



Standard - 12
ENGLISH

Time allotted: 3 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 Black and Blue ink to write and underline.

Answer all the questions.

PART - I

20 x 1 = 20

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. But because the best manner of making it is the subject of violent disputes.
a) agreements b) applauses c) conflicts d) discussions
2. I took a firm stance on the ledge.
a) climbing b) rest c) stand d) stop
3. _____ we choose, be wise or ridiculous.
a) blunt b) comical c) fabulous d) earnest

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

4. Nicola was glaring at his brother in vexation.
a) confusion b) anger c) surprise d) happy agreement
5. He had a malignant tumour of the bone.
a) harmful b) moderate c) benign d) terminal
6. He greeted me with his usual smile and banter.
a) flattery b) small talk c) chitchat d) repartee
7. **Replace the underlined word with appropriate phrasal verb.**
They 'executed' the order of the commander.
a) carry on b) carry out c) carry about d) carry over
8. Add a suitable suffix to the word 'mass'.
a) ism b) eous c) ive d) y
9. **Find the question tag for the following sentence.**
The pair of shoes near the door is not yours, _____?
a) isn't it b) is it c) does it d) does n't it
10. Choose the appropriate compound word for the given combination 'adverb + participle'.
a) outspoken b) output c) out cry d) upload
11. Choose the right combination for the given blended word 'spanish'.
a) Spanish + English b) Span + English c) span + lish d) Spanish + England
12. **Choose the correct polite alternative for the underlined word.**
An old man lifted the chair.
a) differently abled b) hearing impaired c) senior citizen d) sanitation man
13. Choose the correct American word for the word 'knackered'.
a) worked b) tired c) exhausted d) lifted
14. Choose the correct expansion form of "RBI".
a) Regional Bureau of Investigation b) Reserve Bureau of Investigation
c) Reserve Bank of India d) Revenue Bank of India
15. Choose the clipped form for the following word 'poliomyelities'.
a) myelities b) poli c) polio d) poliom
16. One who specializes in critical infants is called as a _____.
a) pulmonologist b) gynecologist c) gastroenterologist d) neonatologist
17. **Identify the pattern of the following sentence.**
The sun shines during the day.
a) SVA b) SV c) SVO d) SVC
18. Choose the correct syllabification word from the following
a) Dec-o-ra-tive b) deco-ra-tive c) de-cor-a-tive d) de-core-tive
19. Choose the correct meaning for the idioms.
She went to her grave a lonely and bitter woman.
a) to proceed from difficulty b) to exit the world c) the most powerful d) a sudden unexpected event

20. Fill in the blank with suitable prepositional phrases.

- It was _____ my illness that I could not attend school.
- a) in case of b) in favour of c) because of d) owing to

PART - II
SECTION - A

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

4 x 2 = 8

21. "A little wicked wicket gate

The wizened warder let them through"

- i) Where was the wicket gate?
ii) Who was in charge of the wicket gate?

22. "Whereon all day are gathered birds and bee
*And oft at nights the garden overflows
with one sweet song"*

- i) Where and when are the birds and bees found?
ii) What kind of song overflows in the garden at night?

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. "For some three suns to store and hoard myself,
And this gray spirit yearning in desire."

- i) Explain "three suns".
ii) Who speaks these words?

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. "Out 'twixt the battery-smokes there flew
A rider, bound on bound"

- i) What is the meaning of 'twixt'?
ii) How does the young soldier approach Napoleon?

SECTION - B

Do as directed.

Answer any three of the following questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Change the direct speech into Reported form.

Manager: Have you bought all your certificate?

Arun: Yes sir you can verify them.

28. By whom were you interviewed?

(Change into active voice)

29. The sum is too difficult for me to understand.

(Change into compound sentence)

30. Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional Clause.

If you should need further information, write to the PRO.

PART - III
SECTION - A

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2 x 3 = 6

31. "What could they offer us for bail?"

32. "I cannot rest from travel: I will drink Life to the lees."

33. "Then off there flung in smiling joy,
And held himself erect"

SECTION - B

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

2 x 3 = 6

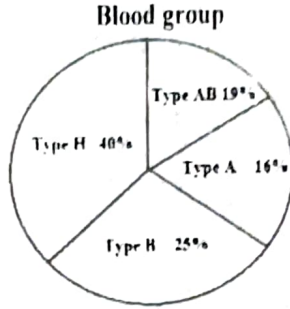
34. How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?

35. Why does Dr. Bhaia describe the blind boy as a walking horror?

36. Why were the chairs compared to Rama - Lakshmana?

Answer any three of the following.

