

**FIRST MID TERM EXAMINATION - 2023**

CLASS : X

**ENGLISH**Register No 

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TIME : 1.30 Hr.

MAX. MARKS : 50

**PART-I (VOCABULARY)****I. Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicized words :****(3x1=3)**

1. He even *gnawed* at the dried pieces of eggshell.  
a. swallowed                      b. bit                                      c. revived                                      d. restored
2. His parents circled around raising a proud *cackle*.  
a. sharp noise                      b. blunt noise                      c. high pitch                      d. shout
3. They began to *ransack* the floor.  
a. rocked                                      b. removed                                      c. damaged                                      d. checked

**II. Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicized words.****(3x1=3)**

4. Herman rushed to his room and *slammed* the door.  
a. closed                                      b. locked                                      c. banged                                      d. opened
5. The doors were *yanked* open.  
a. rushed                                      b. pushed                                      c. closed                                      d. smooth
6. The seagull's parents threatened to let him *starve* on his ledge.  
a. hunger                                      b. death                                      c. well-fed                                      d. furnish

**7. Choose the correct plural forms for the following.****(2x1=2)**

- i) Child    a) childs                      b) child                                      c) children                                      d) childrens
- ii) Loaf    a) loafes                                      b) loaves                                      c) loavs                                      d) loafes

**PART - II (GRAMMAR)****8. Complete the sentence using appropriate modal.****(3x1=3)**

I ——— win the singing contest. (determination)

- a. might                                      b. could                                      c. may                                      d. will

**9. Choose the correct prepositional phrase for the following.**

As ——— of his hard work, he achieved the target.

- a. Instead of                                      b. a result of                                      c. apart from                                      d. because of

**10. Choose the correct article for the following.**

My uncle is ——— honest man.

- a. the                                      b. an                                      c. a                                      d. no article

**11. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice.****(1x2=2)**

The salesman answered all the questions patiently.

**Part- III (PROSE)****Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two.****(3x2=6)**

12. Why did the seagull fail to fly?
13. What made the seagull go mad?
14. Why did the Herman and the author slam the doors?
15. What made the reporter gaze at the author?
16. Who was Mr. Bodwell?

Answer any one of the following in utmost 10 lines.

(1x5=5)

17. Describe the struggle underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.  
18. Describe the incidents that led to the rousing of the mother and the calling of the police.

### PART- IV (POETRY)

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following.

(3x2=6)

19. 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?

20. And then, be our station high or humble,

We'll never belong to the family of Grumble!

- a) Identify the figure of speech.  
b) Pick out the alliterating words.

21. Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;

Not mourning for the things that disappear.

- a) Why do you think the poet is not in a hurry?  
b) What should one not mourn for?

22. Still seeking what I sought when but a boy

New friendship, high adventure and a crown.

- a) Whom does the word 'I' refer to?  
b) What did the poet seek as a boy?

Answer any one of the following in utmost 10 lines.

(1x5=5)

23. From the poem 'The grumble family' what kind of behaviour does the poet want the readers to possess?  
24. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.

25. Quote from Memory.

(1x5=5)

From : Let me .....

To. : ..... in fear.

### PART - V (SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

(1x5=5)

- a. Prospero – duke of Milan – brother Antonio – usurped – magic power – wreck his enemies ship – wanted Miranda – married to Ferdinand – forgave all – noble man.

(OR)

- b. Dr. Ashok T. Krishnan – Zigzag Somu's pet – children happy – bird can talk- sing – Zigzag unmoved – snoring – neighbours complaining – Seventh day Somu's day - Somu's e-mail – Zigzag in the clinic – showing strange – genius.

### PART – VI (LANGUAGE FUNCTION)

27. a) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

(1X5=5)

Mobile Galaxy – smart phones – accessories – SIM cards – Recharge – Free Power banks on Mobile purchase – No. 1, Toll Gate, Trichy.

(OR)

- b) You are School Pupil Leader. you have been asked to write a report on the inaugural Ceremony of English Literary Association of your school which was held recently. Write a report on the same in not more than 120 words.

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