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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 the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

- 1) He shrugged his shoulders to convey his disapproval of their shabby appearance.
 a) good b) royal c) clean d) ill-dressed
- 2) He is the symbol of tyrenny.
 a) autocracy b) liberty c) democracy d) autonomy
- 3) Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.
 a) common b) scarce c) abundant d) meagre

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

- 4) It was on our chair that they had propped up the eminent person.
 a) famous b) unknown c) senior d) respected
- 5) The snow was dangerous but they persisted in their efforts to heat a trail up it.
 a) persenere b) ceased c) continued d) endured
- 6) Fill it to the brim.
 a) rim b) edge c) middle d) brink
- 7) **Choose the right expansion of HDFC:**
 a) Housing Development Finance Corporation
 b) Home Development Financing Corporation
 c) Home Debt Finance Company
 d) Home Departments Finance Commission
- 8) **Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word Government is keen to develop 'tour':**
 a) -ism b) -ian c) -ity d) -ible
- 9) **Choose the clipped form of the word 'telephone'.**
- 10) **Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun:**
 I found the pen _____ you lost.
- 11) **Choose the correct question tag:**
 She completed her work, _____?
 a) Didn't she? b) Did she? c) Doesn't she? d) Does she?
- 12) **Choose the compound word that can be placed before the word 'vacuum':**
 a) inform b) cleaner c) save d) correct
- 13) **Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following:**
 They named the child Ria.
- 14) **Write the American English word for the underlined word in the following sentence:**
 Regan resided in the ground floor.
 a) underground b) first floor c) second floor d) subway
- 15) **Choose the correct plural form of Bacterium:**
 a) Bacterian b) Bacteri c) Bacteriae d) Bacteria

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- 16) My grandmother _____ tell me bedtime stories, when I was young.
(use a semi modal verb)
- 17) Replace the underlined word in the sentence with a phrasal verb:
Rajan books weak because of his recent illness.
a) run down b) run off c) run out d) run over
- 18) Choose the right meaning of the underlined idiomatic expression:
Mano is a 'down to earth' man.
a) Practical b) Useful c) Rare d) Difficult
- 19) Choose the tetra syllabic word from the given options:
a) multiply b) political c) logical d) fantastic
- 20) Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in the bracket:
We _____ Delhi last summer.
a) visit b) will visit c) visited d) visiting

PART - II
SECTION - 1

Answer ANY FOUR of the following:

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following:

4×2=8

- 21) **All through the summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the momers in the hay**
i) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
ii) Who does 'we' refer to?
- 22) **And then the justice,
In fair round belly with good capon bin'd,
With eyes senere and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances;**
i) Whom does justice refer to?
ii) Describe his appearance.
- 23) **Tell him too much money has killed men
and lift them dead years before burial
the quest of here beyond a few easy needs
has twisted good enough men
sometimes into dry thwarted worms**
i) Which has killed men?
ii) What do you mean the phrase 'quest of here'?
- 24) **A gray baboon its statue - bike alone
Watching the sunrise, while on lower boughs
His punny offspring leap about and play;**
i) What does baboon mean?
ii) What does the offspring do?
- 25) **'T is not too late to seek a never world
Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The rounding furrows; for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths**
i) What does Ulysses yearn for?
ii) What was Ulysses purpose in life?
- 26) **Out twist the battery - smokes there flew
A rider, bound on bound
Full-galloping nor bridle drew
Until he reached the mound.**
i) Who appeared from the clouds of smoke and fire?
ii) What does the phrase 'full-galloping' suggest?

SECTION - 2**Do as directed. Answer ANY THREE of the following:****3x2=6**27) **Report the dialogue:**

Customer : Do you have a dictionary?

Shop owner : Yes. We have which publication do you want?

28) If I had had money, I would have helped him. [**Begin with 'Had'**]29) She watches a movie. [**Change the voice**]30) Being honest, everyone praised him. [**Change into complex sentence**]**PART - III****SECTION - 1****Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:****2x3=6**

31) I cannot rest from travel: I will drink

Life to the lees:

32) How can this shameful tale be told?

