



**C23-COMMON-101**

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**BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C-23)**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER—2025**

**FIRST YEAR (COMMON) EXAMINATION**

**ENGLISH**

*Time : 3 Hours ]*

*[ Total Marks : 80*

**PART—A**

**3×10=30**

- Instructions :** (1) Answer **all** questions.  
(2) Each question carries **three** marks.  
(3) Marks will be awarded only for the desired and accurate language/grammatical expressions.

- 1. (a)** Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

We can use a silver pot or \_\_\_\_\_ earthen-ware \_\_\_\_\_ earthen ware pot is better than \_\_\_\_\_ silver pot.

- (b)** Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

Last summer we travelled \_\_\_\_\_ Hyderabad to Mumbai. We stopped \_\_\_\_\_ a small restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ a quick meal.

- 2. (a)** Give synonyms for the words : (i) lament (ii) reputation

- (b)** Give antonyms for the words : (i) perfect (ii) guilty

- (c)** Add affixes to the words : (i) important (ii) suggest

- 3. (a)** Fill in the blanks with suitable primary helping verbs (be/do/have forms) :

(i) She \_\_\_\_\_ the only daughter to her parents.

(ii) Reshmi \_\_\_\_\_ not attend the classes yesterday.

(iii) My father \_\_\_\_\_ two bikes.

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable modal verbs based on the clue given in brackets :

(i) Veda \_\_\_\_\_ speak four languages. (ability)

(ii) We \_\_\_\_\_ obey the laws. (obligation)

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ I take your mini drafter. (permission)

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable verb form using the base form given in the brackets :

(a) Opposite poles \_\_\_\_\_ (attract) each other.

(b) She \_\_\_\_\_ (play) piano for 6 hours.

(c) The boy broke his arm while he \_\_\_\_\_ (run) in the ground.

5. Change the voice of the following :

(a) Sarita congratulated Sherya on her being selected in the campus interview.

(b) He will buy a laptop.

(c) The newspaper is being read by all students.

6. Rewrite as directed :

(a) Virat kohli is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ (good) players in the Indian Cricket team.

( Fill in the blank with the appropriate degree of the adjective given in the bracket )

(b) The Lion is as ferocious as the tiger.

( Change it into comparative degree )

(c) No other flower is as beautiful as Rose.

( Change it into superlative degree )

**7.** Rewrite as directed :

(a) Ask your teacher to give two days permission to submit your lab record.

( Make a request )

(b) Rahul likes sweets.

( Convert into a negative sentence )

(c) They went to Goa last month.

( Convert into a negative sentence )

**8.** Rewrite as directed :

(a) Rohit was not feeling well \_\_\_\_\_ he did not come to college.

( Fill in the blank with suitable conjunction )

(b) The bird is very young. It can't fly.

( Combine the sentences using 'too...to' )

(c) Ramya did not join us for the trip. She was unwell.

( Change into a complex sentence )

**9.** Rewrite as directed :

(a) Pavani said to Mohan "please lend me a thousand rupees".

( Change into indirect speech )

(b) The watchman said to the children. "Don't climb the trees".

( Change into indirect speech )

(c) Varun said that he was studying engineering diploma.

( Change into direct speech )

**10. Correct** the following sentences :

(a) She is owning two houses.

(b) Please kindly help me.

(c) None of these two answers are correct.

- Instructions :** (1) Answer *any five* questions.  
(2) Each question carries **ten** marks.  
(3) The criterion for the award of marks is the appropriate content, quality and clarity of expression but not the length of your answer.

11. Write a paragraph in 120 words about the importance of English for your present and future life.
12. Write a set of instructions to help your father to withdraw money from ATM.
13. Write a dialogue in at least eight terms between a salesperson and a customer who went to a shop to buy a laptop.
14. Write an essay in about 175 words on the impact of social media on youth.
15. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner about the irregular supply of drinking water in your area.
16. Write a report to the Editor of the newspaper about the Sports day celebrations in your college.
17. (a) Write an e-mail to your friend inviting him/her to come to your village to spend summer vacation with you and your family members.  
(b) Frame three “Wh” questions and two “Yes-No” questions from the following passage :

Stephen William Hawking was born on January 8th, 1942, in Oxford, England. His father, a well-known researcher in tropical medicine, urged his son to seek a career in medicine, but Stephen found that biology and medicine were not exact enough. Therefore, he turned to the study of mathematics and physics. He studied physics in 1962 at the University college, Cambridge and in 1966 in the Trinity Hall, Cambridge. His contributions in physics are unparalleled, which often left other scientists scratching their heads. Professor Stephen William Hawking holds 13 honorary degrees.

- 18.** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Your answer should be accurate, precise and limited to a word or phrase or a simple sentence :

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heart breaking anguish.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1903 Marie won the Nobel Prize in Physics for her research on Radiation phenomena and in the year 1911 she received the Nobel Prize for the second time in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

- (a) Who was Pierre?
- (b) What was the discovery made by Marie Curie used for?
- (c) In which University did Marie Curie meet Pierre?
- (d) What made Marie to leave Poland and go to France?

- (e) What helped Marie Curie to come out of her feeling of desolation?
- (f) Write the synonym of 'anguish'.
- (g) Pick out the word from the passage which means 'dissatisfied'.
- (h) What incident in the life of Marie Curie left her heart breaking?
- (i) In which year did Marie Curie get Nobel Prize?
- (j) State whether the following statement is True or False. Marie Curie received Nobel Prize only in Physics.

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