

## 2025-26 II PUC PREPARATORY EXAMINATION

SUBJECT: 02 ENGLISH

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

TIME: 03 HOURS

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS: 36

**Instructions**

1. Answer the questions in all the sections.
2. Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
3. Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
4. For multiple choice questions (MCQs), choose the correct answer and rewrite it.
5. For Part-A questions, only the first written answers will be considered for evaluation.
6. Answers to the question number 30A (a-i) or 30 B (a-i) should be in one sequence and at one place.
7. For question numbers 30, 31, 32 and 36 internal choices are there. Hence, answer either (A) or (B).

**PART-A**I. Answer the following questions by choosing the right option: 10x1=10

- 1) In *Romeo and Juliet*, \_\_\_\_\_ is described as, "gentle", "loving, black-browed".  
a) at Ethiope                      b) the night                      c) a crow                      d) a raven
- 2) Match the particulars in column with the amount in column B with reference to 'Too Dear!' and choose the correct option.  

A	B
A. The French Government	i. 12000 francs
B. The Italian king	ii. 600 francs
C. The pension fixed	iii. 16000 francs
a. A-iii, B-i, C-ii	b. A-i, B-ii, C-iii      c. A-ii, B-iii, C-i      d. A-iii, B-ii, C-i
- 3) Choose the statement which is *incorrect* with reference to the poem 'On Children'.  
a) Parents may strive to be like children  
b) Parents may house the souls of children  
c) Parents' bending in the archer's hand be for gladness  
d) Children do not belong to the parents
- 4) The peace between Dona Laura and Don Gonzalo is made by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. books                      b. a poem                      c. spectacles                      d. a pinch of snuff
- 5) Tammanna initially had \_\_\_\_\_ acres of wet land in 'The Gardener'.  
a) ten                      b) two hundred                      c) eight hundred                      d) one thousand
- 6) Which of the following statements is *incorrect* with reference to Borges about his mother?  
a) She was an intelligent woman                      b) She was an extraordinary woman  
c) She had more enemies                      d) She was a gracious woman
- 7) George Mikes met a deer at \_\_\_\_\_ who bowed to him deeply.  
a) Tokyo                      b) Tokaido                      c) Osaka                      d) Nara
- 8) Consider the following statements from the lesson 'The Voter' and answer the question that follows:  
i. Statement: Marcus Ibe had joined politics  
ii. Reason: The villagers of Umuofia forced him to join politics  
a) only the statement is correct                      b) only the reason is correct  
c) both the statement and reason are correct                      d) both the statement and reason are incorrect
- 9) Riding a bicycle is like \_\_\_\_\_ for women according to Kannammal.  
a) driving a car                      b) flying an aero plane                      c) riding a bike                      d) driving a truck
- 10) According to the poem 'Water', \_\_\_\_\_ is a witness to centuries of social injustice.  
a) god                      b) panchama                      c) water                      d) blood
- 11) Fill in the blanks with the passive form of the verb given in brackets. 3x1=3  
Monaco was called a toy kingdom. Once a murder (commit) in that kingdom. The criminal \_\_\_\_\_ (sentence) to death by the judges. But the kingdom had no resources to execute the criminal. So, the criminal \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) to run away.
- 12) Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expressions given in brackets. 2x1=2  
(cut down on, put up with, go in for)  
A lot of women of Pudukkottai were unable to wait for 'ladies cycles'. Therefore, they had to \_\_\_\_\_ men's cycles. They knew that bicycles \_\_\_\_\_ time wasted for waiting for buses.

- 13) Read the following paragraph and match the pronouns in Side A with the nouns/noun phrases in Side B they refer to. 5x1=5

Chaithra is an international Kho-Kho player. She (a) took to it (b) when she was six years old. It was her (c) dream to play for India. Manjunath is her coach. He (d) always insists on the players to dedicate themselves (e) to the game wholeheartedly.

A	B
Pronoun	Nouns / Noun Phrase
a. She	i. Manjunath
b. it	ii. Players
c. her	iii. Country
d. He	iv. Chaithra
e. themselves	v. kno-kho
	vi. Chaithra's

### PART-B

- II. Answer any THREE of the following questions in one or two sentences/word/phrases each: 3x2=6

- 14) Who are compared to 'a snowy dove' and 'crows' respectively in 'Romeo and Juliet'?
- 15) According to the prophet in 'On Children', who bends the bow and why?
- 16) Name the two popular courses in Earth University as mentioned by Vandana Shiva.
- 17) Which is the mighty movement mentioned in the poem 'Water'? Where did it happen?

