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20x 1 = 20

Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined word in the following sentences.

- Nicola was glaring at his younger brother in vexation.
(a) enjoyment (b) annoyance (c) comfort (d) convenience
- His shoulder and arm were amputated.
(a) fixed (b) cut off (c) mended (d) regulated
- He would reverently take out his paraphernalia.
(a) flowers (b) things (c) cookie (d) numbers

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined word in the following sentences.

-but they are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
a) enough b) suffocative c) inadequate d) submissive
- Sometimes held by weight but often gave way suddenly.
(a) quickly (b) slowly (c) easily (d) gradually
- It is an accommodation of interests.
(a) adaptation (b) settlement (c) refusal (d) fitting
- Choose the suitable meaning of the underlined phrasal verb.
On hearing the shocking news, the woman passed out.
(a) trembled (b) wailed (c) perspired (d) fainted
- Choose the blended form of 'mechatronics'.
(a) mechanics + tronics (b) mecha + electronics
(c) mechanics + electronics (d) mecha + tronics
- Choose the American English word for 'wash basin'.
(a) sinker (b) tank (c) washer (d) sink
- Fill in the blanks with the right word for the given definition.
_____ is one treats kidney diseases
(a) Neonatologist (b) Neurologist (c) Nephrologist (d) Pulmonologist
- Choose the clipped form of the word, demonstration.
(a) demon (b) demo (c) demonstrate (d) demons
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "lucky".
(a) on (b) in (c) dis (d) un
- Choose the suitable meaning of the idiom in the sentence given below.
At present the performance of the Indian team is 'at a low ebb'
(a) on a rise (b) outstanding (c) not up to mark (d) on the decline
- Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.
She's *always been an effective spokesperson for the disabled*.
(a) gifted (b) handicapped (c) dyslexic (d) physically challenged
- Choose the correct expansion of acronym INSAT.
(a) International Satellite (b) Independent Satellite
(c) Indian National Satellite (d) Inter National Space and Technology
- Identify the Sentence pattern of the following sentence.
I ate an apple yesterday.
(a) SVOA (b) SVAA (c) SVOC (d) SVIDO

17. Choose the correct preposition for the following sentence.
The trekker climbed _____ a mountain meticulously.
(a) into (b) near (c) on (d) over
18. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
The project was rejected in toto.
(a) totally (b) partially (c) slightly (d) partly
19. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'postman'.
(a) Noun + Verb (b) Adverb + Adjective (c) Adjective + Noun (d) Noun + Noun
20. Choose the most appropriate question tag for the following statement.
Somebody must bell the cat, _____?
(a) must they (b) mustn't they (c) shouldn't they (d) should they

PART – II (SECTION – 1)

II. A. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets. 4X2 = 8

21. *A foothold there, no clever trick
Could take us dead or quick,
Only a bird could have got in.*
i. What was challenging? ii. Write the rhyming words in the above line.
22. *The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among!*
i. Who is the giant here? ii. Why is the scarf colourful?
23. *And then the justice,
In fair round belly with good capon lin'd,
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances;*
i. Whom does justice refer to? ii. What does he do to show his wisdom?
24. *This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the scepter and the isle well-loved of me*
i. Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom in the absence?
ii. Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
25. *Life is hard; be steel; be a rock.*
i. How should one face life? ii. Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
26. *A film the mother-eagle's eye
When her bruised eaglet breathes*
i. Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines?
ii. Pick out the words in alliteration.

SECTION - 2

B. Do as directed: (Answer any three questions). 3 x 2 = 6

27. Priya said, "I want to give my sister a present." (Change into indirect speech)
28. Let the door not be opened.. (Change into other voice).
29. I did not work hard .I did not win the prize. (Combine using 'If')
30. Besides being a singer, she is also a dancer. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)

PART – III (SECTION – 1)

III. A. Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. 2 x 3 = 6

31. *Our gates were strong, our walls were thick.*
32. *"They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts"*

33. Brutes have been gentled whose lashes failed'

SECTION - 2

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

2 x 3 = 6

34. Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?
 35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?
 36. What was grandmother's suggestion of wood? Why?

