

SECOND 50% PORTIONS TEST

X-Std]

ENGLISH

[Time: 3.00 Hr

(Maximum Marks: 100)

PART - I
SECTION - A

1. Answer ALL the questions:

14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words:

1. Always remembers to pay – having an acute sense of self – respect.
a)keen b)bad c)envious d)admire
2. We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with.
a)chiding b)rebuke c)coiled d)repeat
3. I saw a frail man.
a)delicate b)strong c)rough d)robust

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words:

4. I hope you will be able to persuade.
a)convince b)encourage c)prevent d)urge
5. The Prussians defeated the French.
a)success b)blow c)failure d)conquer
6. Technology physical impairment.
a)weakness b)disability c)improvement d)disorder

7. Choose the correct plural of "wolf"

- a)wolfs b)wolves c)wolfes d)wolf

8. Add the right prefix to the word "thought"

- a)in b)be c)re d)un

9. Expand "GCSE"

- a)General Certificate of School Education b)General Certificate of Secondary Education
c)General Council for School Education d)General Council for Secondary Education

10. Fill in the blank with correct phrasal verb:

They preferred to put you to ____ a farm.

- a)work in b)work at c)work on d)work up

11. Form a compound word from the options that pairs with "piece".

- a)sub b)mantle c)in d)un

12. Choose the most appropriate preposition:

He threw the expensive jewel ____ his purse.

- a)into b)in c)through d)over

13. Complete the give sentence using the correct tense form:

After the grammar, we ____ a lesson in writing.

- a)do b)have c)had d)are

14. Choose the appropriate linker from the words given below:

____ to the 2011 census, 2.21 percent of India's population is disabled.

- a)over b)according c)inaccordance d)due

SECTION – B

- II. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two:** 3x2=6
15. What was the daily routine of Sanyal?
 16. Which devices are controlled using ACTIV controller?
 17. Why did Franz dread to go to school that day?
 18. What did Holmes ask Watson to do before leaving his room?

SECTION – C

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer ANY THREE of the following: 3x2=6

19. "Him shelter from rain
And a mouthful of grain".
a) What would keep him alive?
b) What does the cricket want from the ant?
20. Because, for all our power and weight and size,
We are nothing more than children of your brain.
a) Who is the speaker of the lines?
b) Whom does 'children' refer to?
21. "At night the house seems to be alive,
Lights flicker on and off"
a) What does the house seem to alive?
b) What happened in the house at night?
22. "They, too aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.
a) What is the common for all of us?
b) How are we fed?

PART – II
SECTION – A

Do as directed:

Answer ANY THREE of the following:

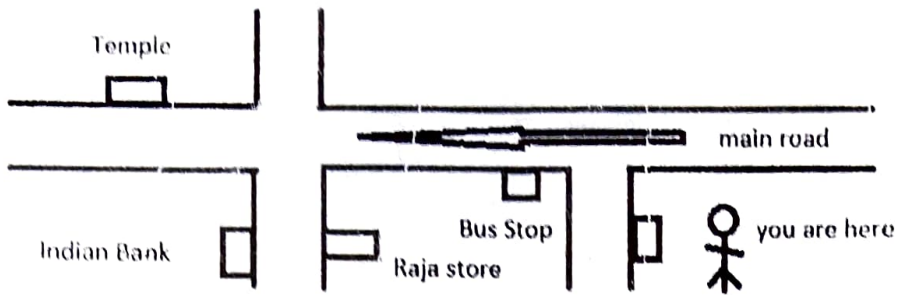
3x2=6

23. **Combine the pairs of sentences into a single sentence:**
I must get a visa. I can travel around.
24. **Join the sentences using 'Relative Pronoun'.**
Give me a pen to write a letter. It was gifted to you on your birthday.
25. **Change into other voice:**
Johnson said to Suganthi, "Did you go to Coakers walk"?
26. **Re – arrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.**
a) an errand / was / the little boy / glad / such / to go on
b) what / when / a boy / still / but / seeking / I sought
27. **Punctuate the following sentence:**
how ignorant you are Watson

SECTION – B

28. Guide the stranger to the nearby temple.

1x2=2



PART – III

SECTION – A

Answer ANY TWO of the following in a paragraph:

2x5=10

29. How did Holmes trap Mr. Culverton Smith to confess the murder?
30. We appreciate the value of something only when we are about to lose it. Explain this with reference to the French language and M. Hamel.
31. "Technology is a boon to the disabled" – Justify.
32. "Man does change with time" – what were the various changes that came about in Aditya.

