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FIRST REVISION TEST - 2024

Standard - X

Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Instructions: 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately. 2. Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words:

- 1) The woman *gazed* at the stranger.
a) doubted b) stared c) dared d) dotted
- 2) The police were unable to *ascertain* the reason for the crime.
a) confirm b) adjust c) consult d) investigate
- 3) He was very *frail* in his appearance.
a) healthy b) strong c) weak d) trail

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words:

- 4) The cops were *reluctant* to leave without getting their hand on somebody besides grandfather.
a) unwilling b) eager c) opposed d) left
- 5) French was the most *logical* language.
a) accepted b) convincing c) illogical d) rational
- 6) Technology is also a *boon* to the citizens with special needs.
a) bane b) soon c) blessing d) bohus
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of '*furniture*' from the following:
a) furnitures b) furniturs c) furnitureses d) furniture
- 8) Form a derivative by adding a prefix to the word - '*natural*':
a) ir b) mis c) super d) il
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the "UIDAI"
a) Useful Identification Authority of India b) Universal Identification Authority of India
c) Unit Identification Authority of India d) Unique Identification Authority of India
- 10) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:
I have always _____ to Holmes' wishes.
a) given away b) given in c) given up d) given back
- 11) Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'bird' to form a compound word:
a) day b) watching c) house d) cage
- 12) Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:
a) across b) at c) against d) about
- 13) Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:
Women _____ almost all the major positions in the society.
a) occupies b) is occupying c) has occupied d) occupy
- 14) Choose the appropriate linker from the given alternatives:
a) but b) with c) and d) or

PART - II

Section - I [Prose]

Answer any THREE of the following questions:

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- 15) Who used the zither and how?
- 16) Mention the special features of INSV Tarini.
- 17) Why did Aditya decide to visit his ancestral house?
- 18) What was the condition of Holmes when Watson saw him?

Section - II [Poetry]

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE questions of the following: 3×2=6

- 19) Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong.
a) What does the poet expect everyone to learn?
b) What should we do when things go wrong sometimes?
- 20) She says, "Spring will come agains, my dear
Let me care for the ones who're near".
a) What kind of approach does she have towards life?
b) What does she mean by "spring will come agains"?

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- 21) I drive past the house almost every day.
The house seems to be a bit brighter.
a) Who does the pronoun 'I' refer to here? b) Why does the house seem a bit brighter?
- 22) A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring
a) What was the routine of the cricket? b) Name the seasons mentioned here.

Section - III

Answer any THREE of the following:

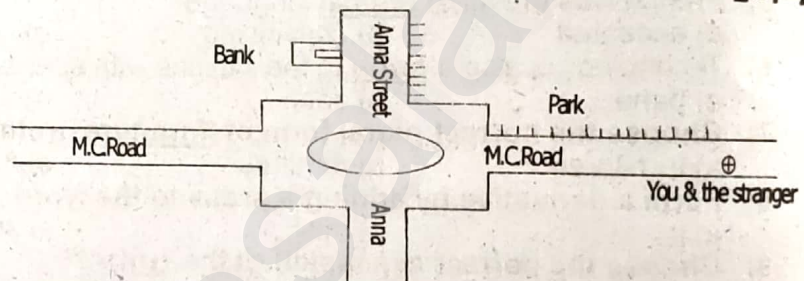
3×2=6

- 23) Rewrite the following sentence in other voice:
Please do not walk on the grass.
- 24) Change into Indirect speech:
Krish says to Roma "I am enjoying my holidays".
- 25) Punctuate the following sentence:
This is madness holmes i said
- 26) Combine the sentence into a complex sentence:
On seeing the teacher, the children stood up.
- 27) Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentence:
a) love / of others / good etiquette / and / wins / the respect
b) commendably / were on hand / the police / short time / in a

Section - IV

2×1=2

- 28) Observe the map given below and write the instructions required. A stranger wants to go to the bank. Give instructions to help him reach his destination.



PART - III

Section - I [Prose]

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:

2×5=10

- 29) Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
- 30) Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.
- 31) Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
- 32) "Technology is a boon to the disabled".

Section - II

Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words:

2×5=10

- 33) Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble Family' and their attitude towards other folks.
- 34) 'Some crickets have four legs and some have two' - Elucidate this statement from the poet's point of view.
- 35) Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:
She's a lioness; don't mess with her.
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.
Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.
She knows how to thaw you, saw you - so beware!
a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
b) Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.
c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line.
d) Pick out the alliterating words from the third line.
- 36) Paraphrase the following stanza:
But remember, please, the Law by which we live,
We are not built to comprehend a lie,
We can neither love nor pity nor forgive,
If you make a slip in handling us you die!

Section - III

Answer any ONE of the following:

1×5=5

- 37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:
a) The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.
b) Once in shining, a cruel ruler declared that all old people must be put to death.
c) A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain.
d) The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way to help her son return.
e) When the farmer bade farewell, she advised him to return home with the aid of twigs.

