
- (d) The door opens.

25. Passive of "Who wrote this book?" is

- (a) By whom was this book written?
- (b) Who was written this book?
- (c) Whom wrote this book?
- (d) This book was written by who?

Grammar — Reported Speech

26. He said, "I am busy now." In reported speech:

- (a) He said that he was busy then.
- (b) He said that I am busy now.
- (c) He said that he is busy now.
- (d) He told that he was busy now.

27. She said to me, "Did you see the film?" In reported speech:

- (a) She asked me if I had seen the film.
- (b) She asked me did I see the film.
- (c) She said me if I saw the film.
- (d) She asked if you had seen the film.

28. Mother said to me, "Don't go out in the rain." In reported speech:

- (a) Mother told me not to go out in the rain.
- (b) Mother told me don't go out.
- (c) Mother said me to not go out.
- (d) Mother asked me that I don't go out.

29. He said, "The earth moves round the sun." In reported speech:

- (a) He said that the earth moves round the sun.
- (b) He said that the earth moved round the sun.
- (c) He said that the earth had moved round the sun.
- (d) He told the earth moves round the sun.

30. In reported speech, "tomorrow" usually changes to

- (a) today
- (b) the next day
- (c) yesterday
- (d) the previous day

Grammar — Question Tags and Interrogatives

31. Add a tag: He is honest, ____?
(a) is he (b) isn't he
(c) doesn't he (d) wasn't he
32. Add a tag: Let's go, ____?
(a) will we (b) shall we
(c) don't we (d) won't you
33. Add a tag: I am right, ____?
(a) am I (b) aren't I
(c) amn't I (d) isn't it
34. Frame a question for the underlined part: She lives in PURI.
(a) Who lives in Puri? (b) Where does she live?
(c) When does she live? (d) Why does she live in Puri?

Grammar — Phrasal Verbs and Vocabulary

35. "Give up" means
(a) to stop doing something (b) to give a gift
(c) to climb (d) to continue
36. "Look after" means
(a) to search (b) to take care of
(c) to look behind (d) to admire
37. "Put off" means
(a) to wear (b) to postpone
(c) to switch on (d) to arrange
38. Choose the synonym of "diligent".
(a) lazy (b) hard-working
(c) careless (d) rude
39. Choose the antonym of "generous".
(a) kind (b) selfish
(c) rich (d) famous

Writing Skills

40. In note-making, we should write
(a) full sentences
(b) key words and phrases with headings
(c) only the title
(d) the whole passage
41. A summary should be about
(a) the same length as the passage (b) one-third of the passage
(c) two words (d) double the passage
42. A report of a college event is usually written in the
(a) future tense (b) past tense
(c) imperative mood (d) question form

- 43.** A good essay has the structure
(a) conclusion – body – introduction
(b) introduction – body – conclusion
(c) body only
(d) title only
- 44.** In a business report, the "recommendations" section gives
(a) the date
(b) suggestions for action
(c) the reader's address
(d) a story

Reading Skills

- 45.** "Inference" in a reading question means
(a) copying a sentence
(b) drawing a conclusion from clues in the passage
(c) counting paragraphs
(d) finding the title
- 46.** In a dictionary, words are arranged in
(a) order of length
(b) alphabetical order
(c) order of use
(d) random order

Answer Key with Explanations

Prose

1. (b) Berlin, 1936 — Hitler was preaching "Aryan" superiority at the time.
2. (b) Luz Long — Long, his German rival, became his close friend.
3. (b) his friendship with Luz Long — Medals can be melted down; the friendship could not.
4. (a) My Early Life — He describes his Harrow entrance exam.
5. (b) could not answer a single question — He wrote his name, the question number and a blot, yet was admitted.
6. (b) Khushwant Singh — It is a pen-picture of his grandmother.
7. (b) they sat silently and ignored the crumbs — They flew away quietly when her body was carried off.
8. (b) telecommunications — C-DOT and rural telephone exchanges in the 1980s.
9. (b) killed (inactivated) virus given by injection — Sabin's vaccine used live weakened virus as oral drops.

Poetry

10. (b) cloud — A simile in the first line.
11. (b) in his memory or imagination — The memory fills his heart with pleasure.
12. (a) W.B. Yeats — An Irish poet.
13. (b) an angel sent by God — God showed mercy to the tired old priest.
14. (b) noble deeds that inspire others after we die — The lives of great men remind us of this.
15. (b) a bookshelf — Children will soon love reading.
16. (b) bread, shelter and fire — So they are freed from the fear of money.

Non-detailed Study

17. (b) Dr Raman — He was known for never giving false hope.

Grammar — Conditionals

18. (b) will stay — First conditional: If + present, will + V1.
19. (b) were — Second conditional uses "were" for all persons.
20. (b) would have — Third conditional: would have + V3.
21. (b) If you do not work hard, you will fail — "Unless" = "if not".

Grammar — Voice

22. (a) A letter is written by her. — Simple present passive: is/am/are + V3.
23. (a) The work has been finished by them. — Present perfect passive: has/have been + V3.
24. (a) Let the door be opened. — Imperative passive uses "Let ... be + V3".
25. (a) By whom was this book written? — "Who" becomes "By whom".

Grammar — Reported Speech

26. (a) He said that he was busy then. — am → was, now → then.
27. (a) She asked me if I had seen the film. — Yes/no question → asked + if; simple past → past perfect.
28. (a) Mother told me not to go out in the rain. — Negative command → told + not to + V1.
29. (a) He said that the earth moves round the sun. — Universal truths keep the present tense.
30. (b) the next day — "Yesterday" becomes "the previous day".

Grammar — Question Tags and Interrogatives

31. (b) isn't he — Positive statement → negative tag.
32. (b) shall we — "Let's" always takes "shall we".
33. (b) aren't I — "I am" takes "aren't I".
34. (b) Where does she live? — "Where" asks about place.

Grammar — Phrasal Verbs and Vocabulary

35. (a) to stop doing something — Example: He gave up smoking.
36. (b) to take care of — Example: She looks after her grandmother.
37. (b) to postpone — The meeting was put off till Monday.

38. (b) hard-working — Diligent = hard-working and careful.

39. (b) selfish — Generous ↔ selfish (mean).

Writing Skills

40. (b) key words and phrases with headings — Also use abbreviations with a key.

41. (b) one-third of the passage — Keep only the main ideas, in your own words.

42. (b) past tense — It describes what has already happened.

43. (b) introduction – body – conclusion — Develop each outline point in a paragraph.

44. (b) suggestions for action — It follows the findings and conclusion.

Reading Skills

45. (a) copying a sentence — The answer is not stated directly.

46. (b) alphabetical order — Guide words at the top of each page help to find a word.