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FIRST MID TERM TEST**Standard: 12**
Subject: English**Total Marks: 50**
Time: 1.30 Hours**PART - I****Answer all the questions.****10x1=10****Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.**

- They brought her here, persuaded us to take her into the hospital.
(a) punished (b) convinced (c) supported (d) provoked
- There is not much stimulation in China tea.
(a) sickly taste (b) harm (c) strength (d) excitement
- One could see at a glance her resemblance to her brothers.
(a) similarity (b) difference (c) unlikeness (d) rubble

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

- They are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
(a) enough (b) suffocative (c) inadequate (d) submissive
- Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation.
(a) worry (b) annoyance (c) conscience (d) calmness
- There is also the mysterious social etiquette surrounding the teapot.
(a) clear (b) incomprehensible (c) obscure (d) puzzling
- Form a new word by adding a suitable 'prefix' to the underlined word.
We need to try an entirely different approach in teaching nowadays.
(a) un (b) in (c) dis (d) im
- Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
Gokul always faints at the sight of blood.
(a) pass off (b) pass through (c) pass out (d) pass on
- Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
I saw a helicopter fly _____ a lake.
(a) below (b) among (c) between (d) over
- Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.
_____ Ganga can drive, she travels by bus.
(a) Although (b) But (c) If (d) When

PART - II SECTION - 1**Choose any two of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. 2x2=4**

- We could do nothing, being sold.
(a) Why couldn't they do anything? (b) Why did they feel helpless?
- The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the boughs among,
(a) Who is the giant here? (b) Identify the figure of speech used in the lines.
- There was a little private gate,
A little wicked wicket gate.
The wizened warder let them through.
(a) Who had let the enemies in? (b) What does 'wicket gate' mean?
- What is that dirge - like murmur that I hear
Like the sea breaking on a shingle - beach?
(a) Whom does 'I' refer to? (b) Find out the words in alliteration in the given lines.

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SECTION - 2**Do as directed. Answer any one of the following questions.****1x2=2**

15. Joseph and Mary said, "We will go shopping tomorrow." (Change into indirect speech)
 16. Jayan told me that he was learning English. (Change into direct speech)

PART - III SECTION - 1**Explain any one of the following with reference to the context.****1x3=3**

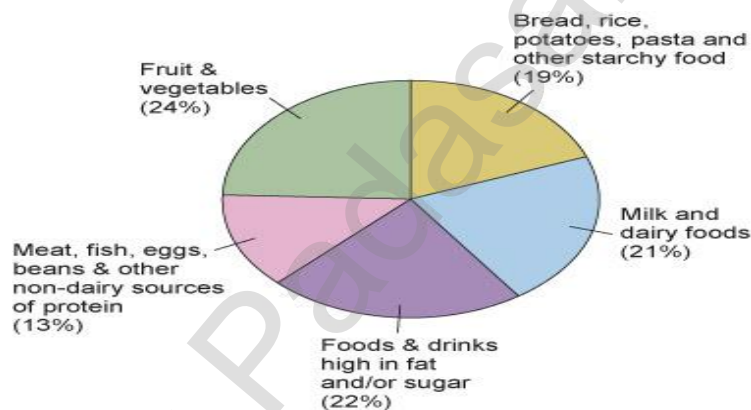
17. Ah, I have heard that wail far, far away
 In distant lands, by many a sheltered bay,
 18. What could they offer us for bait?
 Our captain was brave and we were true...

SECTION - 2**Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 30 words.****1x3=3**

19. Why didn't the boys disclose their problem to the author?
 20. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.

SECTION - 3**Answer any one of the following.****1x3=3**

21. Study the pie-chart given and answer the questions that follow.

Consumers spending on different types of food and drinks

- (a) What type of food do the average consumers spend more on than any other type?
 (b) What is the least amount spent on?
 (c) What is the percentage of amount spent on milk and dairy foods?
22. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.
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| (a) A picture is worth a thousand _____ | i) lines | ii) words | iii) letters |
| (b) _____ all, lose all. | i) Covet | ii) Count | iii) Control |
| (c) Don't judge a book by its _____ | i) price | ii) writer | iii) cover |

PART - IV**Answer the following.****5x5=25**

23. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 (a) What was the driving force that made the boys do various jobs? **OR**
 (b) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".
24. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 (a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain. **OR**
 (b) How does nature communicate with the poet Toru Dutt in "Our Casuarina Tree"?

