



ERK HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ERUMIYAMPATTI

English (*Pre-Half Yearly Examination*)

CLASS : x - std
DATE : 23.11.2019

MARKS : 100
TIME : 3 hrs

PART-I

Answer all the questions.

14x1=14

Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words.

1. They were *apprehensive* and supportive
a) calm b) distended c) anxious d) angry
2. His mother *swooped* past him
a) flapped b) descended c) ascended d) sloped
3. The teacher was so *cranky*
a) old b) strange c) anxious d) angry

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words.

4. Aditya has given me money! Why this sudden *generosity*?
a) liberty b) slavery c) stinginess d) freedom
5. Holmes *pleaded* Smith to help him
a) commanded b) requested c) asked d) begged
6. Managing entertainment and home appliances by swapping the finger is a *reality* now.
a) fact b) ineffective c) fantasy d) simplicity
7. Choose the correct plural form of '*premises*'
a) premisis b) premiseses c) premises d) premisus
8. Attach a suitable suffix to the word *hand* :
a) ful b) full c) same d) ment
9. The common expansion of *IQ* is
a) Intelligence Question b) Intelligence Quotation
c) Intelligence Quotient d) Intelligence Query

10. Choose the suitable phrasal verb for the following:

We _____ new dress during Diwali

- a) put up b) put upon c) put on d) put off
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'river' to form a compound word.
a) sea b) side c) pool d) bed

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.

The people stood _____ the road to watch the procession go by.

- a) on b) in c) along d) across
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:

John knew Chennai so well because he _____ there for six years

- a) has been living b) had been living c) had lived d) has lived
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the four given alternatives

It is raining. Take an umbrella _____ you will get drenched

- a) and b) or else c) but d) so that

Part – II Section – I

10 x 2=20

Answer any ten of the following:**Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two. 3x2=6**

15. What did the parents do, when the young seagull failed to fly?
16. Who were Aditya's ancestors?
17. Which skill was considered important in the selection process?
18. Why was the narrator not able to get to his desk without being seen?

Section – II**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following.**

19. *A woman is beauty innate*
A symbol of power and strength
She puts her life at stake 3x2=6

a) What is meant by innate?**b) Who is the symbol of power and strength?**

20. *My heart will keep the courage of the quest*
And hope the road's last turn will be the best

a) What is the poet's hope?**b) What does the word 'quest' mean?**

21. *We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine*
We were melted in the furnace and the pit

a) What does 'we' refer to?**b) Who are the speakers and listeners in the poem ?**

22. *Not a crumb to be found*
On the snow-covered ground

a) What couldn't he find on the ground?**b) Why was the ground covered with snow?****Section – III****Answer any THREE of the following.****3x2=6**

23. **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.**

Rani was baking cookies when she was interrupted by a loud noise

24. **Rewrite using in other speech**

Pritam asked the shopkeeper whether he would exchange the defective watch which he had bought from him the previous day.

25. **Punctuate the following sentence**

what a trouble must i have been to you then

26. **Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence**

The street is so narrow that vehicles cannot enter in it.

27. **Rearrange the words in the correct order to make a meaningful sentence**

i) the human personality/is to enable/of education/the aim

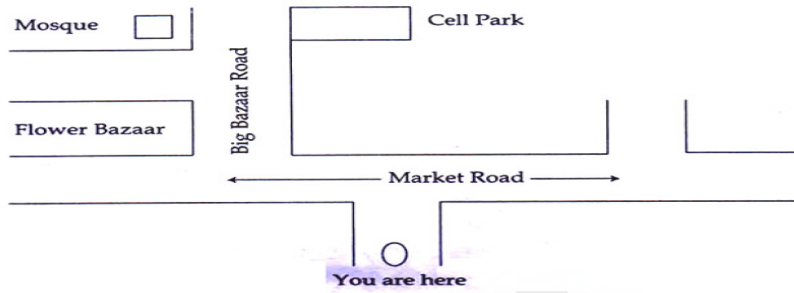
ii) to reduce stress/in our lives/an excellent way/laughing/is

Section-IV

Answer the following question.

1x2=2

28. Observe the map. Guide the old man to the cell park.



Part-III

Section-I

10x5=50

2x5=10

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines

29. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.
 30. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?
 31. Describe the struggles underwent 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.

