

BE CONFIDENT FIRST MID TERM TEST - 2024

STD - XII

ENGLISH

MARKS : 90

TIME : 3.00 Hrs

Ramanathapuram District**PART I****Answer all the questions****20 x 1 = 20****Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.**

- Don't try, warned Luigi, our cautious driver.
a) Frugal b) careful c) stingy d) miser
- One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic after drinking it.
a) Pessimistic b) energetic c) excited d) positive
- As trade slackened we went over.
a) Succeeded b) prevented c) reduced d) increased

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

- They brought her here persuaded us to take into the hospital.
a) Reject b) argue c) permit d) dissuade
- They were childish enough and, in many ways, quite artless.
a) Cunning b) innocent c) guileful d) selfishness
- Silver or Britannia ware teapots produce inferior tea...
a) Prefer b) superior c) senior d) junior
- Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word lucky
a) On b) in c) dis d) un
- Choose the **tri syllabic** word
a) Initial b) command c) property d) enthusiastic
- Choose the correct **question tag**. *She completed her work*?
a) Didn't she? b) did she? c) wasn't she? d) isn't she?
- Choose the American English word for wash basin.
a) Washer b) basin c) sink d) sinker
- Choose the correct **preposition**. *The shop is open midnight.*
a) Above b) until c) with d) of
- Choose the correct plural form of leaf
a) Leafs b) leaves c) leafes d) leafae
- Identify the correct **pattern**. *The boy wrote the test slowly.*
a) SVC b) SVO c) SVOA d) SVCA
- Fill in the blanks with a suitable **relative pronoun**.
This is the town... I spent my childhood
a) Which b) where c) whom d) who
- Choose the correct combinations of blended word **biopic**.
a) Biography + pic b) bio + pic c) biography + picture d) biographical + pic
- Choose the correct compound word. NOUN + NOUN.
a) Head long b) sunlight c) over head d) force ful
- Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence.
He cut off a slice from the loaf of bread.
a) Joined b) separated c) eliminated d) clutched
- Choose the right term of given **phrase**. *The study of principles of beauty is*
a) Numismatics b) Aesthetics c) Phonetics d) Linguistics

19. Choose the correct expansion of the acronyms. RAW
 a) Results and analyses wing b) Research and Analysis Wing
 c) Review Action Wing e) Resource Application Wing
20. Choose the meaning of the foreign phrase in the sentence. in toto.
 a) Totally b) partially c) slightly d) partly

PART II SECTION I

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the following. $4 \times 2 = 8$

21. *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?
22. *A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
 No other tree could live, but gallantly.*
 a) Which tree is referred in the above lines? b) Pick out the alliteration in the given lines.
23. *A gray baboon sits statue-like alone
 Watching the sunrise ;*
 a) What is a baboon? b) Where did the baboon sit?
24. *Therefore I fain would consecrate a lay
 Unto thy honour.*
 a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
 b) What does the expression 'fain' convey here?
25. *There was a little private gate
 A little wicked wicket gate.*
 a) What do you mean by a wicked wicket gate?
 b) What is the figure of speech used in the second line?
26. *All through that summer at ease we lay.
 And daily from the turret wall, we watched the mowers in the hay.*
 a) Who does 'we' refer to? b) What work do the mowers do?

SECTION II

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

$3 \times 2 = 6$

27. Change the following sentence into Indirect speech
 Priya : *Where are you going?* Divya : *I am going to the temple.*
28. Change the voice. *Who interviewed you?*
29. Begin the sentence with the words given in the brackets.
If I had a car, I would drop you. (Begin with 'had')
30. Convert the following sentences as directed.
Though Sam is not sick, he feels weak. (into compound)

PART III SECTION I

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

$2 \times 3 = 6$

31. I will maintain until my death.
32. May love defend thee from oblivion's curse.
33. What could they offer us for bait?

SECTION II

Answer any two of the following questions.

$2 \times 3 = 6$

34. Who took the author to the cubicle?
35. What made the boys work so hard?
36. How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?

SECTION III

Answer any three of the following :

3 x 3 = 9

37. Describe the process of preparing butter milk for four persons.
38. Write a dialogue between a student and the class teacher regarding an educational tour.
39. Complete the proverbs with the suitable option.
 - a) Every dog has its (bone, meat, day, bread)
 - b) An ideal man's mind is a work shop. (god, angel, devil's man)
 - c) was not built in a day. (India, Universe, Rome, Italy)
40. You are Raja/Rani. Draft an email to your friend inquiring about her studies.

PART IV

Answer the following

7 x 5 = 35

41. Answer the following paragraph of about 150 words.
 - a) How was the family affected by the war? (OR)
 - b) What are the eleven golden rules of George Orwell as stated in his essay?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - a) How safe was the castle? How was it conquered? (OR)
 - b) The poet immortalizes the tree. Elucidate.
43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.
 - a) Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - small family - trip to Nizhny fair - stayed at inn - Aksionov arrested - murder case - innocent convict for 26 years - grew old and weak - meets Makar and saves him - confess his crime - dies peacefully - order for release. (OR)
 - b) Richard Parker - influences Pi - ship wreck at Pacific Ocean - Pi's fear of Richard Parker - great beast - searches water - finds - understand Parker - leaves Parker in jungle.
44. a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

Serving others can help make people happier in any situation. When people are feeling stressed or unhappy, it is often because they are focused on their problems and worries. Focusing on our own problems and worries makes us feel more stressed about them. When we focus on helping other people with their problems, we feel happier because we are not focused on ourselves. Helping others also help in the other areas of building happiness : it strengthens our relationships with others and it helps us feel more gratitude. When we serve others, we can become good friends with the people we help because they see how much we care about them. We feel more gratitude because we see the problems other people face and we realize that we are not the only ones who struggle with certain problems. Serving others is an essential key to living a happier life.

