

# FIRST MID TERM EXAMINATION - 2024

CLASS : 12

ENGLISH

Reg.No : 

TIME : 1.30 Hrs.

TOTAL MARKS : 50

## PART - I

Answer all the questions.

10x1=10

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

- Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life.  
(a) virtue (b) dishonour (c) narration (d) neglect
- The two boys shined shoes and hawked newspapers.  
(a) bought (b) hated (c) sold (d) hanged
- Teapots are fitted with baskets under the spout to catch the stray leaves.  
(a) fresh (b) loose (c) gathered (d) harmful

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

- He shrugged his shoulders to convey his disapproval of their shabby appearance.  
(a) ugly (b) dirty (c) shameful (d) neat
- One does not feel wise, braver or more optimistic.  
(a) opportunistic (b) cheerful (c) pessimistic (d) realistic
- There is also the mysterious social etiquette surrounding the teapot.  
(a) clear (b) unclear (c) obscure (d) puzzling
- Replace the underlined phrasal verb with a suitable word.  
You can bank on our support.  
(a) avoid (b) depend (c) organize (d) distrust
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable 'suffix' to the underlined word.  
You should respect your parents and teachers.  
(a) dis (b) ance (c) ly (d) able
- Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.  
\_\_\_\_\_ you register your name, you cannot participate in the competitions.  
(a) Unless (b) If (c) Otherwise (d) Since
- Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.  
Our nation is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its glorious culture.  
(a) at (b) for (c) to (d) in

## PART - II SECTION - 1

Choose any two of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. 2x2=4

- Our gates were strong, our walls were thick  
So smooth and high, no man could win.  
(a) How safe was the castle? (b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- 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.
- For what, we thought, had we to fear  
With our arms and provender, load on load,  
(a) Who does we' refer to? (b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
- But not because of its magnificence  
Dear is the Casuarina to my soul:  
Beneath it we have played; though years may roll,  
(a) Why is the casuarina tree dear to the poet's heart?  
(b) Does the poet like the casuarina tree because of its magnificence?

## SECTION - 2

Do as directed. Answer any one of the following questions.

1x2=2

15. Afsar and Ayesha said, "We can't attend the party." (Change into indirect speech)  
 16. Sithiraj asked me how I was. (Change into direct speech)

## PART - III SECTION - 1

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

1x3=3

17. And the waves gently kissed the classic shore  
 Of France or Italy, beneath the moon,  
 18. A little wicked wicket gate.  
 The wizened warder let them trough.

## SECTION - 2

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

1x3=3

19. What was Lucia suffering from?  
 20. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.

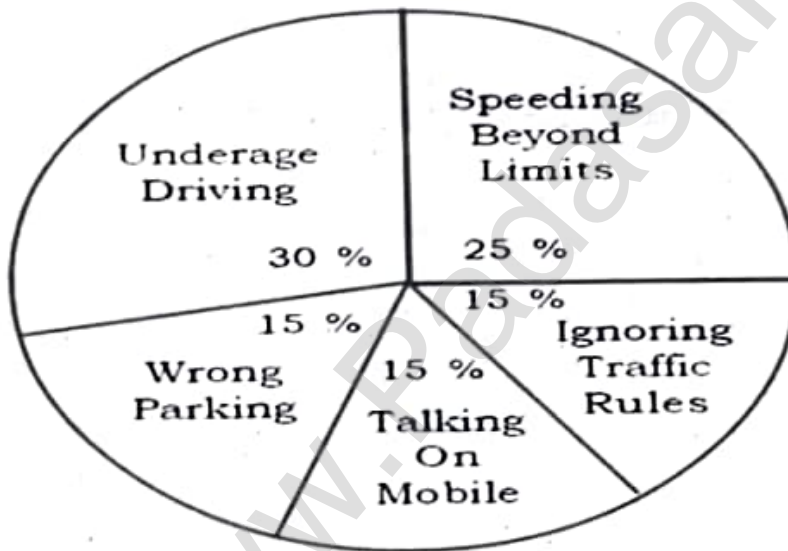
## SECTION - 3

Answer any one of the following.

1x3=3

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

The Causes of Road Accidents



**Questions:**

- (a) What is the major cause of road accidents?  
 (b) What is the percentage of road accidents caused by Speeding Beyond Limits?  
 (c) What are the three causes that account for 15% of road accidents each?
22. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.
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|---|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| (a) Too many _____ spoil the broth.       | (i) cooks     | (ii) servants    | (iii) dishes  |
| (b) A bad workman always blames his _____ | (i) masters   | (ii) works       | (iii) tools   |
| (c) _____ is the soul of wit.             | (i) Longevity | (ii) Originality | (iii) Brevity |

## PART - IV

Answer the following.

5x5=25

23. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.  
 (a) What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'? 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) Describe the capture of the castle. **OR**

(b) The poet immortalizes the casuarina tree. Elucidate.

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

(a) 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. **OR**

(b) 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.

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

Dictionaries are simply the books which consist of many English words along with its meaning and the way the words are used. It is used by many people who love to speak the language of English in a better way. These dictionaries can be used for improving the vocabulary of a person. Let us see the importance of dictionaries. The dictionaries have numerous words, ranging from simple words which common people can understand to complex, new words which we may have never heard. It can be used in order to get better in the usage of words. They are useful because they are up-to-date with the words and the meanings of the words they have. Dictionaries help in communication, understanding English better and so on. These can also be used to see the correct spelling for words such as 'receive' (which is misunderstood as 'recieve'), 'spelled' (which is misunderstood as 'spelt'), and so on. They are also used for finding new words and the usage in the noun form, adverb form etc. The dictionaries have the actual correct meaning of every word you can find. Overall, dictionaries are reliable. Therefore, we must appreciate people to use the dictionaries as a part of everyday life. Not only for English, there are dictionaries for other languages as well. Common people must use the dictionaries according to the language in which they want to get better in. Apart from languages, dictionaries are a very important aspect of learning and it must be used for the good purpose of improving the language. **OR**

(b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the importance of a balanced diet.

27. (a) You had been to your Grandma's house during the summer holidays. You enjoyed your stay in her company. Write a letter to your Grandma stating how much you miss her after returning to your home. **OR**

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

(i) My son \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up at 7 every morning. (Use the correct form of the verb)

(ii) Kallakurichi Police tried to \_\_\_\_\_ information from the people who consumed the \_\_\_\_\_ liquor. (illicit / elicit)

(iii) Poonam \_\_\_\_\_ not catch the bus yesterday. (Use a modal verb)

(iv) You \_\_\_\_\_ not waste time on it. (Use a semi - modal verb)