



Standard 12

ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 Hours

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.

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

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Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

- 1) They built with their own hands amidst the rubble.
a) possessions b) debris c) saving d) proprietary
- 2) Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.
a) common b) exceptional c) scarce d) Proprietary
- 3) Anna said exasperatedly.
a) charmingly b) artistically c) scarce d) subservient

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

- 4) Their devotion had touched me deeply.
a) dedication b) Disloyalty c) attraction d) loyalty
- 5) Far away across the clouds, the great bulk kanchenjunga loomed on the horizon.
a) vanished b) appeared c) loosened d) emerged.
- 6) China tea has virtues which are not to be despised nowadays.
a) disliked b) hated c) accepted d) liked
- 7) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation UAE.
a) United American Establishment b) Unity and Equivalent
c) United Arab Emirates d) United Australian Emirates
- 8) Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom "under cloud".
a) on suspicion b) convicted c) acquitted d) not in the list
- 9) Linguistics is the study of
a) Liquor b) lizards c) lunatics d) languages
- 10) Choose the Mono syllabic word:
a) busy b) again c) lucky d) queue
- 11) Choose the right combination for the blended word "modem".
a) modulator + demodulator b) module + demo
c) mo + dem d) modulator + demo
- 12) Choose the right definition for the term 'theophobia'
a) Fear of light b) Fear of devil c) Fear of rain d) Fear of God
- 13) Substitute the single word in the sentence with a phrasal verb.
He will not yield to pressure
a) give up b) give out c) give in d) give off
- 14) Choose the clipped form of the word 'demonstration'.
a) demon b) demo c) station d) demons
- 15) Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.
Judges sentenced him guilty.
a) SVCA b) SVOA c) SVOC d) SVIODO

16) Fill in the blank with suitable Relative pronoun.

Rameswaram is the place Dr.Abdul kalam was born.

Kindly send me your questions and answerkeys to us : Padasalai.Net@gmail.com

- a) whom b) who c) where d) whose
- 17) Choose the most appropriate question tag for the following statement.
I haven't answered your questions,?
a) have I b) did I c) don't I d) haven't I
- 18) Choose the correct preposition for the following sentence.
The moral session will be held fridays.
a) at b) on c) with d) of
- 19) Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word cease.
a) age b) ness c) hood d) less
- 20) Choose the correct plural form of "Calf"
a) Calfs b) calve c) calves d) calf

PART - II

Section - 1

4 x 2 = 8

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

- 21) "Our gates were strong our walls were thick
So smooth and high, no man could win"
a) How safe was the castle?
b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- 22) "A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live"
a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
b) What quality of the tree is highlighted here?
- 23) "Then the whining school boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school".
a) Which stage of life is being referred to here?
b) How does the boy go to school?
- 24) ".... for my purpose hold,
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths,
of all the western stars, untill I die"
a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life?
b) What does the word "baths" mean here?
- 25) "Life is hard, be steel, be a rock"
a) How should one face life?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
- 26) "Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind".
a) whose action is described here?
b) What is his state of mind?

Section - 2

3 x 2 = 6

As directed. Answer any three questions:

- 27) Asha said to karthiga, "Please don't make too much noise". (change into Indirect speech)
- 28) If I had a car, I would drop you. (Begin with 'Had')
- 29) Sita is watering the plants. (Change the voice)
- 30) Though sharan is not sick, he feels weak. (change into compound sentence)

PART - III

Section - 1

2 x 3 = 6

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

- 31) "I will maintain unto my death"
- 32) "Like a huge Python, winding round and round,
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars",

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- 33) "He will be lonely enough
To have time for the work".

Section - 2

2 × 3 = 6

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words:

- 34) Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopa.
35) What happened in the grand finale?
36) Define Liberty as perceived by the author.

