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Standard 12

ENGLISH

Part - I

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

20x1=20

I. Answer all the questions. Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes.

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

- 1) We came upon them in the windy and deserted square
 - a) given up
 - b) uninhabited
 - c) barren
 - d) desolate
- 2) these two children had given me a profound lesson
 - a) complete
 - b) extreme
 - c) thorough
 - d) very great
- 3) 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:

- 4) China tea has virtues which are not to be despised
 - a) ethics
 - b) excellence
 - c) vices
 - d) advantages
- 5) because he had a malignant tumour of the bone
 - a) harmful
 - b) dangerous
 - c) spiteful
 - d) benign
- 6) Nicola's smile was steady and engaging.
 - a) attractive
 - b) repulsive
 - c) magnetic
 - d) exciting
- 7) **Choose the suitable meaning for the phrasal verb in the following sentence.**
 When you arrive at the hotel, please check in at the front desk.
 - a) To officially register your arrival
 - b) pay the bill
 - c) select the room
 - d) make inquiries
- 8) **Choose the right word that can be placed after "never" to form a compound word.**
 - a) believing
 - b) making
 - c) ending
 - d) liking
- 9) **Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.**
 but I had the whiphand.
 - a) holding a whip to beat
 - b) having more money
 - c) being honourable
 - d) to be the most powerful
- 10) The term 'asphyxia' denotes the state of
 - a) excessive loss of blood
 - b) lack of protein
 - c) inadequate oxygen in blood
 - d) inadequate water content
- 11) **Give the expansion for the following abbreviation you should first carefully evaluate your needs for an SUV.**
 - a) sensor used vehicle
 - b) steadfast Utility vehicle
 - c) Super usage vehicle
 - d) Sports utility vehicle
- 12) **Choose the trisyllabic word from the following.**
 - a) populated
 - b) beautiful
 - c) knee
 - d) believe
- 13) **Choose the blended form of 'Surgery + instruments'**
 - a) surgery instruments
 - b) surgical instruments
 - c) surgeon's instruments
 - d) surgical ments
- 14) **Add a suitable question tag for the following sentence choosing from the options.**
 I am a very honest and humble being
 - a) Am I?
 - b) Are I?
 - c) Aren't I?
 - d) don't I?
- 15) **Choose the meaning of the French word 'en masse'**
 - a) enclosed people
 - b) as a whole
 - c) a bulk of goods
 - d) measurement of a matter

- 16) **Choose the correct preposition and fill in the blank.**
Yuvan has been studying well childhood.
a) from b) for c) since d) in
- 17) **Choose the polite equivalent for the underlined word.**
John bought a second - hand car.
a) used b) handed down c) pre-owned d) passed on
- 18) **Choose the clipped form of the word 'hippopotamus'**
a) hippo b) potamus c) hippomus d) hippot
- 19) **Choose the plural form of 'analysis'**
a) analyseses b) analyses c) analysi d) analysis
- 20) **Identify the sentence pattern.**
We elected him president
a) SVC b) SVIODO c) SVOA d) SVOC

Part - II**SECTION - A**

Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions (any four) 4x2=8

- 21) **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?
- 22) **With our arms and provender, load on load**
a) What do you mean by the words 'arms' and 'provender'?
b) Pick out the alliterated words from the given line.
- 23) **A gray baboon sits statue - like alone
Watching the sunrise.**
a) What is a baboon?
b) Mention the figure of speech used here.
- 24) **Then the whining school - boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school**
a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
b) How does the boy go to school?
- 25) **But not because of its magnificence
Dear is the casuarina to my soul
Beneath it we have played**
a) Who is the speaker here?
b) Whom does 'we' refer to?
- 26) **One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield**
a) Whose hearts are heroic here?
b) Bring out the alliterated words in the given lines.

SECTION - B

Transform the following sentences as directed. (any three)

- 27) The pilot said to the passengers, "The plane will land in Delhi at 9 P.M."
(into Indirect speech) 3x2=6
- 28) By whom were you interviewed? **(Change into the other voice)**
- 29) Fifty candidates appeared for the interview. Only five were selected.
(Combine the sentences using a coordinating conjunction)
- 30) If I were a king I would introduce many reforms. **(Being with 'were')**

PART - III**SECTION - A**

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:

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2x3=6

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- 31) It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech
- 32) It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles.
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.
- 33) "Is second childishness and mere oblivion:
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

SECTION - B**Answer any two of the following briefly:**

2x3=6

- 34) Who did the narrator meet at the outskirts of verona?
- 35) How was the unattended trolley put to use?
- 36) Name the equipment and a tool carried by the climbers during their expedition.

