

Standard - 12

LANGUAGE PART II - ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks: 90

Instructions:

1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness inform the hall supervisor immediately.
2. Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

20×1=20**PART - 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 options given:

- 1) In some countries teapots are fitted with little 'dangling' baskets.
a) colouring b) brimming c) twisting d) hanging friendly
- 2) We cramponed on to the South Peak.
a) conquered b) walked c) climbed d) crossed
- 3) "How dare this fellow interfere with your free use of the public highway?"
a) blame b) hinder c) justifies d) cause

Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words from the options given:

- 4) One night we came upon them in the windy and deserted square.
a) crowded b) secured c) fertile d) desolate
- 5) As the wound healed around his neck.
a) recovered b) damaged c) cured d) restored
- 6) There he was sitting in splendor on his chair.
a) magnificence b) pomp c) effulgence d) simplicity

7) Choose the right word to replace the phrasal verb in the following sentence:

The electricity was cut off.

- a) stop b) extinguish c) reject d) reuse

8) Add a suitable prefix to the word 'fertile':

- a) in b) dis c) un d) im

9) Add a suitable suffix to the word 'honour':

- a) able b) ment c) ity d) ness

10) Let's clean the shelves this weekend _____?

- a) Shall we b) Shouldn't we c) Will we d) Let we

11) Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence:

Dhanraj, came as 'a blot out of a clear sky'.

- a) not in near future b) in the farthest end
c) a sudden unexpected event d) much in advance

12) Choose the correct combination of the compound word 'swimming pool':

- a) noun+noun b) noun+adverb c) gerund+noun d) noun+gerund

13) Choose the correct combination of the blended word 'smog':

- a) smo+fog b) smoke+fog c) smoking+fog d) smoky+foggy

14) Replace the underlined word with polite form of expression:

Ragav was unemployed.

- a) unpaid b) retired c) on probation d) between jobs

15) Choose the correct American English word for 'Lift':

- a) elevator b) moving strip c) carrier d) chair lift

16) Choose the appropriate expansion of the acronym 'PAN':

- a) Personal Aggregate Number b) Permanent Account Number
c) Private Authentic Number d) Postal Assurance Number

17) Choose the clipped form of the word 'Perambulator':

- a) ambulator b) lator c) prambu d) pram

18) One who always abstains from alcohol is _____.

- a) teetotaler b) globetrotter c) ambassador d) gadial

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- 19) Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun for the following sentence:
Shakespeare, dramatist, lived in 16th century is considered to be the greatest
- a) whom b) which c) who d) where
- 20) Choose the correct syllabification word from the following:
a) edu-ca-tion b) ed-u-ca-tion c) edu-cation d) ed-u-ca-tion

PART - II**SECTION - I**

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any four sets: 4×2=8

- 21) "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick, so smooth and high, no man could win."
i) How safe was the castle?
ii) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- 22) "A creeper climbs, in whose embrances bound No other tree could live"
i) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
ii) Why does Toru Dutt use the expression 'a creeper climbs'?
- 23) "Then the whining school boy, with his satchel And shining morning face, creeping the snail Unwillingly to school"
i) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
ii) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?
- 24) "This is my son, mine own Telemachus, To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle Well-loved of me"
i) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?
ii) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
- 25) "Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong and the final decisions are made in silent rooms"
i) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
ii) Where are the final decision taken?
- 26) "The Marshal's in the market-place And you'll be there anon"
i) Where does the soldier ask Napoleon to go?
ii) Why does he want the emperor to go there?

SECTION - II3×2=6

Do as directed. Answer any three questions:

- 27) The manager said, "I will speak to you on Friday".
[Change into indirect speech]
- 28) It is time for the bell to be rung. [Change the voice]
- 29) Smitha carried out the survey and presented her report.
[Rewrite as complex sentence]
- 30) Rewrite the sentences making an inversion in the conditional clause:
If I were a lion. I would kill all the animals in the forest.

PART - III**SECTION - I**

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context: 2×3=6

- 31) "Dear is the Casuarina tree to my soul".
32) "He works his work, I mine".
33) "I'm killed, Sire!" And his Chief beside.
Smiling, the boy fell dead".

SECTION - II

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

- 34) What was Lucia suffering from?
35) What happened in the grand finale?
36) Who visited the family?

SECTION - III

Answer any three of the following:

3×3=9

- 37) Study the following table, and write three sentences on your inference about the data.

