

ENGLISH QUESTION BANK (2022-23)
CLASS VIII

Q1. According to Jim, a Christmas morning should be

- (a) cold and frosty
- (b) warm and comfortable
- (c) beautiful with the sun-shining
- (d) rainy

Q2. "But the truth, I am ashamed to say, is that Fritz began it." In the above sentence 'Fritz' refers to

- (a) the German soldier
- (b) the German commander in the story
- (c) the British soldier
- (d) the British commander in the story

Q3. Schnapps is

- (a) a kind of meat
- (b) a German wine
- (c) a sauce
- (d) a British dish

Q4. What is the "best Christmas present in the world"?

- (a) Jim's letter
- (b) Jim's return
- (c) Jim's present
- (d) Jim's picture

Q5. Two of Ignacious's children died because

- (a) they were separated from their parents
- (b) Ignacious could not hold their hands
- (c) they had gone in the opposite direction
- (d) they remained sleeping

Q6. The tsunami waves were triggered by a massive earthquake

- (a) off northern Sumatra
- (b) off Thailand
- (c) off Andamans islands
- (d) off the Nicobar islands

Q7. Where is the Yala National Park situated?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) England
- (c) India
- (d) Sri Lanka

Q8. From 1757 to 1849, there was no peace in India because

- (a) the Indian Princes kept fighting each other
- (b) the East India Company was cruel

- (c) Tipu Sultan fought the British
- (d) there were Hindu-Muslim riots

Q9. In the early nineteenth century Raja Ram Mohan Roy was

- (a) an able fighter
- (b) an important reformer
- (c) a great religious person
- (d) a great king

Q10. Under Regulation III of the British rulers

- (a) Indians were to pay higher taxes
- (b) British goods became cheap
- (c) cotton-wearers became poor
- (d) Indians could be jailed without trial in a court.

Q11. What was the policy of the ants?

- (a) Never borrow, never lend
- (b) Always give and take
- (c) Share and grow
- (d) None of the above

Q12. When did the cricket begin to complain?

- (a) Summers and spring
- (b) When he was drenched in rain
- (c) When he found his cupboard was empty
- (d) All of the above

Q13. The poet has described the cricket as-

- (a) Silly
- (b) Young
- (c) Accustomed to sing
- (d) All of the above

Q14. The word 'Quoth' means

- (a) wept
- (b) laughed
- (c) said
- (d) asked.

Q15. When did it become clear that the earth was round?

- (a) At a height of ten thousand miles
- (b) At a height of six miles
- (c) At a height of six inches to the mile
- (d) At a height of six thousand miles

Q16. "There seemed an inevitability about what on ground had looked haphazard". What do you mean by the word "haphazard"?

- (a) That cannot be avoided
- (b) That can be avoided
- (c) Without plan or order

(d) With plan or order

Q17. The earth has more _____ than _____.

- (a) Land, sea
- (b) Water, forest
- (c) Life, land
- (d) Sea, land

Q18. What was the “logic of geography”?

- (a) Land and water attracted man
- (b) Why valleys were populated
- (c) Why cities ran along the river
- (d) How cities are developed

Q19. Who is the poet of the poem “Macavity: The Mystery Cat”?

- (a) T.S. Eliot
- (b) Macavity
- (c) S. D Sawant
- (d) Rabindranath Tagore

Q20. Which of his powers would make a fakir stare?

- (a) Levitation
- (b) leeping
- (c) Disappearing
- (d) All of the Above

Q21. Macavity is a mystery cat because

- (a) he has hidden powers
- (b) no-one understands his ways
- (c) Scotland Yard is baffled by him
- (d) he has a hidden paw.

Q22. Macavity is never punished because

- (a) he disappears into thin air
- (b) he has a hidden paw
- (c) he is never found at the scene of crime
- (d) Scotland Yard does not understand him.

Q23. The man who talked to Bepin Babu at Kalicharan’s was

- (a) an old friend of his
- (b) a man from Ranchi
- (c) an actor
- (d) an enemy

Q24. Bepin Babu didn’t want to visit Mr. Mukerji because

- (a) he was very upset
- (b) he lived in a far off place
- (c) Mukerji would conclude he was going nuts
- (d) he did not believe Mr. Mukeiji

Q25. Bepin Choudhury's biggest fears concerning his present condition was ____

- (a) getting insane
- (b) forgetfulness
- (c) being lonely
- (d) none of these

Q26. What is the relationship between Bepin Choudhury and the speaker?

- (a) Master – slave
- (b) Teacher – student
- (c) Friends
- (d) Brother

Q27. With what emotion did the poet accept the child's offer?

- (a) Happiness
- (b) Sacrifice
- (c) Sadness
- (d) Boredom

Q28. What do you mean by the word "naught"?

- (a) Nothing
- (b) Knot
- (c) Naughty
- (d) None of the above

Q29. What was the child doing?

- (a) Playing with flowers
- (b) Playing with sand
- (c) Playing with sea
- (d) Playing with sea shells

Q30. Why does the man accept the child's offer?

