

SECOND MID-TERM TEST - 2024Exam No.

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Time : 1-30 Hours

XII - ENGLISH

Marks : 50

PART - I**Note: i) Answer all the questions.****(10x1=10)****ii) Choose the best answer and write option code with corresponding answer.****Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined word.**

1. Just as we thought our chuckles had subsided
a) diminished b) increased c) completed d) submerged
2. Anna would say with an impudent smile
a) fake b) decent c) disrespectful d) innocent
3. He is the symbol of tyranny
a) autocracy b) liberty c) democracy d) autonomy

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined word.

4. Fortuitously, a guest visited our house
a) luckily b) peacefully c) unfortunately d) happily
5. Maamanar was unmatched
a) inferior b) excellent c) incomparable d) supreme
6. A stout old lady was walking with her baskets in the middle of the streets
a) fat b) bulky c) plumpo d) thin
7. **Choose the appropriate compound word for the combination Noun + verb.**
a) software b) headmaster c) output d) hair cut
8. **Choose the right combination for the blended word "Paratroop".**
a) para + troop b) para + army troop
c) parachute + troop d) paranormal + troops
9. **Choose the correct euphemism for the word 'unemployed'.**
a) home maker b) handicapped
c) economically disadvantaged d) between jobs
10. **Complete the following sentences using appropriate determiners.**
How _____ sugar do you want?
a) much b) many c) few d) little

PART - II (SECTION - I)**Choose any two of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.****(2x2=4)**

11. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock"
a) How should one face life?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
12. *Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind*
a) Whose action is described here?
b) What is meant by 'Prone brow'?
13. *A film the mother - eagle's eye
When her bruised eaglet breaths*
a) Who is compared to the mother eagle?
b) Explain the comparison.

SECTION - II**Do as directed.****Answer any one of the following questions.****(1x2=2)**

14. **Rewrite the following sentence by using superlative degree.**
Shakespeare is greater than many other dramatists of the world.
15. **Combine the sentence by using participles.**
I threw the pen. It was broken.

PART - III (Section - I)**Explain any one of the following with reference to the context.****(1x3=3)**

16. "I'm killed, sire!" And, his chief beside,
Smiling, the boy fell dead.
17. "Tell him too much money has killed men
and left them dead years before burial"

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- Section - II**
- Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 30 words. (1x3=3)
18. Why were the two chairs compared to Rama - Lakshmana?
19. How would 'liberty' cause universal chaos?

- Section - III**
- Answer any one of the following. (1x3=3)
20. Write slogans to create awareness of the following topics.
i) Save water ii) Blood donation iii) Yoga
21. Describe the process of making an Omelette.

- PART - IV**
22. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words. (5x5=25)
- a) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair. (OR)
- b) Why does A.G. Gardiner say that curtailment of private liberty is required to establish social liberty?

23. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- a) What is the role of the young soldier in the victory of the French at Ratisbon? (OR)
- b) Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life.

24. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.
- a) Margot - nine years - living - venus - from earth - children - had not seen sun - raining - many years - They hated her - Envious of her knowledge - The sun came out - before seven years - They could not recall - students had written stories - poems - about sun - Margot remembered - It's like a Penny - children not accepted - bullied Margot - locked her in a closet - The sun came out - The children enjoyed - forgot Margot - The sun faded - rain started - remembered Margot - unlocked the door - released Margot. (OR)

- b) Lady Weston - absent minded - Judge - life threat - discovers a note - 'Remember Caesar' Lord Weston - attained glory - hardwork - secretary - Roger - Lord Weston - discovered - a piece of paper - on 15th March - imagined - someone plotting his murder - ordered Roger - to shut the doors - windows - panic - Lady Weston - frivolous - sent - cook - gardener - Lady Weston - unperturbed by the threat - Lord Weston - saw the note - actually - a note to remind - Mr. Caesar - a gardener - appointment to - visit Weston's garden - irony - of Lord Weston's carelessness.

25. a) Make notes or summarize the following passage.

The aim of education is to enable the human personality to grow its full stature. We have a body, a mind and a spirit. Accordingly, education aims at our Physical, intellectual, spiritual and moral development. Games are a means of keeping the body healthy and fit. Physical fitness and freedom from all kinds of ailments are the desire and ambition of every human being. Indeed, good health is the first condition of happiness in life. Those who play games generally maintain good health, Games are an excellent means of bodily exercise. Whether it is sophisticated games like hockey, football and tennis or simple games like Kabbadi, they provide the much needed exercise to the body and thus keep the body healthy and strong, players always have a better appetite and a better digestion than those who play no games or do exercises. Games not only make the body healthy and strong, but also make it muscular. (OR)

- b) Write a short note on the advantages and disadvantages of Social websites.
26. a) Write an application for the post of personal secretary to the Managing Director of M/s Vikas power corporation, Mount Road, Chennai-2. (OR)
- b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) Harish forgot _____ (post) the letter. (use infinitive)
- ii) He wears a Pullover. (use American English)
- iii) Five apples _____ (take) and _____ (wash) well. (use the correct tenses)
- iv) _____ (shop) is my favourite hobby. (Fill up with the correct gerund form)