

II PUC ENGLISH
FOR REDUCED SYLLABUS 2020-21
Model Question Paper - 1

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Max. Marks : 100

Instructions:

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- e. For multiple choice questions choose the correct answer and rewrite it.

I. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or in a sentence each.

12X1= 12

1. Who according to Juliet is 'day in night'?
2. How long had the prisoner in 'Too Dear!' remained in the prison?
3. According to the speaker in 'On Children', life does not go _____
a. swift b. backward c. far
4. How old was Don Gonzalo, when he had been to America?
5. Whom did Dona Laura's parents want her to Marry?
6. Where according to the speaker in 'When You Are Old' does love hide his face?
7. What did Basavaiah and his people forcibly acquire in 'The Gardener'?
8. Mention any one aspect of nature that makes this earth a heaven in 'Heaven, If You Are Not Here On Earth'.
9. When do the bowing Gentlemen transform themselves into savages in 'Japan and Brazil Through A Traveler's Eye'?
10. 'The Avenida Presidente Vargas' in Brazil is described as _____ by the narrator of 'Japan and Brazil Through A Traveler's Eye'.
a. the worst place of all
b. a beautiful place
c. a hazardous place
11. Which Political party did Marcus Ibe represent in 'The Voter'?
12. Name the secondary school teacher addicted to cycling in 'Where There Is A Wheel'.

II. Answer any eight of the following questions (choosing at least two from poetry) in a paragraph of 80 – 100 words.

8X4=32

13. Juliet's beauty was too rich for use. How does Romeo elaborate this?
14. Why was the council forced to alter the execution of the criminal in 'Too Dear!'?
15. How does the speaker describe the characteristics of children in 'On Children'? Explain.
16. What makes Dona Laura remark Don Gonzalo to be an ill-natured old man in 'A Sunny Morning'? Give reasons.
17. Give an account of Don Gonzalo's cousin's glorious death as narrated by Don Gonzalo in 'A Sunny Morning'.
18. Narrate how the speaker portrays his beloved's future in "When You Are Old".
19. Trace the changes in the life of the plantation owner after the arrival of the old man in 'The Gardener'.
20. Describe the war between the drivers and pedestrians as explained by the narrator in 'Japan and Brazil Through A Traveler's Eye'.
21. Bring out the activities of Marcus Ibe and the villagers on the day of the election in 'The Voter'.

22. Explain the role of cycling in empowering the rural women of Pudukkottai in, 'Where There Is A Wheel'.

III. Answer the following in about 200 words.

1x6 = 6

23. In spite of 'committing a murder' the criminal leads a comfortable life. Explain with reference to 'Too Dear!'.

OR

'Heaven is a product of human effort'. How is this brought out in 'Heaven, If You Are Not Here On Earth'?

OR

'Cycling has a direct link to personal independence.' Describe with reference to 'Where There Is A Wheel'.

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

10x1=10

Japan is an island country in the North Pacific Ocean. It lies off the Northeast coast of mainland Asia and faces the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR), Korea and China. Four large Islands and thousands of smaller ones make up Japan. The four major islands – Hokkaido, Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku – form a curve. More than 120 million people are crowded on these Islands, making Japan one of the most densely populated countries in the world.

The Japanese call their country Nippon or Nihon which means "Source of the Sun". The name Japan may have come from 'Zipangu', the Italian name given by Marco Polo, a venetian traveler of the late 1200's. Marco Polo had heard of the Japanese Islands while traveling through China. Life in Japan reflects the culture of both the East and the West. The Japanese have always placed great importance to their clothes, though most of them wear western style of clothing outside, they still wear traditional garment which is called 'Kimonos' and is compulsorily worn during festivals, on holidays, and on other special occasions, a Japanese man ever wears wide, pleated trousers called 'Hakama' with a short wide sleeved coat called a Hoori. Traditional Japanese footwear includes wooden clogs called 'Geta' and flat sandals known as 'Zori'. The main food of the Japanese people is rice. It is often boiled and eaten with pickled vegetables. Japan's oldest religion is 'Shinto' which means the way of the Gods. It is their native religion and dates from prehistoric times. Shintoists worship many gods called 'Kami' which are found in mountains, rivers, rocks, trees and other parts of nature.