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Average rainfall in the southern states of India in the year 2020

S.No.	State of India	Average rainfall in mm
1.	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	1996
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3580
3.	Karnataka	5160
4.	Kerala	3055

- 38) Build a dialogue of atleast three utterances between a passenger and a railway staff regarding the cancellation of the reserved tickets.
- 39) Write precautions to be taken at home, before a cyclone hit.
- 40) **Rearrange the shuffled words:**
- ourselves / we / strangely / attracted / felt
 - be / in / made / should / quantities / small / tea
 - I / to / have / be / liberty / indifferent / you / to

PART - IV**Answer the following:****7×5=35**

- 41) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:**
- Describe the Grand Prix at Cape Towns Red Cross Childrens Hospital.
(OR)
 - Give an account of the journey to South Col from 28000 feet.
- 42) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:**
- 'Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel' - Explain.
(OR)
 - Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life.
- 43) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints:**
- Pi - Pacific - lifeboat - hanging on to an oar - shocked - Richard Parker - a Bengal tiger on board - sharks beneath - storm - raging - Pi - carefully - raising his head - hyena - behind - left of the zebra - tried - Pi - opened the locker - cans of water - 124 days - greedily drank - four cans of water - energetic - drinking enough water - Pi realised - the tiger - peace, purpose and wholeness - understood - tiger - survive for 277 days - thinking too much - family - tragic circumstances - in a jungle - waited for a ship - ship found him - reunited - family.
(OR)
 - Lord Weston - conceited - pompous judge - proudly - attained - lofty position - hard word - very rigid - unwilling - half-holiday - secretary - Weston - Morbidly - view - frivolous matters - Mr. Weston, Lady Weston - lighthearted - sensible - Weston - life was in danger - simply - eating - game pie - another witty remark - wanted to be a great man - assassination threat - aware - absentmindedness - Weston - habit of taking very serious - a silly matter - cool - remarked wittily - interaction - Weston adds - humorous - play.
- 44) a) **Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:**
- Since the 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 7th and 9th century. Mahabalipuram was at the height of its splendor and glory during the reign of Narasimhavarman 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 7th 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. The Chennai airport is located at 60 km from Mahabalipuram. The city is also well connected by road to Chennai, Kanchipuram and Pondicherry.

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- 45) a) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate marksheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling.
(OR)
- b) Write a letter to your relative or friend who is admitted in hospital for treatment of jaundice. Advise him/her not to worry about the illness and be positive. Assure him/her of your psychological and financial help during the crisis.
- 46) a) **Read the following sentences spot the errors and correct them:**
- The new health care scheme announced by the government will bring relief to the children suffering.
 - Inspite of his poverty and setbacks, he was able to launch his dream carrier.
 - We bought a lot of furnitures.
 - This is the most least mark I have ever scored.
 - Ravi has attended the party yesterday.

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**

i) He _____ the book _____ the window. (through / threw)

ii) Hima Das ran so fast that she _____ win the medal.

(Fill in the blanks with a modal verb)

iii) I was not well _____ I did not attend the class.

(Use an appropriate linker)

iv) During my students life I used to give _____ trouble to my teachers.

(Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners)

- 47) a) Once there - lived a big cotton merchant - small town - owned a factory - many employees - Everyday huge loads of cotton - factory - merchant trusted - very well - one day - theft of - one heap of cotton - factory. He could not find - thief or the heap - stolen cotton - worried - theft. There was no clue - the merchant - find out neither the thief - stolen cotton - The merchant's secretary - clever and smart man - assured - merchant he would find out the - stolen heap - thief. The secretary - host a dinner - insisted - invite all his - workers - The merchant agreed - All the workers - present at the dinner - suddenly the - secretary shouted - thief - who had stolen the heap of cotton would - cotton sticking to his hair - workers - theft started dusting their heads - clear their hair - secretary caught them - trap planned by the secretary - to catch the thieves - The thieves - punished for the guilt.

(OR)

- b) **Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions:**

Adieu To a Soldier!

ADIEU, O soldier!

You of the rule campaigning, (which we shared,)

The rapid march, the life of the camp,

The hot contention of opposing fronts - the long manoeuver,

Red battles with heir slaughter, - the stimulus - the strong, terrific game,

Spell of al brave and manly hearts - the trains of Time through you,

and like of you, all fill'd

With war and war's expression.

Adieu, dear com comrade!

Your mission is fulfill'd - but, I more warlike.

Myself, and this contentious soul of mine,

Still on our own campaign in bound,

Through untried roads, with ambushes, opponents lined,

Through many a sharp defeat and many a crisis often baffled,

Here marching, ever marching on, a war fight our-eye here,

To fiercer, weightier battles give expression.

- Walt Whitmen

Questions:

- Which is rapid march?
- What is strong and terrific game?
- How is his soul?
- How are the roads?
- How does the marching go on?