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**ENGLISH**

**Time: 3.00 Hours    Marks: 90    Std : XII    Name:**

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Part - I

**I) Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options** ( 20 x 1 = 20)

**A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences**  
(3 × 1 = 3)

1. He glanced at us hopefully.

- (a) jumped                      (b) gasped                      (c) improved                      (d) looked

2. If you can't they accept their fate

- (a) wisdom                      (b) weakness                      (c) destiny                      (d) strength

3. The whole house sputtered into giggles

- (a) cackled                      (b) giggled                      (c) uttered                      (d) articulated

**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 × 1 = 3)

4. I see any nobility in the crying.

- (a) decency                      (b) dishonour                      (c) laughter                      (d) happiness

5. Anna would say with an impudent smile.

- (a) respectful                      (b) disrespectful                      (c) revengeful                      (d) everlasting

6. The liberties of everybody must be curtailed.

- (a) increased                      (b) soared                      (c) reduced                      (d) improved

**C) Answer all the questions.**

**7. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of NOC**

- a) National Optical Company                      b) Name of the Company  
c) No Objection Certificate                      d) Nation Oriented Company

**8. Choose the correct American english word for 'Time Table'**

- a) Schedule    b) period                      c) programme                      d) agenda

**9. Choose the correct word placed after ship**

- a) deck                      b) wreck                      c) break                      d) cabin

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

Benson always tried to maintain the status quo with the company's policy.

- a) Existing condition                      b) interest                      c) strength                      d) instruction

**11. \_\_\_\_\_ is one who treats kidney diseases.**

- a) Neonatologist                      b) Neurologist                      c) Nephrologist                      d) Pulmonologist

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

Eleventh hour preparations will not help the students.

- a) till 11 pm                      b) at the last moment                      c) much in advance                      d) late at night

**13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word**

You must not go against the advice of your parents.

- a) follow                      b) disobey                      c) obey                      d) continue

**14. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word- lucky**

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

**15. Identify the sentence pattern of the following**

Choose the **tetra syllabic** word.

- a) Expression                      b) energetic                      c) merchant                      d) father

**16. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.**

Sheeba goes to school \_\_\_\_\_ bus.

- a) on                      b) in                      c) by                      d) with

**17. Choose the unclipped form of the word university**

- a) varsity      b) versity      c) universe      d) city

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

Raju was deaf.

- a) unable to hear      b) earless      c) hearing impaired      d) deafened

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

Take me to the Hospital.

- a) can't you?      b) can you?      c) will you?      d) won't you?

**20. choose the correct plural form of calf.**

- a) calfs      b) calve      c) calves      d) calf

### **Part – II**

**Answer any seven of the following:**

**(7 × 2 = 14)**

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

**21. “Whereon all day are gathered bird and bee;**

*And oft at nights the garden overflows*

*With one sweet song that seems to have no close”,*

i. Who gathered on the tree?

ii. What happens at night?

**22. “Like a huge Python, winding round and round**

*The rugged trunk, intended deep with scars”*

i. What looks like a python?

ii. What is the figure of speech employed here?

**23. *All the world's a stage***

*And all the men and women merely players*

i. What is the world compared to?

ii. Which figure of speech has been used in the second line?

**24. “... *I mete and dole***

*Unequal laws unto a savage race,*

*That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me”.*

i. What does Ulysses do?

ii. Did he enjoy what he was doing? Give reasons.

**25. *Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades***

*Vext the dim sea: I am become a name*

i. What is meant by Hyades?

ii. Identify the figure of speech employed here.

**26. *Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong***

*And the final decisions are made in silent rooms*

i. Can being in solitude help a strong human being?

ii. Identify the figure of speech in the above line

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

**27. Report the following dialogue :**

Maya: What are you searching for?

Usha: I am Searching for my Physics record note book.

**28. Sibi is a very intelligent student. (into complex)**

**29. I was a teacher. I taught English. (Use 'if clause')**

**30. By whom will the new stadium be built? (Change the voice)**

### **Part – III**

**Answer any seven of the following:**

**(7 × 3 = 21)**

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

**31. *and guide him among sudden betrayals***

*and tighten him for slack moments.*

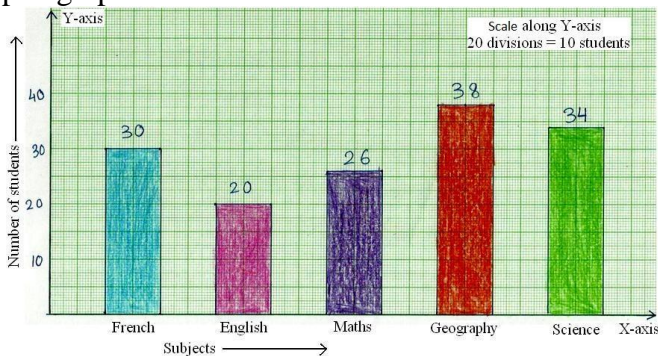
32. "They have their exists and entrances  
And one man in his time pays many parts"
33. "Unto thy honor, Tree beloved of those  
Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose".

