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PART -I

I) Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given.

( 20 x 1 = 20)

A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences

(3 x 1 = 3)

1. ....and I do claim to represent nun in all his ruggedness.

- (a) weakness (b) toughness (c) seriousness (d) brightness

2. ....that we regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric.

- (a) modern (b) weary (c) normal (d) weird

3. ....a .continuous stream of men and women endowed with the spirit of service

- (a) deprived (b) feeble (c) divest (d) gifted

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences.

(3 x 1 = 3)

4. She was distressed that there was no teaching about God and the scriptures.

- (a) depressed (b) happy (c) annoyed (d) unhappy

5. Men with fallible memories have sometimes tried to make out a case for their superiority .

- (a) eminence (b) perfection (c) supremacy (d) inferiority

6. I set to pondering on the problem what to do next

- (a) thinking (b) meditating (c) realizing (d) forgetting

C) Answer all the questions.

7. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym SALT

- (a) Strategy Arms Limited Talks (b) Strategic Automatic Limitation Talks  
(c) Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (d) Strategy Arms Limitation Take

8. Choose the correct combination for the compound word “upstream”

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

9. Choose the right combination for the blended word ‘fort night’.

- (a) fourteen + nights (b) forty + nights (c) fort + nights (d) fourteen + nite

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

We must have a good rapport with the officials.

- (a)close relationship (b)agreement (c)settlement (d) talk

11. Choose the right definition for the given term ‘regicide’

- (a) killing a member of a society (b) killing a member of a gang  
(c) killing a member of a community (d) killing a member of a royal family

12. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.

I feel honour bound to help him because I promised I would.

- a)required to do something as a moral duty (b) admired  
c) neglected (d) refused

13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word

You must go by the rules of the institution

- a) follow (b) avoid (c) check (d) watch

14. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word “perform”

- a)ic (b)ion (c)ance (d) ence

15. Identify the sentence pattern of the following.

Hari is an NSS volunteer.

- a) SVC (b) SVO (c) SVA (d) ASV

16. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.

Prema is known for \_\_\_\_\_ her teaching skills.

- a) in (b) at (c) for (d) to

17. Choose the clipped form of the word ‘fanatic’.

- (a) fant (b) fan (c) natic (d) fanat

**18. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expression:**

The lavatory is in the ground floor.

- a) toilet      b) bathroom      c) restroom      d) urinal

**19. Add suitable question tag to the following statement**

The new movie is about teachers, .....

- a) isn't it      b) aren't it      c) don't it      d) does it

**20. Fill in with a relative pronoun.**

Kumar \_\_\_\_\_ father is an engineer, constructed this building

- a) who      b) whose      c) which      d) whom

**Part – II**

**Answer any seven of the following:**

(7 × 2 = 14)

**II. a) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow :(Answer any four)**

21. *I am just as glad as glad can be*

- (a) Whom does the word 'I' refer to?  
(b) What is the figure of speech used here?

22. *If this belief from heaven be sent*

*If such be Nature's holy plan*

- a) What do you mean by 'Heaven'?  
b) What is the figure of speech implied in this line?

23. *But now they only laugh with their teeth*

*While their ice cold block eyes*

- (a) Who are 'they'?  
b) Which figure of speech has been used in the second line?

24. *Macavity's a Mystery cat; he's called the Hidden Paw*

- a) Does the poet talk about the real cat?  
b) Write out the words of alliteration.

25. *In dignity and pride no one need to be poor*

- a) What are the two things mentioned here as our strength?  
b) Pick out the words of alliteration.

26. *"Once upon a time, son*

*They used to laugh with their hearts'*

- a) Who is addressed by the poet here?  
b) When did they laugh with their hearts?

**b) Do as Directed: (Answer any three)**

**27. Combine the following using a relative pronoun.**

They were a set of four brothers. They were known for their toughness.

28. If I had seen Malar at the bus stop, I would have told her to wait. ( **Begin with Had**)

**29. Change the reported form to direct speech.**

Vinodh told that he had studied all the lessons the previous day.

30. Unless Children are vaccinated, they will fall ill. ( **Transform into a compound sentence**)

**Part – III**

**Answer any seven of the following:**

(7 × 3 = 21)

a. Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context:

31. *Have I not reason to lament*

*What Man has made of Man?*

32. *There will be no thrice*

*For them I find doors shut on me*

33. *A life that knows no kneeling and bending*

*We are proud and feel so tall*

**b. Answer any two of the following questions briefly:**

34. Who are the citizens of dreamland? Why?

35. Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait.

