

SECOND MID TERM TEST - 2024

ENGLISH

10 - Std

Time : 1.30 Hrs

Marks : 50

PART - I

Choose the appropriate *synonym* for the italicised words.

6x1=6

- India's disabled are continuing to *grapple* with the challenges of access, acceptance, and inclusion.
a) calm b) fight c) anger d) stare
- I had counted on the *commotion* to get to my desk.
a) confusion b) disturbance c) unrest d) calmness
- We look forward to a more inclusive way of learning, instead of the *cloistered* existence.
a) enclosed b) detached c) open d) united
- The doors were *yanked* open.
a) pulled b) cranked c) wide d) pushed
- Choose the correct plural form of *syllabus* from the following:
a) syllables b) syllabus c) syllabi d) syllabus
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation *IMF*
a) Indian Monetary Fund b) International Mutual Fund
c) International Monetary Fund d) Indian Mutual Fund.

PART - II

Answer any TWO of the following questions in a sentence or two.

2x2=4

- Who is Kim?
- What did M. Hamel say about the French language?
- What was Franz sorry for?

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any one of the following:

2x2=4

- Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own*
(a) Who does the word 'their' refer to?
(b) What does the poet mean by 'lines we read'?

- And now, if you will set us to our task
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!*
(a) Whom does "you" refer to?
(b) Whose task is referred to as "our task" here?

Answer any ONE of the following:

1x2=2

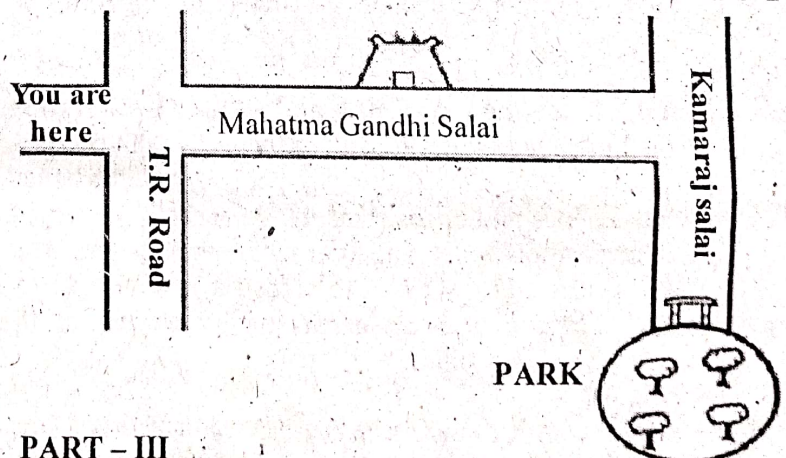
- Rewrite using indirect speech:
"Why is the sky blue?" asked the curious student.

- Transform the following into a simple sentence.
Raghav is sick but he attends the rehearsal.

Answer the following question.

1x2=2

- A stranger wants to go to the park.
Guide the stranger with your instructions.



PART - III

Answer any ONE of the following in a paragraph.

1x5=5

- "Technology is a boon to the disabled" - Justify.
- Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in the school.

Answer any ONE of the following.

1x5=5

17. Explain in your own words how the machines serve mankind.

18. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given beside.

*Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,
It will vanish and the stars will shine again,
Because, for all our power and weight and size,
We are nothing more than children of your brain!*

- (a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
(b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
(c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line of the given stanza.
(d) Pick out the alliterating words in the first line.

Answer any TWO of the following.

2x5=10

19. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Power Bicycle Shop – Weekend Deals – 25% Off on All Bicycles and Accessories. – Expert Bicycle Repair Services – Test Ride Your Dream Bicycle Today – Cycle Maintenance by Trained Technicians – Open 7 Days a Week – 05, Anna Road, Thanjavur – Ride Smooth, Ride Safe.

20. Write a letter to your local municipal officer, informing them about the poor sanitation conditions in your area. Request immediate action to address issues such as garbage disposal, drainage, and street cleanliness.

21. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

The Paralympics is a global event showcasing the incredible talents of athletes with disabilities. Since its inception in 1960, it has grown into a major competition, held alongside the Olympics. Athletes compete in various sports, from wheelchair basketball to adaptive cycling, demonstrating extraordinary determination and skill. The Paralympics promotes inclusivity and breaks down stereotypes, inspiring millions around the world. It also raises awareness about disability and accessibility, pushing for social change. Ultimately, the Paralympics celebrates human potential, emphasizing the importance of equality and the power of perseverance.

22. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

- (a) I live in United States.
(b) I bought an book this morning.
(c) One of the pencils are missing.
(d) Malar is fond to music.
(e) Aadhav is taller then Aadhira.

23. Quote from memory: *Remember, no men shall lie.*

1x4=4

PART – IV

Answer any ONE of the following.

1x8=8

24. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

On 25th July morning - 2889 - Francis Bennett - bad temper - switched on his phototelephone - wife went to France 8 days ago - feeling lonely - wife appear mirror - name - spoken - mechanised room - washed saved brushed - buttoned - went reporters room - 1500 reporters - passing all to subscribe the news - come during the lights - addition to telephone - each reporter - series of commutations.

OR

25. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

In the bustling city of Chicago in the early 20th century, a man named Garrett Morgan invented something that would forever change the way people lived. He created the traffic signal, a device to control the chaotic flow of vehicles and pedestrians in the streets. The inspiration came after he witnessed a severe car accident at an intersection. Realizing the need for a system to regulate traffic, Morgan developed the first three-position traffic light, which introduced a yellow light to warn drivers to slow down before stopping. This simple yet ingenious invention drastically reduced accidents and improved road safety, making urban life more organized and safer.

Questions:

- (i) Where did Garrett Morgan get the inspiration for his traffic signal invention?
(ii) What major impact did the traffic signal have on urban life?
(iii) What innovation did Morgan's traffic signal introduce that we still use today?
(iv) Write the name of your favorite inventor or the invention that you find particularly inspiring.