

SECTION-A**• Read the following passage and answer the given questions.****[2]**

- “I have been reading as much as I could about tea,” Rajvir said. “No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends.” “What legends?” “Well, there’s the one about the Chinese emperor who always boiled water before drinking it. One day a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water giving it a delicious flavour. It is said they were tea leaves.” “Tell me another!” scoffed Pranjol. “We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep. “Tea was first drunk in China,” Rajvir added, “as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact words such as tea, ‘chai’ and ‘chini’ are from Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage.”

Questions:

1. The words like 'chai' and 'chini' are derived from _____.
(A) India (B) China
(C) France (D) None of the Above
2. In Europe, tea was drunk as more of a _____ than _____.
(A) medicine, beverage (B) beverage, medicine
(C) sleep waver, medicine (D) sleep banisher, medicine

• Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**[3]**

- The river, Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer - a large freshwater fish - abound in these waters. Kingfishers dive for their catch, while squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruit for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water. Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by their mahouts. The most laidback individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventure with river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking. Numerous walking trails in this region are a favourite with trekkers. Birds, bees and butterflies are there to give you company. Macaques, Malabar squirrels, langurs and slender loris keep a watchful eye from the tree canopy. I do, however, prefer to step aside for wild elephants.

Questions:

3. Which river obtains its water from Coorg?
4. What are the activities available in Coorg?
5. Which animals are found in coorg?

• Fill in the Blanks choosing the correct words given in the bracket and write the answers only.**[5]**

(properly, school, hang, hopscotch, disappeared)

- Wanda didn't have any friends. She came to __6__ alone and went home alone. She always wore a faded blue dress that didn't __7__ right. It was clean, but it looked as though it had never been ironed __8__. She didn't have any friends, but a lot of girls talked to her. Sometimes, they __9__ her in the school yard as she stood watching the little girls play __10__ on the worn hard ground.

• Answer the following questions in about 5 to 6 sentences each. (Any 5)**[10]**

11. How did the invisible man first become visible?
12. Why do you think Wanda's family moved to a different city? Do you think life there was going to be different for their family?
13. What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?
14. What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?
15. After reading the story 'A Baker from Goa', do you think our traditions, heritage, values and practices are

the roots that nourish us? Why/why not?

16. According to the text, Assam is said to be 'tea country'. Do you believe that Assam has some of the best plantations in the world that makes it a unique country?
17. "Horace Danby was good and respectable – but not completely honest". Why do you think this description is apt for Horace? Why can't he be categorised as a typical thief?

SECTION-B

- **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below it.** [2]

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,
They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,

18. Why do humans lie awake in the dark?
19. What do humans do about their condition?

- **Figure Of Speech:** [2]

20. Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.
(A) Antithesis (B) Hyperbole (C) Simile (D) Apostrophe
21. I wonder where they get those tokens.
(A) Internal Rhyme and pun (B) Euphemism and Alliteration
(C) Alliteration and metonymy (D) Repetition and alliteration

- **Answer the following questions in about 5 to 6 sentences each. (any 4)** [8]

22. Mention three things that humans do and animals don't?
23. Why do animals not weep for their sins?
24. Why do you think the poet has called the desire to own things, a mania? Is the poet right in doing so? Write your own views.
25. It is not complaining but accepting a situation, the key to happiness in life. Elaborate in context of the poem 'Animals'.
26. What according to you should be the virtues that humans should possess?
27. What does the poet mean by, "Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth"?

SECTION-C

- **Rectify the errors in the given passage.** [4]

	error	correction
28. Miss Mason reading it several	_____	_____
29. times and studied it thoughtful	_____	_____
30. for the while. Then she clapped	_____	_____
31. his hands.	_____	_____

- **Fill in the blanks with proper articles, conjunctions and prepositions. Write only the answers: (a, for, to, when)** [4]

By noon __32__ policeman had arrested him for the jewel robbery at Shot over Grange. His fingerprints, __33__ he had opened the safe without gloves, were all over the room, and no one believed him __34__ he said that the wife of the owner of the house had asked him __35__ open the safe for her. The wife herself, a Grey-haired, sharp-tongued woman of sixty, said that the story was nonsense.

