

## COMMON FIRST REVISION TEST – 2023

Standard XII

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## ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 hrs.

Part - I

Marks: 90

1. Answer all the questions : 20 x 1 = 20

**Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences :**

1. One is liable to put in too much milk .  
a) likely                      b) responsible                      c) eager                      d) certain
2. The end of such liberty would be universal chaos.  
a) mystery                      b) destruction                      c) confusion                      d) harmony
3. The trolley was commandeered by an Intrepid crew of two.  
a) bold                      b) timid                      c) cheerful                      d) strong

**Choose the antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences :**

4. Their devotion had touched me deeply.  
a) dedication                      b) loyalty                      c) disloyalty                      d) love
5. Tenzing collapsed at the top like a giant fish.  
a) refreshed                      b) fell down                      c) gave way                      d) fainted
6. We have a whole Kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ridiculous.  
a) comical                      b) senseless                      c) sensible                      d) absurd
7. **Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence :**  
Benson always tried to maintain the status quo with the company's policy.  
a) existing condition                      b) interest                      c) strength                      d) instruction
8. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation UAE.  
a) United Arab Emirates                      b) United American establishment  
c) Unity and Equivalent                      d) United Australian Emirates
9. Choose the right definition for the given term 'theophobia'.  
a) fear of light                      b) fear of God                      c) fear of devil                      d) fear of rain
10. Choose the clipped form of the word 'demonstration'.  
a) demo                      b) demon                      c) station                      d) demons
11. Choose the blended form of 'motel'.  
a) Motorcar + Hotel                      b) Motor + Hotel  
c) Motorway + Hotel                      d) Motorist + Hotel
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is one who studies atmosphere, weather and climate.  
a) metrologist                      b) geologist                      c) archaeologist                      d) seismologist
13. Choose the correct preposition for the following sentence :  
The prayer session will be held \_\_\_\_\_ Fridays.  
a) at                      b) on                      c) with                      d) of
14. Choose the polite alternative word for the underlined word in the following sentence:  
This is a school for 'blind'  
a) mentally challenged                      b) handicapped  
c) unseeing                      d) visually impaired
15. Choose the suitable meaning for the underlined idiom in the following sentence:  
I told him flat that I did not like him.  
a) expressed opinion directly                      b) expressed opinion indirectly  
c) expressed to confuse                      d) expressed in his apartment
16. Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence :  
'Reena is a doctor in London'.  
a) SVCA                      b) SVAA                      c) SVIODO                      d) SVOC
17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.  
I am a teacher \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) amnot I                      b) aren't I                      c) don't I                      d) am I



18. Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word 'lucky'  
 a) on b) in c) dis d) un
19. Choose the correct plural form of 'analysis'  
 a) analyses b) analyses c) analysis d) analysi
20. Choose the correct American English word for 'Pavement'  
 a) pedestal b) saaffold c) pravillion d) side walk

**Part - II****Section - A**

4 x 2 = 8

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following :

21. 'All through the summer at ease we lay,  
 And daily from the turret wall  
 We watched the mowers was in the hay'  
 a) Who does we refer to? b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
22. 'A film the mother-eagle's eye  
 When her bruised eaglet breathes'  
 a) Why did Napoleon's eyes become soft as a mother eagle's eye?  
 b) What is the figure of speech employed in the first line?
23. 'Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong  
 And the final decisions are made in silent rooms'  
 a) How would his being alone help the boy?  
 b) Where are the final decisions taken?
24. 'Little remains but every hour is saved  
 From that eternal silence something more'  
 a) What does the term 'little remains' convey?  
 b) Mention the figure of speech employed in the above lines.
25. 'The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung.  
 In crimson cluster all the bough among'  
 a) Who is the giant here? b) Mention the figure of speech employed here.
26. 'Jealous in honour sudden and quick in quarrel  
 Seeking the bubble reputation'  
 a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?  
 b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.

**Section - B**

3 x 2 = 6

Do as directed : (any three)

Answer any three of the following:

Report the following dialogue.

27. Manager : Have you brought all your certificate?

Joe : Yes sir, you can verify them.

28. **Combine the following sentences using if clause :**

Raj may join us. We will win the game.

29. They have made a film based on this novel. (change the voice)

30. Though Sharan is not sick, he feels weak. (change into compound sentence)

**Part - III****Section - A**

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. 'Like a huge Python, winding round and round'

32. 'I will maintain unto my death'

33. 'He will be lonely enough'

I have time for the work'

**Section - B**

Answer any two of the following briefly :

2 x 3 = 6

34. What are the author's view on China tea?

35. The soft snow was difficult and dangerous. Why?

36. 'Curtaiment of private liberty is done to establish social order' - Do you agree?



