



## COMMON FIRST MID-TERM TEST – 2023

Standard X

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## ENGLISH

Time: 1.30 hrs.

Part - A

Marks: 50

 $3 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$ 

## I. Choose the correct synonyms.

1. His father was preening their feathers.  
a) drying                      b) cleaning                      c) tapping                      d) flapping
2. He even gnawed at the dried pieces of eggshell.  
a) bit                              b) swallowed                      c) gulped                      d) nibbled
3. The grandfather was in the attic.  
a) Kitchen                              b) bathroom  
c) a room partly inside the roof                      d) store room

## II. Choose the appropriate antonyms.

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4. The young seagull scraped his beak now and again to wheat it.  
a) sharpen                      b) break                      c) blunt                      d) prompt
5. "Nothing, he said gruffly.  
a) happily                      b) enthusiastically                      c) clearly                      d) sadly
6. The doors were yanked open.  
a) pushed                      b) banged                      c) closed                      d) pulled

7. Give the plural of loaf

1 x 1 = 1

## 8. Rewrite the following sentence by rectifying the errors in the use of modals.

1 x 1 = 1

We could grow vegetables in our kitchen garden but we don't do it now.

9. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate prepositional phrase from the given options:

1 x 1 = 1

As a \_\_\_\_\_ his hard work, he achieved the target.

- a) Instead of                      b) result of                      c) apart from

10. Supply suitable article for the following sentence.

1 x 1 = 1

He is \_\_\_\_\_ honest shopkeeper.

## Part - B

## Section - 1

## III. Answer the following questions in one or two lines.-(any 3)

3 x 2 = 6

11. What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?
12. What was the first catch of the young seagull older brother?
13. Where was the author when he heard the noise?
14. What woke up the mother?

## Section - 2

## IV. Answer the following questions in a sentence or two. (any 2)

2 x 2 = 4

15. Let me but live my life from year to year,  
With forward face and unreluctant soul;  
a) Whom does the word 'me' refer to?  
b) What kind of life does the poet want to lead?
16. There's a family nobody likes to meet :  
They live, It is said, on complaining street  
a) Where does the family live?  
b) Why do you think the street is named as 'Complaining Street'?
17. Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,  
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;  
a) What does the poet expect everyone to learn?  
b) What should we do when things go wrong sometimes?

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## Section - 3

V. Answer the following.

2 x 2 = 4

18. Rewrite the following sentences into passive voice.

a) Rosy will solve the problem

b) Do not eat junk food.

## Part - C

## Section - I

VI. Answer any one of the following in utmost 10 lines.

1 x 5 = 5

19. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

20. Narrate their extensive search operation made by the policemen in the house.

## Section - 2

VII. Answer any one of the following.

1 x 5 = 5

21. Describe the Journey of life as depicted in the poem by Hendry Van Dyke. (OR)

22. Literacy Appreciation:

They growl at that and they growl at this;  
 Whatever comes, there is something amiss;  
 And whether their station be high or humble,  
 They are all known by the name of Grumble.

a) Identify the rhyming words of the given lines.

b) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given lines.

c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the above line.

d) Pick out the alliterations from the above given lines.

23. Quote from memory :

1 x 4 = 4

So let the way .....

..... and a crown

## Part - D

VIII. Answer any one of the following:

24. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

1 x 5 = 5

Mobile Galaxy - Smart phones - accessories - SIM cards - Recharge - Free  
 Power banks on mobile purchase - No.1, Toll gate, Trichy. (OR)

25. Write a report on the annual sports day of your school.

IX. 26. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. 5 x 1 = 5

Arvind, finding that Zigzag was sulkily refusing to say a word despite all their efforts at striking a conversation, dashed into the kitchen to return with a plate heaped hurriedly with juicy fruit slices and some nuts. Bored eyes brightened momentarily as Zigzag picked up a walnut. But refusing to speak, he dropped one wrinkled eyelid in a solemn wink and flew clumsily to deposit the nut on the enormous chandelier hanging from the ceiling. Bit by bit, and in total silence, all the fruit on the plate was transferred to the chandelier and on to the blades of the ceiling fan. Then perching comfortably on a curtain rod, Zigzag winked and sank his beak into a plump guava.

Questions

a) Did zigzag converse with the inmates of the house?

b) What made Arvind rush into the kitchen?

c) What did Arvind bring for the bird?

d) Where did zigzag transfer all the fruits and nuts?

e) Where did zigzag perch comfortably?

27. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

1 x 5 = 5

Inhabitants of the island - Prospero and Miranda - Prospero magical powers  
 - his brother Antonio, King of Naples, his son Ferdinand and Gangalo - on the  
 ship - Prospero raised storm - repent for the injustice - Instructed Ariel to - bring  
 Ferdinand - Miranda had more concern - Prospero set server task - he forgave all  
 - restored dukedom.

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