



Standard 12

ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks: 90

- 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 pen to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

- Note:**
- i) Answer all the questions. 20 × 1 = 20
 - ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write both the option code and the corresponding answer for each question.

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences:

- 1) They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.
a) pretentious b) innocent c) sophisticated d) masterly
- 2) China tea has virtues which are not to be despised.
a) praised b) admired c) hated d) cherished
- 3) I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
a) ease b) serenity c) contentment d) suffering

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

- 4) Yet their devotion had touched me deeply.
a) dedication b) fervor c) negligence d) sanctity
- 5) There is also the mysterious social etiquette surrounding the tea pot
a) baffling b) apparent c) spiritual d) strange
- 6) It was a great thrill to look straight down this enormous rock.
a) small b) titanic c) gigantic d) immense
- 7) **Pick out the word that is mono-syllabic:**
a) censure b) sceptre c) justice d) plead
- 8) **Choose the expanded form of TOEFL:**
a) Teaching of English as Foreign Language
b) Testifying English as Foreign Language
c) Test of English as Foreign Language
d) Testing of English as Foreign Language
- 9) **Choose the correct combination for the compound word walking stick:**
a) Gerund+Noun b) Gerund+Adverb c) Adjective+Noun d) Adverb+Verb
- 10) **Choose the right combination for the blended word Edusat:**
a) Entertainment+Sattelite b) Educate+Satellite
c) Education+Saturate d) Education+Sattellite
- 11) **Choose the clipped word of university from the following:**
a) univ b) versity c) varsity d) sity
- 12) **Choose the meaning of the underlined foreign word from the following:**
Shakespeare says that old age is a period of sans eyes, sans teeth.
a) with b) without c) with in d) with it
- 13) **Choose the right definition for the given term Xenophobia:**
a) fear of spiders b) fear of cats c) fear of snow d) fear of strangers
- 14) **Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence:**
Tom is at loggerheads with Jerry.
a) agree strongly b) have same ideas
c) like-minded d) disagree strongly
- 15) **Replace the underlined single word in to a phrasal verb:**
Would you serve me?
a) go against b) wait on c) see about d) look over
- 16) **Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the following root word host:**
a) lie b) able c) ful d) ly
- 17) **Replace the British English word terminus with the suitable American English word given below:**
a) depo b) depot c) depart d) demo

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SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each: **2×3=6**

- 34) What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
- 35) Elucidate the author's ideas about tea pots.
- 36) What did Tenzing and Edmund Hillary gift to the God of lofty summit? How did they do it?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following:

3×3=9

37) Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list:

- a) As you _____, so you reap.
 - i) peep ii) sow iii) see
- b) All that _____, is not gold.
 - i) comes ii) shines iii) glitters
- c) No pain, no _____.
 - i) pine ii) gain iii) corn

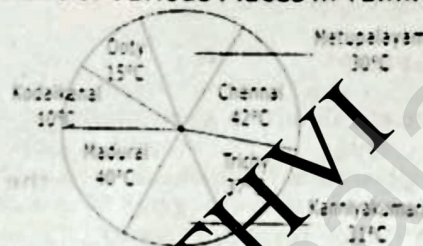
38) Write a brief article for your class room wall magazine about the recent flood in TamilNadu.

39) Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly:

- a) people / good / make / friends / like-minded
- b) of / even / person / his / has / an / time / glory / unfortunate
- c) opportunity / use / the / of / make

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Temperature of Various Places in Tamil Nadu



- a) Which is the coolest place of all?
- b) Which place has the second coolest temperature?
- c) Which places are hotter than Chennai?

PART - IV

Answer the following:

7×5=35

41) Answer the following in a paragraph about 150 words:

- a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentleman of Verona"?
(OR)
- b) Describe the feelings of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the top of the summit.

