The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A: Literature  25 marks
Section B: Grammar   15 marks
Section C: Writing    15 marks
Section D: Reading    15 marks

Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION-A

(LITERATURE-25 MARKS)

Q1. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.  (3x3=9)

1. ‘I felt that the lump in my throat was getting too tight to bear’.
   
   (a) Name the lesson and the author?
   
   (b) Who said these words?
   
   (c) Why was the speaker having such feeling?

2. ‘Swallow, Swallow, little Swallow, will you not bring her the ruby out of my sword hilt?’

   (a) Who does ‘her’ refer to here?
   
   (b) What favour did the prince ask for?
   
   (c) Did the swallow follow the speaker’s advice?
3. ‘What on earth are you doing?’ asked Grandmother.

   (a) Who does ‘you’ refer to in this line?
   (b) Which action was taken by the narrator?
   (c) Why did he take that action?

Q2. For the following questions choose the correct option and write the answer. (1x3=3)

1. The lesson “Grateful Animals, Ungrateful Man” is written by---------------------
   (a) Oscar Wilde  (b) Ruskin Bond  (c) A.K.Ramanujan  (d) O.Henry

2. In the lesson “The Happy Prince”, the prince sends one of the sapphires to-----------
   (a) the seamstress  (b) the young play writer  (c) the workmen at the foundry  (d) the Charity Children

3. In the lesson “The Wish”, grandmother hated parting with------------------------
   (a) the pony  (b) her house  (c) rosewood writing desk  (d) Ayah

Q3. Answer any three of the following in 30 to 40 words. (2x3 =6)

1. How did the snake help the good man?
2. What are the two things which Ayah told the author about the stars?
3. Describe Ajja briefly in two or three sentences. What secret did the author and Ajja share?
4. What does the phrase ‘golden bedroom’ refer to? Do you think it is an apt description?

Q4. Quote lines from the poem “My Bird Sings” and write the poet’s name. (3 marks)

Never, now, may he wheel and soar

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And there’s never a cage- bird yet could sing as my bird sings.

Poet: ____________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________
Q5. Answer any one of the following in about 120 words.  

(1x4 = 4)

Give three instances when the happy prince helped the poor?

OR

How did the snake and the lion keep their promise?

SECTION – B

GRAMMAR [15 Marks]

Q6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of adjectives.  

(1/2x2 = 1)

1. The tsunami that struck Phuket was (terrible) of all catastrophes.
2. His (old) brother is in the Indian Police Service.

Q7. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs.  

(1/2x3 = 1 1/2)

1. They ________their skit since morning (practice). Present perfect continuous tense.
2. John ________ how to make a project on Maths (know). Simple present tense.

Q8. Pick out suitable compound adjectives from below and fill in the blanks.  

(1/2x2 = 1)

(world-famous, hand-made, record-breaking, bullet-proof)

1. This carpet is ________and costs around $500.
2. The athlete’s ________performance won him the gold medal.

Q9. Write the sentences in correct order of adjectives.  

(1/2x2 = 1)

1. This is a ________ camera.
   (a) new Italian wonderful
   (b) wonderful Italian new
   (c) wonderful new Italian

2. She gave him a ________ vase.
   (a) small Egyptian black
   (b) black Egyptian small
   (c) small black Egyptian
Q10. Mary was reading a short story that teaches a moral or a spiritual lesson. (Give one word for the underlined sentence). (1/2x1=1/2)

Q11. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the most suitable word from the list below.
( relation, partnership, relationship, tie ) (1/2x2=1)
1. Jenn knew how strong the ______ was between the brothers.
2. India is interested to establish trade ________ with Europe.

Q12. Fill in the blanks with should or ought to.
(1/2x2=1)
1. Your exams are approaching. You __________ make good use of time.
2. We __________ to tell the truth to our parents.

Q13. Fill in the blanks using reflexive pronouns. (1/2x2=1)
1. Jeffi read quietly to ____________.
2. The students are able to monitor ____________

Q14. Complete the following sentences using the suitable "collocation" (make, give, do, have or take) (1/4x2=1/2)
1. If you ____________-enough knowledge you can easily score good marks in the G.K. test.
2. I have decided to ____________-up my habit of sleeping late.

Q15. Give reasons for the following by using 'because'
(1x2=2)
1. Alice works hard.
2. I was surprised.

Q16. Complete the following sentences with a suitable phrasal verb given below. (1/2x2=1)
turn away, turn out, turn around, turn up
1. Anger if not controlled can _________ to be a destructive force for us.
2. I didn't expect you to ______ at the last moment.
Q17. Fill suitable negative adjective in the following definitions. (1/2x2 =1)

1. __________ means impossible to eat.
2. __________ means not being loyal.

Q18. Choose the correct meaning of the following idiomatic expression. (1/2x1 =1/2)

1. Look before u leap.
   a. You should think about the possible results or dangers of doing something before doing it.
   b. You should avoid danger and not take unnecessary risks.