World War II left Japan completely defeated. Many Japanese cities lay in ruins, industries were shattered and Allied Forces occupied the country. But the skillful Japanese people worked hard to overcome the effects of the war. By the late 1960's Japan had become a great industrial nation. The success of the Japanese economy has won the admiration of countries through the world. Today, few people enjoy a higher standard of living than do the Japanese.

24. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each.

- a. Mention any one of the countries facing Japan.
- b. From which language did the name 'Japan' originate?
- c. Name the traditional garment of Japanese.
- d. Which popular traveler's name is mentioned in the passage?
- e. What does the word 'Geta' mean?
- f. Give the meaning of 'Shinto'.
- g. Japanese are highly _____ (admire/admired) all over the world.
- h. Who revived the loss faced by Japan during the II World War?

- i. Add prefix to the word 'occupied' to form its antonym.
- j. Who occupied Japan after the World War II?

25. Read the following lines and answer the questions:

3X1 = 3

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.

- i. Who bear the shining loads to the temple fair?
- ii. 'Our Shining loads' refers to
 - a. bangles. b. fair. c. rainbow.
- iii. For whom are these tokens of radiant lives meant?

V. 26. Complete the following by filling in the blanks using the right form of the verb given in brackets:

3X1 = 3

Sheela Rani Chunkath's main aim was to make literacy reach every village. So, mobility _____ (include) as a part of literacy drive. Loans _____ (provide) for women to buy cycles. Specific duties _____ (allot) to each block to promote this drive.

27. Report the following conversation.

5X1 = 5

Don Gonzalo : I want a bench to myself, Juanito.
 Juanito : But there is none.
 Don Gonzalo : Who has occupied my usual bench?
 Juanito : There are three priests sitting over it.
 Don Gonzalo : Send them away.

28. Complete the following dialogue.

4X1=4

(Conversation between courier assistant and Pooja.)

Courier Assistant : Hello! Is it 9393935711
Pooja : _____ (replies)
Courier Assistant : There is a parcel for you. _____ (enquires about locality)
Pooja : _____ (gives direction)
Courier Assistant : I'll _____ (replies)

29. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expression given in brackets.

2X1=2

(take recourse, hit upon, sucked in)

The quarrel between Tammanna and Basavaiah had _____ all their supporters. Tammanna was advised to _____ to the police. Such a war had become inevitable in that village.

