



Standard - 12

LANGUAGE PART II - ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks: 90

PART - I

I. Answer all the questions write the correct answer along with the corresponding option code:

Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words from the option given. $20 \times 1 = 20$

1. _____ then as trade **slackened** we went over.
 - a) commenced
 - b) improved
 - c) continued
 - d) reduced
 2. I experienced not only **agony** and fear but also anger.
 - a) pain
 - b) pleasure
 - c) profit
 - d) gain
 3. Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be **sturdy**.
 - a) weak
 - b) strong
 - c) tall
 - d) good
- Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words from the options given.
4. One does not feel wise, brave or more **optimistic**.
 - a) realistic
 - b) pessimistic
 - c) pragmatic
 - d) naturalistic
 5. No more humps to **tantalise** in with hopes.
 - a) notify
 - b) satisfy
 - c) tire
 - d) bore
 6. The liberties of all may be **preserved**.
 - a) doubtful
 - b) destroyed
 - c) maintained
 - d) hard
 7. Choose the right word to replace the phrasal verb in the following sentence. She **passed out** on hearing the news.
 - a) trembled
 - b) wailed
 - c) fainted
 - d) perspired
 8. Add a suitable prefix to the word '**Patient**'.
 - a) in
 - b) dis
 - c) in
 - d) un
 9. Add a suitable suffix to the word '**different**'.
 - a) ity
 - b) ic
 - c) al
 - d) ly
 10. I am always the winner, _____?
 - a) am I
 - b) amn't I
 - c) are I
 - d) aren't I
 11. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence. The poet found it very difficult '**to make both ends meet**'.
 - a) to earn good income
 - b) to spend lavishly
 - c) to lead economical life
 - d) to live within one's income
 12. Choose the word that can be placed after the word '**world**' to form a compound word.
 - a) cause
 - b) back
 - c) roll
 - d) famous
 13. Choose the correct expansion for the blended word '**brunch**'.
 - a) break + lunch
 - b) breakfast + lunch
 - c) breaking + lunch
 - d) break + fastlunch
 14. Replace the underlined word with polite form of expression. Elambarathi has a **second hand** car.
 - a) pre booked
 - b) pre poned
 - c) pre checked
 - d) pre owned
 15. Choose the correct American English word for '**Pavement**'.
 - a) pavilion
 - b) sidewalk
 - c) pedestal
 - d) apartment
 16. Choose the best option that is the expansion of the abbreviation '**ISRO**'.
 - a) Indian Space Research Organisation
 - b) Indian Spice Research Organisation
 - c) Indian Studies Research Organisation
 - d) Indian Space Research Office
 17. Choose the clipped form of the word '**microphone**'.
 - a) micro
 - b) mice
 - c) phone
 - d) mike
 18. One who studies about the scientific study of a language is called as a _____.
 - a) phonetics
 - b) aesthetics
 - c) statistics
 - d) linguistics
 19. Rani is preparing for the '**viva voce**'.
 - a) aptitude test
 - b) spoken examination
 - c) written examination
 - d) fitness test
 20. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence. His father gave him his school bag.
 - a) SVCA
 - b) SVOC
 - c) SVIDODO
 - d) SVAA

V12E

2

PART - II
SECTION - I

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any four sets.

4×2=8

21. "All through the summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay"
i) Who does 'we' refer to?
ii) What work do the mowers do?
22. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among!"
i) Who is the giant here?
ii) Mention the figure of speech used in this line?
23. "All the world's a stage
And all the men and woman merely players"
i) What is the world compared to?
ii) What does the poet mean by the term exits, entrances?
24. "..... for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
of all the western stars, until I die."
i) What was Ulysses purpose in life?
ii) What does Ulysses yearn for?
25. "Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy"
And this too might serve him.
i) How is life?
ii) Pick out the words in alliteration
26. "Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind."
i) Whose action is described here?
ii) What is his state of mind?

SECTION - II

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

3×2=6

27. Report the dialogue.
Ambika: What type of movies do you like?
Deepa: I like horror movies.
28. Please open the door. (Change the voice)
29. Praveen ran into the field so that he might congratulate the winner.
(Rewrite as a simple sentence)
30. Rewrite the sentences using "If" without changing the meaning of the sentence.
Raj may joins us, we will win the game.

PART - III
SECTION - I

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2×3=6

31. "Only a bird could have got in"
32. "Is second childness and mere oblivion: Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything"
33. "Tell him too much money had killed men"

SECTION - II

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words. 2×3=6

34. How does army tea taste?
35. When did Hillary feel a sense of freedom and well being?
36. Why should individual liberty he curtailed?

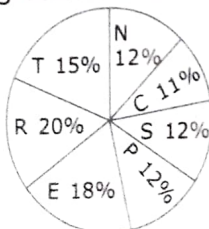
SECTION - III

Answer any three of the following.

3×3=9

37. Study the pie-chart given and answer the questions that follow
[Distribution of students at graduate level in seven institutes]

Distribution of Students



V12E

Questions:

- a) Which institute is least preferred by the students?
 b) What are the two institutes equally preferred by the students?
 c) Which institute is highly preferred by the students?
38. Built a dialogue of atleast three utterances between two friends about the NSS Camp which they are going to attend.
39. Describe the process of obtaining a demand draft from bank
40. Complete the proverbs. Choosing the right word from the list.
- | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|
| a) Variety is the _____ of life. | i) source | ii) spice | iii) need |
| b) The _____ is always greener on the other side. | i) brook | ii) parrot | iii) grass |
| c) Time and _____ wait for none. | i) tide | ii) side | iii) ride |

PART - IV

7×5=35

Answer the following.

