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**ENGLISH**

**Time: 3.00 Hours**

**Marks: 90**

**Std : XI**

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**Instructions:**

1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing.
2. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the hall supervisor immediately.
3. Use black or blue ink to write, and pencil to draw diagrams.

**PART –I**

**i) Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in each of the following sentences. (20X1=20)**

1. ....he has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.

- a) bravery                      b) cowardice                      c) timid                      d) bold

2. The fights are clearly etched in my memory.

- a) external                      b) eternity                      c) imprinted                      d) forgot

3. She was breathing serenity and contentment.

- a) satisfaction                      b) dissatisfaction                      c) contempt                      d) confused

**ii) Choose the most appropriate Antonyms of the underlined words in each of the following sentences.**

4. She hobbled about the house in spotless.

- a) staggered                      b) walked steadily                      c) hopped                      d) ran

5. ....I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor to post an important letter.

- a) interested                      b) willing                      c) reclined                      d) unwilling

6. She arrived home, anticipating with angry relish the white face and quivering lips.

- a) Wobbly                      b) unsteady                      c) quaking                      d) steady

**iii) Choose the most appropriate answer for the following questions.**

7. Choose the expanded form of IELTS

- a) Indian English Language Testing System                      b) International English Literature Testing System  
c) International English Language Testing System                      d) International English Language Testing Scheme

8. Choose the correct combination for the compound word '*angry talk*'.

- a) Adjective + Noun                      b) Noun + Noun                      c) Adverb + Noun                      d) Adjective + Verb

9. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word '*septic*'

- a) anti                      b) ante                      c) auto                      d) ambi

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence

On the eve of his friend's departure to the States, Rangan bade him "*adieu*"!

- a) greetings                      b) good bye                      c) hello                      d) howdy

11. Choose the right definition for the given term "*Meteorologist*"

- a) one who studies weather and climate                      b) one who studies matter  
c) one who studies earthquake                      d) one who studies metals

12. Choose the suitable question tag.

Everybody knows the answers \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- a) doesn't he                      b) don't he                      c) don't they                      d) didn't I

13. Replace the underlined words in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning

Don't despise the poor.

- a) look at                      b) look for                      c) look up                      d) look down

14. Fill in the blanks with appropriate *preposition*.

The new machines are quite different \_\_\_\_\_ the old ones.

- a) to                      b) with                      c) from                      d) among

15. Choose the appropriate polite alternative.

Prem went to jail to see his relative.

- a) prison                      b) lockup                      c) detention                      d) correctional facility

16. Choose the meaning of the idiom "saved by the cell"

- a) In serious difficulty                      b) in autocracy                      c) In serious peacefully                      d) In serious security

17. Choose the clipped form of "Demarcate"

- a) market                      b) mark                      c) mate                      d) cat

18. This is the person ..... I wanted you to meet.

- a) what                      b) whom                      c) which                      d) where

19. Choose the appropriate syllabification for the given word "possession"

- a) poss-ess-ion                      b) pos-ses-sion                      c) po-sse-ion                      d) po-ss-es-sion

20. Choose the correct plural form of "furniture"

- a) furnitures                      b) furniture                      c) furniturs                      d) furnitureses

## PART -II

**Answer seven of the following.**

- i) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. (Answer any 4 out of 6)**  
**(7x2=14)**

21. *With all my heart I do admire*

*Athletes who sweat for fun or hire*

- a) Whom does the poet admire?                      b) For what reason do the athletes sweat?

22. *He, who does not stop, is a king we adore*

*We bow before competence and merit;*

- a. Who is adored as a king?                      b. What is the figure of speech used in the first line?

23. *So show me, son,*

*how to laugh; show me how*

*I used to laugh and smile*

*once upon a time when I was like you.*

- a) Who is the speaker here?                      b) What is the figure of speech employed in the last line?

24. *Well, ego it might be pleased enough*

*But zealous athletes play so rough.....*

- a) What pleases the ego?                      b) Why are the athletes often rough during play?

25. *'But now they only laugh with their teeth,*

*While their ice-block –cold eyes...'*

- a) Explain: ice-block-cold eyes.                      b) Identify the figure of speech used here.

26. *"Let's talk of graves, of worms and epitaphs*

*Make dust our paper and with rainy eyes"*

- a) What do these words – graves, worms and epitaphs – stand for?  
b) What figure of speech is used by the poet in the second line?

**ii) Do as directed. (Answer any 3 out of 4)**

27. Report the following dialogue.

Prabhu : Did you enjoy your vacation?

Kiran : Yes. I love the place. It is a clean and busy town.

**28. Rewrite the sentences making an inversion in the conditional clause.**

If you should need to meet me, you can call this number.

29. Go fast. You will catch the bus. (*Rewrite into complex sentence*)

30. May God bless you with happiness! (*Change into passive voice*)

**PART – III**

**Answer any seven of the following.**

**(7x3=21)**

**i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. (Any 2 out of 3)**

31. *“Our lands, our lives, and all, are Bolingbroke’s,  
And nothing can we call our own but death.”*

32. *Athletes, I’ll drink to you,  
Or eat with you,  
Or anything except compete with you.....*

33. *I have learned to wear my faces  
Like dresses.....*

**ii) Answer any two of the following questions. (Any 2 out of 3)**

34. What is the difference between a physical and mental tight corner?

35. What made the dogs follow the grandmother after school hours?

36. How did Mary Kom manage to get financial support for her trip to the USA?

**iii) Answer any three of the following. (Any 3 out of 4)**

**37. Extend the conversation with two more exchanges**

Patient : Good morning, Sir.

