

# Thiruvavarur

## FIRST MID TERM TEST - 2024

Standard XII

Reg.No. 

## ENGLISH

Time : 1.30 hrs

Section - A

Marks : 50

I.(A). Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words of the following. 2 x 1 = 2

1. We watched for a few moments then as trade slackened we went over.  
a) reduced      b) improved      c) loosened      d) ended

2. One does not feel wiser, braver or optimistic after drinking it.  
a) pessimistic      b) energetic      c) excited      d) positive

(B). Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words of the following. 2 x 1 = 2

3. We came upon them in the windy and deserted square.  
a) crowded / inhabited      b) secured      c) fertile      d) desolate

4. It is economical to drink it without milk.  
a) cheap      b) expensive      c) reduced      d) compact

(C) Choose the correct answer for the following questions. 6 x 1 = 6

5. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "honour".  
a) im      b) un      c) ir      d) dis

6. Form a word by adding a suffix to the word "friend".  
a) ity      b) ily      c) ly      d) en

7. Choose the correct phrasal verb for the underlined word.  
The plane will leave the ground as scheduled.

a) take in      b) take off      c) take down      d) take after

8. Choose the correct expanded form of "TNPSC".

- a) Tamil Nadu People's Social Care  
b) Tamil Nadu Police Security Corporation  
c) Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission  
d) Tamil Nadu Police Security Commander

9. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition.

The tea should be put straight \_\_\_\_\_ the pot.

- a) over      b) on      c) into      d) for

10. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

We \_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful film at the cinema last night. (see)

## Section - B

II. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any two of the following.

11. All through the summer at ease we lay 2 x 2 = 4

And daily from the turret wall      i) Who does 'we' refer to?

ii) How did the soldiers spend the summer holidays?

12. The giant wears the scarf and flowers are hung,  
In crimson clusters all the bough among !

i) Who is the giant here?      ii) Why is the scarf colourful?

13. Like a huge python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars.

i) What is the creeper compared to?      ii) Identify The figure of speech used here.

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III. Do as directed.

14. Sathya said, "I have completed my work". (Change into indirect speech)

Section - C

Explain the following with reference to the context. (any one)

1 x 3 = 3

15. They seemed no threat to us at all.

(OR)

It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech.

Answer any two of the following questions.

2 x 3 = 6

16. What was Lucia suffering from?

17. What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?

18. Why does the author prefer the cylindrical cup to a flat cup?

Answer the following.

5 x 5 = 25

19. a) Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona"

(OR)

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

20. a) Human greed led to the Mighty Fall of the Citadel - Explain.

(OR)

b) Describe the reminiscences of the poetess when she sees a Casuarina tree.

21. Develop the following hints.

a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - young merchant - lived Viladimir - trip Nizhny fare - wife - bad dream - local police - arrested - charged for murder - sent - mines of Siberia - grew old - frequently prayed God - Makar Semyonich found out the truth - Makar admitted - Aksionov forgave - died in peace.

(OR)

b) Pi - in Pacific - on life boat - Richard Parker - on board - no food, water, sleep - three days - search - thirst over powered fear - found - came back live - Parker helped - survived - left Parker - reunited with his family.

22. Summarise the following passage.

The Earth is losing its forest. Trees cover about 30 percent of the Earth's surface but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furnitures and providing pupil for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rain forests are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

23. a) You had been to your Grandma's house during 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 blank as instructed.

i) Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ such a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_. (scene / seen)

ii) How \_\_\_\_\_ you disobey my words. (use a semi-modal)

iii) Shankar \_\_\_\_\_ (play) cricket every Sunday. (use suitable tense form)

iv) Take an umbrella with you \_\_\_\_\_ you will get wet. (use a suitable link word)

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