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Virudhunagar District  
Common First Mid Term Test - 2024

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**Standard 12**  
**ENGLISH**  
**Part - I**

Time: 1.30 Hours

Marks: 50

- I. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer: 10×1=10**  
**Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given**

- 1) As we made the rounds my interest was again provoked by their remarkable **demeanour**  
a) appearance and behavior                      b) sloth  
c) awareness    d) rudeness
- 2) In some countries teapots are fitted with little '**dangling**' baskets.  
a) colouring    b) brimming  
c) twisting    d) hanging freely

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

- 3) Their **devotion** had touched me deeply  
a) dedication                      b) attraction                      c) loyalty                      d) disloyalty
- 4) The best manner of making a tea is the subject of **violent** disputes  
a) rough                      b) gentle                      c) severe                      d) harsh
- 5) **Choose the right word to replace the phrasal verb in the following sentence**  
Aksinov **set off** his journey in the early morning  
a) extinguish                      b) stop                      c) start                      d) enjoy
- 6) **Form a derivative by adding a suitable prefix to root word 'Lucky'**  
a) en                      b) un                      c) in                      d) over
- 7) **Choose the suffix that can be added to the root word 'comfort'**  
a) ful                      b) ment                      c) ial                      d) able
- 8) **Fill in the blank with the most suitable prepositional phrase**  
Many tourists visited Ooty ..... heavy rains  
a) in spite of                      b) on account of                      c) in case of                      d) instead of
- 9) **Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate linkers**  
..... my father arrived home, I narrated the incident  
a) As soon as                      b) Besides                      c) If                      d) Although
- 10) **Choose the word that has been spelt correctly**  
a) stranded                      b) shoppe                      c) shoos                      d) seecret

**Part - II**  
**Section - A**

**Choose any two of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow: 2×2=4**

- 11) "We could do nothing, being sold"  
a) Why couldn't they do anything?  
b) Why did they feel helpless?
- 12) "That would thy beauty fain, oh, fain rehearse  
May love defend thee from oblivion's curse"  
a) What does the poet mean by the expression 'May love defend thee from oblivion's curse'?  
b) What does the expression 'fain' convey?
- 13) "For what, wwe thought, had we to fear  
with our arms and provender load on load  
Our towering battlements, tier on tier"  
a) Why did they have no reason to fear?  
b) What does 'battlements' refer to?

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- 14) "Like a huge python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars,"  
a) What is winding round and round the tree?  
b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.

**Section - B****1×2=2****Answer any one of the following:**

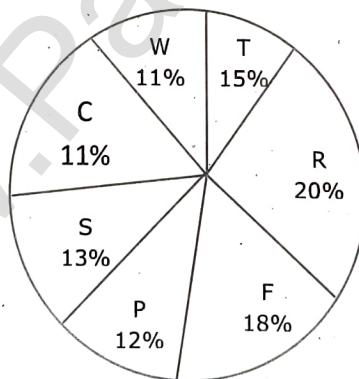
- 15) Report the following dialogue:  
Priya : Why are you going to the raliway station?  
Vijay : I want to receive my uncle who is coming from Bengaluru.  
16) The manager told me that he would speak to me on Friday. (**Change into Direct speech**)

**Part - III****Section - A****Explain any one of the following with reference to the context in about 50-60 words.****1×3=3**

- 17) "They seemed no threat to us at all"  
18) "Dear is the Casurina tree to my soul"

**Section - B****Answer any one of the following in not more than 30 words.****1×3=3**

- 19) What was Lucia suffering from?  
20) Do tea lovers generally like strong tea or weak tea?

**Section - C****21) Study the pie chart given below. Write three sentences on your inference about the data.****1×3=3****Part - IV****5×5=25****22) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words**

- a) Write a character sketch of Nicola and Jacopo

**(OR)**

- b) Discuss the factual points and the author's personal points on the preparation of tea

**23) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

- a) How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?

**(OR)**

- b) Describe the reminiscences of the poetess when she sees the casuraina tree.

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24) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.**

a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - lived - Vladimir - wife and children - trip - Nizhny fair - wife - bad - dream - not to start - local police - arrested Aksionov - charged with murder - petition - turned down - sent - mines of Siberia - grew old - frequently prayed to God - respected by inmates - gentle behavior - one day - met - Makar Semyonich - Aksionov - found out the truth - Makar - admitted - Aksionov - forgave - died in peace

(OR)

b) Pi - survived - shipwreck - life boat - gets stranded in the Pacific - Bengal tiger - Richard Parker - on board - Pi searched for water - found stacks of cans - drinking water - exillir 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.

25) **a) Make notes or summarise the following passage**

There is an enemy beneath our feet. He recognizes on national boundaries no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the earth quake. The power of a quake is greater than anything man himself can produce. But today, scientists are diverting more of the efforts in to finding some ways to combat earthquakes and it is possible that at some time in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from it. An earth quake strikes without warning. When it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, it can take down building and cause death and injury. If the quake strikes the sea, huge tidal waves sweep inland. If it strikes the mountain regions, avalanches roar down the valleys. There are three regions in the world where earthquakes are mostly likely to happen. Scientist call them earthquake zones. The first runs along the east coast of the Asia continent and the second runs down the west coast of South America. The third runs across the south of Europe and North America. In history, you will see that they have occurred somewhere in these zones. So it is possible for scientists to say where the earthquakes will strike, but they cannot say exactly when.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to AZ Company requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently. Include the following details. the problem, date of purchase, receipt number, model and warranty.

26) **a) Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- i) The ..... looked depressed while the ..... looked hopeful.  
(emigrate / immigrate)
- ii) Rajini Prem's family ..... (be) in Chengalpet now. (Use the verb in the correct form)
- iii) I ..... play Badminton, when I was a student. (Use a Quasi-modal verb)
- iv) ..... eating food, we clean our hands (Fill in the blanks with the most suitable Preposition)

(OR)

b) Write a paragraph on the topic "Water conservation"

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