Section - 3

3 × 3 = 9

Answer any three of the following:

- 37) You are Nithish/Nithya, cultural secretary of ABC school,
Draft a notice inviting the students to participate in the music competition.
38) Write a dialogue of atleast 3 exchanges between a pedestrian and a traffic
police man.
39) Describe the process of preparing bread sandwich.
40) Complete the proverbs by choosing the right words:
a) Variety is the of life (source/spice)
b) Every dog has its (day / bone)
c) Time and wait for none. (ride / tide)

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) Describe the feelings of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the
top of the summit.

- 42) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

a) Describe the capture of the castle.

(OR)

b) The young soldier matched his emperor in courage and patriotism.
Elucidate your answer.

- 43) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing
the following hints:

a) Aksionov - young merchant - sets out to fair - against wife's warning -
stays in an inn - next morning sets off - gets arrested - supposed to have
killed the merchant - is sent to Siberia - spends the time reading and praying
- gains respect - Makar semyonich comes there - seems to know Aksionov -
his behaviour makes Aksionov suspect - finally learns - makar had murdered
- the merchant - Aksionov forgives makar - orders of release arrive - aksionov
is dead.

(OR)

b) Life on Venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children -
nine years old - forgotten the sun - appeared once in 7 years - margot from
earth - came five years before - children hated her - locked her in a room -
sun came - only for two hours - rained again - unlocked the door - let
margot out missed the chance.

- 44) Either make notes or summarize the following passage:

Our blood consists of three types of blood cells; red blood cells, white
blood cells and platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped.
They are composed of an iron containing component called haemoglobin.
When blood passes through the lungs, each haemoglobin molecule picks up
four oxygen molecules and supplies them to the body's tissues. Red blood
cells also transport the carbon dioxide from the tissues to the lungs. The
lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and

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few compared to red cells, numbering only one for every 700 red cells. They are the body's defenders; the soldiers that fight bacteria and other enemies. One kind, for instance, destroys dead cells. Other kinds produce antibodies against viruses. Some others consume and digest bacteria.

- 45) a) Write a letter to your friend describing the new house you have just moved into.

(OR)

b) Read the following advertisement and respond to it with a bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified. (Write xxxx for your name, yyyy for you address)

WANTED

A secretary for a publishing company, M/F with atleast 2 years of experience. Only graduates need apply. Apply to The Managing Director, XL Publishers, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020.

- 46) a) Read the following sentence, spot the error and correct them.

- i) He said that he can drive a car
- ii) Oxygen is more heavier than hydrogen.
- iii) I can speak English beside Hindi.
- iv) There is no friendship among Sooraj and Manu.
- v) She doesn't like coffee, isn't it?

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- i) A after the illness, she still felt (weak / week)
- ii) In the army, soldiers obey their officers. (Use a modal verb)
- iii) If you had obeyed his words, he (help) you. (Use a suitable tense form)
- iv) They were not at home we visited them. (Use an appropriate linker)

- 47) a) Develop the following hints into a story.

Birbal - courtiers jealous of him - ask Akbar to test - one courtier questioned him - how many crows in Agra - a weeks time given - Akbar seen in terrace - after a week - replied - as many hairs in the courtier's head - Akbar laughs.

(OR)

- b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

The Norwegian town of Rjukan is a scenic town that has a charming waterfall with water falling from a height of 350 feet. Rjukan is considered to be a strange place as it does not receive sunlight between september and March. The sunlight is blocked out by the surrounding mountains. The people residing here do not wish to migrate elsewhere due to the hydroelectric station and other commerical organizations in the region. But the people of the town were able to enjoy sunlight for the first time in winter, surprisingly. This was due to the innovative idea of a resident artist Martin Anderson, who devised a plan of setting up three gigantic mirrors to reflect the sun's rays directly onto the town. The mirrors were placed at a great height from the city, surmounted on the peak of the hill. The mirrors would be rotated with the help of computer processors as the sun keeps gradually moving. The people are very happy with the success of this scientific process.

- i) What is strange about Rjukan?
- ii) The residents of Rjukan do not wish to migrate elsewhere - why?
- iii) What was the plan devised by Martin Anderson?
- iv) Describe the location of the mirrors.
- v) How would the mirrors rotate?
