

9th STANDARD – GENRAL ENGLISH

Term - 1

UNIT-1

PROSE – BUDS TO BLOSSOMS

1. Idioms and Phrases

1. **On the verge of** (*about to*)

The little girl is on the verge of crying

2. **Come across** (*see by chance*)

I came across your friend in the airport.

3. **Turn into** (*become*)

Coal under the earth turns into diamond

4. **Champion the cause of** (*extend one's support to*)

Gandhiji championed the cause of the poor.

5. **Against all odds** (*in opposition to all obstacles*)

Finally she managed to succeed against all odds.

6. **Run short of** (*lack*)

We run short of petrol.

7. **proceed with** (*continue to do*)

Let us proceed with our work

8. **On a fool's errand** (*foolish task*)

At last he realized that he was on a fool's errand.

9. **Give up** (*stop*)

You must give up your bad habits.

10. **Used to** (*was in the habit of*)

He used to play tennis in the evening.

11. **Tune oneself to** (*adjust oneself to*)

Your should tune yourself to the routine in the camp

12. **Bestow upon someone** (*give him*)

The rich man bestowed upon his son all his riches.

13. **Make the most of** (*put to greater use*)

You must make the most of this opportunity.

14. **Put off** (*postpone*)

Don't put off the meeting

15. **Lie dormant in** (*remain hidden*)

His musical talent lies dormant in him

16. **Be instrumental in** (*be helpful in*)

She is instrumental in starting this organization.

17. **Get to work** (*start working*)

It is time to get to work

18. **Make one's mark** (*become famous*)

Paul made his mark as a great surgeon.

19. **Leave behind one's footprints** (*hand over one's achievements*)

With his inventions Edison left behind his footprints on the sands of time.

20. **Pay off** (*provide results*)

Our efforts paid off in the end.

2. **Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the italicized words from the four alternatives given with each sentence.**

1. Do not get *disheartened* by the challenges along the way.

- a) dissatisfied b) excited c) discouraged d) upset

2. Some of you may have set your own *convictions*.

- a) beliefs b) ideas c) priorities d) objectives

3. The king *summoned* his subject for mass prayer.

- a) dictated b) ordered c) gathered d) called

4. A little suspicion started *nagging* him.

- a) distressing b) pleasing c) stopping d) warning

5. Everyone has an *indispensable* role to play in this world.

- a) short b) essential c) major d) clear

3. Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the italicized words from the four alternatives given with each sentence.

1. Always *commence* your work with faith.

- a) conclude b) continue c) complete d) relaxed

2. All the sheep *panicked* and ran away

- a) cried b) calmed c) Scattered d) threatened

3. Take *pride* in your individual nature.

- a) joy b) honour c) humility d) pity

4. A village was affected by *drought*.

- a) summer b) winter c) floods d) famine

5. Remember that you are *unique*

- a) special b) simple c) different d) common

4. Choose the appropriate prepositions of time and place from the list fill in the blanks.

(before, after, during, since, till/until, at, on, often, in, below, above)

Sharad has been living (1) New York(2) 1990. 1990 he was studying the Punjab university. HE lives an apartment with his wife and children. His apartment is The third floor. He does not work a farm, but is employed a business Firm. This business firm is located A short distance from his house. Sharad has two friends, Surya and Vikram. They also stay the same building. Surya stays **above** Sharad's apartment and vikram's apartment is **below** Sharad's. They meet **often** Sharad misses his parents who live **at** Chandigarh **in** India. He visits them **during** the season of spring. He has no plans to return to india **until** He retires from service.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable word choosing from the pairs given in brackets.

1. The driver applied the hand To stop the car. (break/brake)
2. The hungry lion went in search of its (pray/prey)
3. The is pleasant today. (whether/weather)

- 4. Sundar ate the cake yesterday. (hole/whole)
- 5. My uncle a strange sound last night. (herd/heard)

Ans: Brake, prey, weather, whole, heard

6.A. A noun takes an 's' / 'es' for its plural form. But what about some unusual words and hyphenated nouns?

Singular		plural
Son-in-law	-	Sons-in-law
Commander-in-chief	-	commanders-in-chief
Man-of-war	-	men-of-war
Passer-by	-	passers-by
Inspector – general	-	inspectors – general

B. Certain foreign words in English have different plural forms.

Singular		plural
Nucleus	-	nuclei
Bacillus	-	bacilli
Crisis	-	crises
Datum	-	data
Radius	-	radii

7. Arrange the following jumbled words incoherent order to form meaningful sentences. The first two sentences are done for you.

1. That/remember/always /become/can/you/thinking/by/big/big

Ans: Always remember that you can become big by thinking big.

2. good/to/try/inculcate/people/with/being/habits/by/positive

Ans: Try to inculcate good habits by being with positive people.