33) Dear is the casuarina to my soul;

SECTION - 2**Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words:****2x3=6**

34) What was Lucia suffering from?

35) What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

36) How can we sweeten our life's journey?

SECTION - 3**Answer any three of the following questions:****3x3=9**37) **Expand the following headlines:**

a) ATM without security guards to close.

b) Heavy rains slash Chennai.

c) Parliament elections in April.

38) Write a dialogue of atleast 3 questions and 3 answers between a customer and a Bank manager.

39) Describe the process of preparing apple juice.

40) **Complete the proverbs:**

a) _____ vessels make much noise.

a) Complete

b) Empty

c) Pot

d) Kettle

b) Fools rush in where _____ fear to tread.

a) spirits

b) nymphs

c) angels

d) ghosts

c) _____ of water make a mighty ocean.

a) Lot

b) Heavy

c) Ful

d) Little drops

PART - IV**Note: Answer the following.****7x5=35**41) **Answer the following in a paragraph about 150 words:**

a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in 'A Nice Cup of Tea'.

(OR)

b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the rule of the road'?

42) **Answer the following in a paragraph about 150 words:**

a) Bring out the message of the poem 'The Castle'.

(OR)

b) What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?

43) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:**

a) Aurable - secret agent - important paper - Fowler thrilled - man - Pritol - fabricated clony - balcony - knocking heard - befooled max - jumps - died.

(OR)

b) Robert Baldwin an honest man - fraud in a bank - Gresham arrested - pressurised Baldwin - to falsely declare - offered huge bribe - Baldwin refused - family members - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - Gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded.

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

There is an enemy beneath our feet. He recognizes no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the Earthquake. The power of a quake is greater than anything man himself can produce. But today scientists are diverting more of the efforts in to finding some way to combat earthquakes and it is possible that at some time in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from it. An earthquake strikes without warning when it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, it can take down buildings and cause death and injury. If the quake strikes the sea, huge tidal waves sweep inland. If it strikes in mountain regions, avalanches roar down the valleys. There are three regions in the world where earthquakes are more likely to happen. Scientists call them earthquake zones. The first runs along the East coast of the Asia continent and the second runs down the West coast of South America. The third runs across the South of Europe and North Africa. If you take a map of the world and mark on it the locations of all the major earthquakes in history, you will see that they have occurred somewhere in these zones. So, it is possible for scientists to say where the earthquakes will strike, but they cannot say exactly when.

- 45) a) Write a letter to the manager of waves Furniture company ordering furniture for a coaching centre. Include the following details.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on the topic 'Environmental Pollution'.

46) a) Spot the errors:

- i) Each of the dog barked Ferociously.
- ii) Keep your luggages here.
- iii) I prefer mango than apple.
- iv) The students enter into the classroom.
- v) Though he is rich but he is simple.

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(OR)

b) Do as directed:

- i) Hurry up! the movie _____ (already begin)
[Fill in the blank with the right tense form]
- ii) _____ I got up early. I managed to reach school on time.
[Use an appropriate linker]
- iii) The children remained _____ (quite / quiet)
- iv) I _____ not violate the traffic rules at any cost.
[Use a semi modal verb]
- v) The boy studied well _____ many obstacles.
[Use the correct prepositional phrase]

47) a) Develop the following hints into a story:

A rich farmer - lot of land - two sons - happy life - sons grown - younger son unhappy - asked his share - got it - sold them all - fell into bad ways - became poor - understood his mistake - returned to family.

(OR)

b) Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below:

- a) There is no drop-out in schools now.
- b) Egg provides more protein and repair the worm-out tissues.
- c) The cartoon network channel is liked by all children.
- d) Organic fertilizers have increase the produce of the land.
- e) The flight was cancelled owing to fog.

(Weather, Agriculture, Nutrition, Media, Education)
