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## COMMON SECOND MID-TERM TEST - 2019

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Standard XII

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Time: 1.30 hours.

ENGLISH

Marks: 45

10 x 1 = 10

## I. Answer all the questions:

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given below:

- As the sun set Hillary and Tenzing crawled into the tent.  
a) crept                      b) crowded                      c) rushed                      d) grieved
- Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.  
a) democracy                      b) disorder                      c) confusion                      d) protest
- ..... order that liberty of all may be preserved the liberty of every body must be curtailed  
a) increased                      b) reduced                      c) maintained                      d) reserved

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given below:

- Liberty is a social contract.  
a) group                      b) individual                      c) civil                      d) leisure
- From here the ridge narrowed to a knife edge.  
a) furrowed                      b) diminished                      c) limited                      d) broadened
- We hoisted our 30 lb of oxygen gear on to our back.  
a) raised                      b) lifted                      c) lowered                      d) heaved
- Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom used in the sentence.  
The exams are round the corner.  
a) very near                      b) far away                      c) at a distance                      d) a long way
- Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word:  
I came upon a group of children playing in the street.  
a) avoid meeting                      b) meet after several years                      c) planned meeting                      d) meet by chance
- Replace the British English word with a suitable American English word in the sentence:  
I lost my torch.  
a) flash light                      b) lamp                      c) emergency light                      d) quick light

## 10. Complete the following:

If I dropped the watch it \_\_\_\_\_

- a) will break                      b) would break                      c) would have broken                      d) won't break

## II. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:

11. "Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy"

3 x 2 = 6

And this too might serve him.

- a) What is the literary device used in the above lines?  
b) What wa 'Soft loam' mean?

12. Tell him too much money has killed men

And lft them dead years before burial.

- a) Who is addressed here?  
b) What has left men dead before burial?



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13. And this gray spirit yearning in desire  
To follow knowledge like a sinking star.  
a) Who does 'this grey spirit' refer to?  
b) What is the figure of speech employed in the above lines?
14. It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,  
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew  
a) What is Happy Isles?  
b) Where did Ulysses meet Achilles?

**III. Explain any one of the following with reference to the context:**

1 x 3 = 3

15. Made weak by time and fate  
But strong in will  
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.
16. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock"  
And has might stand him for the storms.

**III. Do as directed (any two)**

2 x 2 = 4

- i)
17. Balu heard of Raju's defeat. (change it into a complex sentence)
18. He does not know where I reside. (change it into a simple sentence)
19. Having completed the work, Rani went to play.  
(change it into a complex or compound sentence)
- ii)

20. Write the process of making apple juice in four sentences: 1 x 3 = 3

**IV. Answer any three of the following in a paragraph about 100 - 150 lines:**

3 x 5 = 15

21. Write a paragraph on Mountain climbing using your own ideas and the ideas from the lesson The Summit.
22. "We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone ...." - What does AG.Gardiner tries to say in the line? What are his views on the rule of the road?
23. Write a critical appreciation of ulysses.
24. How does the poet Carl August Sandburg guide his son to face the challenges of life?
25. Develop the following hints:

The Venus - a rianing planet - Sun shine occurs - once in seven years - The children - there - 2 years old - Margot different from other children - not played with them - Sun came - Margot locked in a closet - children enjoyed - they experienced the Sun - realised the mistake - released Margot.

**V. 26. Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite them correctly:**

- a) My scissors is missing. 1 x 4 = 4
- b) The sceneries of Kashmir is enchanting.
- c) Germans won 3 gold medals on the 1972 Olympic games.
- d) Humans have less teeth than crocodiles.

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