3. goals/high/set/fit/and/them/time-frame/in/the

Ans: Set the goals high and fit them in time-frame.

4. you that/heading visualize/towards/are/ your goal

Ans: Visualize that you are heading towards your goal.

5. assure/of are/you/success/yourself/achieving

Ans: You assure yourself of achieving success.

6. there/is/will/a/there/where/is/way/a

Ans: Where there is a will there is a way.

7. perform/rain/ storm/ should/ you/or

Ans: Rain or storm you should perform.

8. Spot the Errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly

1. I met an European

Ans: I met a European.

2. Geetha's father is a M.L.A

Ans: Geetha's father is an M.L.A.

3. They are going to Himalayas.

Ans: They are going to the Himalayas.

4. Raghu prefers milk than tea.

Ans: Raghu prefers milk to tea.

5. A bunch of keys were found in my car.

Ans: A bunch of keys was found in my car.

6. One of the boy looks happy.

Ans: One of the boys looks happy.

7. We bought office furnitures

Ans: We bought furniture.

8. My father is a honest man.

Ans: My father is an honest man.

9. Mathematics are my favorite subject.

Ans: Mathematics is my favourite subject

10. Ramu wanted an one rupee coin.

Ans: Ramu wanted a one rupee coin.

9. Punctuate the following sentences:

1. anand said sarathy you have done a good job.

Ans: “anand,” said Sarathy, “you have done a good job.

2. Children enjoyed watching the film, didn’t they?

Ans: Children enjoyed watching the film, didn’t they?

3. Unless he learns driving john cannot impress his boss.

Ans: How pleasant the weather is today!

4. Congratulations I heard you got a job in Singapore

Ans: “ Congratulations! I heard you got a job in Singapore.”

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POEM – LAUGH AND BE MERRY

1. Appreciation Questions:

1. Laugh and be merry, remember, better the world with a song

Better the world with a blow in the teeth of a wrong.

a) What is meant by ‘in the teeth of’?

It means ‘in opposition to’.

b) How should we deal with a wrong?

We should fight against the wrong.

2. Laugh, for the time is brief, a thread the length of a span

Laugh and be proud to belong to the old proud pageant of man.

a) What does the poet say about our life time?

Our life time on earth is brief. It is as thin as a thread. It may snap anytime.

b) Why should we be proud?

We belong to the proud ancient procession of human race. So we should be proud.

3. God made Heaven and Earth for joy He took in a rhyme,

Made them, and filled them with the strong red wine of His mirth.

a) Who made Heaven and Earth?

God made Heaven and Earth.

b) What did he fill the Heaven and Earth with?

He filled the Heaven and Earth with the strong wine of his joy.

4. So we must laugh and drink from the deep blue cup of the sky,

Join the Jubilant song of the great stars sweeping by.

a) What is the 'deep blue cup'?

It is the blue sky.

b) Who sings the song?

The stars sing the joyful song.

5. Laugh, and battle and work, and drink of the wine outpoured,

In the dear green earth, the sign of the joy of the Lord

a) How should one live in this world?

One should laugh, fight against injustice, work hard and be happy.

b) Which is the sign of the joy of the Lord?

The green earth is the sign of the joy of the Lord.

6. Laugh and be merry together, like brothers akin,

Guesting awhile in the rooms of a beautiful inn.

a) How should we live in this world?

We should laugh, be happy and live together like brothers.

b) What are the 'inn' and the 'guests'?

The world is like a beautiful inn. Men are like guests.

7. Glad till the dancing stops, and the lilt of the music ends.

Laugh till the game is played, and be you merry, my friends.

a) What is life on earth compared to?

Life on the earth is compared to a dancing, music and a game.

b) How should we face life till everything ends?

We should laugh and remain happy till everything ends.

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SUPPLEMENTARY READER – A MAN WHO HAD NO EYES

1. Complete the sentences choosing the right options:

1. Mr. Parsons was standing in front of a hotel.
2. The beggar tried to sell a cigarette lighter to Mr. Parsons.
3. Mr. Parsons paid two half dollars to the beggar.
4. Mr. Parsons wanted to give the article to the elevator boy.
5. Mr. Parsons and Markwardt lost their vision in a chemical explosion.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Choose the appropriate synonym of the underlined word:

Thomas Alva Edison was endowed (1) with great skills which lay dormant (2) in him during his childhood. His career was not a bed of roses but one with countless impediments (3). Edison was not disheartened (4) by such challenges and he continued to work hard. It was his perseverance (5) that made him the greatest inventor in the world of science and technology.