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25. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.
- (a) Pi – survived – shipwreck – life boat – got stranded in the Pacific – Bengal tiger – Richard Parker – on board – Pi searched for water – found stacks of cans – drinking water – elixir of life – gave him energy – managed to overcome fear – realized that alive – because of Parker – scared him earlier – brought peace – purpose – helped him survive for 227 days – left Parker in a jungle – reunited – family. **OR**

(b) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov – young merchant – sets out to fair – against wife’s warning – stays in an inn – next morning sets off – gets arrested – supposed to have killed the merchant – is sent to Siberia – spends the time reading and praying – gains respect – Makar Semyonich – comes there – seems to know Aksionov – his behaviour makes Aksionov suspect – finally learns – Makar had murdered – the merchant – Akisonov forgives Makar – orders of release arrive – Aksionov is dead.

26. (a) Make notes or summarize the following passage.

Friendship is a unique bond between caring individuals. It goes beyond mere presence, involving shared feelings, experiences, and laughter. Friends resemble stars brightening our darkest nights, making life brighter and more meaningful. What’s remarkable about friendship is its diversity. Friends come in various shapes and sizes, differing in interests, personalities, and backgrounds. This diversity weaves a rich and fascinating tapestry, exposing us to new perspectives and experiences. Friendship isn’t a luxury; it’s a necessity for a fulfilling life. Friends act as a safety net, offering comfort in sadness and sharing in joys. They make life’s journey more enjoyable, less lonely, and provide essential support during challenging times. True friendship, a rare gem, isn’t about quantity but the depth of connection. True friends accept us with all our flaws, standing by us in good and bad times. In a chaotic world, true friends offer stability and trust. Trust forms the foundation of strong friendships. Like a house needs a solid foundation, friendship needs trust to thrive. It’s a delicate thread weaving through the fabric, binding hearts together. Friendship isn’t always serious; it’s about having fun together. Playing games, telling jokes, or just hanging out, friends bring joy and laughter, making ordinary moments extraordinary. Memories created with friends become lifelong treasures. Life’s challenges become less daunting with friends by our side. In difficulties, friends offer a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on, and fresh perspectives. The shared strength of friendship is a powerful force. In the tapestry of friendship, we learn about others and ourselves. Friends mirror our strengths and weaknesses, helping us grow. Through ups and downs, we discover our resilience and true selves. In the garden of friendship, we find a treasure lasting a lifetime – joy, support, and love making life truly magical. **OR**

- (b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on ‘Your Memorable Journey’.

27. (a) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate mark sheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling. **OR**

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) Arun, who is sitting _____ me, has a car _____ a bike. (beside / besides)
 (ii) Mrs. Mageswari _____ (teach) me Maths for four years. (Use the right tense form)
 (iii) My grandfather _____ visit this temple when he was young. (Use a modal verb)
 (iv) I _____ not go out in the dark. (Use a semi - modal verb)

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FIRST MID TERM TEST - ANSWER KEY**PART - I**

1. (b) convinced 2. (d) excitement 3. (a) similarity 4. (c) inadequate
 5. (d) calmness 6. (a) clear 7. (b) in 8. (c) pass out
 9. (d) over 10. (a) Although

PART - II SECTION – 1

11. (a) Due to the disloyalty of the warder, the soldiers were captured by the enemies. So they
 Could not do anything.
 (b) They felt helpless because the castle was captured treacherously by the enemies.
12. (a) The casuarina tree (b) Metaphor
13. (a) The wizened warder / The aged or old guard (b) A small gate
14. (a) The poet / Toru Dutt (b) breaking - beach

SECTION - 2

15. Joseph and Mary said that they would go shopping the following day / the next day.
16. Jayan said to me, "I am learning English."

PART - III SECTION - 1

17. Our Casuarina Tree - Toru Dutt
18. The Castle - Edwin Muir

SECTION - 2

19. The boys did not like anybody to sympathize with them. So they did not disclose their
 problem to the author.
20. No. The tea loses its flavour when sugar is added.

SECTION - 3

21. (a) Fruits and vegetables
 (b) Meat, fish, eggs, beans and other non-diary sources of protein
 (c) 21 %
22. (a) i) words (b) i) Covet (c) iii) cover

PART - IV

27. (b) (i) beside / besides (ii) has been teaching (iii) would (iv) dare

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