Q19. Choose the correct meaning of the following sound words. (1/2x1 =1/2)

1. Clang
   a. a dull heavy sound
   b. a ringing sound

Q20. Punctuate the following. (1 ½)

mary said to ann we should complete this work in an hour

SECTION – C

(WRITING – 15 MARKS)

Q21. Write a paragraph using the hints given below. Give a title to the paragraph. (5 marks)

Word limit 80 words

Great country—greatness in size and achievements—achievements after independence—science and technology, space and nuclear power, computer, education—-one of the fastest growing economies---contribution to world peace.

Q22. You are Geethika. You had gone to an amusement park last week. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings. (5 marks)

Q23. Write a dialogue between two girls discussing their hobbies (5 marks)

OR

Write a dialogue between the good man and the king
Rosa Parks was an African-American activist for the civil rights movement. She was called "the mother of the freedom movement" in the United States. On 1 December 1955, Rosa Parks refused to obey the bus driver who ordered her to give up her seat for a white passenger as required by law. She was arrested but her individual act of civil disobedience started the Montgomery Bus Boycott a few days later. All the black people in Montgomery, Alabama, began a non-violent protest against discrimination based on colour and race. They refused to ride the bus. And because most of the people who travelled by bus were the blacks, such a boycott resulted in the bus system losing a lot of money. African-Americans walked, took taxis or even horse carriages but they did not take the bus. The bus boycott was a great success and Rosa Parks became a hero. Park's act of defiance became an important symbol of the Civil Rights Movement against racial segregation. She collaborated with the civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King Jr who joined the protest by leading the boycott. It lasted nearly a year. Finally, on 13th Nov 1956, the US Supreme Court agreed that the law in Alabama segregating the blacks was unlawful. Because it was a Supreme Court decision, all the states had to respect it. King celebrated the victory by travelling in a bus, sitting next to a white man. Though Rosa Parks became famous for her courageous action, she lost her job in a local departmental store because of it. Eventually, she received many honours included the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

A. Answer the following questions:

1. Rosa Parks was known as--------------------------

2. Her act of defiance symbolized the
   a. Montgomery Bus Boycott
   b. Civil Disobedience Movement
   c. Civil Rights Movement

3. The protest led by Rosa Parks was against
   a. African-American relationships
   b. Discrimination based on colour and race
   c. Bus travel by Whites

4. Martin Luther King Jr celebrated their victory by----------------------------------------

5. The protest lasted for
   a. Two years
   b. One year
   c. Three years
Q24. Read the following passage carefully: 

In India many of the oldest remains of buildings are perhaps still buried in the earth and sand. They are hidden from us till someone digs them up. But some very old ruins have already been found in the north. We know however, that long, long ago, even before the Aryans came to India, there were Dravidians here, and they had a fine civilization. They used to trade with people in other countries. They sent many of their goods to Mesopotamia and Egypt. They sent across the seas rice and spices, like pepper, and teak wood to build houses. It is said that some of the ancient palaces of the city of ‘Ur’ in Mesopotamia were made of teak wood which was sent from South India. It is also said that gold, pearls, ivory, peacocks and apes were sent from India to western countries. We thus see that there must have been a great deal of trade between India in those days and other countries. Trade can only exist when people are civilized. 

Some of our great cities are on the banks of rivers. One of the oldest was Indraprastha, which was somewhere near Delhi. But Indraprastha is no more. Banaras or Kashi is also very old, perhaps one of the oldest existing cities of the world. Allahabad, Kanpur and Patna and many others which you can probably think of yourself, are also on the banks of rivers. But these are not very old, though Prayag or Allahabad and Patna or Pataliputra, as it used to be called, are pretty old.

Choose the best options to complete the statements.

1. In India, very old ruins have been found in the

(a) south (b) north (c) east (d) west

2. Dravidians came

(a) after the Aryans (b) before the Aryans (c) at the same time as the Aryans (d) before the Egyptians

3. Trade is an evidence that the Dravidians

(a) enjoyed travelling (b) were rich (c) were civilized (d) were in debt

4. Pataliputra is an old name for

(a) Patna (b) Allahabad (c) Prayag (d) Kanpur

5. The word exist in paragraph one means

(a) to occupy (b) to occur (c) to live (d) to profit
Q25. Read the following poem carefully:  

"STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING"

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.  
My little horse must think it strange  
He warns me of the danger there  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.  
He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and snow.  
The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

Now answer the following questions by choosing the correct options given below:  

1. What does the speaker in this poem want to do?
   A. meet the farmer  
   B. stay in the woods  
   C. get back home  
   D. go to sleep

2. Why doesn't the speaker remain to watch the snow fall in the woods?
   A. The owner of the woods will be returning soon.  
   B. The horse is warning him that danger is near.  
   C. The evening is too cold to be standing outside.  
   D. The speaker has certain places he needs to be.

3. The speaker is hanging out between the
   A. woods and the frozen lake  
   B. village and the woods  
   C. darkest evening and the frozen lake

4. The sweeping sound comes from the
   A. slight wind and the softly falling snow  
   B. harness bells' shaking  
   C. rustling of leaves  
   D. trespassing by the speaker through the woods

5. Pick out two pairs of rhyming words from the poem