- (a) It made him a free man
- (b) It made him a noble man
- (c) It made him selfless
- (d) All of the Above

Q31. Standing on Everest, Ahluwalia was filled with the emotion of

- (a) great pleasure
- (b) much excitement
- (c) great pride
- (d) much humility

Q32. Name the mountain where the writer had climbed.

- (a) Mount Everest
- (b) Kanchenjunga
- (c) Nanda Devi
- (d) Kamet

Q33. What are the three necessary qualities to reach the summit?

- (a) Endurance, persistence and willpower

- (b) Endurance, persistence and obstacles
- (c) Hindrance, obstacles and blockage
- (d) Courage, jubilation and hard work

Q34. Why is the climber filled with gratitude?

- (a) For having reached the summit safely
- (b) For having reached the summit first
- (c) For having become victorious
- (d) For having left everyone behind

Q35. Jody feared that his parents might not allow him to bring the fawn home because

- (a) they had a small house
- (b) of the expenses to feed the animal
- (c) the fawn was a dangerous animal
- (d) it was illegal to keep it

Q36. Jody's mother held the coffee pot in mid-air. It shows that

- (a) she was stunned at what Jody had said
- (b) she had suddenly heard a sound
- (c) she saw Dr. Wilson which upset her
- (d) she did not want to give coffee to Mill-wheel.

Q37. The buzzard is

- (a) a big animal that hunts and kills
- (b) a bird that flies high in the sky
- (c) a bird which makes much noise
- (d) a large bird like the vulture

Q38. Why was the doe killed?

- (a) To save Penny's life
- (b) To be consumed for meat
- (c) To be separated from its fawn
- (d) To save Jody's life

Q39. While carrying the fawn back home, Jody was afraid because he thought ?

- (a) The fawn may get out of control.
- (b) The Mill-wheel might follow him
- (c) He might not be able to carry the fawn
- (d) He might lose direction

Q40. The Great Stone Face was made by

- (a) nature
- (b) sculptors
- (c) Ernest
- (d) Ernest's forefathers

Q41. The old prophecy was that one day

- (a) the Great Stone Face would disappear
- (b) the Great Stone Face would come to life
- (c) The Great Stone Face would cause havoc to the valley

(d) a man with that face would appear in the valley

Q42. To Ernest the Great Stone Face was

- (a) his only teacher
- (b) affectionate and thoughtful
- (c) a well-read woman
- (d) a famous woman

Q43. The word 'industrious' means the same as

- (a) the owner of an industry
- (b) industrial
- (c) hardworking
- (d) ran an industry.

Q44. What was the occupation of Blood and Thunder?

- (a) Teacher
- (b) Soldier
- (c) Doctor
- (d) Poet

Q45. Many people believed that the valley was fertile because

- (a) of the good climate
- (b) of the river
- (c) of the grace of the Great Stone Face
- (d) the soil was good

Q46. he fame had come to Ernest

- (a) unsought for and undesired
- (b) with his hard work
- (c) because of his resemblance with the Great Stone Face
- (d) because of his wealth

Q47. Ernest was much impressed by

- (a) the fact that the poet resembled the Great Stone Face
- (b) what the poet had written
- (c) the thoughts of the poet about him
- (d) the poet when he said that Ernest resembled the Great Stone Face

Q48. The poet thinks himself to be a failure because

- (a) His dreams remained unfulfilled
- (b) He could not hear the distant voice of a heavenly song
- (c) He lived far away
- (d) Ernest was much better than him

Q49. Choose the meaning of 'obscure' from the following options.

- (a) Not well known
- (b) Hidden
- (c) Dead
- (d) Lost

Q50. Ernest had become famous for his

- (a) health
- (b) wisdom
- (c) wealth
- (d) love.

Q51. The Ox asked the Camel

- (a) to run away from the desert
- (b) to fetch and carry
- (c) to obey the man
- (d) to plough the field

Q52. The Giant was angry when he saw

- (a) the wall broken
- (b) the trees fallen
- (c) the children playing
- (d) the birds singing

Q53. Contractor passed most of his school examination by

- (a) hard work
- (b) cramming
- (c) only with some work
- (d) copying

Q54. In the Rajputana Ranji had known

- (a) better pools
- (b) similar pools
- (c) muddy pools
- (d) no pools

Q55. Nuttel had in the words of his sister.

- (a) complete faith
- (b) no faith
- (c) not enough faith
- (d) much faith

Q56. "The coins were so eager to be spent that day," says the child. In fact

- (a) the coins do not speak
- (b) the child was mad
- (c) the child's greed was becoming
- (d) the child was joking uncontrollable

Answer the following:

Q57. Why did the author buy roll top box even though it was in bad condition?

Q58. Why the letter was so special?

Q59. Where was Mrs. Machpherson living? And why so?

Q60. What is Connie's Christmas present? Why is it "the best Christmas present in the world"?

Q61. What did Tilly do to save the life of people at beach?

Q62. How are Meghna and Almas's stories similar?

Q63. What did Almas's mother and aunts do to save themselves?

Q64. What was the resentment of common people?