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| a) borrowed | b) blessed | c) entrusted | d) endangered |
| a) open | b) active | c) exposed | d) hidden |
| a) talents | b) efforts | c) obstacles | d) travels |
| a) discouraged | b) disgraced | c) disappeared | d) disturbed |
| a) luck | b) delight | c) importance | d) determinations |

2. Choose the appropriate antonym of the underlined word:

I could remember (6) our trip to the hills far (7) from all human habitation. The hill rose majestically (8) up into the sky. There were birds of different (9) size and colour. On seeing the hills we could realize the humility (10) of man before the grandeur of nature.

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| 6. a) recall | b) forget | c) return | d) retrace |
| 7. a) high | b) deep | c) near | d) distant |
| 8. a) nobly | b) strongly | c) sweetly | d) shyly |
| 9. a) same | b) varied | c) mixed | d) confused |
| 10. a) softness | b) pride | c) simplicity | d) ability |

3. Abbreviations:

i) The common expansion of WWW is

- a) World Wide Wilderness b) World Wide Wrestling
- c) World Wide Walking d) **World Wide Web**

ii) The common expansion of ISF is

- a) **International Softball Federation** b) Indian Softball Federation
- c) Integrated Sports Federation d) Inter School Felicitation

4. Homophones: Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning.

i) a) The sail came to an end at 6 p.m.

b) The sale came to an end at 6 p.m.

Ans: b) The sale came to an end at 6 p.m.

ii) a) She told us everything in detail a little later.

b) She told us everything in detail a little latter.

Ans: a) She told us everything in detail a little later.

5. American English: Replace the underlined word with its American English word.

i) As the lift is out of order we used the staircase.

Ans: elevator

ii) We shall proceed from the centre.

Ans: center

6. Compound words: Which word can be placed after

i) finger

- a) trace b) ink c) **print** d) show

ii) dining

- a) stick b) **table** c) food d) item

7. Plural forms: What is the plural of

i) nucleus

- a) **nuclei** b) nucleole c) nucleae

ii) son-in-law

a) son-in-laws b) **sons-in-law** c) sons-in-laws

8. Affixes: Attach a prefix and complete the sentence.

i) I thank you very much for your kind.....

a) or b) **ness** c) hood d) ance

ii) Everyone is endowed with unique personal

a) ance b) ly c) dom d) **ity**

9. Phrasal Verbs: Replace the underlined word with suitable phrasal verbs.

i) The firemen extinguished the fire with great difficulty.

a) put on b) **put out** c) put off d) put in

ii) We were able to discover his trick very soon.

a) see out b) see into c) see for d) **see through**

10. Syllables : Separate the syllables.

suspicion - Ans: **sus-pi-cion**

impediments - Ans: **im-pe-di-ments**

several - Ans: **se-ve-ral**

qualities - Ans: **qua-li-ties**

11. Appropriate Words: Choose the appropriate word.

i) It is a good habit to the newspaper daily.

a) **read** b) study

ii) We cannot you the result now.

a) say b) **tell**

12. Parts of Speech: Construct sentences using anyone for the following.

i) a) favour b) favourite c) favourable

ii) a) befriend b) friendly c) friendship

Ans: i) I'll do you a **favour**. This is my **favourite** song. We shall wait for a **favourable** chance.

ii) I want to **befriend** him. I am **friendly** with him. My **friendship** with him is strong.

13. Changing the Parts of Speech: Rewrite the sentences changing the underlined word as a noun.

i) She is afraid that she will fail.

Ans: She is afraid of her failure.

ii) A large number of people assembled.

Ans: There was a large assembly of people.

14. Sentence Meaning: Which of the sentence conveys the meaning?

i) Never have I seen such a horrible accident.

a) I have seen such horrible accidents before.

b) This is the first time for me to see such a horrible accident.

ii) Neither the master nor the servant acted wisely.

a) The master and the servant acted foolishly.

b) The master and the servant acted wisely.

15. Conditionals: Choose the correct option

i) If you start now

a) you will reach the airport in time b) you would reach the airport in time

c) you will have reached the airport in time.

ii) If I knew Telugu

a) I will talk to her **b) I would talk to her** c) I will have talked to her

16. Sentence Pattern: Identify the sentence pattern.

i) Hariharan sang an English song.

a) SVA b) **SVO** c) SVC

ii) The lorry hit an old man suddenly.

a) **SVOA** b) SVCA c) SVOC

17. Question tags: Choose the correct question tag.

i) The match is between India and Pakistan,?

a) is it? b) **isn't it?** c) was it?

ii) Your friends are not reliable,?

- a) **are they?** b) aren't they? c) isn't it?

18. Degrees of Comparison: Complete the sentence.

i) Very few cities are Madurai.

- a) noisier than b) **as noisy as** c) the noisiest

ii) The rose is flowers.

- a) the loveliest b) lovelier c) **one of the loveliest**

19. Choosing the correct sentence:

i) The sum is not so difficult as it seems.

- a) The sum looks easy but it is difficult.

b) The sum looks difficult but it is easy.