## Section - C

Answer any three of the following :

3 x 3 = 9

37. You are Ram / Reena, Secretary of the English Literary Club. Your literary club is screening a documentary film about 'Life of Kalam' in the auditorium, for the students of classes XI and XII. Draft a notice inviting the students to view this film.
38. Write a dialogue of at least 6 utterances between the pedestrian and the traffic policeman.
39. Describe the process of preparing bread sandwich.
40. **Complete the proverb :**
- a) A cat has \_\_\_\_\_ lives. (i. one ii. four iii. nine)
- b) An Empty purse frightens away \_\_\_\_\_. (i. friends ii. wife iii. children)
- c) An idle man's mind is a \_\_\_\_\_ workshop. (i. God ii. Angel iii. Devil)

## Part - IV

Answer the following :

7 x 5 = 35

41. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following :

- a) 'There is no height, no depth that the spirit of man, guided by higher spirit cannot attain' - Explain the above statement in the context of achievement of Edmund Hillary And Tenzing.
- b) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'

42. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following :

- a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel - Explain.
- b) Explain how the poet Carl August Sandburg guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life.

43. Write a paragraph by developing the following hints: (any one)

- a) Ivan Dmitrich - merchant - Russia - decides business venture - wife - bad dream - Ivan disregards - meets another merchant - travel together - retrieve separately - stopped by police - sentenced - Siberia - new prisoners came discloses the fact - Makar admits - Aksionov dies.
- b) Ausable - secret agent - important paper - Fowler thrilled - Max - pistol - wanted report - Ausable - fabricated story - balcony - knocking heard - befooled Max - jumped - died.

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

Since time immemorial, Mahabalipuram has been always a city whose fame has spread far and wide as a seat of religion, learning and an important port in the ancient world. It is located in the Kanchipuram district of Tamilnadu and is home to several architectural monuments built between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Mahabalipuram was at the height of its splendour and glory during the reign of Narasimha Varman who played an important role in building the many magnificent temples. The shore Temple at Mahabalipuram is a World Heritage site as classified by UNESCO and is believed to be the only existing Temple amongst the seven shore temples that were originally constructed. Constructed during the 7<sup>th</sup> century by Narasimha Varman the temple bears exquisite designs and carvings and is supposed to be the fore runner of Dravidian architecture. Arjuna's penance is a rock structure carved to resemble a whale and was built by Raja Narasimha the first. Krishna Mandapam is one of the largest mandapams and is dedicated to Lord Krishna, the mentor and guide of the Pandavas. Varaha mandapam lies beside the Arjuna penance and is dedicated to Lord Vishnu's Varaha incarnation. Mahabalipuram is well connected to other cities in India.

45. You are interested in applying for a scholarship program to study at a foreign university. Write a letter to the foreign university inquire about the course. In your letter,

- \* Explain which course you are interested in
- \* Tell what you knew about the university
- \* Explain why you should receive the scholarship.

(OR)



Write a paragraph about 'Youth - The Power of Nation'

46. **Spot the error and write the corrected sentence :**

- a) We bought a lot of furnitures.
- b) Neither Pranav nor Krishna are intelligent
- c) Ramesh is senior than Venkat
- d) The dog jumped in the well
- e) She completed her work isn't she? (OR)

**Do as directed :**

- a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) my friends in Chennai next week. (use a suitable tense)
  - b) If you had obeyed his words, he \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you. (suitable form)
  - c) In the Army Soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ obey their officers. (use a modal verb)
  - d) How \_\_\_\_\_ you ask me such a question? (use a semi modal verb)
  - e) I have no \_\_\_\_\_ (piece / peace) of mind. (use appropriate word)
47. a) **Develop the following hints into a story:**

Priya - domestic help - natural singer - often sings while at work - visitor noticed - made a video of her song - uploaded It - becomes viral - singing sensation overnight. (OR)

- b) **Read the following passage and answer in your own words, the questions given below :**

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a nation-wide campaign in India for the period 2014 to 2019 that aims to clean up the streets, roads and infrastructure of India's cities, towns urban and rural areas. The campaign's official name is in Hindi and translates to 'Neat and tidy India Mission' in English. The objectives of Swachh Bharat include eliminating open defecation through the construction of house hold-owned and community - owned toilets and establishing an accountable mechanism of monitoring toilet use. Run by the Government of India, the mission aims to achieve an 'Open defecation free India' by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by constructing 100 million toilets in rural India at a projected cost of Rs.1.96 lakh crore. The campaign was officially launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 at Rajghat, New Delhi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is India's largest cleanliness drive. Modi has called the campaign 'Satyagrah Se Swachhagrah' in reference to Gandhi's 'Champaran Satyagraha' launched on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1916. The government has constructed 11 million toilets since 2014. Many people continue not to use toilets despite having them. The campaign has been criticized for using coercive approaches to force people to use toilets. Many household have been threatened with a loss of benefits such as access to electricity or food entitlements through the public distribution system. As per an independent survey released by Quality Council of India in August 2017, overall national rural access to toilets increased to 62.5% and usage of toilets to 91.3%. the World Health Organisation has in its report stated that at least, 1,80,000 diarrhoeal deaths were averted in rural India since the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission.

**Questions :**

- i) What is the meaning of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan?
- ii) What is the main objective of this mission?
- iii) When and by whom this mission was launched?
- iv) Name the project launched by Mahatma Gandhi.
- v) Mention two coercive approach made by the government.

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