30. Fill in the blanks with the right linker:

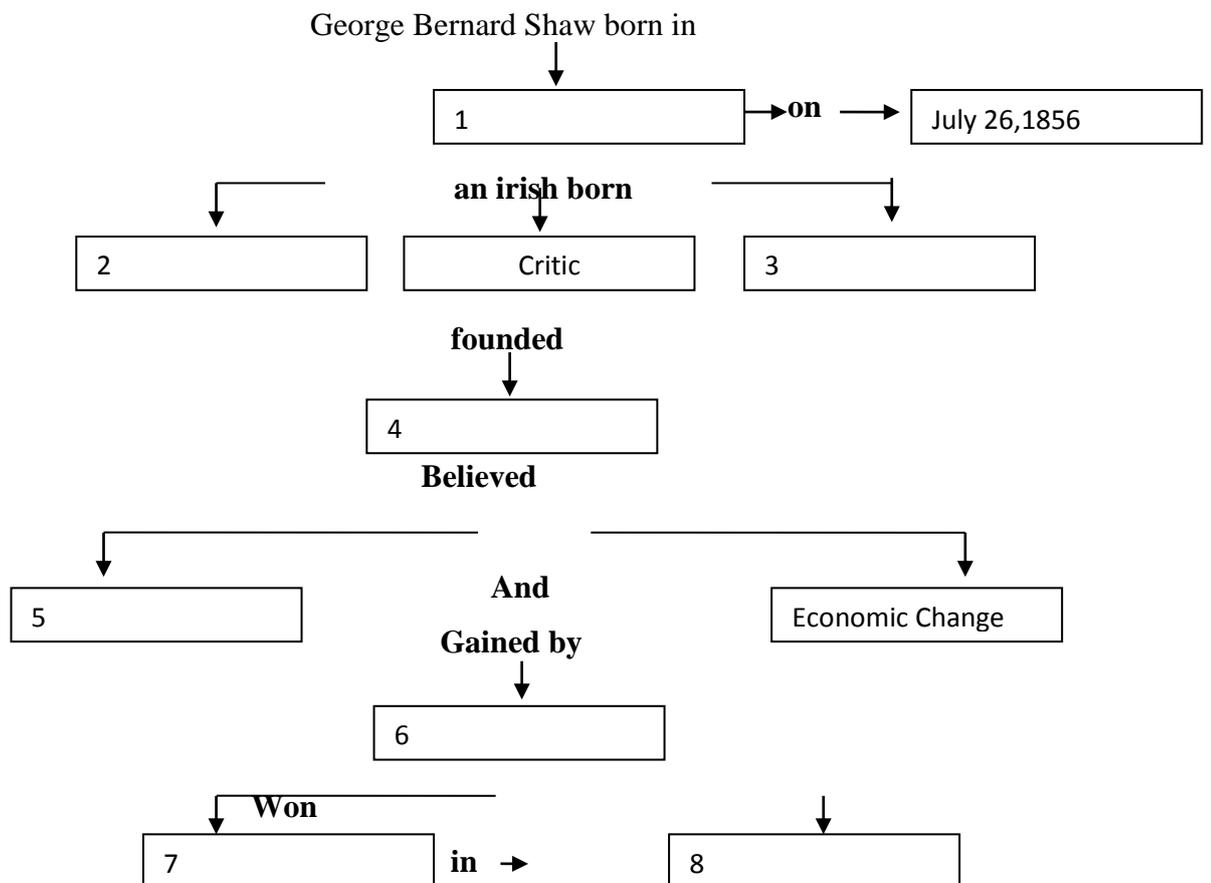
4X1 = 4

German sovereigns used to run gaming houses. _____ some years ago they were forbidden to do so _____ these gaming houses did so much harm. _____ there was no one to stop the prince of Monaco _____ he remained with a monopoly of the business.

{but, however, because, and}

VI. 31. Read the following passage and make notes by drawing and filling in the boxes given below: 8X½= 4

George Bernard Shaw, an Irish born dramatist, critic and essayist ranks as one of the most important literary figures of the 1900's. Shaw was born in Dublin on July 26th, 1856. He moved to London in 1876 and became a music critic. In 1884 he founded the Fabian Society, an organization of socialists, who believed that political and economic change could be gained by reform. In remarkable career that covered nearly six years, Shaw wrote over fifty plays. Most of his plays are comedies. Bernard Shaw won the noble prize for literature in 1925.



32. Write a letter of application in response in the following advertisement which appeared in "The Times of India" dated 20th March 2020. 5

