

Ts12E

Tenkasi District

Common First Mid Term Test - 2023



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Standard 12

ENGLISH

Time: 1.30 Hrs.

Marks: 45

## PART - A

Answer all the questions choosing the suitable options given.

14×1=14

## I. Choose the correct synonyms of the words underlined below:

- ..... then as trade slackened we went over.
  - developed
  - hurried
  - reduced
  - intensified
- ..... I could not bear to intrude upon this happy family party.
  - protrude
  - come
  - thrust
  - enter without permission
- ..... but there is not much stimulation in it.
  - motivation
  - admiration
  - discouragement
  - knowledge

## II. Choose the correct antonyms of the words underlined:

- "Don't buy" warned Luigi, our cautious driver.
  - careful
  - reckless
  - intelligent
  - clever
- One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic after drinking it.
  - opportunistic
  - cheerful
  - realistic
  - pessimistic
- ..... everything is so difficult now, food so scarce and dear.
  - meagre
  - rare
  - abundant
  - very little

## III. 1) Add a suitable prefix to coin the opposite word of 'advantage':

- in \_\_\_\_\_
- dis \_\_\_\_\_
- un \_\_\_\_\_
- mis \_\_\_\_\_

## 2) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word:

The \_\_\_\_\_ (plain / plane) is flying over the \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose the correct preposition and fill in the blank:

- We have been living in this house \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.
  - from
  - for
  - since
  - on
- Ramesh is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ (among / between) Rahim and Peter.
- Fill in the blank with the appropriate prepositional phrase:  
\_\_\_\_\_ any problem contact me immediately. (according to / in case of)
- Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb:  
People who live in glass houses \_\_\_\_\_ not throw stones.
  - may
  - ought
  - should
  - could
- Choose the correct article and fill in the blank:  
I have \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an) younger brother who is studying in seventh standard.
- Fill in the blank with the correct form of verb:  
Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when the earthquake hit the small town.

## PART - B

## 1) Read the poetic lines and answer the questions that follow: (any two)

2×2=4

- All through the summer at ease we lay,  
And daily from the turret wall  
We watched the mowers in the hay.

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- i) Who does 'we' refer to?
  - ii) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
- b) **A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound  
No other tree could live.**
- i) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
  - ii) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
- c) **"The wizened warder let them through"**

Write the title of the poem and the name of the poet of the given line.

- 2) **Explain with reference to the context: (any two)** 2×3=6

- a) Grew thin and treacherous as air.
- b) A gray baboon sits statue-like alone.
- c) Dear is the Casuarina to my soul.

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### PART - C

**Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each: (any two)**

2×3=6

- 1) What were the different jobs undertaken by the little boys?
- 2) Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?
- 3) Whom does George Orwell call 'misguided people'? What is his advice to them?

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### PART - D

**Answer the following in a paragraph in about 100-150 words each:** 3×5=15

- 1) Write the character sketch of Nicola and Jacopa.

(OR)

Bring out the eleven golden points of George Orwell to prepare 'A Nice Cup of Tea'.

- 2) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel - Explain.

(OR)

Bring out the nostalgic feelings of Toru Dutt from 'Our Casuarina Tree'.

- 3) **Develop the given hints and write it into a paragraph:**

Aksionov - a merchant from Vladimir - planned a trip to the Nizhny Fair - arrested for murdering a fellow merchant - blood - stained knife found - mercy petition turned down - sent to work in the mines of Siberia - always prayed - bought the book 'The lives of the saints' - everybody respected - Makar Semyonich arrived - found out to be the real murderer - dug the tunnel - enquiries made - Aksionov kept quiet - Makar confessed - wrote to the authorities - order for release came - But Aksionov - died in peace.

(OR)

Pi was stranded in the Pacific on a life-boat - left with Richard Parker and a hyena - they are the remaining animals - Pi was desperate - no food, no water and no sleep - three days - was in dire need of water - went close to Richard Parker - passivity of Richard Parker - due to sedation and the ship - wreck noises - searched for water - found among the tarpaulins - opened with a dint against a hook - drank water - came back to life and his senses - was grateful to Richard Parker - had helped him survive for 227 days - left in a jungle. Pi was reunited with his family.