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Time : 1.30 Hrs.

Second Mid-Term Test - 2024
ENGLISH

PART - I

Register No. _____

Marks : 45

10 x 1 = 10

I. Answer all the questions.

Choose the correct appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- Suffering was something basic that was full of solace for me.
a) Comfort b) distress c) anguish d) boredom
- Maamannar was sitting in splendour on his chair. a) grandeur b) disapproval c) dejection d) somber
- Suffering annobles you. a) dignified b) flatter c) humiliate d) honour

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the sentences given below.

- He had returned to the hospital because he had a malignant tumour of the bone.
a) serious b) big c) benign d) harmful
- At an ungodly hour in the night, there was a knock on the door.
a) godly b) abnormal c) strange d) usual
- He greeted me with his usual smile and banter. a) normal b) regular c) strange d) irregular
- Choose the right combination for the blended word 'oxbridge'.
a) Oxford + cambridge b) Oxford + bridge c) Oxford + camb d) Oxford + Cambric
- Replace the underlined word with possibly polite forms.
It is so unfortunate that we have to let you go.
a) dead b) to dismiss c) on the street d) took his decision
- Complete the following sentence using appropriate determiner.
How.....pages did you read? a) some b) much c) many d) few
- Choose the correct question tag for the following.
My friend hardly ever goes to market, a) did she? b) don't she? c) isn't she? d) does she

PART - II

A) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any two of the following question.

2 x 2 = 4

- Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation.
a) Which stage of life is being referred to here and what is he ready to do? b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
- All the world's a stage
And all the men and women merely players ;
They have their exits and their entrances
a) What is the world compared to? b) What do the word 'exits' and 'entranced' mean?
- Free imaginations
Bringing changes into a world resenting change.
a) How does free imagination help the world? b) Identify the figure of speech.

B) Answer any one of the following.

1 x 2 =

- Do not tell a lie. (Change the voice)
- Rewrite the sentence using Inversion. If it had been warmer, we would have stayed longer.

PART - III SECTION - 1

Explain any one of the following with reference to the context

1 x 3 =

16. "Yet learning something out of every folly,
hoping to repeat none of the cheap follies."

17. "Is second childishness and mere oblivion ;
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything".

SECTION - 2

Answer any one of the following

1 x 3

- Why did the Maamannar hand over the chair to the villagers to retain it?

19. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

SECTION - 3

1 x 3 = 3

Answer any one of the following

20. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics.
a) Save water b) Blood donation c) Drug addiction
21. Extend the conversation with three more exchanges.
Passenger : Excuse me. I would like to have some information.
Clerk : Yes?
Passenger :
Clerk :
Passenger :
Clerk :
Passenger :
Clerk :

PART - IV

4 x 5 = 20

Answer the following :

24. a) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair. (OR)
b) "These two children had given me a profound lesson..." Elucidate.
25. a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the world's a stage." (OR)
b) Children in Venus - long for the sun - Margot exception - seen sun five years ago - has come from the earth - other children - seven years ago - cannot recall the sun - all await excitedly - sun is predicted - to come out that day - they seize Margot - lock her up in the closet - run out - enjoy sunshine - an hour - drops of rain - dismayed - taken inside - starts raining heavily again - remember Margot - open the closet - let her out.
26. a) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate marksheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling. (OR)
b) Write a letter to your younger brother / sister advising him or her on the use of a dictionary.
27. a) Spot the errors in the following sentences and correct them.
i) Few remarks that he made were offensive to my friend.
ii) Before the alarm had stopped ringing, Nisha had telephoned the police.
iii) Every teacher of this school is determined to do their best for the benefit of all.
iv) Can we rely on this agency for the last news of the day.
v) He ordered as if he was my master. (OR)
b) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.
The issue of road rage requires serious attention. Day to day, it is becoming a great concern. Call it the negligence of the government or the rashness of the drivers, the underlying fact is that at the end of the day, the common man is the one who suffers the most. The commoner driving a two-wheeler who is hit by a speeding SUV, even though the former was following the traffic rules, has nowhere to go in order to seek redressal for his grievances or his injury. A recent case in point is the accident caused by the Alto. It resulted in the death of the youngest child of the family and several injuries to the other family members. Part of the problem lies with the attitude and mentality of the driver behind the steering wheel. The car is a personal vehicle and one possesses the freedom to drive it independently and at one's own will. But one must understand that the road on which one drives is open to the public. This luring of the dichotomy between the public and the private leads to reckless behaviour on the roads. Respect for the elderly and pedestrians, so common in countries abroad, is a thing of rarity to be found in our land. A little consideration to road rules and adoption of simple safety measures such as fastening of the seat belt, can go a long way in reducing this menace.
- Questions : i) Suggest a suitable title to the passage.
ii) Why does the common man suffer grievously in instances of road rage?
iii) What should the driver understand?
iv) What leads to reckless behaviour on the roads?
v) What is the solution to this problem of road rage?