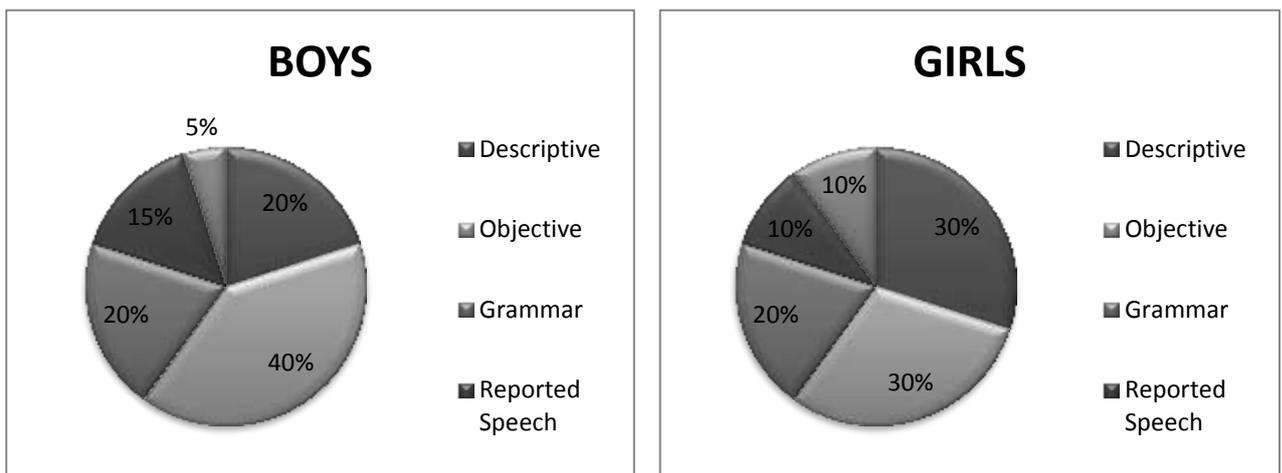
Reputed Multispecialty Hospital is looking out for a smart Front Desk Manager.
 Fluency in English and Kannada is must.
 Candidate should be graduate with computer knowledge.
 Apply within a week to : Republic Multispecialty Hospital, Langford gardens,
 Richmond Town, Mangalore.

33. Imagine you are the Sports Secretary of your College Sports Club. On the occasion of Inter College Basketball tournament's inaugural function, you are given the responsibility of welcome address and you are required to introduce the Chief Guest Mr. Suraj Singh. Using the following profile, write the speech of introduction. 5

- Native of : Punjab
 Education : M.P.Ed, from Delhi University.
 Achievements : a) Led Indian Team in Commonwealth Games
 b) Won Championship in Asian Games with him as Captain
 c) Popular Coach and Trains above eighteen teams

OR

The following pie charts represent information about the percentage of marks scored by boys and girls in English at different types of questions at the II PU preparatory examination. Based on the information, write a report in about 120 words.



VII. 34. What do the underlined words in the following extract refer to? 4X1 = 4

Japanese are well mannered people. When in Japan, we can significantly notice their mania for bowing. But it is quaint, formal and oriental. In the family, the wife bows to her husband, the child bows to his father. Even the conductors of local trains, march to the middle of the coach and start their work after they bow ceremoniously in both directions.

1. their : _____
2. it : _____
3. her : _____
4. they : _____

35. Rewrite the jumbled segments to form a meaningful sentence. 1

in/motor cars/extremely/are/Brazil/expensive

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I. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or in a sentence each.

12X1=12

1. Whom does Romeo refer to as ‘snowy dove’?
2. Mention any one of the sources of the king’s revenue in ‘Too Dear!’.
3. Where according to the speaker do the souls of children dwell in ‘On Children’?
4. ‘The Silver Maiden’ in ‘A Sunny Morning’ refers to _____
 - a. Petra.
 - b. Dona Laura.
 - c. the ballet dancer.
5. What according to Dona Laura had made peace between Don Gonzalo and herself?
6. According to the speaker, but one man had loved the _____ of his beloved in ‘When You Are Old’.
 - a. pilgrim soul
 - b. soft look
 - c. beauty
7. When did Tammanna forget all his songs and ballads in ‘The Gardener’?
8. Where according to the poet does the tender sunshine lean on, in ‘Heaven, If You Are Not Here On Earth’?
9. Which animal bowed to the narrator in ‘Japan and Brazil Through A Traveler’s Eye’?
10. Mention any one of the features of the war between drivers in Brazil in ‘Japan and Brazil Through A Traveler’s Eye’.
11. Name the contestant from the Progressive Organisation party in ‘The Voter’.
12. What was sanctioned by the UNICEF to the Arivoli Women activists in ‘Where There is Wheel’?