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) Justify the title of the story "Two gentlemen of Verona".

(or)

- b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay "On the Rule of the Road"?

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet when she sees the Casuarina tree.

(or)

- b) How according to the poet is it possible for his son to bring changes into a world that resents change?

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.

- a) Robert Baldwin an honest man - fraud in a bank - Gresham arrested - pressurised Baldwin - to falsely declare - offered huge bribe - Baldwin refused - family members tempted - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - Gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded.

(or)

- b) Lord Weston - conceited - judge - he attained - hard work - very rigid - unwilling - half-holiday - secretary. Weston - serious view - frivolous matters - Lady Weston - lighthearted - sensible. Weston - life was in danger - simply - eating game pie - witty remark - wanted - great man - assassination threat - aware - absentmindedness - habit of taking - a silly matter - remained cool - interaction - Weston adds - elements - play.

44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

Women education is very important for the proper social and economic growth of the country. Both men and women are like two sides of the coin and run equally like two wheels of the society. Hence both are important elements for the growth and development of the country. Thus they require equal opportunity for education. If anyone is neglected social progress is not possible. The female education in India is highly necessary for the future of the country as women are the first teachers of their children, the future citizen of the nation. If education of women is ignored, it would be a deterrent to the bright future of the nation. An uneducated women cannot handle the family, give proper care for the children and thus cannot guide the future generation. An educated women may easily handle her family, make each family member responsible, infuse good qualities in children, and participate in social work. All these would lead towards a socially and economically healthy nation. By educating a man, only a man can be educated however by educating women, a whole country can be educated. Lack of women education weakens the society So women should have full rights for education and should not be treated as inferior to men. India is now a leading country in the field of women education. History of India is replete with brave women philosophers like Gargi. Vishwabara. Maritreya and other famous women like Mirabai, Durgabeti. Ahalyabai, Laxmibai etc. All the famous historical women in India are the inspiration for the women of this age. We should never forget their contributions to the society and country.

45. a) Write an application for the post of Personal Secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following details: Educational qualification experience, various other qualifications required for the post.

(or)

- b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on "The teacher I like the most".

V12E

4

46. a) Read the following sentences spot the errors and correct them.

- i) My grandfather is well known in the village for his nobel deeds.
- ii) She made me to cry.
- iii) Professor Usha is not only a writer but an orator.
- iv) She bought the useful gadget.
- v) My scissors is missing.

(or)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) The _____ of the atom bomb _____ the people of Japan. (affect / effect)
- ii) The plane _____ (take) off in a few minutes. (Use the verb in the correct form)
- iii) How _____ you open my bag? (Use a semi-modal verb)
- iv) Our teacher always acts _____ her students. (Use a suitable prepositional phrase)

47. a) Identify each sentence with the field in the list given below.

(Weather, Nutrition and Dietetics, Sports, Botany, Education)

- i) Slow learners should be given individual attention.
- ii) Ram at his fluent best, put Ranjith in his place with three boundaries in one over.
- iii) Spicy food can cause acidity in the stomach.
- iv) The flight was cancelled owing to fog.
- v) Every plant organ has a definite form and structure and performs certain specific functions.

(or)

b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions.

Humans have long been fascinated by fiction. We experience excitement in assigning supernatural power to imaginary characters in fictional stories - and so we have Spider man, Batman, He-man, Titans and many more. The 'Cyborg' was an offshoot of such wild imagination of humans to invest our species with superhuman powers. Today, the Cyborg is no more an imaginary organism. We are living in a world where a sizeable population of humans has merged their bodies with technological implants. The term "Cyborg", short for cybernetic organism, was coined to describe a man, whose body is implanted with technological devices to supplement and substitute body functions.

Cyborgs include people with cardiac pacemakers, contact lenses, bionic ears and eyes, prosthetics and so on. In other words, a cyborg is partly human and partly machine. The technological innovations in the field of medicine and healthcare augment humans with machines, producing a beta version of the human body. The advent of brain machine interfaces is certain to blur the boundary between humans and machines. Scientists are working hard to find a technique for age reversal too. People do not want to die. so mankind is striving to get to the final frontier, which is development of machines and devices that would accord man immortality.

The needs of humans are not limited. As time passes, food habits change, thinking patterns change, and even appearances change. We are about to travel by driverless, fully automated vehicles. Computers and smart phones have become our masters. The more we depend and merge with technological advancements, the more the humanness in us slowly erodes. Intelligence is sought to be infused into machines and robotics are designed in such a way to give man a virtual human companion. The field of artificial intelligence is overtaking the human brain and many fear that it could even harm the human race. Despite certain limitations and potential threats, many believe that cyborgs will be the next step in the evolution of mankind. The amalgamation of man and machine is sure to add a new, dimension to the life of mankind and this will prove to be the biggest evolution in Biology' since the emergence of life, four billion years ago.

Questions:

- a) Who is referred to as a "Cyborg"?
- b) What is expected to happen with the advent of the brain machine interface?
- c) The needs of humans are not limited. How is this statement elaborated in the passage?
- d) How can a machine turn into a virtual companion for humans?
- e) Explain the Flipside of the rapid technological advancement?