36. Why are universities necessary today?

**c. Answer any three of the following: (any three)**

37. Study the following table which gives information about the classification of foreign tourists from three countries according to their mode of travel to India in 2012. Write three sentences on your inference about the data.

| Country or Nationality | Arrivals (in Numbers) | Proportion to the total (%) |     |      |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----|------|
|                        |                       | Air                         | Sea | Land |
| America                | 59709                 | 94.7                        | 1.1 | 4.2  |
| Japan                  | 29374                 | 94.3                        | 0.1 | 5.6  |
| Spain                  | 50743                 | 97.6                        | 0.6 | 1.8  |

38. Write a dialogue between a doctor and a patient ( minimum of three exchanges)

39. Describe the process of making a cup of tea.

**40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:**

- a) A stitch in time saves \_\_\_\_\_.  
b) A bird in hand is worth \_\_\_\_\_ in a bush.  
c) A picture is worth a \_\_\_\_\_ words.  
( thousand, nine, two )

**Part – IV**

**Answer the following:**

**(7 × 5 = 35)**

41 Explain how the narrator got out of the tight corner that he was in.

(OR)

Why was Mary Kom named the “Queen of Boxing” and “Magnificent Mary”?

42. give an account of Macavity’s destructive mischief.

(OR)

The poem “Once Upon a Time” is nothing but a criticism of modern life. Justify this statement.

**43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:**

Miss Meadows – a music teacher – gets a letter – feels upset – fiancé not interested – reflects her gloom on students – changes the happy song to a sad one – headmistress calls – delivers a telegram – fiancé agrees to wedding – Meadows happy - changes the song to a cheerful one

(OR)

Leacock – goes to a studio – the photographer dislikes Leacock’s face – passes several comment s- Leacock gets irritated the photo – taken – wants to see the proof – visits the studio again – the photo is edited – with the help of technology – Leacock upset over the changes – calls it worthless – leaves in anger

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

Observe the eating habits of your dog. It does not eat, except when hungry. It does not drink, unless it is thirsty. It does not gorge itself. It stops eating when it has had enough. A dog also sets a perfect example of adaptability. If it is moved to a strange place, it is able to adapt itself to that place and to its thousand peculiarities without a murmur of complaint. It is able to learn and adapt to a new family's ways and customs. It is quick and ready to please. Man, being accustomed to comfort and wealth will be lost if suddenly stripped of all he is accustomed to. A dog also teaches us a thing or two about, unselfish love. When a dog knows death is approaching, it tries, with its last vestige of strength, to crawl away elsewhere to die, in order to burden its owners no more. A dog does things with all vigour. However, when there is nothing to do, it lies down and rests. It does not waste its strength and energy needlessly. Many working people are burning the candles at both ends. Many suffer nervous breakdowns due to stress. Perhaps, they should learn to rest like a dog does. A dog above all is truly man's best friend.

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

[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]

**Situation Vacant**

Post Graduate Teacher ( English) Specialized in extra – curricular activities (NSS,NCC,etc),  
Minimum : 3Years of Experience. Salary Negotiable.

Apply to : Post Box No : 1307

C/o. The Hindu

Chennai - 02.

(OR)

**Write a paragraph on ‘Advantages and disadvantages of Television’ (or) ‘Your School Sports Day’**

**46. i) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them :**

- a. Neither of the boys are guilty.
- b. Balaji is junior than me.
- c. He is a honourable man.
- d. Slow and steady win the race.
- e. The news are very good.

(OR)

**ii) Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- a) The birds \_\_\_\_\_ to God for their daily \_\_\_\_\_.(prey/pray) (2)
- b) All citizens \_\_\_\_\_ obey the rules of the land.(Semi modal verb) (1)
- c) I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) on you, had I known of your illness.(suitable form of verb) (1)
- d) I have bought a new pen. (In this sentence, ‘have’ is a \_\_\_\_\_ verb.) Fill in the blank suitably. (1)

**47. 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 stage  
(Education, Agriculture, Travel, Computer, Commerce)

(OR)

**Read the following passage and answer in your own words**

The Vatican is the world’s smallest country which became independent in 1929. It occupies 109 acres in the Italian capital Rome. It has been the spiritual and administrative centre of the Roman Catholic Church. At the heart of the Vatican is St. Peter’s Basilica, the world’s largest Christian Church. Inside the Vatican palace are the living quarters of the Pope and the offices where the officials work. The palace includes chapels, a library and museums, Vatican city state has its own small ‘army’ of soldiers called the Swiss Guard, who maintain order and protect the Pope. About 1000 people live here. All the people here are Christians and they speak Italian.

Questions:

- a) What is the speciality of the Vatican?
- b) Describe the location of the Vatican city.
- c) What is St Peter’s Basilica? Where is it?
- d) What can one see in the palace?
- e) What language do the people of Vatican speak?

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