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CLASS 3 SAMPLE PAPER SET E

An official-style sample paper for schools, teachers, parents, and students

Prepared in SCO's approved Word format with 35 question blocks, answers, and explanations inside each block.

Grammar	Vocabulary	Reading
Poetry	Conversation	Achievers

Questions	Level	Format	Document Use
35	Class 3	Solved MCQ blocks	Website / School / Print

Guidelines for the Candidate

Sample-paper edition with answers embedded in each question block

Paper format

- Total questions: 35
- Question type: multiple choice
- One correct option for each question
- Passages and long statements are preserved inside the relevant question blocks

Editorial cleanup

- set code standardized as Set E
- obvious source inconsistencies corrected for sample-paper use
- full passage and poem text retained where needed
- answers and explanations included in every block



Section 1 — Grammar, Vocabulary and Usage

Question 1

Friend 1: Can you help me with this assignment?

Friend 2: _____

1. I can give you some ideas to do it.

2. I can speak four languages with different accents.

3. I can win this match without an effort.

4. I can fight with you if you insist.

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: Option 1 is the most suitable reply because it directly responds to the request for help in a polite and helpful way.

Question 2

Choose the odd pair.

1. Dog : Puppy

2. Cow : Calf

3. Duck : Deer

4. Cat : Kitten

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The other options show an animal and its young one. 'Duck : Deer' does not match that pattern.

Question 3

Complete the sentence with the correct spelling of the word:

A ____ repairs and maintains machines.

1. machenic

2. mechanic

3. machanic

4. mechenic

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The correct spelling is 'mechanic'. Spelling accuracy is important in written English.



Question 4

The children played football. ____ enjoyed it.

1. he

2. she

3. it

4. they

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The subject is 'The children', which is plural. So the correct pronoun is 'they'.

Question 5

She bought a new ____ to wear.

1. gowne

2. gown

3. groan

4. grown

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: A 'gown' is a piece of clothing. The other options are either incorrect spellings or different words.

Question 6

Find the synonym of 'gift'.

1. present

2. gain

3. box

4. expensive

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: A synonym is a word with a similar meaning. 'Present' means the same as 'gift'.

Question 7

Find the antonym of 'strength'.

1. power

2. weakness

3. weight

4. super

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: An antonym is the opposite in meaning. The opposite of 'strength' is 'weakness'.



Question 8

I failed in the examination ____ I studied hard this time.

1. therefore

2. even though

3. yet

4. but

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The sentence shows contrast, so 'even though' is the best connector. It links effort with an unexpected result.

Question 9

Fill in the blank with the correct adverb: Choose your words ____.

1. angrily

2. carelessly

3. wisely

4. trivially

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: An adverb describes how something is done. 'Wisely' best fits the idea of choosing words carefully.

Question 10

My friend is feeling under the weather.

1. rainy

2. well

3. serious

4. ill

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The expression 'under the weather' means feeling unwell or ill.

Question 11

Choose the sentence with correct punctuation.

1. What do you wish to have for your Birthday?

2. What do you Wish to have for Your birthday?

3. What do you wish to have for your birthday.

4. What do you wish to have for your birthday?

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: Option 4 is correct because it uses normal capitalization and ends the question with a question mark.



Question 12

Jumbled word: OTACRINE

1. CRETAION

2. CREATION

3. TIONCREA

4. NRECATIO

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: Rearranging the letters gives the correct word 'CREATION'.

Question 13

Identify the part of speech of the underlined word: Sibi is taller than his brother.

1. adverb

2. verb

3. noun

4. adjective

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: 'Taller' describes Sibi, so it is an adjective.

Question 14

Choose the part of the sentence that has an error:

Sanjana didn't wants to complicate things by mentioning her friend's mistakes.

1. Sanjana didn't wants

2. to complicate things

3. by mentioning

4. her friend's mistakes

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: After 'didn't', the verb should stay in its base form. It should be 'didn't want', not 'didn't wants'.

Question 15

Choose the part of the sentence that has an error:

Columbus discovered America at 1492.

1. Columbus discovered

2. at

3. America

4. 1492



Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: We use 'in' with years. So the correct phrase is 'in 1492'.

Question 16

Choose the option with correct spelling.

1. Pronounciation

2. Pronunciation

3. Prononciation

4. Proninciation

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The correct spelling is 'Pronunciation'.

Question 17

Choose the synonym of 'complicate'.

1. simplify

2. intercate

3. intricate

4. indicate

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: 'Intricate' means complex or difficult, so it is the closest in meaning among the given options.

Section 2 — Reading Comprehension and Literature

Question 18

Read the passage and answer the question.

Snakes are reptiles like lizards, alligators and turtles. Snakes are cold-blooded creatures and their internal temperature adjusts to the climate they are in. Snakes commonly live everywhere except extremely cold regions like the Arctic. They can be found in deserts, ponds, rivers, forests, oceans and lakes.

A snake's body is covered with scales which act as waterproofing and help them move over rough ground or branches because they give grip. Scales are made of layers of cells. A few times each year, a snake will shed the outer dead layer of cells, while the layers underneath are alive. The layer underneath then becomes the outer layer.

Snakes can open much wider than the mouths of humans. All snakes have teeth, but only poisonous snakes have



fangs. As soon as a snake bites, venom is released.

What kind of region is not suitable for snakes?

1. Asia

2. Africa

3. North America

4. Arctic

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The passage clearly says that snakes do not commonly live in extremely cold regions like the Arctic.