SECTION - C**Answer any three of the following:**

3x3=9

- 37) You are the secretary of the English Club. Draft a notice announcing the competitions to be held for the Literary Day. Give details about the type of competitions, the date and the venue.
- 38) Build a conversation between a father and his daughter about the advantages of the habit of reading. Write a minimum of five exchanges.
- 39) Describe the process of making a nice cup of tea or coffee.
- 40) **Complete the proverbs:**
- a) A leopard cannot change its
- b) A happy is better than a full purse.
- c) A picture is worth a thousand (heart, spots, words)

PART - IV**Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 100 - 150 words: 7x5=35**

- 41) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentlemen of verona"
(OR)

"These two children had given me a profound lesson" Elucidate on Dr. Barnard's experience.

- 42) How did the poet, Edwin Muir describe the fall of "The Castle".
(OR)

Describe the seven stages of man's life according to William Shakespeare.

- 43) **Write a paragraph by developing the following hints.**

Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - merchant from Vladimir - decides to go to Nizhny Fair - wife stops - but he goes - meets another merchant - stays in an inn - starts at dawn - police arrests - the merchant murdered - sent to Siberian prison - becomes old - everybody respects - meets Makar, the real murderer - keeps quiet on Makar's trial to escape - Makar realises - petitions the authorities - order comes - but Aksionov dies.

(OR)

Ausable - Secret agent - Fowler, a writer - went to meet him - disappointed - sloppy fat man - lost interest - entered the apartment - Max - the villain - pistol - wanted important report - Ausable - fabricated story - balcony - knocking heard - befooled Max - jumped - sixth and top floor - Ausable's presence of mind - Fowler astonished.

Write a summary or make notes of the following passage. Give a Title

Worry is one of the biggest problems that human beings face. Dale Carnegie spent seven years reading and studying about worry. He came out with some techniques. Following the techniques we will gain control over our life. We will experience less stress and worry. The past is over, and the future hasn't yet arrived. Try as we might, we are utterly unable to affect either one. There is only one time we can possibly live in. That is the present. That time is today. Don't get all tied up in anxiety about things that may or may not happen at some future time. Plan ahead and try to improve upon the experiences of the

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past. Put your energy, put your attention, put your drive where it will count today. Most of the things that most people worry about don't happen. Despite our strongest efforts despite our most creative ideas, some things we cannot control. So we have to accept whatever happens. And it is the first step to overcome the consequences of any misfortune. Nothing takes your mind off worry like having it occupied with something else. When you are worried take on a new project. Learn a new skill. Getting busy takes your mind off your own troubles. You will also be serving others. Which will make you feel better about yourself. Tame your worries and energize your life.

(OR)

Write a paragraph 'On Friendship and the happiness it brings'.

- 45) Write a letter to your friend explaining your plans for the summer vacation.

(OR)

Write a letter to AZ Company requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently. Include the following details: the problem, date of purchase, receipt number, model and warranty.

- 46) **Spot the errors and correct them.**

- She kept the book in the table.
- We speak the English.
- Sheela is junior than me
- One of the boy is absent today
- Though she is weak but she is active.

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(OR)

Fill in the blanks:

- I like to have a cup of coffee (Use a modal verb)
- When I (reach) the railway station, the train had already left. (Use the correct form of verb)
- The was riding through the forest at (night / knight)
- How you opened my bag? (Use a semi-modal verb)

- 47) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

Mr.Bean is a television series created by Rowan Atkinson and Richard Curtis, which was aired from 1990-1995. It was first released in the U.K as a live action comedy and was later also made into an animated series for children. Atkinson plays the role of the protagonist, Mr. Bean with great comic timing. He admits to having conceived the character within a span of 48 hours while he was studying in Oxford following the style of old silent films. Mr.Bean rarely speaks, but his facial expressions and physical gestures conveyed the plot of each episode. Since language is not an issue their series is broadcasted in about 200 countries around the world.

- Who created the television series Mr. Bean?
- When and how did the character of Mr.Bean emerge?
- What medium did the character use to convey the plot to the audience?
- What feature of the series has made it possible to be broadcasted in about 200 countries?
- Pick out the word from the passage which means "A lead character or one of the major characters in a play, film or novel".

(OR)

Identify the fields of the given statements choosing from the words given in brackets.

- On our way to Ooty we stayed in a hotel for a night.
- Owing to recession, value of shares came down.
- NASA launched the James Webb Telescope on December 25,2021
- He is an expert in using pedagogical methods.
- Michelangelo was an Italian sculptor, painter, and poet of the High Renaissance.

(Space, Nutrition and dietics, travel, fine arts, Commerce, education)

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