II. Answer any eight of the following questions (choosing at least two from poetry) in a paragraph of 80 – 100 words.

8X4=32

13. How does Juliet wish to make Romeo immortal? Explain.
14. Why does the criminal refuse to go away from prison? Give reasons.
15. What according to the speaker is the role of parents in ‘On Children’? Describe.
16. Narrate in brief the story told by Dona Laura about her friend’s end in ‘A Sunny Morning’.
17. Trace the circumstances that led to the separation of the gallant lover and the silver maiden in ‘A Sunny Morning’.

18. How does the speaker explain that he is different from others in “When You Are Old”?
19. Describe the means adopted by Basavaiah to surpass Tammanna’s popularity in ‘The Gardener’.
20. ‘Bowling is quaint, more formal and also infectious’. Explain with reference to ‘Japan and Brazil Through A Traveler’s Eye’.
21. Give a brief account of Roof’s meeting with the POP Campaign Team in ‘The Voter’.
22. Bring out the definite economic implications of cycling as highlighted in ‘Where There Is A Wheel’.

III. Answer the following in about 200 words.

1x6=6

23. ‘You can’t build stone palaces by honest labour’. Elaborate with reference to ‘Too Dear!’.

OR

‘Heaven lies all over’. Explain with reference to ‘Heaven, If You Are Not Here On Earth’.

OR

Explain the role and views of N. Kannammal in promoting cycling movement in ‘Where There Is A Wheel’.

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

10x1=10

Brazil is the largest country in South America, and the second largest river in the world, the Amazon is here. It has the world’s largest rainforest, arid deserts in the Northeast, and rolling grasslands in the South. Crowded cities contrast with remote areas that have never been explored. The country has many well developed industries and a huge, successful agricultural base, but many people live in poverty. So Brazil is called a land of opposites.

Rio carnival known as one of the world’s largest and most spectacular festivals is held just before Lent every year in Brazil. During this festival, processions of highly decorated floats, and colourful singers, musicians and dancers with imaginative costumers fill the streets. Brazilians have a strong liking for football, either as a player or spectators. The national football team of Brazil has won the world cup many times.

Brazil is a leading producer of Cocoa beans, coffee, Oranges and sugar cane, and is one of the largest growers of soya beans and bananas. The Samba, one of the world’s most popular dances originated in Brazil. The Samba was first danced in Brazil, at carnival time and became extremely popular in the United States and European in the early 1940’s. It is a simple dance performed by couples by swaying their bodies in backward and forward steps.

A vast network links Brazil’s main Centers. Brazil has one of the world’s largest national air network. Cities are expanding their subways due to large population. About one third of Brazil cars are run on the so called ‘green petrol’ which is made from fermented sugar cane. As it burns less carbon monoxide than petrol when it is burned it is less harmful to the environment and in reducing pollution.

24. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each.

- a. Name the second largest river in the world.
- b. What contrasts the crowded cities of Brazil?
- c. Brazil is called the Land of _____ .
 - a. Sports
 - b. Agriculture
 - c. Opposites
- d. When is Rio Carnival held in Brazil?
- e. Which sport is liked by the majority of people in Brazil?
- f. Who has won the world cup many times?
- g. Mention any one of the leading products of Brazil.
- h. Add prefix to the word 'explored' to form its antonym.
- i. The Samba has gained _____ (popular/popularity) all over Europe.
- j. What is 'green petrol' made from?

25. Read the following lines and answer the questions:

3X1=3

Green pastures she views in the midst of the dale,
 Down which she so often has tripped with her pail;
 And a single small cottage, a nest like a dove's
 The one only dwelling on the earth that she loves.

- i) Where does she view the green pastures?
- ii) What is the single cottage compared to?
- iii) 'The only dwelling' refers to her
 - a. pasture.
 - b. dove.
 - c. cottage.

V. 26. Complete the following by filling in the blanks using the right form of the verb

given in brackets:

3X1=3

Cycling became popular among the women of Pudukkottai. With freedom and independence, self-confidence _____ (develop). Many tasks _____(carry) out simultaneously and dependence on men for mobility _____ (reduce) to a great deal.