- III. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 60 words each: 4x3=12

- 18) Write a short note on Cormac Cullinan's thoughts on separateness as quoted by Vandana Shiva.
- 19) What led to the duel between the gallant lover and the merchant in 'A Sunny morning'?
- 20) When and how does love flee according to W.B. Yeats as expressed in 'When You Are Old'?
- 21) Write a note on the life of the foot in the shoe as described in the poem 'To The Foot From Its Child'.
- 22) What aspects of nature make this earth heaven according to Kuvempu?
- 23) Why is eating soup dangerous in Japan, as narrated by George Mikes?

- IV. Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 100 words each: 3x4=12

- 24) Why was the criminal reluctant to go out of the prison in 'Too Dear!'?
- 25) Do you agree that the play 'A Sunny Morning' deals with the human weakness for lying? Elucidate with suitable examples.
- 26) How did the plantation owner's lifestyle change after the arrival of the old man in 'The Gardener'?
- 27) Why does Borges believe that poetry cannot be fully explained or defined? Discuss.
- 28) 'Roof is an intelligent manipulator'. Justify with reference to the story 'The Voter'.
- 29) 'Cycling, becomes a metaphor for freedom'. Explain with reference to 'Where There Is A Wheel'.

### PART-C

- V. 30) A) Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it: 9x1=9

Sunita Williams is an American astronaut for her record-breaking missions to the international Space Station (ISS). She was born on September 19, 1965, in Eucid, Ohio, U.S. She is the daughter of Deepak Pandya and Ursuline Bonnie Pandya. Although her childhood dream was to become a veterinary doctor, her life took a different path.

In 1983, Williams joined the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland. She became a naval test pilot in 1993 and later instructed other pilots flying over 30 different types of aircraft. While serving on the USS Saipan, she was selected for NASA's astronaut programme. In 1995, she completed her MS in Engineering Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. Williams entered astronaut training in 1998, which included working in Moscow with the Russian Federal Space Agency (RFSa). There, she was trained in robotics and ISS operations. Her first space flight was in December 2006 aboard the space shuttle Discovery for mission STS-116. During this mission, she worked as a flight engineer and completed four space walks, spending more than 195 days in space.

In 2015, NASA selected her to be part of first test flights in the Commercial Crew Programme. Later, in June 2024, she launched aboard the first crewed Boeing Starliner flight to the ISS, with Barry Wilmore as commander and Williams as the pilot. After staying on the ISS for over nine months, they returned to earth on March 18, 2025, in a Dragon spacecraft. In total, Sunita Williams has spent 608 days in space making her one of the most experienced astronauts in history. She was the second American astronaut of Indian heritage to go into space, after Kalpana Chawla.

- Williams joined the Naval Academy in \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 1983.
- When was Sunita Williams born?
- What degree did Sunita Williams complete in 1995?
- How many days did she spend on the ISS during her first mission?
- Who accompanied Sunita Williams on the 2024 Starliner mission to the ISS?
- \_\_\_\_\_ was the first American astronaut of Indian heritage to go into space.
- The antonym for the word 'complete' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- What was Sunita Williams trained in while working at Moscow with the RFSA?
- What was Sunita Williams's childhood dream?

OR

**B) Read the following poem and answer the questions set on it:**

9x1=9

**The Bangle Sellers (Sarojini Naidu)**

Bangle sellers are we who bear  
 Our shining loads to the temple fair...  
 Who will buy these delicate, bright  
 Rainbow-tinted circles of light?  
 Lustrous tokens of radiant lives,  
 For happy daughters and happy wives.  
 Some are meet for a maiden's wrist,  
 Silver and blue as the mountain mist,  
 Some are flushed like the buds that dream  
 On the tranquil brow of a woodland stream,  
 Some are aglow with the bloom that cleaves  
 To the limpid glory of new born leaves  
 Some are like fields of sunlit corn,  
 Meet for a bride on her bridal morn,  
 Some, like the flame of her marriage fire,  
 Or, rich with the hue of her heart's desire,  
 Tinkling, luminous, tender, and clear,  
 Like her bridal laughter and bridal tear.  
 Some are purple and gold flecked grey  
 For she who has journeyed through life midway,  
 Whose hands have cherished, whose love has blest,  
 And cradled fair sons on her faithful breast,  
 And serves her household in fruitful pride,  
 And worships the gods at her husband's side.

