

FIRST MID TERM TEST - 2023

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ENGLISH

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TIME : 1.30 HRS

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MARKS : 45

SECTION A (LEXICAL COMPETENCIES) (15 MARKS)

I. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the italicized words of the following sentences: 15 x 1 = 15

- Yet, gazing at the..... tangled hair and dark *earnest* eyes.
a) Severe b) serious c) comic d) longing
- Anyone who has used that comforting phrase 'a nice cup of tea' *invariably* means Indian tea.
a) Never b) seldom c) always d) occasional
- but there is not much *stimulation* in it.
a) Excitement b) entertainment c) disappointment d) appointment

II. Choose the most appropriate antonym of the italicized words of the following sentences :

- Silver or Britannia ware teapots produce *inferior* tea.....
a) Prefer b) superior c) senior d) junior
- They were childish enough and in many ways quite *artless*.
a) Cunning b) innocent c) guileful d) selfishness
- He glanced at us *hopefully*.
a) Confidently b) trustfully c) faithfully d) desperately

III Answer the following:

7. Choose the suitable phrasal verb for the underlined word of the following sentence without changing the meaning.

The students should *depend on* the text book only.

- a) Bank on b) bank out c) bank off d) bank in

8. Fill in with right words :

He loves to eat..... because it is healthy. (*beat / beet*)

9. Choose the right prefix for the following underlined root word:

We must be *patient* always.

- a) Un b) im c) dis d) ir

10. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verbs given in the brackets:

We..... (*see*) a wonderful tele series last night.

11. Fill in with right modals from the options given below:

Sometimes he..... bring me some flowers.

- a) Should b) would c) could d) might

12. Choose the right quasi modals:

We..... hire some furniture for the party.

- a) Need to b) ought to c) used to d) dare to

13. Fill in with suitable prepositions:

Our nation is famous..... its glorious culture.

- a) To b) for c) with d) without

14. Choose the suitable linker:

This is it must be done.

- a) What b) how c) both a and b d) neither a nor b

15. Fill in the blanks with appropriate correlative conjunctions:

Suraj owns..... a typewriter a computer.

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SECTION B (PROSE) (11 MARKS)

- IV Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :** 2 X 3 = 6
16. Describe the girl with whom were the boys talking to in the cubicle.
17. What should be done after making tea?
- V. Answer the following in about 150 words :** (5)
18. List out the eleven rules of making tea framed by George Orwell.

SECTION C POETRY (7 MARKS)

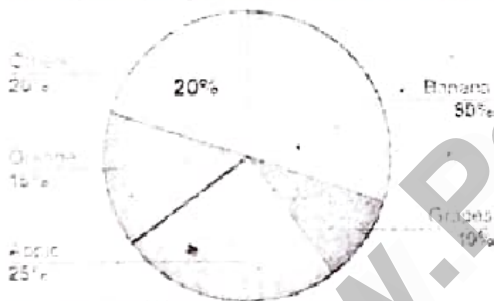
- VI. Read the following set of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow :**
19. *And all its secret galleries bare* 2 X 2 = 4
- a) What happened to the secret galleries?
- b) Who looted the secret galleries?
20. *Sometimes, and most in winter, - on its crest A gray baboon sits statue-like alone*
- a) How does the poetess compare the baboon?
- b) Mention the figure of speech used in the second line.
- VII Explain with reference to the context of the following poetic line: 3**
21. Dear is the Casuariana to my soul

SECTION C (SUPPLEMENTARY READING - 5 MARKS)

- VIII Develop the following hints into a readable story :** 5
22. Young Merchant, Ivan Dimitrich Aksionov - his family - wife's bad dream - stopped him - went out - caught in murder case - life imprisonment - wife, children fed up - 26 years passed, Makar, the convict came to jail - he the real murderer - sought forgiveness from Aksionov - Aksionov forgave him - release order - but Aksionov died without going back to see his family.

SECTION D (WRITTEN COMPETENCIES - 7 MARKS)

- 23. Study the pie-chart given and answer the questions that follow : (3)**
- The below pie chart shows the sale of different fruits in a day for a shop:



- a) Which is the most favorite fruit of the people?
- b) Name the fruit which is sold least.
- c) Which fruit is twice the sale of Orange?
- 24. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.** 4
- "Don't " I said sharply as the fruit seller was about to put a bunch of bananas in a black plastic bag. Thrusting a cloth bag, I continued, "Don't you know plastic is banned?". He calmly responded. "Most customers don't carry any bag with them. If I don't give them fruits in a bag, they will just walk away to the next seller. Therefore I keep some plastic bags". I meekly told him that in Kerala, roadside vendors wrap items in newspapers. He stood by his views and said , "And how will the customer carry the bundle? A bag is still needed. I realized that for plastic ban to be effective, the role of buyers is far more important. Ruminating on such thoughts I dropped my plan to buy materials such as disposable plates, cups, bottled water and chips.

Questions :

- a) How did the fruit seller give bananas to the author?
- b) Why did the fruit seller keep plastic bags with him?
- c) Where are items wrapped in newspapers?
- d) What is the decision taken by the author to avoid plastics?