36. Convert the following into indirect speech:

[3]

“Peg!” she said, “let me see your picture.” “What’s the matter?” asked Peggy, as they clattered up to her room where Wanda’s drawing was lying face down on the bed. Maddie carefully raised it. “Look! She drew you. That’s you!” she exclaimed. And the head and face of this picture did look like Peggy. “What did I say!” said Peggy, “She must have really liked us, anyway.

• **Do as directed (Transformation of Sentence)**

[7]

37. She was a coward, _____? (Add Question Tag)

- (A) isn’t she? (B) wasn’t she? (C) was she? (D) aren’t she?

38. Wasn’t there anything she could do? (Make Assertive)

- (A) There must be something she could do. (B) There was be anything she couldn’t do.
(C) There wasn’t anything she could do. (D) There mustn’t be something she could do.

39. They mailed the letter to Boggins Heights. (Change the Voice)

- (A) The letter was mailed to Boggins Heights by them.
(B) Boggins Heights was mailed the letter by them.
(C) They mailed the letter by them to Boggins Heights.
(D) The letter is mailed by them to Boggins Heights

40. He was too big to keep at home. (Remove Too)

- (A) He was so big that he couldn’t be kept at home.
(B) He was so big that he can’t be kept at home.
(C) He was so big that he should be kept at home.
(D) He was too big that he can’t be kept at home.

41. She was delighted. (Make Exclamatory)

- (A) How delight she was! (B) How delighted she was!
(C) Alas, She was delighted! (D) What delighted She was!

42. He ate some of the poison. (Change the voice)

- (A) Some of the poison was eaten by me. (B) Some of the poison is eaten by me.
(C) Some of the poison was eaten by him. (D) Some of the poison is eaten by him.

43. I never thought of quitting. (Make Interrogative)

- (A) Did ever think of quitting? (B) Can ever think of quitting?
(C) Was ever Thought of quitting? (D) Had never thought of quitting?

SECTION-D

44. You are AMIT/AMISHA who has recently visited an amusement park with your friends write a diary entry describing your experiences of the place. **[5]**

OR

44. You are Ankita/Ankita Shah. Your friend Rakesh/Jenny does not want to buy a new helmet although the one he has is cracked in two places. Write a conversation with at least four dialogues between the two of you in which you urge your friend to buy a new helmet for his own safety.

45. Your school is on a campaign to spread the “CORONA VIRUS” around your vicinity. Design a poster with a title to aware and slogan for it. **[5]**

OR

45. You are the Head boy/girl of the school. Write a notice on behalf of the Principal informing all the students about the book-fair which will be held on 26th January, 2021 in the school.

OR

You want to sell your newly built flat. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be inserted in the classified columns of 'The Hindu' giving all necessary details. You are Niranjana, 247, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru.

SECTION-E

46. You are Cultural Secretary of PND Xavier School, Jamshedpur. Your school organized a debate on the topic, "the impact of reality shows on the younger generation". Write a report in 100-125 words to be published in 'The Times of India', Jamshedpur. [6]

47. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner informing him about the problems of garbage in your city and requesting him to take necessary actions. [6]

OR

47. Write an email to the Police Commissioner regarding the nuisance of vehicle drivers using mobile phones.

48. Write an essay of about 200 words on anyone of the following topics: [8]

1. Stand Up India Start up India
(conceptual background ----- skill India----- significance----- your opinion)
2. To me Democracy means
(introduction----- meaning ---- followed in which countries---- benefits---- your view)

OR

48. Complete the story and give it a suitable title. [8]

A sudden cloudburst..... Rehlu separated from parents sent to an orphanage.....adopted him.....
Sent to nearby school good at studies Time passed on my Youngest brother Mohit lost
..... suspicion on Rehlu sent to police custody..... Confessed his crime cause jealousy.