27. Report the following conversation.

5X1=5

Dona Laura : Do you hunt?
 Don Gonzalo : Yes, every Sunday I go to one of my estates.
 Dona Laura : I am Surprised!
 Don Gonzalo : I really do. I can show you a wild boar's head in my study.

28. Complete the following dialogue.

4X1=4

(Ram and Sam meet each other after the Lock Down.)

Sam : Hello Ram, Good evening.
Ram : _____ (responds to greeting)
Sam: _____ (enquires about his job)
Ram : I am working from home. What about you?
Sam : _____ (replies)
Ram : _____ (leave taking)
Sam: Bye. see you some time.

29. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expression given in brackets. **2X1=2**

(follow suit, withstanding strains, hit upon)

Tammaana _____ the idea of composing ballads and singing them, to avenge Basavaiah. On the other hand Basavaiah also tried to _____ but could not do so.

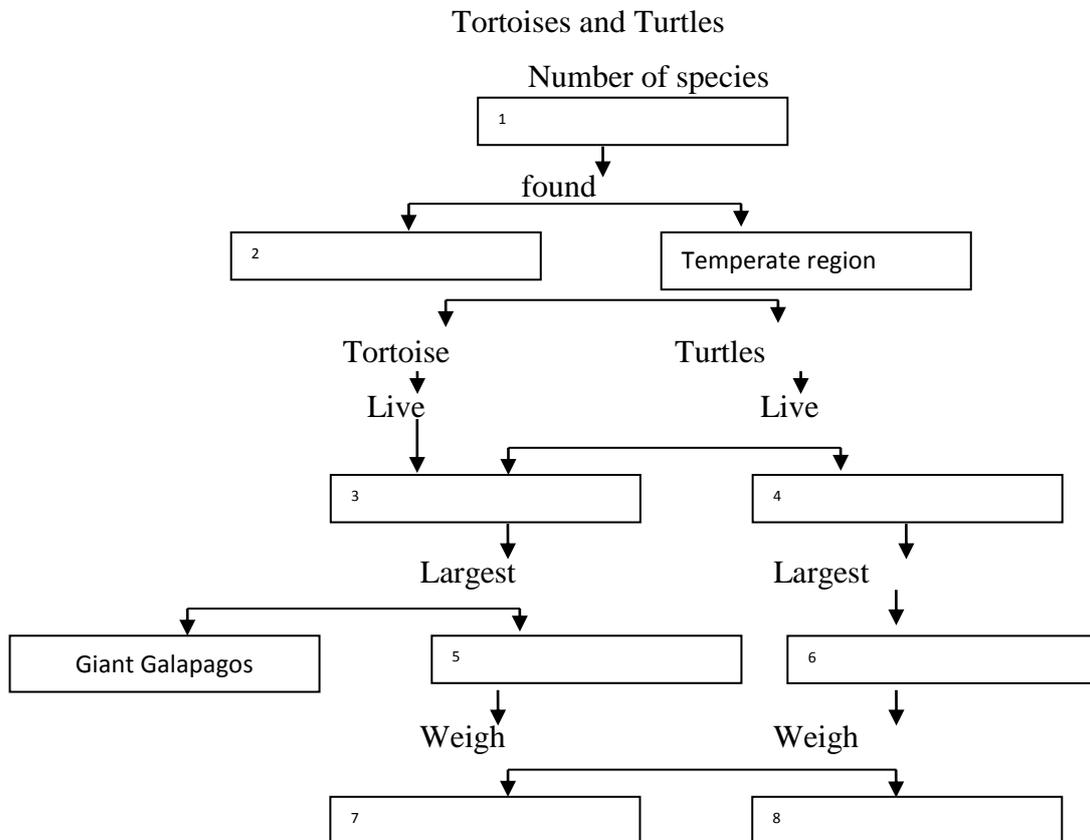
30. Fill in the blanks with the right linker: **1X4=4**

There was no executioner nor a guillotine to execute the criminal. _____ it was decided to imprison him for life. _____ the only problem was that there was no suitable prison for a man sentenced to life. _____ they found a small room _____ kept the criminal there.

