

## 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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