



Standard 12 ENGLISH

Marks: 90

Time: 3.00 Hours

- Instructions: i) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall supervisor immediately.
ii) Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

Answer all the questions:

20x1=20

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) He shrugged his shoulders to convey his disapproval of their shabby appearance.
a) ignore b) reject c) condemn d) support
- 2) They accept their destiny.
a) fate b) serious c) sorrow d) decency
- 3) I chipped steps up the last steep slope.
a) broke b) set c) marked d) chiseled

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

- 4) which are not to be despised.
a) hated b) respected c) defeated d) liked
- 5) not just something for boredom.
a) benign b) criticize c) pleasure d) fiction
- 6) From here, the ridge narrowed to a knife.
a) enlarged b) widened c) broad d) big

7) Choose the right word to replace the phrasal verb in the following sentence.
Many were turned away from the stadium.

- a) refused to turn b) refused to leave
 - c) refused to obey d) refused to allow
- 8) Form a derivative by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'load'.
a) dis b) under c) in d) over
 - 9) Choose the suffix that can be added to the root word 'quote'.
a) ness b) ation c) ism d) tion

10) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct preposition.

It is easy to work the aegis of visionary leader.

- a) over b) since c) on d) under

11) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct prepositional phrase.

..... rain, take an umbrella

- a) In case of b) In favour of c) In spite of d) Instead of

12) Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate linker.

I could not complete my paper in the examination I was slow in answering the questions.

- a) as b) so c) because d) unless

13) Choose the appropriate combination of the compound word "Muscular pain".

- a) noun + adjective b) noun + adverb
- c) noun + verb d) adjective + noun

14) Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.

There is a stadium near your office,

- a) isn't there? b) isn't it? c) is it? d) is there?

15) Choose the right meaning of the idiom 'wait for the dust to settle'

- a) very near b) much in advance
- c) to wait for a situation to become clear d) a sudden unexpected event

16) Choose the word that cannot be added after 'ice' to form a compound word.

- a) fan b) fall c) full d) pulse

17) Choose the best option that is the expansion of the abbreviation 'RAW'

- a) research and analytical wing b) research and analysis wing
- c) rare and analysis work d) rare and analytical work

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- 18) Choose the clipped form of 'Refrigerator'
 a) refrige b) frigerator c) rator d) fridge
- 19) Choose the pentasyllabic word from the following.
 a) administration b) personal c) remember d) unity
- 20) Choose the right plural form of the word 'leaf'
 a) leafs b) leafes c) leaves d) leafies

PART - II
SECTION - A

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow:

- 21) "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
 so smooth and high, no man could win". 4x2=8
 a) How safe was the castle?
 b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- 22) "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
 In crimson clusters all the bough among!"
 a) Who is the giant here?
 b) Mention the figure of speech used in this line?
- 23) "Then a soldier,
 Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,
 Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel
 Seeking the bubble reputation.
 Even in the cannon's mouth"
 a) Explain bubble reputation?
 b) What stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
- 24) "Yet all experience is an arch where through gleams that untraveled world,
 Whose margin fades Forever and forever when I move".
 a) What is the experience compared to?
 b) How do the lines convey that the experience is endless?
- 25) "A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
 No other tree could live".
 a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
 b) How does the poet describe the creeper?
- 26) "... I mete and dole
 Unequal laws unto a savage race,
 That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and
 know not me".
 a) What does Ulysses do?
 b) Did he enjoy what he was doing? Give reasons.

SECTION - B

Answer any three of the following:

3x2=6

- 27) The manager said, "I will speak to you on Friday". (Change into indirect speech)
- 28) You are requested to make a cup of tea for the guest. (Change the voice)
- 29) We must eat. We cannot live. (Rewrite as a simple sentence)
- 30) If I were a lion. I would kill all the animals in the forest. (Begin with 'were')

PART - III
SECTION - A

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

2x3=6

- 31) "Our captain was brave and we were true ..."
- 32) "It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech"
- 33) "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel seeking the bubble reputation".

SECTION - B

2x3=6

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

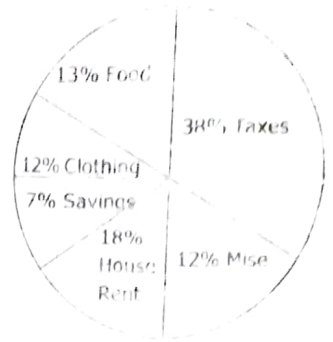
- 34) Do tea lovers generally like strong tea or weak tea?
- 35) How was the unattended trolley put to use?
- 36) Name an equipment and a tool carried by the climbers during their expedition.

