

# Previous Years Paper

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Read the following passage and answer the question that follows by choosing the correct option:

The figures in this boat were those of a strong man with ragged grizzled hair and a sun-browned face, and a dark girl of nineteen or twenty, sufficiently like him to be recognizable as his daughter. The girl rowed, pulling a pair of sculls very easily, the man, with the rudder-lines slack in his hands, and his hands loose in his waistband, kept an eager look out. He had no net, hook, or line, and he could not be a fisherman; his boat had no cushion for a sitter, no paint, no inscription, no appliance beyond a rusty boat-hook and a coil of rope, and he could not be a waterman; his boat was too crazy and too small to take in cargo for delivery and he could not be a lighterman or river-carrier; there was no clue to what he looked for, but he looked for something, with a most intent and searching gaze. The tide, which had turned an hour before, was running down, and his eyes watched every little race and eddy in its broad sweep, as the boat made slight head-way against it, or drove stern foremost before it, according as he directed his daughter by a movement of his head. She watched his face as earnestly as he watched the river. But, in the intensity of her look there was a touch of dread or horror.

Allied to the bottom of the river rather than the surface, by reason of the slime and ooze with which it was covered, and its sodden state, this boat and the two figures in it obviously were doing something that they often did, and were seeking what they often sought. Half savage as the man showed, with no covering on his matted head, with his brown arms bare to between the elbow and the shoulder, with the loose knot of a looser kerchief lying low on his bare breast in a wilderness of beard and whisker, with such dress as he wore seeming to be made out of the mud that begrimed his boat, still there was a business-like usage in his steady gaze. So, with every lithe action of the girl, with every turn of her wrist perhaps most of all with her look of dread or horror, they were things of usage.

Keep her out Lizzie. The tide runs strong here.

Q1. What is the name of the girl sailing on the boat?

- (a) Lucy
- (b) Lizzie
- (c) Laura
- (d) Tracy

Q2. Which of the following things are found on the boat?

- A. Cushion
- B. Rusty boat-hook
- C. Fishing net
- D. A coil of rope
- E. Compass

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) B and D only
- (b) A and C only
- (c) C and E only
- (d) D and E only

Q3. Match the words in List I with their meanings in List II

| LIST I       | LIST II                                  |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| A. Intensity | I. Any unpleasant thick liquid substance |
| B. Slime     | II. To be very afraid of something       |
| C. Gaze      | III. Extreme and forceful                |
| D. Dread     | IV. To look steadily for a long time     |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
- (b) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
- (c) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I
- (d) A-I, B-IV, C-III, D-II

Q4. What is the relation between the two on the boat?

- (a) Father-mother
- (b) Husband-wife
- (c) Mother-daughter
- (d) Father-daughter

Q5. Choose the correct meaning of the word SODDEN.

- (a) extremely wet
- (b) ridiculous
- (c) motivated
- (d) state of confusion

Read the following passage and answer the question that follows by choosing the correct option:

Prem Chand was born at Lamahi, a village about four miles away from Banaras, on 31st July 1880. He descended from a family that owned some six bighas of land and ran a large family. Prem Chand's grandfather, Gur Salai Lal, was a patwari. His father was Ajaib Lal, a clerk in the post office earning about twenty-five rupees a month. His mother was Anandi Devi, a good natured and accomplished woman, reminiscent of Bathe Ghar ki Beti. It is to be noted that the heroine of this story is called Anandi.

The childhood of Prem Chand was spent in the village. He was a sportive and a lively boy, very fond of playing about, stealing things from the fields. He had a sweet tooth and was particularly fond of raw sugar. At Lamahi, he had his early schooling and picked up some Urdu and Persian from a Maulvi Sahib. It is on record that he was severely punished for stealing a rupee. His story "Kazali" is based on his own childhood memories. Kazaki was a postal messenger who travelled long distance and always brought back something with him for the child Prem Chand. In the short story he brings a little deer for the child and is dismissed for dereliction of duty, because chasing the deer had entailed great delay in returning to the post office. Kazaki is a human figure, full of dignity and self-respect, with the milk of human kindness overflowing within him.