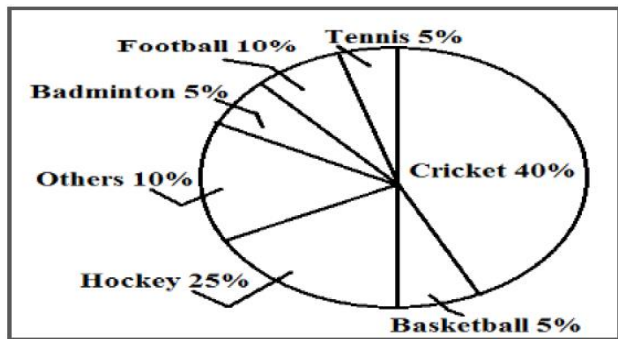
Doctor : Good morning. What is your Problem?

38. How will you pack a gift? State the process briefly.

**39. Match the following proverbs with their meaning**

- a) Blood is thicker than water – Divine help is essential to make efforts fruitful.
- b) Man proposes but God disposes – Your relatives are more interested in you.
- c) Borrowed garments never fit well. – Don’t imitate others.

**40. Expenditure of a country on various sports.**



- a) Which sports needs the maximum expenditure?
- b) Minimum expenditure is badminton. Give your reason.
- c) What is the total percent of expenditure on Tennis, Badminton and Basketball?

## PART –IV

(7x5=35)

**Answer the following.**

41. Why was Mary Kom named the ‘Queen of Boxing’ and ‘Magnificent Mary?’

(OR)

Grandmother played a vital role in the author’s formative years. Explain

42. Explain the things the poet has learnt when he grew into an adult.

(OR)

In what way is every hillock similar to Everest?

**43. Write a paragraph by developing the following hints.**

Dentist arrived – Joe entered – nurse with a hammer – others mistook – nurse with pliers and hacksaw  
– patients afraid – left – realised their mistake – dentist lost his key.

(OR)

Leacock in a photo studio – get his photo taken – kept the camera – serious look – commented on his face – instructed him – irritated Leacock – to get up – clicked the camera – made many changes – keep photo for him

**44. Write a summary or Make notes of the following passage.**

Looking at the modern children, one striking difference between the childhood that the previous generation had and the one that this generation has is the lack of Indian or native games. In the 1970’s, people used to play a variety of indoor and outdoor games that were the games of this soil. Nowadays almost all Children play games like cricket, tennis and football. Nobody is playing games like Kabaddi, Goli, Ghilli or Indoor games like the Dhaayakattam, Paramapadham, Pallanguzhi, Paandi or Aadupuliaattam. These games have a rich culture and heritage value and were tools of passing on some ancestral knowledge. They also sharpened our observational and math skills unlike the hit and run games of the west that are uni-dimensional and which strengthen only hand-eye coordination. Traditional Games were not just games, they were designed in such a way that one can develop lot of skills like logical thinking, building strategy, concentration, basic mathematics, aiming, and a lot more. Nowadays we develop these skills by paying money to centres that conduct personal development courses. Traditional Games act as learning aids. They teach us many things while playing, like to learn to win and lose, develop sensory skills, count, add, improve motor skills, identify colour, improve hand-eye co-ordination and finally to have fun, either by playing the game or watching a game being played. The values that we achieve by playing these games are more when compared with the games that we play nowadays. Some of the values that we gain are that they are environment friendly, we get a chance to learn about our culture and history, and an important thing is, it is suitable for all ages, so they increase the interaction between generations. Many modern games played around the world have their origin in these traditional games which is a pride to our country’s culture.

**45. Read the following advertisement and prepare resume/bio-data/CV considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WANTED</b> <b>Female RECEPTIONIST:</b> Graduate with fluency in English and Computer knowledge. Apply with bio-data to Box No. 9934, C/o The Hindu, Chennai -600 002.</p>
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(OR)

Expand the proverb. 'Actions speak louder than words'

**46. Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentence correctly.**

- a) He is one hour late.
- b) Ramesh plays throw ball good.
- c) The little boy wore a red colour shirt.
- d) Afsar is an artist. Doesn't he?
- e) The match was called of.

(OR)

**Fill in the blanks of the following sentences:**

- a) One never knows what the future \_\_\_\_\_ (bring).  
(Use the suitable tense form of the word given in bracket)
- b) Law makers \_\_\_\_\_ not be a law breaker (Use a suitable modal verb)
- c) I will help you \_\_\_\_\_ I am very tired (Use a suitable link word)
- d) The \_\_\_\_\_ employees want to \_\_\_\_\_ a union. ( form/ farm)

**47. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

The Department of School Education has organized a one-day seminar on 'Career Guidance and counselling' for the students appearing for the oncoming Public Examination. The programme is scheduled at 3 p.m. today, at Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Auditorium, in our School campus. You are to assemble at the venue at 2.45 p.m. sharp, with a notebook and a pen. The main purpose of the programme is to create awareness among students on the numerous career options available and the various institutions that offer relevant courses. The other objective is to boost their self-confidence and prepare them to face the challenges they encounter from time to time with courage. You are expected to be attentive throughout the programme, actively participate in discussions and get all your doubts clarified without any hesitation. The second session will be conducted in the first week of next month. Those who are interested in attending the next session can register your names with the School Pupil Leader within two days.

**Questions:**

- a) What is the main purpose of this programme?
- b) When will the second session conduct?
- c) When and where is the programme scheduled?
- d) Who has organized a one day seminar?
- e) What should the students carry ?

(OR)

**Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue.**

- a) She applied for visa to go to America.
- b) He is an expert in using pedagogical methods.
- c) The yield of cash crop is increasing due to rain.
- d) Primary market is concerned with issue of new shares.
- e) Manual data processing involves use of papers at each state.

[Education, agriculture, Travel, Computer, Commerce]

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