SECTION - C

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following question:

- 37) Frame the dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a student and a Bank clerk.
- 38) Study the pie - chart and write three sentences on your inferences about the data.
- 39) Complete the proverb with the right options.
- a) Nothing is
i) possible ii) bad
iii) correct iv) impossible
- b) Where there is a there is a way.
i) road ii) will
iii) war iv) wealth
- c) Together we can more.
i) achieve ii) gain iii) profit iv) loss
- 40) Rearrange the jumbled sentences correctly
a) Friendly/They/greeted/faces/with/us
b) The/should/tea/strong/be
c) ennobles you/suffering/a better person/ and makes/you,



PART - IV

41) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words. 7x5=35
a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona?"
(OR)

b) Describe the feelings of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the top of the summit.

42) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet when she sees the casuarina tree.
(OR)

b) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem, "All the World's a stage".

43) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.

a) Aksionov's wife - town - in jail - was not allowed - much begging - obtained permission - fainted - first saw - her husband - prison dress - chains - things at home - what had happened to him - narrated - happened to him - sent a mercy petition - Czar - not been accepted - him to tell her truth - thought - she too suspected him - hid his face - hands - began to weep - the family had left - thought that God - the only person - the truth - appeal to him - mercy - stopped writing petitions - started praying to God - Aksionov reacted - wife
(OR)

b) Gresham - arrested for - misappropriation - fund. Baldwin's wife and son - accused - wrong act. Then they came - know how Gresham - offer a hundred thousand dollars - telling a lie - I don't remember. They said - no depositor - lose any cent. They did not want - to go - jail - wife Martha - Gresham - always good - thus - family members - Baldwin to - a lie.

44) a) Make notes of the following passage.

To match the best cities across the world, the Government of India initiated 'smart cities' to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people. The agenda under smart city promises to resolve urban sustainability problems. Urban forests provide a range of important ecosystem services that are critical for the sustainability of cities. Urban forestry, which is defined more as 'Management of Trees' contributes to the physiological, sociological and economic well - being of the society. Mangroves, lakes, grasslands, and forests in and around our cities, act as sponges that absorb the air and noise pollution and they present themselves

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as our cultural and recreational hotspots. However, these spots are rapidly being reclaimed and replaced in the name of development. Presence of urban green has shown to increase the economic value of the place.

Urban forests contribute to reduce the cost of building storm water drain systems for municipalities and neutralizing urban heat island effect. Plants not only provide shade but also help in regulating the microclimate. They help regulate energy budgets, improve air quality, and curtail noise pollution. Trees, herbs, shrubs and grasses arrest sedimentation and prevent other pollutants from entering our water systems. This will give a chance for our urban lakes and rivers to recover and help improve aquatic ecosystems. Biodiversity also gets a boost through the urban forests and helps create corridors connecting the forest areas. High biodiversity areas can also help to build resilient ecosystems. Availability of forests within our urban areas gives an opportunity for children to connect to the natural environment and learn about native species.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the 'Hazards of using mobile phone'.
45) a) 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.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone.
46) a) **Read the following sentences. Spot the errors and correct them.**

- a) The Boss had full confidence on his Manager for the successful completion of the project.
b) In spite of his poverty and setbacks, he was able to launch his dream carrier.
c) Rekha cooks like her mother does.
d) There have been several stories of dolphins helping drowning sailors.
e) We see a wonderful film in the cinema last night.

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

- a) We had test yesterday. (oral, aural).
(Use the right word in the blanks)
b) I think suresh (leave) for virudhunagar next morning.
(Use the correct tense of the verb)
c) I go to school today? **(Use the suitable modal verb)**
d) Suraj owns neither a typewriter a computer.

(Use an appropriate linker)

- 47) a) **Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.**

A Wealthy old lady - suddenly loses eyesight - calls an eye specialist - doctor demands exorbitant fees - lady agrees to pay if cured - doctor starts treatment - steals antique decorative pieces - one by one - treatment ends- lady's vision restored - doctor demands fees - lady refuses to pay - doctor knocks the doors of court - seeks justice - judge equires lady - lady explains - not completely cured - cannot see antique items - kept in showcase - judge understands - gives verdict - lady's favour - arrests doctor for cheating.

(OR)

- b) Identify each sentence with the field in the list give below.
(Space, Politics, Taxation, Travel, Education)
a) During the summer hoildays, we had been to Agra to see the Taj Mahal.
b) A salaried employee in the highest slab pays income tax at 33.66 percent.
c) Halley's Comet has an orbital period of about 76 years.
d) There is no drop out in schools now.
e) Two women ministers were appointed in the first cabinet after independence.