It may be noted here that Prem Chand was a pen-name adopted by the author later on in years. He was named Dhanpat Rai

and when he started writing short stories as a government servant, the pen-name used by him was Nawab Rai Many described him as a Nawab throughout his life. When the government proverbised his first collection of short stories, 'Soze Watan', Prem Chand discarded the pseudonym Nawab Rai and all his later work appeared under the pen-name. Prem Chand.

**Q6.** Who adopted the pen-name Premchand?

- (a) Ajaib Lal
- (b) Gur Sahai Lal
- (c) Dhanpat Rai
- (d) Amrit Rai

**Q7.** Match List I with List II to complete the information in the table:

| LIST I |                         | LIST II |                                  |
|--------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| A.     | Ajaib Lal               | I.      | Birth Place of Premchand         |
| B.     | Nawab Rai               | II.     | Premchand's father               |
| C.     | Lamahi                  | III.    | Gur Sahai Lal                    |
| D.     | Premchand's grandfather | IV.     | Pen name used for short stories. |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- (b) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
- (c) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III
- (d) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I

**Q8.** According to the passage, Anandi is the heroine of

- (a) Kazaki
- (b) Barhe Ghar ki Beti
- (c) Soze Watan
- (d) Ghaban

**Q9.** One of Premchand's short stories is about a character from real life, named Kazaki who was a

- (a) Postal messenger
- (b) Writer
- (c) Patwari
- (d) Clerk

**Q10.** According to the passage, who is responsible for Premchand learning Urdu and Persian?

- (a) Yashodanand
- (b) Bibijan
- (c) Maulvi Sahib
- (d) Ramkali

**Read the following passage and answer the question that follows by choosing the correct option:**

The Entertaining Speech-

There was no respect for youth when I was young. and now that I am old there is no respect for age.

I missed it coming and going.

-J. B. Priestley

Unlike the Persuasive Speech, which changes mindsets, and the informative Speech, which transfers knowledge, an Entertaining speech makes the speaker and the listener feel good about life and themselves. An Entertaining Speech is light, fun and gracious. Speeches in the form of toasts, roasts, stand-ups, and after- dinner chats are examples of entertaining speeches. An Entertaining Speech sells or promotes happiness and gratitude. Still, as speeches go, the

Entertaining Speech needs a good opening, a good closing, and a fun-filled relevant middle. The closing need not be a summary or a call for action, but it needs to end on a high and happy note.

The elements of an entertaining speech are:

- Several humorous anecdotes about the characters involved
- Dialogues between characters
- A "flip" look at serious things
- Preferably spoken in the first person and told in the present tense
- Ideas and suggestions in the speech should be quick on the set-up and quicker on the punch
- Several voice modulations should be part of the delivery style
- It should not be very long

The speaker also needs to open up and get close to the audience mentally, physically, and emotionally.

**Q11.** Match List I with List II to complete the information given in the table:

| LIST I |                     | LIST II |                          |
|--------|---------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| A.     | Persuasive Speech   | I.      | transfers knowledge      |
| B.     | Entertaining Speech | II.     | gives a touch of reality |
| C.     | Informative Speech  | III.    | changes mindsets         |
| D.     | Anecdote            | IV.     | makes you feel good      |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I
- (b) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
- (c) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
- (d) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III

**Q12.** The key elements of an Entertaining Speech are: -

- A. It is not time bound; it can go on forever
- B. It needs a good opening with anecdotes
- C. It should be a third person account
- D. It is effective when presented in the first-person account and in the present tense
- E. It is knowledge based

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A and E only
- (b) B and D only
- (c) C and E only
- (d) B and C only

**Q13.** 'An entertaining speech sells or promotes happiness and GRATITUDE. Replace the underlined word with its synonym

- (a) motivation
- (b) kindness
- (c) thankfulness
- (d) greatfulness

**Q14.** Fill in the blank with the correct option to state one of the features of the Entertaining Speech. While presenting an Entertaining Speech, \_\_\_\_\_, should be taken care of for effective outreach.