SECTION – B:

Answer ANY TWO of the following in a paragraph:

2x5=10

33. Write an appreciation of the poem, "The secret of the machines".
34. What is the central theme of the poem "No men are foreign"?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:
 "Oh what will become" says cricket, of me?
 At last by starvation and famine bold
 All dripping with wet and all trembling with cold
 Away he set off to a miserly ant
 i) What is the figure of speech found in the last line?
 ii) Pick out the words that rhyme.
 iii) What is the rhyme scheme used here?
 iv) Find out the words that alliterate in the third line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

At night the house seems to be alive,
 Lights flicker on and off
 I am often tempted to go to the house,
 To just take a look and see what it is really about,
 But fear takes over me.

SECTION – C

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:

1x5=5

- i) His love for his mother made him to bring her down
- ii) He hid her in the kitchen
- iii) He ordered that all the old people in the village should be killed
- iv) A farmer who loved his mother takes her to the mountain
- v) The shining country in China was ruled by a despotic leader.

(OR)

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Francis Bennett woke up in a bad temper. He switched on the phonotelephone whose wires led to the house he owned in the champs – Elysees. In spite of the enormous distance he saw his wife appear in the telephotic mirror. Francis dear Francis. His name spoken by that sweet voice gavé a happier turn to Francis Bennett's mood.

- i) What was the mood of Francis?
- ii) Where were the phototelephone spread upto?
- iii) Who appeared in the phonotelephotic mirror?
- iv) What changed Francis to happy mood?
- v) Where was Francis's house?

PART – IV

SECTION – A

Answer ANY 4 of the following:

4x5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below

Eagle electronic ltd – 30% discount sale – all electronic appliances – additional warranty – gifts with every purchase

40. You are Aruna / Akash, the Literary Association secretary of GHSS, Madurai. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school, inviting the students to participate in the oratorical competition to be conducted next month.

41. You are Gomathi, a resident of a colony adjacent to the Thamirabarani River. Daily you see many people throwing waste in to it, spoiling the pure water. Write a letter to a newspaper showing your concern about it and also voicing your worry. Give your suggestion to solve this problem.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



43. **Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.**

Air pollution is the act of mixing pollutants into air which is not ideal because it decreases the quality of life of human-beings and affects the overall planet's habitat. Air pollution occurs when dangerous particles, gases, and chemicals are released into the air. The pollutants of air can be found in vehicle exhausts, fumes from factories and power plants, and construction sites. Respiratory problems, skin diseases, irritation of the eyes are some of the major health issues caused by air pollution. To combat this, many governments have created and enforced policies to reduce air pollution, such as shutting down coal power plants or requiring car owners to switch over to electric cars. Air purifiers are being installed at points of high vehicular movement. Rain seeding is another step to clean up the air. We should also plant more trees and care for them as trees filter pollutants and absorb carbon dioxide. Air Pollution is a challenge that humankind needs to overcome to see a better tomorrow.

44. **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**

- Vasco da Gama was a first European to reach India by sea.
- Apples are not sweet as mangoes.
- Her son-in-laws have come here.
- The King convinced by none of these answers.
- She was kind with me.

45. **Quote from memory:**

1x5=5

From: Remember..... To:strange.

46. **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.** 1x8=8

- Uncle Philip - calls for Tom - gives - treasure box - box contains - precious stones and valuables - handle with care. Tom anxious - worried of - opening finds - all possible but in vain - finally donates it. [OR]
- Hero of Holland - Peter - 8-year-old - saved - dike - broke - friend - cake - small hole - finger - dark - stood there - throughout night - next morning people - rescued - called him hero.

47. **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:** 4x2=8

- One of the greatest mysteries of bird life is travelling. Every year during autumn and early winter, birds travel from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the southern warmer lands. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. They are punctual unless they are delayed by bad weather. They face many dangers and hardships while travelling long distances through the air, over hills, forests, plains and large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far out of course. Often they are blown right out to sea and are drowned in the wild waves. At night bright lights attract and confuse the birds. They cannot fly at their fastest. The migration speed is usually from 48 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 80.

Questions:

- When do the birds travel from northern regions to southern warmer lands and why?
- What danger do they face when they are flying over the sea?
- What happens to these birds at night when they see the lights?
- When do the birds make their return journey?

(OR)

b) Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below:

Oh, sweet content, that turns the labourer's sweat
To tears of joy, and shines the roughest face;
How often have I sought you high and low
And found you still in some lone quiet place;
Here, in my room, when full of happy dreams,
With no life heard beyond that merry sound
Of moths that on my lighted ceiling kiss Their
shadows as they dance and dance around;
Or in a garden, on a summer's night,
When I have seen the dark and solemn air
Blink with the blind bats' wings, and heaven's bright face
Twitch with the stars that shine in thousands there.