SECTION - 3

C. Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Study the table and answer the questions given below:

Course offered	Subjects	Countries of students
3 year diploma	Folk Art, Bharata Natyam, Vocal and Instrumental Music	England, U.S.A., Japan, Africa
2 year diploma	Nattuvangam	Sri Lanka
3 year post diploma	Vocal Music	U.S.A. and Switzerland

- a. The college does not offer a three year diploma course in _____
 a. Vocal music b. Instrumental music c. Nattuvangam d. Folk art
 b. Students of _____ foreign nations study at the college
 a. seven b. six c. eight d. five
 c. Nattuvangam pertains to _____
 a. classical dance b. classical singing c. martial arts d. foreign language
38. Write a dialogue of at least 3 exchanges between 'a salesman and a customer at an 'electronic shop'
39. Write the process of obtaining a demand draft from a bank
40. Complete the proverbs.
 a) _____ is impossible.
 b) Where there is a will there is a _____.
 c) A stich in time saves _____.
 (nine, way, Nothing)

PART - IV

Answer the following questions.

7X5 = 35

41. Answer in a paragraph on anyone of the following in about 150 words.
 (a) Discuss how the essay reveals the factual points and the author's personal opinions on the preparation of tea. (OR)
 (b) Narrate the humourous incidents that happened before and after the arrival of the chair.
42. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following.
 (a) Describe the various stages of man's life picturized in the poem 'All the World's a Stage'. (OR)
 (b) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the castle. Explain
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the given 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) Ivan Dmitrich - Aksionov - merchant in Vladimir - prone to drinking - goes to fair on business - meets another merchant - retire separately - stopped by the police - charged of murder and robbery - sentenced and sent to Siberia - 26 years in jail - new prisoner maker semyonich - admits his crime - Aksionov dies.

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44. Write a summary of the following passage.

a) Charity is a universal duty, which is in every man's power to be sometimes exercised since every assistance given to another from a right motive is an act of charity, and is seldom in such infirmity that he cannot benefit his neighbour in any case. He who cannot relieve the poor can instruct the ignorant, and he who cannot minister to the sick can restore the wicked. He who can give little help himself may undertake the duty of alms by inciting the greed of others and recommending petitions that he cannot grant, to those who have more power to give. The widow who puts her mite into her treasury and the poor man who brings a cup of cold water to the thirsty will not lose their reward.

(OR)

b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the topic 'Wonders of Science'.

45. (a) Write an application for the post of Personal Secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following details.

- Educational qualification
- Experience
- Various other qualifications required for the post

(OR)

(b) You have chosen B.Sc. Computer Science in the college. Write a letter to your friend giving reasons for your choice.

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

- a. Rekha cooks like her mother does.
- b. Professor Usha is not only a writer but an orator.
- c. Our teacher gave us a lot of advices.
- d. Though she is very reach but she is very simple.
- e. Oxygen is more heavier than hydrogen.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) Our is a man of (*principal / principles*)
- (ii) _____ you register your name, you cannot participate in the competitions.
(Use a link word)
- (iii) I go for long walk, when I was young. (use a semi-modal verb)
- (iv) Ravi (live) in Chennai for the past ten years.

47. (a) Develop the following hints into a story

A bee - falls into a tank - a dove flies past - drops a large leaf into the water - the bee lies on the leaf - flies away - a hunter takes aim at the dove - the bee stings - the dove is saved. **(OR)**

(b) Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

I am thrilled that May is finally here! Now I can enjoy what I call "the sweet taste of summer!". Watermelons are in the stores, and I plan to eat one every day for the next three months. I think watermelons taste better than any other fruit. Peaches, plums, and strawberries are also great in the summer. I enjoy eating those, too. But they just don't taste as good to me as a sweet, sweet watermelon. My whole family likes eating watermelons. We ate at least three watermelons a week last year. This year, I am going to eat watermelon every day, all summer long.

1. Why is the girl excited that May has arrived?
2. What is her favourite fruit?
3. How long will the watermelons be available?
4. What other summer fruits does the girl enjoy?
5. What is your favourite summer fruit? Why do you like this particular fruit?

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