- (a) personal promotion
- (b) low key elements
- (c) pace and modulation
- (d) seriousness of tone

- Q15.** Which of the following is not an example of an Entertaining Speech?  
 (a) Stand-ups in the club  
 (b) The Best Man's speech at a wedding reception  
 (c) Welcome toast at a farewell  
 (d) Valedictory at a seminar

- Q16.** Fill in the blank with appropriate Modal:

You \_\_\_\_ obey your parents.

- (a) Should  
 (b) Must  
 (c) Can  
 (d) Ought to

- Q17.** Choose the appropriate option to complete the following statement:

'After the meeting concluded, I \_\_\_\_ give my side of the story.'

- (a) left to  
 (b) allowed to  
 (c) was allowed for  
 (d) was allowed to

- Q18.** Match the words in List I with their meanings in List II

| LIST I |        | LIST II |                                    |
|--------|--------|---------|------------------------------------|
| A.     | Petrol | I.      | to quote words from book           |
| B.     | Patrol | II.     | place where a building is situated |
| C.     | Cite   | III.    | fuel a liquid used in vehicles     |
| D.     | Site   | IV.     | go around checking for safety      |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III  
 (b) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV  
 (c) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II  
 (d) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I

- Q19.** Choose the correct option that can replace the word 'CHAUVINIST'

- (a) a person who is blindly devoted to an idea  
 (b) a leader who sways his followers by his oratory  
 (c) a person appointed by two partners to solve a dispute  
 (d) a person who is unable to pay his debts

- Q20.** Sanjeev stayed at work \_\_\_\_ he could complete the pending work.

- (a) in spite of  
 (b) meanwhile  
 (c) although  
 (d) so that

- Q21.** Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the following in Passive Voice. You are teasing them.

- (a) They were being teased by you.  
 (b) They are teased by you.  
 (c) They have been teasing by you.  
 (d) They are being teased by you.

- Q22.** Rearrange the jumbled words to form a meaningful sentence:

- A. displacements from  
 B. farmers fear  
 C. large scale  
 D. special  
 E. economic zones

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a). B, C, D, A, E  
 (b). B, C, E, A, D  
 (c). B, C, A, D, E  
 (d). C, A, D, E, B

- Q23.** Read the text below and identify the option that shows the use of an idiomatic expression:

I went to stay with my cousin last month. We are of the same age but have very little in common. He loves sports and I hate it.

- (a) stay with  
 (b) have very little in common  
 (c) are of the same age  
 (d) loves sports

- Q24.** Identify the incorrect example of Past Perfect Tense from the given options:

- (a) I had gone to the gymnasium by the time you arrived.  
 (b) I had retired to bed when the guests arrived.  
 (c) I had many opportunities to swim in the past.  
 (d) I had just stepped into my office when the phone rang.

- Q25.** Choose the correct Passive form of the sentence:

"This book will change your life".

- (a) You will change your life.  
 (b) Book would change you and life.  
 (c) Your life will be changed by this book.  
 (d) Life is going to be changed via the book.

- Q26.** Rearrange the words in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.

- A. ever  
 B. happens  
 C. by  
 D. chance  
 E. nothing

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) By chance nothing ever happens.  
 (b) Nothing happens ever by chance.  
 (c) Nothing ever happens by chance.  
 (d) By chance ever nothing happens.

- Q27.** Which of the following statements is incorrect?

- (a) The lion and the unicorn fought for the crown  
 (b) Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.  
 (c) Here is the watch that you asked for  
 (d) There is a cattle into the field,

- Q28.** Choose the option that serves as an Adjective Clause in the sentence:

The boy, whom you see bowling is my cousin.

- (a) whom you see bowling  
 (b) is my cousin  
 (c) the boy whom  
 (d) you see bowling

