

Virudhunagar District
Second Mid Term Test - 2023

Standard 12

ENGLISH

Part - I

Marks: 50

10×1=10

Time: 1.30 Hours

Answer all the questions with correct answer along with the corresponding option codes: Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words from the options given:

- 1) A Silver tumbler of buttermilk seasoned with asafotedia.
a) mixed b) garnished c) filled d) loosened
- 2) Individual liberty would have become social anarchy
a) suitable b) humble c) attained d) lawlessness.

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

- 3) The anticipation of this imagined separation only increases their fondness for the calf.
a) expectancy b) contemplation c) outlook d) ignorance
- 4) A stout old lady was walking with her basket in the middle of a street.
a) fat b) bulky c) plump d) thin
- 5) Choose the correct combination for the compound word "Swimming pool"
a) Noun + Verb b) Gerund + Noun c) Noun + Noun d) Verb + Noun
- 6) Choose the correct combination for the blended word "Spluttered"
a) Splug + uteder b) Splug + Ultered c) Splash + sputter d) Splash + utter
- 7) Replace the underlined word with the polite form of expression
Elambrathi has a second hand car.
a) Pre-owned b) pre - assigned c) pre - buyed d) pre - booked
- 8) Fill in the blank with appropriate article
My mother is honest woman
a) a b) an c) the d) None of the above
- 9) Fill in the blank with appropriate determiners
During my student life I used to give trouble to my teachers.
a) a few b) any c) some d) little
- 10) Choose the correct American English word for "Time table"
a) schedule b) mail c) full - fledged d) period

Part - II (Section - A)

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any two sets: 2×2=4

- 11) "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock".
i) How should one face life? ii) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
- 12) "Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong and the final decisions are made in silent rooms".
a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being? How?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
- 13) "A film the mother - eagle's eye When her bruised eaglet breathes"
a) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines?
b) Explain the comparison.

Section - B (Answer all the questions)

Give the other Degrees of comparison without changing the meaning: 2×2=4

- 14) Very few boys in the class are as brilliant as Anil.

Part - III (Section - A)

Explain any one of the following with reference to the context: 1×3=3

- 15) "Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed." (OR)
- 16) "'I'm killed, Sire! And, his Chief beside, Smiling, the boy fell dead."

Section - B

Answer any one of the following in not more than 30 words: 1×3=3

- 17) What was offered to Maamanaar by their mother?
- 18) What does the 'rule of the road' mean?

Section - C

Answer any two of the following questions: 2×3=6

- 19) Describe the process of preparing your favourite dish

Kindly send me your answer keys to padasalai.net@gmail.com

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20) Match the following products and slogans appropriately.

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| a) Toothpaste | - | Lets capture the moment |
| b) Camera | - | Save life |
| c) Blood donation | - | Sparkling smile |

21) Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence.

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| a) divine/is/to forgive | b) as/a/I/want/collector/to see/you |
| c) become/my/is/a doctor/dream/to | |

part - IV

4×5=20

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

- a) Write character sketches of Maamannaar and Pedanna. (OR)
 b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the Rule of the Road'?

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

- a) How according to the poet is it possible for his son to bring changes into a world that resents change?
 b) Napoleon was a great source of inspiration to his army. Justify (OR)

24) Answer the following in a paragraph by developing the hints.

- a) Life on Venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children - nine years old - forgotten the sun - appeared once in 7 years - Margot from Earth - came five years before - children hated her - locked her in a room - sun came - only for two hours - rained again - unlocked the door - let Margot out - missed the chance. (OR)
 b) Lord Weston - a conceited and pompous judge - He proudly - he attained lofty position by hard work - very rigid - grant - secretary - Weston - view - frivolous matters - Lady Weston - hearted - Weston - life - danger - eating game pie - witty remark - wanted - great man - wish - assassination threat - absentmindedness - Weston - habit - a silly matter - remained cool - remarked wittily - Weston adds humorous - play.

25) a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- i) She wants to continuing her studies abroad.
- ii) She made me to cry
- iii) Either Shyam or Ram have to pay the fine
- iv) Mithra as well as her daughters enjoy singing.
- v) You, who is my friend, should help you.

(OR)

b) Read the following poem and answer the question below.

When Polonius came to bid his son goodbye
 Yet here, Laertes! aboard, aboard, for shame!
 The wind sits in the shoulder of your sail,
 And you are stay'd for. There; my blessing with thee!
 And these few precepts in thy memory
 See thou character. Give thy thoughts no tongue,
 Nor any unproportioned thought his act.
 Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar.
 Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
 Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel;
 But do not dull thy palm with entertainment
 Of each new-hatch'd, unfledged comrade. Beware
 Of entrance to a quarrel, but being in,
 Bear't that the opposed may beware of thee
 Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice;
 Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.
 Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,
 But not express'd in fancy; rich, not gaudy;
 For the apparel oft proclaims the man,
 And they in France of the best rank and station
 Are of a most select and generous chief in that.
 Neither a borrower nor a lender be;
 For loan oft loses both itself and friend

Questions:

- 1) Why did polonius come there?
- 2) What should he do with his thoughts?
- 3) How does he advise his son regarding friends?
- 4) When and how should he fight?
- 5) What should he be careful about?