2x5=10

33. Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble Family' and their attitude towards other folks.
 34. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
 35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

*In the dim past nor holding back in fear,
 From what the future veils; but with a whole
 And happy heart, that pays its toll.
 To youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.*

- i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
 ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.
 iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
 iv) Pick out the alliterating words.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

*We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,
 We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,
 We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,
 We can see and hear and count and read and write!*

Section-III

Answer any ONE of the following

1x5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- i. The war was over and China was saved.
 ii. Mulan ordered the soldiers to hide so they could attack the enemy king.
 iii. Mulan heard about the surprise attack.
 iv. She got dressed and went outside.
 v. No one cared anymore that Mulan was a woman.

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

Ariel took rather too much pleasure in tormenting an ugly monster called Caliban, because he was the son of his old enemy Sycorax. Caliban was employed like a slave, to fetch wood, and do the most laborious offices; and Ariel had the charge of compelling him to these services. With the help of these spirits, Prospero could command the winds, and the waves of the sea. By his orders they raised a violent storm, in the midst of which, he showed his daughter a fine large ship, which he told her was full of living beings like themselves.

i. Which gave much pleasure to Ariel?

ii. Who was Caliban?

iii. What was Caliban employed for?

iv. How could Prospero command the winds and the waves of the sea?

v. Who is Prospero's brother?

Section-IV

Answer any FOUR of the following.

4x5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Grand Discount Sale – Mobile store – exchange offer – Buy one and get one free – Dual SIM - Mobile Rs. 1,299/- Android mobile even at Rs. 2,499/- - All spare parts available – Sunday working day.

40. Write a letter to the Book Company complaining about the bad state of books received on transit.

41. Prepare a notice to be displayed on the notice board of your school for all the students, informing them about the educational tour that has been arranged for them the next month.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it about five sentences



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Everyday, we see the creepy, crawling as well as the winged insects in the surroundings. These insects are of two kinds the useful and the harmful. Bees and silkworm, which provide honey and silk fall under the useful category. We get food and clothing from them. Under the harmful category are the locusts and mosquitoes. Crops are either eaten or destroyed by locusts whereas cause malaria, bringing death to many. They are neither harmless nor useful. Above these two categories are the beautiful, pretty and colourful ones such as butterflies, lady birds etc

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

- i) When I reached the railway station , the train left.
- ii) His trousers are too small for him.
- iii) No sooner I got up from the bed than I took bath
- iv) I came by walk.
- v) He is not only a writer but a painter.

Section-V45. **Quote from memory.**

From : "The summer of life she's

To : and beliefs"

46. **Develop the hints and write the summary of the short story.**

Holland- dikes- Peter- walks beside the canal- small hole in the dike- puts his finger- all night-next morning - a man – notices Peter – alarm – people mended- brave hero.

(OR)

Visu brought Zig zag – Zigzag cool and grumpy – It picked up a fruit – deposited in Chandler - fell asleep – sound of snoring horrible – family members and neighbours annoyed – lakshmi - switched on fan – fruit spoiled painting-ready to shoot – taken to clinic – strange voice – call from Mrs. Krishnan – decided to keep 'absolute treasure'.

47. **Read the following passage and answer the question given below. 4x2 = 8**

Some insects are harmful to human beings. The poison of the black widow spider causes unbearable pain. It stiffens the muscles of the abdomen and causes death to some of the victims. Some kinds of mosquitoes carry germs that causes diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness. The mosquitoes pick up the germs and pass them on to the people they bite. Flies play a part in spreading such diseases as cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever. All insects which carry germs and spread diseases live and breed only in dirty places. So we can prevent such diseases if we keep our houses free of dirt.

- a) How harmful is the bite of the black widow spider?
- b) What are the diseases caused by mosquitoes?
- c) How do mosquitoes play a part in spreading diseases?
- d) Why are flies harmful to us? (OR)

*The boy stood on the burning deck;
Whence all but him had fled;
The flame that lit the battle's wreat
Shone round him O'er the dear,
Yet beautiful and bright he stood,
As born to rule the storm,
A creature of heroic blood,
A proud though childlike form,
The flames rolled on; he would not go
Without his father's word;
The father' faint in death below;
His voice no longer heard.*

- i) What happened to the ship?
- ii) Why was the boy still waiting?
- iii) What does the word 'deck' mean?
- iv) How did the boy stand?