- Q29.** Match the Phrasal Verbs in List I with their meanings in List II

| LIST I          | LIST II               |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| A. stand up for | I. removed            |
| B. struck off   | II. become hostile    |
| C. tell against | III. support          |
| D. turn against | IV. prove unfavorable |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-I, B-III, C-IV, D-II  
 (b) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III  
 (c) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II  
 (d) A-II, B-IV, C-III, D-I
- Q30.** What is the meaning of the phrase 'Feather in one's cap'.
- (a) something that you have achieved and are proud of.  
 (b) something that is fragile and thus important to you.  
 (c) something that exists in colors and makes you stand out.  
 (d) something that makes you feel soft and delicate.
- Q31.** Match the blanks in List I with the correct Adverbs in List

| LIST I |                                          | LIST II |          |
|--------|------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| A.     | He will pay ____ for his mistake.        | I.      | ever     |
| B.     | I do not remember ____ having met him.   | II.     | scarcely |
| C.     | ____ Raj succeeded in scoring a century. | III.    | dearly   |
| D.     | ____ anyone believes in ghost            | IV.     | only     |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-II, B-III, C-I, D-IV  
 (b) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II  
 (c) A-I, B-IV, C-II, D-III  
 (d) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
- Q32.** Which amongst the following is NOT part of an informal letter?
- (a) The address of the sender  
 (b) The salutation or greeting  
 (c) The invoice  
 (d) The signature
- Q33.** The first thing to be written while writing a formal letter is \_\_\_\_.
- (a) Date  
 (b) Sender's Address  
 (c) Salutation  
 (d) Subject
- Q34.** Out of the four alternatives, choose the one that suits the best as a question tag for the sentence:  
 She rarely attends the class, \_\_\_\_?
- (a) Does she  
 (b) Isn't it  
 (c) Is it  
 (d) Doesn't she

- Q35.** Convert the following sentence into its Exclamatory form:

"I wish that I were young again."

- (a) Alas if I were young again!  
 (b) Hurrah! I could be young again!  
 (c) Ah! that I were young again!  
 (d) Oh! if I were young!
- Q36.** Fill in the blank with the correct Preposition: -  
 The gift was so beautiful that he was overwhelmed \_\_\_\_ joy.
- (a) with  
 (b) for  
 (c) to  
 (d) in
- Q37.** Rearrange the phrases to make a meaningful sentence:
- A. type of ray that could  
 B. in 1895, Wilhelm Rontgen  
 C. penetrate objects, including human tissue  
 D. discovered a new
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) C. A, D, B  
 (b) D, B, C, A  
 (c) A. C. B. D  
 (d) B. D. A, C
- Q38.** Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to "SPURIOUS":
- (a) gratuitous  
 (b) gracious  
 (c) genuine  
 (d) genial
- Q39.** Which amongst the following options carries the correct spelling?
- (a) Phinomanology  
 (b) Phinomenelogy  
 (c) Phenomenology  
 (d) Phenominilogy
- Q40.** Pick the correct Indirect Speech for the given sentence:  
 Rakesh said to Mahesh, "Go away".
- (a) Rakesh asked Mahesh to go away.  
 (b) Rakesh ordered Mahesh to go away.  
 (c) Rakesh said Mahesh to go away.  
 (d) Rakesh wanted Mahesh to go away.
- Q41.** Choose the correct meaning of the expression 'TOUR DE FORCE'.
- (a) a skillful performance or achievement  
 (b) a tour taken under duress  
 (c) a forceful entry  
 (d) an impossible task
- Q42.** 'What a delicious meal!' is an Exclamatory sentence for which of the following Assertive Sentences:
- (a) It was what a delicious meal.  
 (b) The meal is very delicious.  
 (c) It is a meal very delicious.  
 (d) This were a delicious meal.

**Q43.** The food served for lunch was INSIPID. Rewrite the given sentence by giving the antonym to the underlined word.

The food served for lunch was \_\_\_\_

- (a) tasteless
- (b) sweet
- (c) spicy
- (d) delicious

**Q44.** Choose appropriate option to complete the following sentence:

Vikram wrote \_\_\_\_ letter to his university yesterday but he forgot to post it.

- (a) many
- (b) an
- (c) a
- (d) the

**Q45.** Choose the sentence in which the Phrasal Verb use of "Polish off has been used correctly.

- (a) The servant polished off the shoes of all inmates.
- (b) My brother polished off all the cake that was in the box.
- (c) The Speaker polished off his speech beautifully.
- (d) All the students polished off their text books completely.

