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Class:10

10211

SECOND MID TERM TEST - 2024

Time Allowed : 1.30 Hours]

ENGLISH
PART - I

[Max. Marks : 50

I. Answer the following questions.

7x1=7

Choose the correct **Synonym** for the underlined words.

- Technology is also a boon to citizens with special needs.
a) discovery b) curse c) burden d) blessing.
 - His idea of going away, made me forget all about his ruler and how cranky he was.
a) tyrannical b) strange c) powerful d) learned.
- Choose the correct **Antonym** for the underlined words.
- We look forward to a more inclusive way of learning, instead of the cloistered existence.
a) enclosed b) detached c) opened d) united.
 - French Language is the most beautiful language in the world - the clearest, the most logical.
a) orderly b) rational c) coherent d) illogical.
 - Choose the correct plural form of medium from the following.
a) mediums b) medias c) media d) mediums.
 - The correct expansion of the title Mrs. is _____.
a) Mistress b) Miss c) Mister d) Misters.
 - Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
He planned to _____ everyone for a meeting.
a) break off b) clean-up c) call on d) turn off.

PART - II SECTION - A

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

2x2=4

- Which software helps Alisha to overcome her difficulty in typing?
- What did M. Hamel say about the French language?
- How does Kim help Alisha?

SECTION - B

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any **ONE** of the following.

1x2=2

- And now, if you will set us to our task,
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!*
a) Who does 'we' refer to?
b) Can the machine do any task without human being?
- They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starve.*
a) What is common for all of us? b) How are we fed?

SECTION - C

Answer any **ONE** of the following.

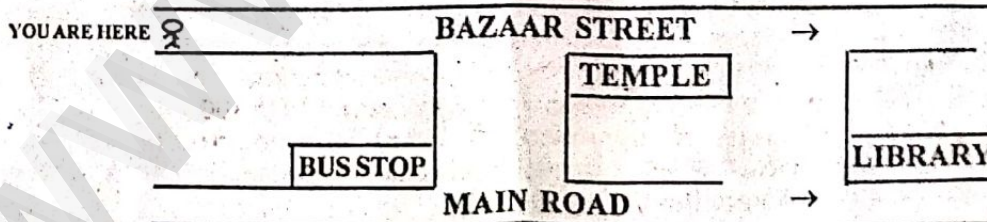
1x2=2

- Combine the following sentences using a relative pronoun.
Kumar is my teacher. He teaches us English.
- Rewrite the following sentence into indirect speech.
Sadhu said to Vidhu, "We are writing exam now".

SECTION - D

- A stranger wants to go to the Library. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.

1x2=2



PART - III SECTION - A

III. Answer any **ONE** of the following.

1x5=5

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

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SECTION - B

Answer any ONE of the following.

1x5=5

18. How do machines confess they are inferior to human brain?
19. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below

*We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,
We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,
We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,
We can soo and hear and count and read and write!*

- a) Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines. b) Write the rhyme schemes of the given stanza.
c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line. d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.

SECTION - C

Answer any ONE of the following.

1x5=5

20. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order

- i) As soon as he awoke, he switched on his phono telephone.
- ii) Her sweet voice gave a happier turn to his mood.
- iii) Mr. Bennett woke up in a bad temper.
- iv) He saw his wife appear in the telephotic mirror.
- v) The wires of the phonotelephone led to the house he owned in the Champs-Elysees.

21. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The next room, a broad gallery about a quarter of a mile long, was devoted to publicity, and it well may be imagined what the publicity for such a journal as the Earth Herald had to be. It brought in a daily average of three million dollars. They are gigantic signs reflected on the clouds, so large that they can be seen all over a whole country. For that gallery a thousand projectors were unceasingly employed in sending to the clouds, on which they were reproduced in colour, these inordinate advertisements. At that moment, the clock struck twelve. The director of the Earth Herald left the hall and sat down in a rolling armchair. In a few minutes, Francis Bennet had reached his dining room half a mile away, at the far end of the office.

Questions:

1. What was the next room devoted to? 2. What was the breadth of the gallery?
3. How much did the gallery bring in? 4. How was advertisement done here?
5. Who was the director of the Earth Herald?

SECTION - D

Answer any ONE of the following:

1x5=5

22. You are Vikram, a member of Junior Red Cross. Design a poster to create awareness on the importance of tree plantation. Support with suitable drawings.
23. You are Raja. The street lights of your area do not work properly. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the newspaper enlightening them about the problem and also suggest ways to brighten the area.
24. Write an email to your English teacher about your project that you have prepared for the upcoming literary festival in your school.
25. Quote from memory:
Some water.....lift and drive.

1x5=5

PART - IV

IV. Answer any ONE of the following

1x8=8

26. Write a paragraph in 150 words by developing the following hints.

Francis Bennett - phonotelephone - reporters room - four quarters of earth - Mercury - Venus - Mars - scientists - Gandhi - broad gallery - thousand projectors - advertisements - Mr. and Mrs. Bennett - lunch - pneumatic tubes - aero-car - Niagara - waiting room - Earth Herald - submarine tubes - very tired.

(OR)

27. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below

(Elephants are considered keystone and umbrella species as they play a key role within the environment that they live in.) As elephants live in herds and require large habitable areas, they tend to change the surrounding atmosphere from forests to grasslands and help to disperse the seeds in an ecosystem that has no natural means of pollinating the area. (An elephant requires around 70 to 100 litres of water every day.) Therefore, the elephants in dry zones and dry seasons, dig holes in riverbeds in order to collect water and help sustain water for other species as well. The elephants' habit of clearing the path they roam has acted as natural buffer zones when forest fires take place.)

Questions:

- a) What are the elephants considered as?
- b) Where do they dig holes to collect water? Why?
- c) What acts as buffer zones during the forest fires?
- d) How many litres of water does an elephant require every day?

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