37. Study the pie-chart given write three sentences on your inference about the data.



38. Frame dialogue between a doctor and a patient.

39. Fill in the blanks with suitable words in the bracket.

- a) As you _____ so you reap. (Sow / Saw)
 b) _____ while the iron is hot. (Strike / Stand)
 c) Too many _____ spoil the broth. (Cooks / Bakes)

40. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.

- a) Empty/make/vessel/greatest/the/sound.
 b) Rome/not/was/a/day/built/in.
 c) Do/put/not/your/all/eggs/one/in/basket.

PART - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following.

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?

(or)

- b) Describe the feelings of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the top of the summit.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) Shakespeare has skillfully brought out the parallels between the life of man and actors on stage. Elaborate this statement with reference to the poem.

(or)

- b) How according to the poet is it possible for his son to bring changes into a world that resents change?

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.

a) Pi was - in the - on a lifeboat - was alone hanging on to - oar. He was - to find - Parker, a Bengal - on board - were sharks - him - storm was - about him - crawled carefully - raising his - The hyena - behind what was - of the zebra - tried to hide - Pi carefully - opened the - There were - of water to - him for - days - greedily drank - cans of water - felt energetic - drinking - water, the - of life - realised - the tiger brought him peace - purpose - wholeness - he understood - it was - tiger who - him survive - 227 days.

(or)

b) Ausable - secret agent - was fat - accent was - in his speech. One night - entered his - room with Fowler, the - writer. They were - to see a - with a pistol - man was Max - wanted to seize - report being - to Ausable - night. Seeing the situation - cooked up a - about balcony - said that there was the - below his window - was knock at the - Ausable said - it was police - had come to - sure that - was all - Max got - and dropped - to the - through the - to hide - There was - balcony.

44. Make note or write summary for the following passage.

The kanchi Athivaradhar festival began on July 1, 2019. The temple of Varadhar is in kancheepuram. The deity is made of fig tree and hence the name AthiVaradar. He is immersed in Anaantasara, the temple tank. The speciality about this temple is the Deity is brought out once in 40 years and pujas are done for 48 days and restored to his water bed. The last time he came out was on July 2 1979, and earlier on July 2, 1939. What is so special about the deity? Why he gives dharshan once in forty years only? During muslim invasion, the Athivaradhar vighraha was immersed inside the sacred Ananthasara. The temple had no deity for worship thus no puja happening in the temple. The two brothers in the Dhatacharya lineage under whose authority the deity was hidden passed away thus taking away the secret forever. Unable to locate the original deity of athivaradhar, the authorities of the temple decided to install a deity made of fig tree and thus a deity from

padmagiri was brought and worshipped. Around 1709, the anantasaṛa of the temple was emptied and lord Athivaradhar was seen at the base of the sacred tank. The authorities then decided to take the vighraha only once in forty years for 48 days and keep him back.

45. a) You are the head of the English department in a renowned institution. You are invited to preside over the inauguration of the English Literary club in your alma mater. Respond to the letter you have received either accepting the invitation or expressing your inability to attend the function.

(or)

b) Write a paragraph on the topic "The problem of Unemployment".

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

- All the furnitures in her house is sold.
- He discussed about the matter.
- He come late to school everyday.
- If I was a bird, I would fly.
- If you had walked fast, you would catch the bus.

(or)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- They _____ to _____ more money. (earn / yearn)
- When I reach the station my father _____ (wait) for me. (Fill in the blanks with suitable tense)
- How _____ you restrict me? (Fill in the blanks with suitable quasi modals)
- He asked me to wait _____ he returned. (Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunction)

47. a) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

NATURE'S WAY

Is there anything as tranquil
As a brightly glowing jonquil
That stands in sweet serenity,
A part of nature's tapestry?

If we would only realize
We, too, can help to glorify,
To find within each passing day
A happiness along the way.

A flower that never questions why,
The rivers flow and birds will fly,
Content to fill part of the plan,
To beautify the world of man.

A loving hug or cheerful smile
Can help to make a life worthwhile.
If all would lend a helping hand,
We soon would have a world so grand.

- Alora M. Knight

Questions

- What is the part of nature's tapestry?
- What never question why?
- What all beautify the world of man?
- When can we find happiness?
- What can make a life worthwhile?

(or)

b) Identify each sentence with the field in the list given below.

(Computer, Politics, Tourism, Medicine, Law)

- Maruti udyog improved its operating margins by 2 – 4 percent in 2021 – 2022.
- The deadlock over the Agenda for the peace talks continued with no agreement between two leaders.
- The centre was directed to file an affidavit within two days giving details of the constitutional process it had followed.
- Every physician knows that even a negative report contributes a diagnosis.
- For programming people use the binary system.