Questions:

- (1) What does the poet mean by 'no life heard'?
- (2) Why, do you think, has the poet mentioned the labourer?
- (3) What is 'Sweet Content', according to the poet?
- (4) What message does the poet give us in this poem?

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14x1=14

- 1) a) acute - keen
- 2) b) reproach - rebuke
- 3) a) frail - delicate
- 4) c) persuade x prevent
- 5) c) defeated x failure
- 6) c) impairment x improvement
- 7) b) wolf - wolves
- 8) b) be thought (c) re thought (d) un thought
- 9) b) General Certificate of Secondary Education
- 10) c) work in
- 11) b) mantle piece
- 12) a) into
- 13) c) had
- 14) b) according

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(A7) (b) 47-b 4x2=8

(a) no sound from living creature

(b) labour life's difficult - Contentment with his lot that can bring him happiness.

(c) The hard labour does the sweet content makes him sweet.

(d) To seek content in lonely and quiet

(A7) a) the first

b) as/so sweet

c) Sons-in-law

d) was Conrin

e) kind to

- 15) a) Every year... by bad weather
- 16) b) They face ... mild waves
- 17) c) At night ... birds
- 18) d) They make ... bad weather

15) (i) Sanyal went to Nagen uncle's tea shop and had tea and biscuits there and pays for them. 3x2=6

(ii) This was the daily routine of Sanyal.

16) TV, Blu-ray and Music Players are controlled using ACTIV Controller by David

17) (i) Franz did not study 'participles'.

(ii) M. Hamel told that he was going to ask questions on it.

(iii) Hence, Franz was dread to go to school that day because M. Hamel would scold him.

18) (i) Holmes asked Watson to put off the half-crowns in watch-pocket and rest in trouser pocket.

(ii) He asked him to half light the lamp, to place some letters, paper and the ivory box with lid open using tongs with in his reach on the table.

No Men Are Foreign - James Falconer Kirkup⁽⁵⁾

Remember, we who take arms against each other

It is the human earth we defile.

Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence of air that is everywhere our own,

Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries strange.

(A6) A Dilemma 1x8=8

Silas weir Mitchell

1829 - 1914 [01]

The Little Hero of Holland

Mary Mapes Dodge

1831 - 1905

American

19) (a) shelter and grains from the ant would keep him alive. $3 \times 2 = 6$

(b) The cricket wants shelter and grains.

20. (a) The machines are the speaker of these lines.

(b) The word 'children' refers to the machines.

21. (a) The house seems to be alive at night.

(b) The lights in the house flicker on and off at night.

22. (a) Sun, air and water are common to all of us.

(b) We are fed by peaceful harvests.

23) Without getting a visa, I cannot travel abroad. [S] $3 \times 2 = 6$
 I phrase I MC

If I get a visa, I can travel abroad. [C2] $3 \times 2 = 6$
 S.O.C I SC I MC

I must get a visa then only I can travel abroad. [C4] $3 \times 2 = 6$
 I MC C.O.C I MC

24) Give me the pen which / that was gifted to you on your birthday to write a letter.

25) Johnson asked Suganthi if / whether she had gone to the Coakers walk.
 Sp Rv Is on S had V3 etc

27) "How ignorant you are! Watson!"

26) (a) The little boy was glad to go on such an errand.

(b) Still seeking what I sought when but a boy

(28) Road map Straight, main road, left, Busstop, Indian Bank $5 \times 2 = 10$

29) The Dying Detective Arthur Canon Doyle 1859 - 1930 [England] (30) The Last Lesson Alphonse Daudet 1840 - 1897 [French] $5 \times 2 = 10$

(31) The tech Bloomers (32) The Attic - Satyajit Ray 1921 - 1992 Indian $5 \times 2 = 10$

(33) The Secret of the Machines Rudyard Kipling 1865 - 1936 [Indian] (34) No men are Foreign James Falconer Kirkup 1918 - 2009 [England]

(35) a) Personification b) bold - cold c) a b b c d) with - with (36) The House on Elm street Nadia Bush (37) Ad (40) Notice w/ or (41) H/W (42) Picture

(37) (a) (i) The shining... (ii) He ordered that... (iii) A farmer... (iv) His love for... (v) He hid her... (b) (i) in a bad temper (ii) led to the house he owned in the Champs - Elysees. (iii) Francis Bennet (iv) His name was spoken by that sweet voice (v) Champs - Elysees. $1 \times 5 = 5$

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