(OR)

 - b) The importance of balance diet.
45. a) Write an application for the post of Personal secretary to the managing director of a company. Apply with bio-data. (OR)
 - b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the road side vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone.
46. a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
 - i) It such a beautiful (sight / site) to wake up in the morning and watch the (see / sea)

- ii) The kids like carrots, but I'm not sure. (Use a model)
- iii) I (read) Nathaniel Hawthorne soon. (Use the proper tense)
- iv) They have returned home by now. (Use the semi-model)

(OR)

b) Spot the errors and write them correctly.

- i) I bought a HMT watch.
- ii) Two and two make four.
- iii) One of the machines are not working.
- iv) Children prefer sweets than snacks.
- v) She goes to school by foot.

47. a) Match each of the following sentences with suitable field in the list given below.

- i) The flight was cancelled owing to fog.
- ii) The fertility of the soil can be preserved by the use of Bio-fertilizers.
- iii) The number of drop-out has reduced drastically.
- iv) The captain was reprimanded for insulting the umpire.
- v) The UPS is not functioning properly.

(Agriculture, Education, Computer, Travel, Sports)

(OR)

b) Write the paragraph in about 150 words.

The place of computer in our life.

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| Q.NO. 1 – 20 – 20 MARKS | | |
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| 1. | (b) | Careful |
| 2. | (d) | positive |
| 3. | (c) | reduced |
| 4. | (d) | dissuade |
| 5. | (a) / (c) | Cunning / guileful |
| 6. | (b) | superior |
| 7. | (d) | un |
| 8. | (c) | property |
| 9. | (a) | Didn't she? |
| 10. | (c) | sink |
| 11. | (b) | until |
| 12. | (b) | leaves |
| 13. | (c) | SVOA |
| 14. | (b) | where |
| 15. | (c) | Biography + picture |
| 16. | (b) | sunlight |
| 17. | (b) | separated |
| 18. | (b) | Aesthetics |
| 19. | (b) | Research and Analysis Wing |
| 20. | (a) | totally |

| Q.NO. 21 – 26 – 8 MARKS | | |
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| 21. | (a) | The castle had strong gates and thick walls |
| | (b) | No man could win / none / no enemy |
| 22. | (a) | Casuarina tree |
| | (b) | Creeper, climbs |
| 23. | (a) | A type of large monkey found in Africa and Asia. |
| | (b) | On the top of the casuarina tree |
| 24. | (a) | Casuarina tree |
| | (b) | Eagerness of the poet |
| 25. | (a) | An evil small door or gate |
| | (b) | Personification – The small door or gate is personified as an evil one. Alliteration – W icked - w icket |
| 26. | (a) | soldiers |
| | (b) | Trim grass and level the lawns / cutting / mowing the grass / making hay |
| Q.NO. 27 – 30 – 2 MARKS | | |
| 27. | | Priya asked Divya where she was going. Divya replied that she was going to the temple. |
| 28. | | By whom were you interviewed? |
| 29. | | Had I a car, I would drop you. |
| 30. | | Sam is not sick but / yet / still he feels weak. |

| Q.NO. 31 - 33 – 6 MARKS | | |
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| 31. | | “I will maintain until my death” Poem Name : The Castle Poet Name : Edwin Muir |
| 32. | | “May Love defend thee from oblivion’s curse” Poem Name : Our Casuarina Tree Poet Name : Toru Dutt |
| 33. | | “ What could they offer us for bait?” Poem Name : The Castle Poet Name : Edwin Muir |
| Q.NO. 34 – 36 – 6 MARKS | | |
| 34. | | The nurse |
| 35. | | They saved money for their sister Lucia’s treatment. |
| 36. | | If we sweeten tea, we only taste the sugar not the tea. |

| Q.NO. 37 – 40 – 9 MARKS | |
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| 37. | Describe the Process (Preparing Buttermilk) ❖ Take a glass of curd ❖ Add three glasses of water ❖ Churn the mixture ❖ Add salt and curry leaves ❖ Ready to serve. |
| 38. | Dialogue between a student and the class teacher regarding an educational tour. |
| 39. | Complete the proverbs. a) day b) devil man’s c) Rome |
| 40. | E-mail writing. Format – 1, To and Subject – 1, Content - 1 |
| Q.NO. 41 – 47 – 35 MARKS | |
| 41. | a) Two Gentlemen of Verona b) A Nice cup of tea |
| 42. | a) The Castle b) Our Casuarina Tree |
| 43. | a) God sees the truth, but waits b) Life of Pi |
| 44. | Summary – Title – 1, Rough copy – 1, Fair copy - 3 |
| 45. | a) Job application with bio-data – (Personal Secretary) (From&To-1, Salutation-½, Subject, Ref.-1, Body of the letter-1, Bio Data/CV/ Resume-1, Subscription-½) b) Editor of a newspaper – regarding nuisance created by the road side vendors blocking the pavements & occupying the parking zone (From&To, Sub, Body of the letter, Subscription, Place & date) |
| 46. | a) Fill in the blanks appropriately. i) site, sea ii) may iii) will be reading / will read iv) ought to b) Error Spotting. i) I bought an H.M.T. watch. ii) Two and two makes four. iii) one of the machines is not working. iv) Children prefer sweets to snacks. v) She goes to school on foot. |
| 47. | a) Identify the field. i) Travel ii) Agriculture iii) Education iv) Sports v) Computer |