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EXAM.NO.
STD:X ENGLISH
PART I

(14)

Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.

- 1) I want you to be very attentive.
a) attendance b) concentrating c) creative d) distracted
- 2) How ignorant you are?
a) lacking in knowledge b) well - informed c) uninformed d) unaware
- 3) It is a 55 foot sailing vessel built indigenously in India.
a) fully b) collectively c) innately d) specially

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.

- 4) The Prussians defeated the French.
a) aimed b) brought c) triumphed d) drained
- 5) We don't have to use any means of repulsion.
a) attraction b) distaste c) hate d) horror
- 6) He pleaded to cure him.
a) requested b) beseeched c) ordered d) begged
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of innings from the following.
a) inning b) inningses c) innings d) inninges
- 8) Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word wilder _____.
a) _al b) __ic c) __ness d) _ion
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation UPSC
a) Union Protective Service Comitty
b) Union Protective Student Comitty
c) Union Public Service Commission
d) Union Public Student Commission
- 10) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
a) The champion yielded to the strength of his opponent.
- 11) Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'river'.
a) drive b) flowing c) bed d) call
- 12) Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
a) He is intent _____ migrating to Newzealand. a) into b) over c) for d) on
- 13) Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
After he _____ his lunch, he went across to the window.
a) will finish b) finish c) was finishing d) had finished
- 14) Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
Promise me that you will phone me _____ you get to the railway station.
a) unless b) because c) although d) as soon as

PART II
SECTION I

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.

(6)

- 15) Why did Franz dread to go to school that day?
- 16) What devices help David to move from one place to other?
- 17) Why did Herman and the author slam the doors?
- 18) What did the young bird's family do when he started flying?

SECTION II

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any three of the following.

(6)

- 19) And so it were wisest to keep out feet
From wandering into complaining street;
a) What is the wisest thing that the poet suggests?
b) What does the phrase 'to keep our feet from wandering' refer to?
- 20) We were melted in the furnace and the pit
We were cast and wrought and hammered to design,
a) What is a furnace?
b) Why is it hammered?

- 21) They too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd
a) What is common for all of us?
b) Mention the season referred here.
- 22) Rumors are constantly being made,
And each day the house just begins to fade.
a) Does the house remain the same everyday?
b) How does the poet consider the house to be a mystery?

SECTION III

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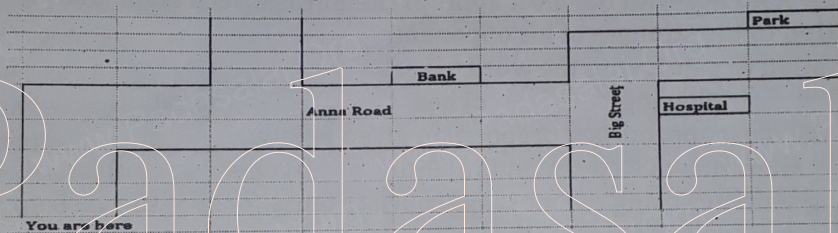
Answer any three of the following.

- 23) Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.
a) When will you book the tickets to Singapore?
- 24) Rewrite using indirect speech.
a) Tom said to his friends, "Let us go for a moise."
- 25) Punctuate the following sentence.
a) Where are we going sir asked the aero coachman lets see
- 26) Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.
a) Unless you consult a doctor, you cannot recover.
- 27) Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
a) missing / the / soul / be/ the only / will / thing
b) technology / I / makes/ life / guess / easier / your

SECTION IV

Answer the following question.

- 28) A stranger wants to visit the park. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination. (2)

PART III
SECTION I

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

(10)

- 29) 'Man does change with time' – What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?
30) How did Watson help his friend to asset the criminal?
31) Describe the struggles undergone by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
32) 'Technology is a boon to the disabled' –Justify.

SECTION II

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

(10)

- 33) Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
34) What is the central theme of the poem 'No Men are Foreign'?
35) Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

The weather is always too hot and cold;
Summer and winter alike they scold
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
Down on the gloomy complaining street.

- (1) Pick out the rhyming words.
(2) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
(3) Identify the figures of speech employed in the fourth line of the given stanza.
(4) Pick out the alliterating words.
- 36) Paraphrase the following stanza.
Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;
And then, be our station high or humble,
We'll never belong to the family of Grumble!

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37.

Answer any one of the following.

SECTION III

37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

(5)

- Using his powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
- Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.
- He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.
- The King of Naples and Antonio of the false brother, repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.
- He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.

38) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

At the time he sent for me I was a clerk, and poor enough. Remembering my mother's words, his message gave me, his sole relative, no new hopes; but I thought it best to go. When I sat down by his bedside, he began, with a malicious grin: "I suppose you think me queer. I will explain." What he said was certainly queer enough. "I have been living on an annuity into which I put my fortune. In other words, I have been, as to money, concentric half of my life to enable me to be as eccentric as I pleased the rest of it. Now I repent of my wickedness to you all, and desire to live in the memory of at least one of my family. You think I am poor and have only my annuity. You will be profitably surprised. I have never parted with my precious stones; they will be yours. You are my sole heir. I shall carry with me to the other world the satisfaction of making one man happy. "No doubt you have always had expectations, and I desire that you should continue to expect. My jewels are in my safe. There is nothing else left". When I thanked him he grinned all over his lean face, and said: "You will have to pay for my funeral."

- What did Tom recall when Uncle Philip had sent for him?
- What was Tom working as when Uncle Philip called for him?
- What was the repentance that Uncle Philip said he had in his heart?
- How was Uncle Philip's desire?
- How did Uncle Philip want to compensate for his wickedness?

SECTION IV

Answer any four of the following.

(20)

- Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.
 - Titan watches - Discount upto 40% - on select watches - offer valid - from 17th December to 29th January only - rush.
- Write a letter to Janta Book Depot, Neilore placing bulk order for books needed for the school library.
- Write an article in about 150 - 200 words on the following. 'Honest means of Livelihood'
- Look at the following pictures and express your views on it in about five sentences.



43) Makes notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Experts say that people (adults) need at least 6 hours of sleep every night. If they do not get enough sleep they will feel sleepy the whole day. Younger kids need at least 9 hours of sleep every night. After school - activities can take away from sleep time for kids. Also parents with busy life styles stay up late and their kids do the same. Kids with little sleep have hard time sleeping at night and this will affect their daily routine and make them less active and productive through the day in school. Most parents are not aware of what goes on when their kids go to sleep and how the brain works when we are asleep. Many people think that the brain shuts down when we go to sleep but it is the opposite. Experts say that the brain is very active when we are asleep and could

be even more active than when we are awake. Experts recommended at least 6 hours of sleep for adults and 9 hours of sleep for young children. They say that sleep is an essential not a comfort and it can increase your life expectancy.

44) **Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.**

- Though he was hungry but he did not eat.
- He sat besides John.
- It is a five - year integrated degree course.
- He is having a new car.
- This is the boy whom won the race.

SECTION V

(5)

45) **Quote from memory.**

Or sleep
..... ourselves

PART IV

46) **Write a paragraph of about 100 words by developing the following hints.** (16)

a) The tyrant - law of killing - women - robust - country - according to the warrior - people - inefficient - couldn't be obliging to individuals - a despotic leader - importance of aged people - in significant - degree - the poor farmer and aged mother - the country of shining - proclamation - killing aged people - common - bore sadness - in his heart. (or)

b) Holland - below sea level - protected the country - everyone - did best - by peter - his father - dyke games - peter mother - gave cakes to peter - old blind friend of peter - across the dyke - happily left - peter visited - old man - returned - water trickling - small hole - dyke - help in vain - little finger - throughout the night - morning found by passerby - saved.

47) **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.**

a) Scattered over 300 sq. km. in the blue waters of the Indian Ocean, like a string of pearls, Maldives boasts of some of the stunning and exotic tropical hideaways. Hundred of Virgin Islands with their lush green vegetation, clean, sandy beaches and the turquoise blue lagoons together offer a perfect holiday experience. Rated among the top ten diving destinations in the world, the underwater coral gardens in Maldives offer an opportunity to watch colorful marine life at their natural habitat, from close quarters. Not many details are available about the origins of the Maldivian people. The first settlers may well have been from Sri Lanka and Southern India. Some say Aryans, who sailed in their reed boats from Lothal in the Indus Valley about 4000 years ago, probably followed them. Archaeological evidence suggests the existence of Hinduism and Buddhism before the country embraced Islam in 1153 A.D.

- Who according to the passage were the earliest settlers of the Maldives?
- Where is Maldives situated?
- What makes the Virgin Islands a perfect holiday experience?
- How does the marine life contribute to Maldives tourist attraction?

(or)

b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.**

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it, one day,
And as my fingers pressed it, still
It moved and yielded to my will
I came again, when days were passed
That bit of clay was hard at last
The form I gave it, still it bore,
And I could change that form no more.

- What did the artist take?
- How did he press it?
- How was the clay at last?
- When did he come again?