Q65. Why were the Britishers termed as 'oppressors'?

Q66. What was Macaulay's proposal for Indian education system?

Q67. Why did Bepin like to read books?

Q68. Why did Bepin Babu said that there is no hope for him?

Q69. What happened at Kalicharan's shop?

Q70. Why did the man stare at Bepin Babu in disbelief?

Q71. Why was Dr. Chanda puzzled? What was unusual about Bepin Babu's loss of memory?

Q72. When was the cricket happier?

Q73. Why cricket go to the ant?

Q74. Who is Macavity? Do people like Macavity?

Q75. How did Ram Mohan Roy try to put confidence into Indians ?

Q76. How did the British cripple the Indian Industry ?

Q77. The cricket says, "Oh! What will become of me?" When does he say it, and why?

Q78. Explain why the Author summit to the Everest?

Q79. "The man who has been to the mountains is never the same again". Why?

Q80. 'The internal summit is, perhaps, higher than Everest'. What qualities do a human being should possess?

Q81. Explain the phrase 'weighed his coins one by one' from the poem "The Last Bargain".

Q82. What did the old man want? Was he successful in his bargain?

- Q83. How child happiness turn into sorrowfulness in the poem “The School Boy”?
- Q84. What does the child love about summer morning in the poem “The School Boy”?
- Q85. What happened to the dead doe?
- Q86. Describe the meeting of fawn and Jody in your own words.
- Q87. What was the old prophecy that Ernest’s mother told him about the Great Face?
- Q88. Write the character sketch of Ernest?
- Q89. Write the physical appearance of Ernest.
- Q90. What did Ernest address to the people of valley?
- Q91. What was the Man’s reply to the complaints of ‘Three’?
- Q92. Who was the incharge of ‘All Deserts’?
- Q93. What was the purpose of puffing up a big hump on the back of the camel?
- Q94. Why did the children go to the Giant’s garden?
- Q95. How did the Giant realized that spring has visited in his garden?
- Q96. ‘The Giant’s heart melted’. How did he become a changed person?
- Q97. What did Hafeez Contractor mention about his earliest memories of school?
- Q98. Was Hafeez Contractor ever insecure or threatened during his early schooling? Why or why not?
- Q99. Who was the other boy and what did he do to Ranji?
- Q100. Ranji knew that he would lose the fight yet did not surrender. Why?
- Q101. ‘Hobby is an integral part of everybody’s life’. Comment in context with the lesson “The Fight”.
- Q102 Who attended the visitor at his arrival and why?
- Q103. What did the girl do to break the silence between the two?
- Q104. Why did the girl weave the story around the French window?
- Q105. What was the suggestion given by the coin?
- Q106. What did the narrator mean by ‘for a child of such statuses’?

Q107. Who was the last refuge according to the boy?

GRAMMAR

Q108. Write subject and predicate:

- (a) It is a very cold day.
- (b) A healthy body leads to a healthy mind.
- (c) This is not my cup of tea.

Q109. Change the following sentences into passive voice.

- (a) They don't allow people to park in front of their gate.
- (b) Who taught you French?
- (c) John Mathews built this house in 1991.
- (d) Everyone will blame us.

Q110. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

- (a) Before I (go) _____ to London, I (not / enjoy). _____ learning English.
- (b) We _____ Greece next month. (visit)
- (c) It (be) _____ great and I (think) _____ I (learn) _____ a lot.

Q111. Convert the following sentences into Indirect Speech :

- (a) She said to me, "How are you getting on with your studies ?"
- (b) "What do you want ?" he said to her.
- (c) The teacher promised. "If you come to school tomorrow, I will explain it."

Q112. Punctuate the following sentences:

- (a) i wish i had a lot of property said the wife if one could be wished for i think i should wish for knowledge not for the property said the husband
- (b) do not beat him madam said he it was i not he who made a mistake

Q113. Write the appropriate preposition in the blanks: That would be great. But I would prefer to go there _____ the evening. I am visiting my grandma _____ Saturday.

Q114. Underline the adjective and state its type:

- (a) This is not your watch Alex.
- (b) Our team went to Goa to playing the famous football tournament.
- (c) A Chinese lady was standing in the tenth row.

ANSWER KEY

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| 21. (b) | 22. (c) | 23. (c) | 24. (c) | 25. (a) | 26. (c) | 27. (a) | 28. (a) | 29. (d) | 30. (a) |
| 31. (d) | 32. (a) | 33. (a) | 34. (a) | 35. (b) | 36. (a) | 37. (d) | 38. (d) | 39. (a) | 40. (a) |
| 41. (d) | 42. (a) | 43. (c) | 44.(b) | 44. (c) | 45. (a) | 46. (b) | 47. (a) | 48. (b) | 49. (b) |
| 50. (b) | 51. (d) | 52. (c) | 53. (d) | 54. (c) | 55. (c) | 56. (c) | | | |

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113. in, on

114. (a) This – Demonstrative Adjective

(b) Famous – Adjective of Quality

(c) Tenth – Adjectives of numbers