- 42) 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 following hints:

- a) Aksionov - young merchant - sets out to fair - against wife's warning - stays inn - morning - arrested - supposed to have killed the merchant - Siberia - Makar Semyonich - finally learns - Makar the murderer - Aksionov forgives - release order - Aksionov is dead.
(OR)
- b) Pi - survived - Shipwreck - life boat - gets stranded in the Pacific - Bengal Tiger Richard Parker - cans drinking water - elixir of life energy - managed to overcome fear - realize - alive - helped him survive 227 days - reunited family.

44) a) Write a summary (or) make notes of the following passage:

The solar system is the name that astronomers give to the sun and all the planets which move round the sun. The word "planet" comes from the Greek word meaning 'wanderer', because the planets behave like wandering stars. If we look at the sky we can see not only the stars but also the planets. The planet do not twinkle as the stars do because they are much closer to us, and are not just pin-points of light in the sky. This makes their light steadier than star light. The planets do not just wander anywhere about the sky; they move in orbits round the sun, just as our Earth does. Some are much

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nearer the sun than others, the nearest is the planet Mercury, then comes Venus, and next the Earth. Farther out from the sun than the Earth is Mars, then the giant Jupiter and then Saturn, which was the most distant planet which could be seen without telescopes. There is a wide space between the orbits of the planets Mars and Jupiter. In this space there are hundreds of very tiny planets called Asteroids, which can be seen only through a telescope.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on 'The profession you would like to choose' in about 150 words.
- 45) a) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to grant permission to conduct a Music Competition, as the Secretary of the Fine Arts Club in your school. (OR)
- b) Your brother is in hospital, undergoing treatment for Viral Fever. Write a letter of consolation, assuring him that he will get well soon. Imagine you are in abroad now.
- 46) a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them:
- Ram said that he can drive a car.
 - Prema is more taller than Radha.
 - I can speak Malayalam beside Tamil.
 - There is no quarrel among Rajan and Robert.
 - I am a teacher, amnt I?

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:
- I had no _____. My father gave me a _____ of advice. (peace / piece)
 - How _____ you take my mobile phone? (Fill in the blank with a semi-modal verb)
 - _____ (garden) is my favourite hobby. (use the gerundial form of the verb in the bracket)

- 47) a) Develop the hints in to a story of 150 words:

Tiger kills - Lady travelling through the jungle - as he eats her body, he notices her gold bangle - keeps it as he thinks it may be useful - later he hides himself by a pool - traveller comes to pool, dusty and tired - strips and bathes in cool water - sees the tiger in bushes watching him - terrified - tiger greets him - with a mild smile - he is pious and spends time in prayer - as a sign of good will, offers to the traveller the gold bangle - traveller's greed overcomes his fear - crossed pool to take bangle - tiger springs on him and kills him. (OR)

- b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

A long, long time ago there lived a monster called the Sphinx. She had the head of a woman, the body of a lion and the wings of a big bird. Her eyes were so fierce that nobody dared to look at her face.

The Sphinx sat on a cliff just outside the city of Thebes. When a man passed by her she would ask him a riddle. The man had to give the right answer, or the Sphinx would eat him up.

The riddle was so difficult that no one could answer it. Many men lost their lives. The people were so afraid of the Sphinx that they didn't come out of their houses.

Then one day a clever man wanted to answer the Sphinx. He was also so brave that he wasn't afraid of even the monster. His name was Oedipus. The Sphinx stopped him asked him a riddle. "What walks on four legs in the morning, on two legs at noon and on three legs in the evening?" "That's so easy", said Oedipus "that even a child can answer it".

"You try and answer it!" roared the Sphinx. "The answer is man," said Oedipus, "because he walks on four legs in childhood, on two legs when grown up and on three legs during old age". That was the right answer. The Sphinx was disappointed and very angry. She jumped off the cliff and ended her life.

- How did the Sphinx look like?
- What would the Sphinx do if a man failed to give the right answer to her riddle?
- Why was the Sphinx angry?
- What is the 'third leg' of a man in his old age?
- What is the most suitable title to the passage?