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Time : 3.00 hrs.

# FIRST REVISION TEST - 2024

## ENGLISH

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Marks : 90

### Part - I

1) Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given.

**A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences**

(3 x 1 = 3)

1. There is also the mysterious social etiquette surrounding the teapot.  
(a) comprehensible (b) incomprehensible (c) understandable (d) eligible
2. .... and no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success.  
(a) tease (b) haunt (c) cease (d) none of these
3. I have to accommodate my liberty to their liberties.  
(a) hamper (b) hinder (c) fit in with (d) reject

**B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences.**

(3 x 1 = 3)

4. They were childish enough and in many ways quite artless.  
(a) innocent (b) guileless (c) cunningness (d) tasteless
5. Fortuitously, a guest visited our house..  
(a) luckily (b) peacefully (c) unfortunately (d) happily
6. Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.  
(a) common (b) commotion (c) uncommon (d) confusion

**C) Answer all the questions.**

(14 x 1 = 14)

7. Choose the clipped form of "perambulator".  
a) pram (b) ram (c) prem (d) ambulate
8. Choose the blended form of 'smog'  
a) smoke + fog (b) smoky + foggy (c) smoky + fog (d) smoke + foggy
9. A person who is unable to pay his debts is a  
a) tyrant (b) traitor (c) bankrupt (d) convict
10. Choose the meaning of the idiom 'icing on the cake'  
a) cake on the ice (b) added to make better (c) added to be tastier (d) ice on the cake
11. Replace the underlined word with apt phrasal verb.  
On hearing the shocking news, the old woman fainted.  
a) passed in (b) passed out (c) passed away (d) passed off
12. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence English is the Lingua Franca of many countries.  
a) Mother tongue (b) vernacular language (c) official language (d) Strange language
13. Choose the correct combination for the compound word "pink bike".  
a) Adjective + verb (b) noun + verb (c) Adverb + verb (d) Adjective + noun
14. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'false'.  
a) ise (b) let (c) ile (d) ly
15. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation TOEFL.  
a) Testing of Energy, fuel and Liquid (b) Testing of English for Foreign Learners  
c) Testing of English as a Foreign Language (d) Test of Engineering for Fundamental Learners
16. Choose the penta syllabic word from the given options:  
a) music (b) documentary (c) political (d) observer
17. Choose the most appropriate question tag for the following sentences.  
Somebody must bell the cat, .....

- a) mustn't he (b) must he (c) must they (d) mustn't they

18. Complete the following sentence, choosing the most appropriate semi-modal verb.  
 My father \_\_\_\_\_ play volleyball during his college days.  
 a) ought to                      b) need to                      c) used to                      d) dare to
19. Choose the correct American English word 'full stop':  
 a) point                      b) period                      c) end point                      d) last point
20. Choose the rightly spelt word.  
 a) resiove                      b) adhesiva                      c) adhasiva                      d) desieve

### Part – II

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 x 2 = 14)

11. a) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow :  
 (Answer any four out of six)

21. *A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound  
 No other tree could live.*

a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?

(a) Why does Toru Dutt use the expression 'a creeper climbs'?

22. *Life is a soft loam, be gentle go easy  
 And this too might serve him.*

(a) Why does the poet suggest to take life easy?

(b) Mention the figure of speech used here.

23. *Our gates were strong, Our walls were thick  
 So smooth and high, no man could win*

(a) How safe was the castle?

(b) Pick out the words of alliteration in the second line.

24. *....for my purpose holds  
 To sail beyond the sunset and the baths  
 Of all the western stars, until I die.*

(a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life?

(b) How long would his venture last?

25. *A film the mother eagle's eye  
 When her bruised eaglet breathes*

(a) Who is compared to the mother eagle?

(b) Identify the figure of speech.

26. *"Then the whining school boy, with his satchel  
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail*

a) Which stage of life is mentioned here?

b) Mention the poetic device used in the above line.

**b) Do as Directed: (Answer any three out of four)**

27. **Rewrite in other speech.**

Our class teacher advised us to prepare for the Board examinations seriously.

28. **Rewrite in other voice.** Gayathiri gave a set of pens to her friend.

29. **Rewrite as directed.**

If I were like you, I would not behave like this. (Begin with 'Were')

30. **Transform the following into a simple sentence.**

Unless you have a valid passport, you cannot leave the country.

### Part – III

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 x 3 = 21)

**a. Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context:**

11. Dear is the Causuarina to my soul.

12. He works his work I mine

13. Brutus have been gentled where lashes failed.

**b. Answer any two of the following questions briefly:**

34. How does the army tea taste?
35. How did the mountaineers belay?
36. What does the traffic man symbolize?

**c. Answer any three of the following: (any three out of four)**

37. Describe the process of organizing a birthday party in your house.
38. Write a dialogue between two students about their future plans after class 12.
39. Draft an e mail to The Chairman, International Cricket Council requesting to construct a stadium in your hometown.
40. **Complete the Proverbs: (dreads, mercy, luck)**
  - a) Cruelty deserves no .....
  - b) Care and diligence bring .....
  - c) Burnt child ..... fire.

