

# Kanchipuram District

## COMMON SECOND REVISION TEST - 2023

Standard XI

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### ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 90

20 x 1 = 20

#### 1. Answer all questions:

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

- It seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part.  
a) logical                      b) illogical                      c) truth                      d) fact
- Indignant at her husband's behaviour she decided to teach him a lesson.  
a) very peaceful                      b) very quiet                      c) very angry                      d) very calm
- We must instil hope unto despondent by our advice.  
a) happy                      b) cheerful                      c) hopeful                      d) depressed

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

- She was presented with a traditional shawl.  
a) expensive                      b) generous                      c) valuable                      d) modern
- A genuine mistake of such kind would have been rectified at once.  
a) honest                      b) authentic                      c) fake                      d) original
- I explained to her the close and venerable relationship.  
a) respectable                      b) disreputable                      c) honest                      d) esteemed
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word fortunate  
a) un                      b) in                      c) ir                      d) im
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation USB.  
a) University Service Bus                      b) Universal Serial Bus  
c) Universal Strong Bus                      d) Universal Service Bus
- Choose the meaning of the idiom below the belt from the options.  
a) Sporting behaviour                      b) fair behaviour  
c) unsporting behaviour                      d) common behaviour
- The 'Hamartia' of Prince Hamlet was to \_\_\_\_\_ his act of revenge.  
(Fill in the blank choosing the suitable phrasal verb from the options)  
a) put on                      b) put out                      c) put up                      d) put off
- Choose the suitable option to pair with the word door to form a compound word.  
a) knob                      b) gate                      c) up                      d) more
- Choose the meaning of the profession seismologist  
a) studies insects                      b) studies earthquakes  
c) studies diseases                      d) studies birds
- Form derivate by adding a suitable suffix to the root word manage.  
a) \_tive                      b) \_ion                      c) \_ment                      d) \_ance
- Fill in the blank with the suitable word :  
The child looks very sick and \_\_\_\_\_ (pale / pail)
- Fill in the blanks with suitable modal verb.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ admit my fault if I were you.  
a) can                      b) could                      c) may                      d) will
- Fill in the blanks with the suitable preposition.  
They selected me for the job only \_\_\_\_\_ merit.  
a) in                      b) along                      c) for                      d) on

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17. Choose the appropriate **question tag** for the following sentence :  
My question paper was very easy, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) aren't it?      b) were they?      c) wasn't it?      d) didn't it?
18. Fill in the blank with the correct **tense form** of the verb given in the bracket.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ (see) such a beautiful sunrise before I came here.
19. Fill in the blank with a suitable **determiner** from the options :  
Anand invited only \_\_\_\_\_ friends for his birthday party.  
a) few      b) a few      c) little      d) a little
20. Fill in the blanks with the suitable **phrasal preposition**.  
\_\_\_\_\_ planting many saplings we shall get more trees.  
a) Due to      b) In spite of      c) In the event of      d) According to

## Part - II Section - A

Answer any four of the following six sets :

4 x 2 = 8

A) Read the sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow :

21. Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!  
a) Why does the poet want to relearn to laugh?  
b) Mention the figure of speech used in the above line.
22. Well, ego it might be pleased enough  
But zealous athletes play so rough  
a) What pleases the ego?  
b) Why are athletes often rough during play?
23. And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoy the air it breathes.  
a) What is the poet's faith?  
b) What trait of Nature do we see here?
24. For he is a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity  
a) How is the cat described in this line?  
b) Explain the phrase 'monster of depravity'.
25. Honour is the property, common to all  
In dignity and pride no one need to be poor.  
a) Who are considered rich?  
b) What is their asset?
26. Save our deposed bodies to the ground?  
Our lands, our lives and all, are Bolingbroke's  
a) What does the word 'save' mean here?  
b) Who was Bolingbroke?

## Section - B

3 x 2 = 6

B) Answer any three of the questions as directed:

27. Selvi said to Baskar, "What are you doing now?". (change into indirect)
28. Mary is singing the prayer. (change the voice)
29. If you had obeyed my instructions you would have succeeded in life. (Begin with 'Had')
30. Harsha reached the station. He saw his friend there.  
(combine the two sentence into complex sentence)

## Part - III

## Section - A

2 x 3 = 6

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

31. There will be no thrice
32. Have I not reason to lament  
What Man has made of Man?

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33. How can you say to me, I am a King?