- c) The sum looks difficult and it is true.

ii) Hardly anyone answered all the questions.

- a) Everyone answered all the questions.

- b) No one answered any question.

c) No one was able to answer all the questions.

20. Phrases: Complete the sentences.

i) You may ring up this number any breakdown.

- a) instead of b) in place of c) **in case of**

ii) Ranjit could not succeed his best effort.

- a) in opposition to **b) in spite of** c) for fear of

21. Verb Forms: Choose the correct verb

i) The children like the cartoon network.

- a) watch b) watching c) **to watch**

ii) Most people hesitate hard.

- a) work b) working c) **to work**

22. Phrase: Choose the correct phrase

i) The teachers are keen good education to us.

- a) in imparting b) **on imparting** c) at imparting
- ii) My parents are tired my elder brother.
- a) **of advising** b) at advising c) in advising

23. Articles: Choose the appropriate article.

- i) It is useless affair, leave it.
- a) **a** b) an c) the
- ii) He was offered honorary doctorate degree.
- a) a b) **an** c) the

24. Preposition: Choose the appropriate preposition.

- i) The bucket fell the well.
- a) on b) about c) **into**
- ii) All of a sudden the car went the road.
- a) of b) **off** c) along

25. Rewriting as directed

Synthesis: Combine the two sentences into one.

- i) She saw me. She turned her face away.
- Ans:** When she saw me she turned her face away.
- ii) The boy spoke ill of you. He is my neighbor.
- Ans:** The boy who spoke ill of you is my neighbour.

26. Voice: Rewrite using passive voice.

- i) You may use sketch pens to colour the map.
- Ans:** Sketch pens may be used to colour the map (by you).
- ii) The forest guards shot dead the man-eater after two hours.
- Ans:** The man-eater was shot dead after two days by the forest guards.

27. Direct Speech: Rewrite in Direct Speech.

- i) Mary requested me to leave her umbrella there and take mine.
- Ans:** Mary said to me, "Please leave my umbrella here and take yours."

ii) The doctor asked the patient whether he could come there the next day for another test.

Ans: The doctor said to the patient, "Can you come here tomorrow for another test?"

28. Conditionals: Combine the sentences using 'if'

i) Attach an earphone. Your music won't disturb others.

Ans: If you attach an earphone your music won't disturb others.

ii) I did not take antibiotics. I did not recover from the infection.

Ans: If you had taken antibiotics you would have recovered from the infection.

29. Degrees of Comparison: Write a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.

Price of some vehicles:

1) Bicycle Rs. 4000/- 2) Moped Rs. 20,000/- 3) Mobike Rs. 50,000/-

4) Small car Rs. 3,00,000/- 5) Luxury car Rs. 10,00,000/-

Ans: The bicycle is the cheapest of all vehicles. (A luxury car is more expensive than a small car. A moped is not so expensive as a mobike)

30. Punctuate:

i) sita said whose book is this I cant see the name on the cover.

Ans: Sita said, "Whose book is this? I can't see the name on the cover."

ii) gopal said no sir I don't want to admit him to hospital now.

Ans: Gopal said, "No, sir. I don't want to admit him to hospital now."

31. Error Correction: Correct the errors and rewrite the sentences.

1. Neither the Headmaster or the teacher can accompany us.

Ans: Neither the Headmaster nor the teacher can accompany us.

2. It is I who are to blame for the defect.

Ans: It is I who am to blame for the defect.

3. My mother cut the apple by a knife.

Ans: My mother cut the apple with a knife.

4. We offer best price for your bike.

Ans: We offer the best price for your bike

Are you coming with me?

Mani : (5)

Ans: 1) Where are you going?

2) Are you going to travel?

3) My uncle is coming by train.

4) Normally it arrives at 8 p.m.

5) Oh! yes, I am free now.

37. Headlines: Expand the following headlines.

1. Fog hits fishing in Cuddalore.

Ans: Clouds of fog hit fishing in Cuddlore.

2. 4 die as bus, jeep collide.

Ans: Four people of a family died when their jeep collided against a bus.

3. HC curbs practice by foreign lawyers.

Ans: The High Court has curbed the practice by foreign lawyers.

4. India, Pak extend N-deal by 5 years.

Ans: India and Pakistan have extended the nuclear deal for another five years.

5. Tax on foreign deposits too.

Ans: Ig has been proposed to impose tax on foreign deposits too.

38. Slogan Matching: Match the products and slogans.

1. Laptop a) put your thoughts to paper with ease.

2. Pen b) munch with delight.

3. Chips c) glamour at finger tips.

4. Shampoo d) down to earth price.

5. Nail polish e) infotainment everywhere.

f) prevent hair fall, ensure flowing hair.

Ans: 1 - e ; 2 - a; 3 - b; 4 - f; 5 - c

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