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Virudhunagar District
Common First Mid Term Test - 2024



Standard 11

ENGLISH

Time: 1.30 Hrs.

Marks: 50

PART - I**Answer all the questions.****10×1=10**

Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 1) The common link of friendship was snapped.
a) broken b) hailed c) welcomed d) praised
- 2) With this princely sum, and a little more that had been collected from people.
a) low b) magnificent
c) enough d) little

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 3) I had heard of how expensive things were in America.
a) expandable b) expenditure c) cheap d) costly
- 4) She ignored our protest.
a) promote b) apprehend c) accept d) project
- 5) Choose the most suitable option to pair it with the word "mantel" to form a compound word.
a) cover b) cloth c) peace d) piece
- 6) Add suitable prefix to the word "fortunate".
a) un b) in c) mis d) ir
- 7) **Form a derivative for the underlined word:**
Mom told me to "arrange" the table.
a) ful b) ment c) ity d) ness
- 8) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "AIBA".
a) Association International di Box Ameature
b) Associate International de Boxe Ameateur
c) Association Internationale de Boxe Amature
d) Association Interstate de Box Ameatured
- 9) Choose the right meaning for the idiom "below the belt".
a) fair manner b) just manner
c) unfair or unsporting behaviour d) under the belt
- 10) **Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition:**
This seat is not very comfortable to sit _____.
a) down b) by c) of d) on

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PART - II
SECTION - A

Choose any three of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow: 3×2=6

- 11) **"But now they only laugh with their teeth,
While their ice-block-cold eyes....."**
 - a) Who are 'they'?
 - b) Explain: ice-block-cold eyes.
- 12) **"Most of all, I want to relearn
How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror
Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!"**
 - a) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?
 - b) Mention the figure of speech used here.
- 13) **"With all my heart I do admire
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire"**
 - a) Whom does the poet admire?
 - b) For what reasons do the athletes sweat?
- 14) **"Well, ego it might be pleased enough
But zealous athletes play so rough".**
 - a) What pleases the ego?
 - b) Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines.

PART - III
SECTION - A

Explain any one of the following with reference to the context in about 50-60 words: 1×3=3

- 15) "I am just glad as glad can be
That I am not them, that they are not me"
- 16) "There will be no thrice".

SECTION - B

Answer any one of the following in not more than 30 words: 1×3=3

- 17) Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
- 18) How did Mary Kom manage to get financial support for her trip to the USA?

SECTION - C

Answer any one of the following: 1×3=3

- 19) Write a notice about the inauguration of a laughter club in your school.
- 20) You are the Sports Captain of your school. Write a message to the Physical Director, requesting him to be present during the football team selection scheduled for tomorrow.

PART - IV

5×5=25

- 21) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:**
 - a) Why was Mary Kom named the 'Queen of Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'?
(or)
 - b) As young Khushwant Singh, write a letter to your parents describing your daily routine along with your thoughts and feelings about staying in the village?

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- 22) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:**
- a) 'Face is the index of the mind'. Does this adage concur with the view of the poet? **(or)**
- b) The poet does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. How does he justify his view?
- 23) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints:**
- a) Philip sletherby - Politician - Brillmanor - meet - Saltpen Jago - London - Re election - young man - Bestie - Needed three pounds - Mistaken - found - Jago Crest - demilion - seeing is believing.
(or)
- b) Two best friends - part ways - appointment - twenty years - Bob arrived - policeman on beat - tall man came - Jimmy Wells - Stopped suddenly - man's nose - Roman to pug - under arrest - a note - from Patrolman Wells.
- 24) **Make notes or summarize the following passage:**

This century is the age of Science. We cannot imagine our lives sans science. Science has become a part and parcel of our lives. Science has become a symbol of progress. The progress is in the field of medicine, education, industry, etc., and we enjoy the comforts of science in all fields. Science has developed effective transport and communication system. Buses, cars, trains, planes have made transportation easy and comfortable, safe and fast. Man has even landed on moon with the help of technology.

In the field of medicine, science has worked wonders. Almost all kinds of diseases are entirely cured by modern drugs and medicins. Medicine has reduced pain and suffering. Electricity is another important scientific invention. The comforts of our life like electric lamps, refrigerators, fans, grinders, washing machines, etc., are all run by electricity.

Scientific method of cultivation has solved the food problem. The pests destroying the crops are killed immediately by pesticides. Poultry and Sericulture are also improved. Thus science is helpful in all walks of life and makes our life comfortable and happy.

(or)

- 25) a) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**
- i) This medicine will _____ your pain.
(Lesson / Lessen)
- ii) The vegetables were planted _____ apple tree.
(Fill in the blank with a preposition)
- iii) _____ (most of / many) the water overflowed from the tank.
(Fill in the blank with a suitable modal verb)
- iv) I _____ admit my fault, if I were you.
(Fill in the blank with a suitable modal verb)
- v) She always _____ **(make)** excuses for coming late.

(or)

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b) Answer the following question from the given poem:

Oh! Defenders of borders
You are great sons of my land
When we are all asleep
You still hold on to your deed.

Windily season or snowy days
Or scorching sun's sweltering rays
You are there guarding all the time awake
Treading the lonely expanses as Yogis.

Climbing the heights or striding the valleys
Defending the deserts and guarding the marshes
Surveillance in seas and by securing the air
Prime of your youth given to the nation!!
Wind chimes of my land vibrate your feat
We pray for you brave men!!!
May the Lord bless you all!!!

- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Question:

1. The poem is dedicated to _____.
 2. What do they sacrifice for the nation?
 3. Which figure of speech is used in the last line of the second stanza?
 4. What does Dr. Kalam express through the last two lines?
 5. "Scorching" in the poem means _____.
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