



Time: 1.30 Hrs.

Standard 12**ENGLISH****PART - I**

Marks: 50

Answer all the questions.**10×1=10****Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.****Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:**

- 1) "Don't try", warned Luigi, our cautious driver.
 a) frugal b) careful c) stingy d) miser
- 2) But because the best manner of making it is the subject of violent disputes.
 a) agreements b) applauses c) conflicts d) discussions

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 3) They brought her here persuaded us to take her into the hospital.
 a) reject b) argue c) permit d) dissuade
- 4) One does not feel wise, braver or more optimistic.
 a) opportunistic b) cheerful c) realistic d) pessimistic

5) Replace the underlined phrasal verb with a single word:I came upon my friend in the railway station.

- a) entered casually b) motivated
 c) met d) continue

6) Form a derivative by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'friend':

- a) un b) be c) mis d) en

7) Choose the suffix that can be added to the root word 'fertile':

- a) able b) ment c) ness d) ity

8) Fill in the blank choosing the correct prepositional phrase:

Expressing gratitude _____ others in common in a vote of thanks.

- a) on behalf of b) on the whole c) on account of d) according to

9) Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate linkers:

I was not well, _____ I did not attend the class.

- a) but b) so c) if d) yet

10) Choose the word that has been spelt correctly:

- a) paradies b) heven c) judge d) fountein

PART - II**SECTION - A****Choose any two of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow:****2×2=4**

11) "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,

So smooth and high, no man could win".

- a) How safe was the castle?
 b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

12) "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung

In crimson clusters all the bough among!"

- a) Why is the scarf colourful?

13) For what, we thought, had we to fear

With our arms and provender load on load

Our towering battlements, tier on tier"

a) Why did they have no reason to fear?

b) What does 'battlements' refer to?

14) "Therefore I fain would consecrate a lay

Unto thy honor, Tree, beloved of those

Who now in blessed sleep"

a) Whom does the poet want to consecrate the tree's memory to?

b) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?

SECTION - B

1×2=2

Answer any one of the following:

15) Report the following dialogue:

Priya : Where are you going?

Vijay : I am going to the Railway station.

16) The teacher said to the students, "I shall take you to the museum tomorrow".

[Change into indirect speech]

PART - III

SECTION - A

Explain any one of the following with reference to the context in about 50-60 words:

1×3=3

17) "They seemed no threat to us at all".

18) "Dear is the Casuarina tree to my soul".

SECTION - B

Answer any one of the following in not more than 30 words:

1×3=3

19) What was Lucia suffering from?

20) Mention the countries in which tea is a part of civilization.

SECTION - C

21) Read the following information given in the table below and write three sentences on your inference about the data:

1×3=3

A nice choice from Chennai to the National capital

RAJADHANI EXPRESS TIMETABLE

Shortest Route between Chennai and Hazrat Nizamuddin 8 Halts & 324 intermediate stations in between

Station Name	Departs	Day	Speed
Chennai Central	06.05	1	75
Vijayawada	11.55	1	76
Warangal	14.40	1	77
Balharshah	18.00	1	78
Nagpur	20.45	1	74
Bhopal	02.10	2	89
Jhansi	05.31	2	99
Gwalior	06.32	2	85
Agra Cantt	07.57	2	76
Hazrat Nizamudin	10.25	2	-

22) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

a) What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?

(or)

b) Discuss the factual points and the author's personal points on the preparation of tea.

23) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

a) How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?

(or)

b) Describe the reminiscences of the poet when she sees the casuarina tree.

24) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints:

a) God is - omnipresent - everything - he waits - ample chance - sinners - reform themselves - a repentant sinner - good man - God makes - Aksionov - Makar Semeyonich - forgiveness - Semeyonich - himself - repentant - forgiveness of Aksionov - confesses - crime to the authorities - sees the Truth - waits for - good things - happen - he waits - human soul - refined - self actualisation.

(or)

b) Water - elixir of life - without water - possible - earth - it is true - Pi - thirst - have water - should die - later - thirst - Pi explore - the fresh water - thirst - water pushed back - fear for the tiger - even though - to go - close to the tiger - search - ventured - fear - found water - drank - cans of water - became energetic - hopeful - makes him think - ultimately leads - his survival and rescue - statement - very true - light - story.

25) a) Make notes of the following passage:

Women education is very important for the proper social and economic growth of the country. Both men and women are like two sides of the coin and run equally like two wheels of the society. Hence both are important elements for the growth and development of the country. Thus they require equal opportunity for education. If anyone is neglected social progress is not possible. The female education in India is highly necessary for the future of the country as women are the first teachers of their children, the future citizen of the nation. If education of women is ignored, it would be a deterrent to the bright future of the nation. An uneducated women cannot handle the family, give proper care for the children and thus cannot guide the future generation. An educated women may easily handle her family, make each family member responsible, infuse good qualities in children, and participate in social work. All these would lead towards a socially and economically healthy nation. By educating a man, only a man can be educated however by educating women, a whole country can be educated. Lack of women education weakens the

society. So women should have full rights for education and should not be treated as inferior to men. India is now a leading country in the field of women education. History of India is replete with brave women philosophers like Gargi, Vishwabara, Maritreya and other famous women like Mirabai, Durgabati, Ahalyabai, Laxmibai etc. All the famous historical women in India are the inspiration for the women of this age. We should never forget their contributions to the society and country.

(or)

b) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate mark sheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling.

26) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**

- i) The police tried to _____ response from the person who sold _____ liquor. (illicit / elicit)
 - ii) Last year we _____ (go) on a school trip to Kanyakumari.
(Use the verb in the correct form)
 - iii) How _____ you open my bag? **(Use a semi-modal verb)**
 - iv) There was a skirmish _____ my brother and sister.
(Fill in the blanks with the most suitable preposition)
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