Section - B

2 x 3 = 6

B. Answer any two of the following in two or three sentences :

34. How did Mary Kom manage to get financial support for her trip to the U.S.A.?

35. Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait.

36. How can a graduate give back to his / her society.

Section - C

3 x 3 = 9

C. Answer any three of the following :

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word.

a) Fortune favours the \_\_\_\_\_. (poor / rich / brave)

b) \_\_\_\_\_ all, lose all. (Amass, Covet, Squander)

c) No man can serve \_\_\_\_\_ masters at a time. (two / three / four)

38. Describe the process of making coconut chutney.

39. Rearrange the shuffled words to get meaningful sentences:

a) no notice / took / the sparrows / of / the bread.

b) the head / uneasy / a crown / lies / that wears.

c) his money / a fool / are / soon / and / parted

40. Prepare a notice about conducting special classes for the late bloomers to be displayed in your school.

Part - IV

Answer all the questions choosing one from each :

7 x 5 = 35

Answer in a para of about 150 words :

41. a) The grandmother played a vital role in Khushwant Singh's formative years - Substantiate.

(OR)

b) Narrate the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner by his own folly.

42. a) Explain the things the poet has learnt when he grew into an adult in the poem "Once upon a time"

(OR)

b) What was the lament of the deposed King Richard II.

43. Answer in a few short paras developing the hints:

a) Jimmy Wells and Bob - friends - lived in New York - parted - fixed to meet - after twenty - years - same place and time - Bob - West earned a lot - changed a lot - wanted criminal - Well's a police man - Bob arrived - appointed time - couldn't recognize - Wells identified - respected friendship - sent another - couldn't arrest - plain clothes man - arrested Bob.

(OR)

b) Miss Meadows, a music teacher - gets a letter - feels upset - fiance not interested - reflects her gloom on students - changes the happy son to a sad one - Headmistress calls - delivers a telegram - Fiance agrees to wed - Meadows happy - changes the song to cheerful again.

44. Write a summary (or) make notes of the following :

Books are the greatest treasure of mankind, and the habit of reading them is the greatest source of pleasure. He who is in the habit of reading books should buy books for himself. Borrowed books do not give so much pleasure as the bought ones because

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in the case of borrowed books the reader has to be very careful in handling them. the books which belong to the reader himself give a special pleasure because the reader had now worried about handling them and he has not to worry about the return. He who is interested in reading books should start collecting them in his youth. The books collected and arranged properly in a room, not only decorate the room but also make the presence of the authors felt. The knowledge of the presence of the great personalities in the room is very inspiring and refreshing because they are always prepared to talk heart to heart with the reader. Books contain in them eternal truth and are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.

45. a) Write a letter to your cousin describing a music concert you enjoyed recently. (OR)  
b) Write a letter to the police inspector about the theft of your cycle.
46. a) **Spot the error and rewrite them correctly.**  
i) The interior decoration in all the rooms are awesome.  
ii) I met one of my relative yesterday.  
iii) She kept the books in the table.  
iv) Ganges is a sacred river.  
v) I lived here since 2015. (OR)
- b) Write a dialogue between a passenger who goes to Chennai and a bus conductor with a minimum of 5 exchanges.
47. a) **Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below :**  
i) The court extended the interim bail.  
ii) In a democracy we have the right to criticise anyone.  
iii) The flight was cancelled due to fog.  
iv) The price of vegetables shot up suddenly.  
v) Sports was started for the differently abled children.  
(Paralympics, Politics, Legal, Weather, Commerce)
- b) **Read the following passage and answer the questions below :**  
"The Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton". These words have been attributed to the Duke of Wellington. Certainly one does not play games in order to win battles; neither does the curriculum include them for that reason. But the importance of games in life should not be underestimated, for without them it is harder for a person to be sound in body and mind. If a person is to fulfill all the duties that society expects of him it is important for him to keep healthy. Human body is like a machine. If it is not made use of it starts to work badly. People who are not fit, grow weak and become more susceptible to disease. Any form of game is useful provided it gives the body an opportunity to take regular physical exercise.
- i) What was attributed to the Duke of Wellington?  
ii) Why should not the importance of games be underestimated?  
iii) Why is health important?  
iv) How is the human body compared to machines?  
v) What types of game is useful?

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