**Q46.** Match the blanks in List I with suitable Articles in List II

| LIST I |                                                                        | LIST II |            |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| A.     | _____ unreasonably long explanation was given by the defaulter.        | I.      | No article |
| B.     | _____ BBC is starting a new documentary.                               | II.     | a          |
| C.     | The COVID Pandemic is _____ universal problem.                         | III.    | an         |
| D.     | _____ only select volunteers are part of the UNESCO heritage campaign. | IV.     | the        |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I
- (b) A-IV, B-I, C-III, D-II
- (c) A-II, B-I, C-III, D-IV
- (d) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III

**Q47.** Out of the given options, choose the Direct Speech for the sentence:

He exclaimed sadly that he was undone.

- (a) He said, 'I am undone!'
- (b) He said, 'Alas! I am undone.'
- (c) He said, 'Sadly I am done.'
- (d) He said, 'Alas! I am done.'

**Q48.** The phrase "VIVE LA FRANCE" means:

- (a) Visit our country France
- (b) Long live France
- (c) Happy life in France
- (d) Vacations are best in France

**Q49.** Rearrange the given phrases to form a sentence with superlative degree of comparison:

of all the metals Iron is the most useful.

- (a) Iron of all metals is the most useful.
- (b) Iron is the most useful of all the metals.
- (c) Of all the metals most useful is the iron.
- (d) Iron is of all the metals the most useful.

**Q50.** Match the words in List I with their meanings in List II

| LIST I |          | LIST II |                                       |
|--------|----------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| A.     | Oracle   | I.      | A person skilled in foreign languages |
| B.     | Linguist | II.     | Lazy                                  |
| C.     | Indolent | III.    | One who can be fooled easily          |
| D.     | Gullible | IV.     | The advice given by Gods              |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-IV, B-I, C-II, D-III
- (b) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- (c) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III
- (d) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III

## SOLUTIONS

|                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>S1. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                            | <b>Sol.</b> Correct sentence will be "There is cattle into the field."                                                                                         |
| <b>S2. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                            | <b>S28. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S3. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                            | <b>S29. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S4. Ans. (d)</b>                                                                                            | <b>Sol.</b> Stand up for – Support<br>Struck off --- Removed<br>Tell Against ---- Prove unfavorable<br>Turn against ---- Become hostile                        |
| <b>S5. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                            | <b>S30. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S6. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                            | <b>S31. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S7. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                            | <b>S32. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S8. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                            | <b>S33. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S9. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                            | <b>S34. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S10. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S35. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S11. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S36. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S12. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                           | <b>Sol.</b> The gift was so beautiful that he was overwhelmed with joy.                                                                                        |
| <b>S13. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S37. Ans. (d)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S14. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S38. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S15. Ans. (d)</b>                                                                                           | <b>Sol.</b> Antonym of Spurious is Genuine                                                                                                                     |
| <b>S16. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S39. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sol.</b> You must obey your parents.                                                                        | <b>S40. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S17. Ans. (d)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S41. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sol.</b> After the meeting concluded, I was allowed to give my side of story.                               | <b>Sol.</b> TOUR DE FORCE – A Skillful Performance or a achievement                                                                                            |
| <b>S18. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S42. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S19. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S43. Ans. (d)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sol.</b> CHAUVINIST – A person who is blindly devoted to an idea.                                           | <b>Sol.</b> Antonym of INSIPID is delicious                                                                                                                    |
| <b>S20. Ans. (d)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S44. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S21. Ans. (d)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S45. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sol.</b> They are being teased by you.                                                                      | <b>S46. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S22. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S47. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S23. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S48. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sol.</b> Have very little in common – Have few similarities or shared interests.                            | <b>Sol.</b> VIVA LA FRANCE – Long Live France                                                                                                                  |
| <b>S24. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           | <b>S49. Ans. (b)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sol.</b> I had many opportunities to swim in the past.<br>This sentence is an example of Simple past tense. | <b>S50. Ans. (a)</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S25. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           | <b>Sol.</b> Oracle – The advice given by Gods<br>Linguist – A person skilled in foreign languages<br>Indolent – Lazy<br>Gullible One who can be fooled easily. |
| <b>Sol.</b> Your life will be changed by this book.                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>S26. Ans. (c)</b>                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>S27. Ans. (d)</b>                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                |