{and, hence, but, however}

VI. 31. Read the following passage and make notes by drawing and filling in the boxes given below: **8X½=4**

There are about 250 species of turtles and tortoise existing on the earth. They are reptiles with hard shell and are found from the tropics to temperate regions. Turtles live in water and tortoises live on land. There are seven species of sea turtles. The largest is leatherback, which grows to 1.8m long and weighs 680 kgs. The largest tortoises are the giant Galapagos and Aldabra of the Pacific and Indian Oceans; these species can weigh more than 250kgs and live for more than 150 years.



32. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement which appeared in “The Times of India” dated 10th March 2020. 5

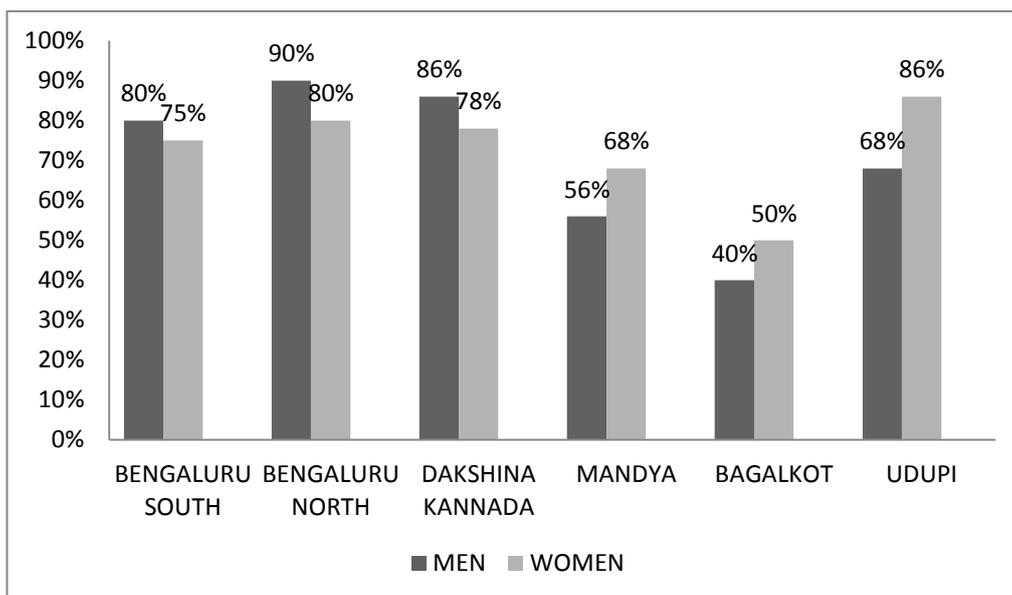
Reputed International school requires teachers to teach Maths/Science and English
Post graduates with B.Ed, preferred
Apply within 10 days with copies of marks card to
The correspondent, Lion’s International Public School, Plot No. 260, North Zone Estates,
Tumakur Road, Bengaluru - 560089

33. Imagine you are the college Literary Club President. On the occasion of ‘National Voters’ Day’ you are required to speak on ‘The Importance of Voting’. Write a speech in about 100 words including the following points. 5

- Responsibility of a Voter
- Choosing the right Leader
- Educating others regarding voting.

OR

The following bar graph represents the gender wise percentage of voters of six districts of Karnataka in 2018. Based on the information, write a report in about 100 words.



VII. 34. What do the underlined words in the following extract refer to? 4X1=4

Samba is a popular Brazilian dance. It was first performed by Brazilian couples on the streets of Brazil where the Rio carnival festival was held. It is spectacular to watch them sway their bodies gracefully to the music. Streets are decorated with huge balloons, which fly over their buildings. People flock on the streets to watch this colourful event.

1. It : _____
2. Where : _____
3. Them : _____
4. Which : _____

35. Rewrite the jumbled segments to form a meaningful sentence. 1

on the /Monaco/ borders of/ France and Italy/ lies