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- 38) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

I was just thirty - seven when my Uncle Philip died. A week before that event he sent for me; and here let me say that I had never set eyes on him. He hated my mother, but I do not know why. She told me long before his last illness that I need expect nothing from my father's brother. He was an inventor, an able and ingenious mechanical engineer, and had much money by his improvement in turbine wheels. He was a bachelor; lived alone, cooked his own meals, and collected precious stones, especially rubies and pearls. From the time he made his first money he had this mania. As he grew richer, the desire to possess rare and costly gems became stronger. When he bought a new stone, he carried it in his pocket for a month and now and then took it out and looked at it. Then it was added to the collection in his safe at the trust company.

Questions:

- How old was the narrator when his uncle died?
- Had the narrator seen his uncle before? Give lines from the passage that support your answer?
- What had the narrator's mother told him of his father's brother?
- What do you know about Uncle Philip?
- What did the uncle do when bought a new stone?

Section - IV [Writing]

Answer any **FOUR** of the following:

4×5=20

- 39) Prepare an attractive advertisement on the information given below:
e-Grocery Shop - Online - 10% off on all products - Buy 1 get 1 offer for selected products - Delivery on the very day - All payment methods accepted - Cash on Delivery available - EMI available.
- 40) Write a letter to your friend advising him to spend less time on watching TV programmes and pay more attention to his health and studies. You are Madan / Mohini of 14-C, Green Enclave, Pathankot.
- 41) Your school is organising a tour to Delhi and Agra during the winter vacation. Write a notice giving detailed information to students. You are Madhav / Madhavi, school Head Boy / Girl, A.S. High School, Thirparappu. (80-100 words)
- 42) Look at the picture and express your views on it in about five sentences:



- 43) Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:

Conversation is indeed the most easily teachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist is to find a subject that interests you and your listeners. There are, for example, numberless hobbies to talk about. But the important thing is that you must talk about other fellow's hobby rather than your own. Therein lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interest them, and you will get a reputation for good fellowship, charming wit, and a brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people so much as your interest in their interest.

It is just as important to know what subjects to avoid and what subjects to select for good conversation. If you don't want to be set down as a wet blanket or a bore, be careful to avoid certain unpleasant subjects. Avoid talking about yourself, unless you are asked to do so. People are interested in their own problems not in yours. Sickness or death bores everybody. The only one who willingly listens to such talk is the doctor, but he gets paid for it.

To be a good conversationalist you must know not only what to say, but how also to say it. Be mentally quick and witty. But don't hurt others with your wit. Finally try to avoid Mannerism in your conversation. Don't bite your lips or click your tongue, or roll your eyes or use your hands excessively as you speak.

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Don't be like that Frenchman who said, "How can I talk if you hold my hand?"

44) **Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:**

- Neither the Secretary nor the Manager were available.
- Kala is tallest girl in the class.
- He told to me a story.
- Ramu is a honest man.
- Though he is rich but he is unhappy.

Section - V [Memoriter] Compulsory**1×5=5**

45) **Quote from memory:**

Their hands are common life.

PART - IV

46) **Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints:** **2×8=16**

- Futuristic story - written in 1889, 25th July - 2889 - Earth Herald - The world's largest newspaper - spoken and not written - reporter's room - four quarters of the earth - telephone - commutators - visual sights - ten astronomical reporters - recent discoveries - phototelegrams - nothing from Jupiter - can't blame optical science - New - planet - Ghandhini - pass on to subscribers.

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- Dr. Ashok - entrusts his pet bird - Dr. Krishnan - children excited - can speak - 21 African languages - zigzag sleeps - endlessly - with heavy snore - no peace at home - not happy - soats - and asks for solutions - finding solutions - Dr. Krishnan talks zigzag - to clinic - orderliness - be engaged - sleeps - family happy - presence.

47) a) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:**

Preethi Srinivasan is a former cricketer from Tamilnadu. Who played domestic cricket in 1990's. All the age of eight, she was the youngest girl to play in the state cricket team. At the age of 17, she captained the Tamilnadu women's under 19 cricket team in a National tournament in 1997, and registered only victory in every matches. She was also a state level gold winner in 50M breast stroke swimming event. But the following year, she suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident in Puducherry that left her quadriplegic. Her own trauma inspired to create Soulfree, a foundation that aims to help Indian youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries, and how suitable precautions can help them out. Instead of the term 'Differently abled' - soulfree, employs the term positively - abled for those suffering from disability. She is active in social life and earned many honours too. In 2018, she received the Kalpana Chawla Award for courage and Daring Enterprise.

Questions:

- What is the achievement of Preethi Srinivasan at the age of seventeen?
- What had happened to her in an accident?
- What is the aim of soulfree foundation?
- How is she honoured in 2018?

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b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:**

I lay in sorrow, in deep distress,
My grief a proud man heard,
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
But not a kindly word,
My sorrow passed - I paid him back,
The gold he gave to me,
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks,
And blessed his charity,
I lay in want, and grief and pain,
A poorman passed my way,
He bound my head, he gave me bread
He matched me night and day,
How shall I pay him back again,
For all he did to me?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far,
Is heavenly sympathy.

Questions:

- What did the proud man give to the poet?
- How did the poet react to the proud man?
- What did the poor man help the poet?
- What is greater according to the poet?

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