Question 19

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A snake's _____ acts as waterproofing.

1. mouth

2. scales

3. eyes

4. habitat

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The passage states that a snake's body is covered with scales, and these act as waterproofing.

Question 20

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All snakes do not have _____.

1. scales

2. skin

3. fangs

4. teeth

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The passage explains that all snakes have teeth, but only poisonous snakes have fangs.

Question 21

Read the passage and answer the question.

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After shedding, what becomes the outer layer?

1. dead cells

2. the layer underneath

3. no layer

4. saliva

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: When the outer dead cells are shed, the layer underneath becomes the new outer layer.

Question 22



Read the passage and answer the question.

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Snakes can open much wider than the mouths of humans. All snakes have teeth, but only poisonous snakes have fangs. As soon as a snake bites, venom is released.

Identify the degree of the adjective in: 'Snakes can open much wider than the mouths of humans.'

1. Comparative	2. Superlative
3. Positive	4. Complex

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The word 'wider' compares snakes' mouths with human mouths, so it is in the comparative degree.

Question 23

Read the poem and answer the question.

Most always, when the postman comes
With letters, two or three,
They're for my Mother or my Dad
But never one for me.
I'm going to write some letters, though,
That's what I'm going to do,
And then my friends will answer me
And get letters too!

What is the poem mainly about?

1. The postman gets tired every day.	2. The speaker wishes to receive letters and decides to write some.
3. The speaker does not like letters at all.	4. The speaker wants to become a postman.

Answer Key: Option 2



Explanation: The poem shows that the speaker notices letters come for others, not for them, so the speaker decides to write letters and receive replies.

Question 24

Read the poem and answer the question.

Most always, when the postman comes
With letters, two or three,
They're for my Mother or my Dad
But never one for me.
I'm going to write some letters, though,
That's what I'm going to do,
And then my friends will answer me
And get letters too!

Who comes with letters?

1. Doctor	2. Postman
3. Teacher	4. Nurse

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The poem begins with 'when the postman comes with letters', so the answer is 'Postman'.

Question 25

Read the poem and answer the question.

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With letters, two or three,
They're for my Mother or my Dad
But never one for me.
I'm going to write some letters, though,
That's what I'm going to do,
And then my friends will answer me
And get letters too!
The letters are usually for _____.

1. friend or neighbor	2. friend or mother
3. mother or father	4. brother or father

Answer Key: Option 3



Explanation: The poem says the letters are for 'my Mother or my Dad', which matches option 3.

Question 26

Read the poem and answer the question.

Most always, when the postman comes
With letters, two or three,
They're for my Mother or my Dad
But never one for me.
I'm going to write some letters, though,
That's what I'm going to do,
And then my friends will answer me
And get letters too!

What does the poet decide to do?

1. write letters

2. talk endlessly

3. wait silently

4. play cricket

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The poem says, 'I'm going to write some letters, though,' so the poet decides to write letters.

Question 27

Read the poem and answer the question.

Most always, when the postman comes
With letters, two or three,
They're for my Mother or my Dad
But never one for me.
I'm going to write some letters, though,
That's what I'm going to do,
And then my friends will answer me
And get letters too!

Who will answer the poet's letters?

1. friends

2. neighbors

3. strangers

4. postman

Answer Key: Option 1



Explanation: The poet says, 'my friends will answer me', so the correct answer is 'friends'.

Section 3 — Conversation and Functional English

Question 28

Choose the most suitable option to complete the conversation.

Diana: Rani bought a car for her _____.

Tina: Yeah! He totally deserves it.

1. daughter	2. mother
3. sister	4. father

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The pronoun 'He' shows the person is male, so 'father' is the most suitable option.

Question 29

Reena: What did you _____ over the weekend?

Meena: I went to a beach house.

1. have	2. pass
3. do	4. get

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The natural expression is 'What did you do over the weekend?' so 'do' is the correct word.

Question 30

Sri: You've completed the assignment before the mid-term, _____?

Hari: Not yet, but I will complete it by tonight.

1. won't you	2. aren't you
3. didn't you	4. haven't you

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The sentence uses 'You've' = 'You have', so the correct tag question is 'haven't you?'



Section 4 — Achievers

Question 31

I was completely ____ by the sudden demise of my uncle.

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| 1. surprised | 2. diverted |
| 3. devastated | 4. deviated |

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The sudden death of a loved one would make a person feel 'devastated', which means deeply shocked and saddened.

Question 32

Choose the antonym of 'offense'.

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| 1. depends | 2. defense |
| 3. distance | 4. difference |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: 'Defense' is the opposite of 'offense', especially in games, sports, or military language.

Question 33

Identify the tense: The sun rises in the east.

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| 1. present | 2. past |
| 3. future | 4. continuous |

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: This sentence states a universal truth, so it is written in the simple present tense.



Question 34

Identify the tense: I forgot to congratulate her.

1. present

2. future

3. perfect

4. past

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The verb 'forgot' is in the past form, so the sentence is in the past tense.

Question 35

Read the letter and answer the question.

Dear Nandhini,

I am good. Hope you are well. I am in Mexico for the summer vacation. I have been eating all kinds of spicy foods here. Mexicans speak Spanish which is difficult for me to understand. Mexico has many tourist places to visit. I would like to visit this place next time with you.

Yours lovingly,

Vinodhini

Mexicans speak _____.

1. English

2. Hindi

3. French

4. Spanish

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The letter clearly says, 'Mexicans speak Spanish', so the correct answer is 'Spanish'.