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Coimbatore District

Register No.

Time : 1.30 Hrs.

First Mid-Term Test - 2023

ENGLISH

Marks : 50

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

10 x 1 = 10

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- The boys were artless in many ways.
a) complicated b) rude c) unfit d) innocent
- One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic after drinking it
a) pessimistic b) energetic c) excited d) positive

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences

- China tea has virtues which are not to be despised.
a) admirable b) vice c) qualities d) nobilities
- The driver was very cautious.
a) reckless b) wary c) needful d) vigilant
- Add a suitable "prefix" to the root word "Patient".
a) im - b) dis - c) il - d) ir -
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "honour".
a) - ness b) - able c) - ment d) - ist
- Complete the sentence using the right preposition.
My friend will meet me.....his brother tomorrow.
a) far b) among c) with d) over
- Complete the sentence using the right preposition phrases....., I had a happy childhood.
a) on the whole b) on account of c) on behalf of d) according to
- Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.
It started raining,we could not play.
a) yet b) so c) as d) or
- Choose the appropriate correlative conjunction and complete the sentence.
I would better starve.....beg.
a) then b) than c) also d) hence

PART - II SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any two sets

2 x 2 = 4

- 'Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could win:
i) How safe was the castle?
ii) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- 'All through the summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay'
i) Who does 'we' refer to?

- ii) What could they watch from the turret wall?
13. The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In Crimson clusters all the boughs among !
- i) Who is the giant here?
- ii) Identify the figure of speech used in the lines.

SECTION - 2

5 x 1 = 5

Do as directed

14. Use the correct tense form of verb
- i) I was angry that I.....such a mistake. (make)
- ii) Whereyour last holidays? (you spend)
15. Fill in the blanks with modal auxiliaries
- i) You.....help the needy.
- ii)I go to school today?
16. She asked him, "Why did you join the club"?

PART - III SECTION - 1

2 x 3 = 6

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context

17. How can this shameful tale be told?
18. The castle was lost without a groan,
the famous citadel overthrown,
19. it is the tree's lament, an eerie speech,

SECTION - 2

2 x 3 = 6

Answer any two of the following

20. Why didn't the boys disclose their problem to the author?
21. Who did the narrator meet at the outskirts of Verona?
22. Mention the countries in which tea is a part of civilization.

SECTION - 3

23. 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.

1 x 4 = 4

PART - IV**Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

2 x 5 = 10

24. a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona". (OR)
b) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A nice cup of tea".
25. a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the castle. Explain.
b) What are the poet's reminiscences of the casuarina tree?
26. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints. 1 x 5 = 5
Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - young merchant - sets out to fair - against wife's warning - stays in an inn - next morning sets off - gets arrested - supposed to have killed the merchant - is sent to Siberia - spends the time reading and praying - gains respect - Makar Semyonich - comes there - seems to know Aksionov - his behaviour makes Aksionov suspect - finally learns that Makar had murdered - the merchant - Aksionov forgives Makar - orders of release arrive - Aksionov is dead.