- Who are the speakers of the poem?
- Rainbow tinted circles of light refer to \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the blank)
- What is meant by shining loads?
- Where do they take their loads?
- Whose wrist do the silver and blue bangles meet?
- Which adjective in the poem describes pride of wife?
- Complete the analogy – wrist : mist :: dream : \_\_\_\_\_.
- The purple and gold flecked grey bangles represent \_\_\_\_\_ life of a woman.
- The bangles are the token of \_\_\_\_\_ (*radiance / radiant*) lives on daughters and wives.

PART -D

**VI. 31) A) Rewrite as directed:**

4x1=4

- Nisha is used to come to college \_\_\_\_\_ bus.  
 (Use appropriate preposition)
- the cats / first / domesticated / were / by ancient Egyptians  
 (Rearrange the above segments into a meaningful sentence)
- One of my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (live / lives) in Mysuru.  
 (Use an appropriate verb that agrees with the subject)
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) in the queue to reserve the tickets yesterday.  
 (Use the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets)

OR

**B) Fill in the blanks with the right linkers:**

4x1=4

(but, after, as though, as)

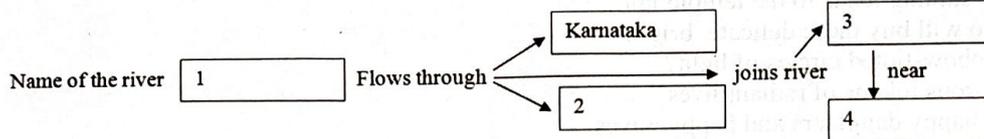
The old man started narrating the story of Tammanna and Basavaiah to the owner's wife.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ narrating the introductory part, he started fumbling for words \_\_\_\_\_ he had made a mistake.  
 The owner's wife was not interested in the story. She felt like going away. \_\_\_\_\_ she stayed  
 back \_\_\_\_\_ she did not want to hurt the old man.

- 32) A) Rewrite as directed: 2x1=2  
 i) Janani won the tennis tournament. \_\_\_\_\_? (Add a suitable question tag)  
 ii) Shiva sang the song melodiously.  
 (Frame 'wh' question to get the underlined word as answer)

OR

- B) Rectify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them. 2x1=2  
 i) Why you left early?  
 ii) Sangeeta is resembling her sister.
- 33) Read the following passage and make notes by filling the boxes given below: 4x1/2=2

Tungabhadra is one of the major rivers of Karnataka. It starts and flows through the state of Karnataka, during most of its course, then through Andhra Pradesh, and ultimately joins the Krishna River near Murvakonda in Andhra Pradesh.



- 34) Report the following conversation: 1x5=5  
 Vegetable vendor : I have various vegetables madam.  
 Seeta : Are they fresh enough?  
 Vegetable vendor : Why do you ask such a question, madam?  
 Seeta : Carrot and beans are not fresh.  
 Vegetable vendor : No, I bought them only this morning

- 35) Complete the following conversation: 3  
 (Between a stranger and an auto driver)

Stranger : Excuse me, may I know how far is Kuvempunagar from here?  
 Auto driver : \_\_\_\_\_ (responding)  
 Stranger : Can you drop me there?  
 Auto driver : \_\_\_\_\_ (agreeing)  
 Stranger : How long does it take to reach there?  
 Auto driver : \_\_\_\_\_ (giving information)  
 Stranger : It's ok, take me there soon.

PART-E

- VII. 36) A) Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement that appeared in "The Times of India" dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025. (5)

**WANTED****Sales Manager****Qualification : Any degree****Must Know Kannada, English and Hindi****Must have computer knowledge****Apply within 10 days to:**

The Administrator,  
 Skanda Agro-tech Pvt Ltd.  
 Metagalli Industrial Area, Mysuru.

Write XXXX for name and YYYY for address

OR

- B) Imagine that you are the Secretary of your college union. You are asked to introduce the Chief guest Dr. Nagaraja, on the occasion of Annual day celebration in your college. Based on the information given below, write a speech in about 120 words (5)

Chief Guest : Dr. Nagaraja  
 Education : MA (Kannada), PhD., from Mysore University  
 Profile : Worked as HOD, National College, Bengaluru  
 Activist in Kannada Movement - recipient of 'Kendra Sahitya Academy Award' in 2023-24

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