**Part – IV****Answer the following:****(7 x 5 = 35)**

41. What was the profound lesson learnt by Dr. Barnard from the two boys?  
**(OR)** Narrate the story "The Chair" in your own words.
42. Describe the reminiscences of the poetess Toru Dutt when she sees the Causurina tree.  
**(OR)** Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life.
43. **Develop the following hints into a meaningful story:**

Ausable was secret agent — Fowler was a crime writer — sensitive document — stared by Pistol — a criminal spy — countenance of a fox — new missiles — explained about the balcony — sudden knocking at the door — impressed by Ausable's cleverness. **(OR)**

Margot — vivid memory — sun — five years old — planet earth — Venus planet — sunny day — tantrums — thousands of dollars — sun shape and warmth — students hatred — convictions — conflict with Margot and other children

44. **Write a summary or Make notes of the following passage.**

As what geographers have estimated, about twenty percent of the earth's surface is occupied by deserts. A majority of us view deserts as one unique kind of landscape — areas with little or no rainfalls. In actual fact, there are differences among the deserts, though in varying degrees. Despite the fact that rainfall is minimal, temperatures do change in deserts, ranging from seasonal ones to daily changes where extreme hotness and coldness are experienced in the day and night. Unfavorable conditions in the deserts, especially the lack of water, have discouraged many living things from inhabiting these landscapes. One such kind is the specialist annual plants which overcome seasonal temperature changes with their extremely short, active life cycles. Their flowers bloom and set seeds that ripen quickly in the hot sun too. Once the water runs dry, the mother plant dies, leaving behind the drought-resistant seeds, waiting patiently for the next rainy season to arrive. The Cacti, a native in American deserts, adapts to the dry surroundings by having unique body structures. The plant has swollen stems to help store water that carries it through months. By having sharp spines instead of leaves, water loss through respiration is minimized. Besides plants, there are also animals with distinct surviving tactics in deserts too. For instance, Skinks (desert lizards) producing water to supplement their needs, just like what camels do with the stored food in their humps during long journeys through deserts, it keeps fat in its tail. It generates water from the fats. Antelopes like the addax, have very low water needs and hence are able to tolerate the conditions in deserts, extracting moisture from the food they eat. Finally, there are the sandgrouse (desert birds) which do not have special features to overcome the drought-like nature in deserts. Hence, to survive in these hot, dry deserts, they need to spend a large part of their time flying in search of waterholes.

45. You are Sharma / Sharmila, in charge of Physical Education Department of your Institution. You need various items of sports for the department. Write a letter to Gupta Sports & Co., a well known supplier of Madurai enquiring them about the rates of each item and the maximum discount they can offer to you.

**(OR)** Write a paragraph on **"The Importance of Good Health"**

46. i) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them :**

- a) Beside Cricket, I play Kabbadi.
- b) A million rupees are a big sum..
- c) Both Gown as well as Ramesh scored centum.
- d) Brittney Spears are a popular singer .
- e) Every one of us were given a prize.

ii) **Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- a) I need to get a new ..... (*sole/ soul*) and restore my favourite ..... (*pear/pair*) of walking shoes.
- b) You ..... have a peanut after dinner. (*Fill in with a modal verb*)
- c) My sister ..... read a book at night. (*Fill in with a semi-modal*)
- d) Martha ..... (*walk*) three miles every day before she broke her leg. (*Use a perfect tense*)

47. a) **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

The earth is losing its forests. Presently, trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate, especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture, and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rainforest are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber. Another way that man is destroying the world's forests is by burning them down. In the Amazon, for example, rainforests are being burnt down at a rate of 20 hectares a minute. The main reason of burning down the rainforests is to clear the land for farming. Farmers in rainforests countries are often poor and cannot afford to buy land. Instead, these farmers clear rainforest land to raise their animals or grow their crops. Because tropical rainforest soil is so poor in nutrients, farmers cannot reuse the same land year after year. In the following years, farmers just clear more land, destroying the forest piece by piece. Already more than 30 tropical countries have reached a critical level of forest destruction and one-time exporters of timber such as Nigeria and Thailand now have to import timber for their domestic needs.

**Questions:**

- a. What is the major reason for the destruction of forests?
- b. Mention any two uses of trees.
- c. Why do some people burn down the rainforests?
- d. How many tropical countries have reached a critical level of forest destruction?
- e. From where do Nigeria and Thailand get timber for their domestic needs?

**(OR) b) Develop the following hints into a readable story:**

Big cotton merchant — owned a factory — many employees — one day a heap of cotton stolen — no clue — merchant's secretary assured to find out — asked him to host dinner — invite all workers — merchant agreed — middle of feast — secretary suddenly shouted — cotton sticking to hair of thieves — the guilty dusted their heads — tried to clear — caught in the trap — punished.