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

34. What happened to the visitor when he sat on the stool?
35. What were the problems the trolley driver suffered from?
36. What does the 'rule of the road' mean?

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

37. Write a dialogue of at least 6 utterances between the pedestrian and the traffic police man.
38. look at the following non-verbal representation .Based on your understanding and inference, write a paragraph.



39. Describe any precautionary methods you take for corona virus.
40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:
- a) A cat has \_\_\_\_ lives. (i.one ii. Nine iii.four)
- b) An empty purse frightens away. (i.friends ii. wife iii.relatives)
- c) An idle man's mind is a \_\_\_\_\_workshop. (i.god ii. devil iii.angel)

**Part – IV**

**Answer the following:**

(7 × 5 = 35)

41. Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

(OR)

What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the rule of the Road'?

42. What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?

(OR)

Describe the various stages of man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's Stage".

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

Discuss the meaning and importance of the saying "God Sees the Truth But Waits".

(OR)

The sun brought about a positive change in the attitude of the children. Illustrate.

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

"Think before you speak but read before you think" is a famous quote on the importance of reading. Books are our never failing friends. They make us cheerful, enthusiastic and energetic. We wipe out our ignorance by reading books. We become better informed and make wise choices. Reading books makes us effective communicators. We acquire problem-solving and decision – making skills. They motivate us to do our best in everything. Creativity is stimulated by reading the books of great minds. Our sorrows and sufferings are lessened by reading books. We come into communion with great souls and our character is elevated and ennobled. Margret Fuller says, "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." The books 'Civil Disobedience' and 'Unto This Last' changed the thinking of Gandhiji and gave him the most potent weapon, non-violence. As Bacon says, 'Reading makes a man.'

**45. Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experiences to Kerala.**

(OR)

**You are Ram/Anu. The Head boy/girl of your school. Write a notice an Awareness meeting on corona virus.**

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

- a. I can speak English beside Hindi.
- b. I have ordered for a cup of coffee.
- c. Have you ever seen TajMahal.
- d. There is no friendship among ramesh and Mahesh.
- e. Akash is suffering with fever.

(or)

**Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

- a)The \_\_\_\_\_ ate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the coconut.(kernel/colonel)
- b) If you had obeyed his words,he \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you. (use Correct Tense form ) (1)
- c) All citizens \_\_\_\_\_ obey the laws of the land.(Use a Modal Verb)(1)
- d) This is \_\_\_\_\_(how/what) is must be done.(choose appropriate linker)

**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. internet is the boon to the knowledge seekers.
  - e. Both the Covishield and Covaxin vaccines are safe
- [Education, Agriculture, Travel, Computer, Health ]

(or)

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

Corruption is rampant in our social and political life. Like cancer it is eating into the vitals of the society. Self-serving politicians and their agents and power brokers can stoop to any extent to feather their own nest. Nobody is free from the needle of suspicion. Corruption seems to rule the roost everywhere. In government offices, it percolates from the top to the bottom. 'You pay the piper and call the tune' or 'Money makes the mare go' are the unwritten tenets of our administrative-cum-political-set-up.

It seems that the older generation has abandoned all that was good in India. It is the youth and specially students who have to take up cudgels against the demon of corruption and crush it altogether. A beginning in this direction can be made by holding anti-corruption drives. The ill-effects of corruption in public life should be publicized through inter school declamations and essay writing contests. Students should take a pledge to resist the temptation to use unfair means to score well in examinations. They can also go a step further and persuade their friends, relatives, and parents to curb this evil at all costs. The dedicated efforts of honest youth are bound to succeed in the long run in demolishing and vanquishing this social evil which has earned us a bad name.

- 1. Corruption is compared to a disease like
- 2. To rule the roost is to .....
- 3. To take up the cudgels is to .....
- 4. The phrase 'Money makes the mare go' means .....
- 5. According to the passage, ..... have an important role in fighting corruption.