

Model Question Paper

Undergraduate Programme – Special English

Time : 40 Minutes

Max. Marks 40 x 1 : 40

SHADE the correct Response viz., A, B, C, D or E in the RESPONSE SHEET. Each Question carries ONE mark.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

Where Monsters Can Grow

Beware of the monsters
Who dwell in the mind,
Who grow in the shelter
Of shadows they find.
Beware of the demons
Who hide from the light,
Who only survive
When our spirits lose sight.
Those creatures can thrive
Where our knowledge is low;
They fill in the spaces
Of what we don't know.
Beware of the monsters
That cause us to hate,
To strike out in anger
When we can't relate.
For ignorance darkens
The mind and the heart,
And helps all our monsters
To tear us apart.
But learning and thinking
Will strengthen us so
We won't be the places
Where monsters can grow.

- 1) According to the poem, where can monsters grow?
 - A) on other planets
 - B) in dark ocean caves
 - C) in the shadows
 - D) in our minds
 - E) in the light

- 2) The monsters mentioned in the poem are:
 - A) demons
 - B) vices
 - C) shadows
 - D) spirits
 - E) ignorance

- 3) What helps these monsters grow?
 A) darkness B) evil C) ignorance
 D) anger E) mind
- 4) What can prevent the monsters from growing?
 A) learning B) bravery C) weapons
 D) hating E) strength
- 5) The author compares ignorance to darkness, and _____ to light.
 A) the sun B) laughter C) morals
 D) knowledge E) shadows
- 6) The poem is written in:
 A) paragraphs B) couplets C) tercets
 D) stanzas E) sections
- 7) The central idea of the poem is that:
 A) demons survive in darkness
 B) ignorance breeds vices
 C) monsters can tear apart humans
 D) anger leads to hatred
 E) knowledge is power
- 8) “Those creatures” represent:
 A) monsters who dwell in the mind
 B) demons who live in darkness
 C) the ignorance in man’s mind
 D) the strength in man’s thinking
 E) the creatures who thrive on knowledge
- 9) ‘shelter of shadows’ is an example of:
 A) simile
 B) alliteration
 C) end rhyme
 D) assonance
 E) rhythm
- 10) The poem is written in the:
 A) third person omniscient
 B) second person
 C) first person
 D) third person subjective
 E) third person objective

Pick the right meaning of the idiom underlined in the sentence

- 11) His new novel sold like hot cakes.
 A) sold at a high price
 B) sold very fast
 C) sold very slowly
 D) sold very badly
 E) sold very cheaply

- 12) He moved heaven and earth to get his son a good job.
 A) wasted a lot of time
 B) pleaded a lot
 C) tried good and bad means
 D) went up and down
 E) tried hard
- 13) The teacher's advice to the boy fell flat.
 A) was followed well
 B) was useful
 C) was ineffective
 D) was heeded to
 E) was thrown away
- 14) I hesitated to break the news of her son's death to her.
 A) to disclose
 B) to broadcast
 C) to announce
 D) to discuss
 E) to twist
- 15) She was considered a black sheep by all her acquaintances.
 A) stubborn B) gentle C) unprincipled
 D) unfair E) unfriendly

Complete the given proverbs choosing the right word / phrase from those given:

- 16) Birds of the same _____ flock together.
 A) kind B) family C) feather
 D) beaks E) wings
- 17) All's well that _____ well.
 A) ends B) begins C) shows
 D) goes E) profits
- 18) Blood is _____ than water.
 A) better B) thicker C) sweeter
 D) thinner E) redder
- 19) Every cloud has a _____ lining.
 A) beautiful B) curved C) straight
 D) golden E) silver
- 20) _____ is the mother of invention.
 A) Intelligence B) Genius C) Necessity
 D) Greed E) Information

Pick the best one-word substitute

- 21) One who is recovering from illness
A) Hospitable B) Doctorate C) Elocutionist
D) Impatient E) Convalescent
- 22) One who has no money
A) Manor B) Mourner C) Loner
D) Pauper E) Beggar
- 23) One who works for free
A) Gambler B) Worker C) Volunteer
D) Freeman E) Friar
- 24) One who loves books
A) Bookie B) Bibliophile C) Reader
D) Bookmaker E) Lingophile
- 25) One who goes on foot
A) Footer B) Walker C) Fabulist
D) Fabian E) Pedestrian

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate adverb from those given.

- 26) The dog was _____ injured in the accident, but it recovered and is healthy now.
A) seriously B) heavily C) deadly
D) badly E) vigorously
- 27) He eats so _____ that he's always the last one at the dinner table.
A) gradually B) faintly C) slowly
D) easily E) decreasingly
- 28) How do you think you did the test today? Oh, terrible! I think I did quite _____.
A) hardly B) terrifically C) poorly
D) barely E) scarcely
- 29) It was raining so _____ this morning that we cancelled the picnic.
A) heavily B) fully C) severely
D) rigorously E) greatly
- 30) Sara _____ completed her Master's Degree in Business. Isn't that great?
A) slowly B) successfully C) similarly
D) suddenly E) thankfully

Choose the most meaningful prefix to suit the given word.

- 31) guide
A) in- B) dis- C) un- D) mis- E) a-
- 32) necessary
A) in- B) dis- C) un- D) mis- E) a-

- 33) consequential
A) in- B) dis- C) un- D) mis- E) a-

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- 34) regard
A) in- B) dis- C) un- D) mis- E) a-
- 35) theist
A) in- B) dis- C) un- D) mis- E) a-

Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate preposition.

- 36) One day a millionaire was reading a local daily. He found his name_____ the obituary column.
A) at B) to C) in D) on E) for
- 37) He was wild _____ anger.
A) with B) in C) of D) at E) for
- 38) Immediately he rushed _____the Editor’s office and protested with many threats.
A) at B) to C) in D) of E) for
- 39) The poor editor thought _____ a while how to reply suitably. At long last, a bright idea struck him.
A) over B) to C) in D) of E) for
- 40) He said, “I shall certainly put it up in tomorrow’s birth column and give you a fresh lease _____ life.
A) with B) to C) in D) of E) for

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