

XII-Std]

**50% PORTIONS TEST – 2**  
**ENGLISH**  
 (Maximum Marks: 90)

[Time: 3.00 Hrs

**PART I**

Answer all the questions.

(20x1=20)

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

1. The trolley was commandeered by an intrepid crew of two.  
 (a) bold (b) timid (c) happy (d) sad
2. They are childish enough and, in many ways, artless.  
 (a) artistic (b) selfless (c) guileless (d) foolish
3. They are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.  
 (a) Inadequate (b) enough (c) suffocative (d) submissive

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. He had a malignant tumour of the bone.  
 (a) deadly (b) fatal (c) benign (d) mortal
5. Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation.  
 (a) relaxation (b) pleasure (c) pressure (d) motivation
6. He was a good driver, and he had full confidence in the mechanic.  
 (a) diffidence (b) hope (c) significance (d) assurance
7. Fill in the blanks with a suitable prepositional phrase.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ his laziness, the boy remained passive for a long time.  
 (a) In spite of (b) According to (c) On account of (d) In case of
8. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.  
 I love English lessons but maths is more my cup of tea.  
 (a) boredom (b) favourite activity (c) public activity (d) leisure activity
9. Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.  
 He cut off a slice from the loaf of bread.  
 (a) joined (b) separated (c) extinguished (d) eliminated
10. Write a suitable preposition.  
 The brothers quarrelled \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.  
 (a) over (b) along (c) across (d) among
11. Choose the appropriate 'Noun' form of the word "Strong".  
 (a) strongest (b) strength (c) strong (d) Strongly
12. Choose the correct blending form of the words - fibre + tissue.  
 (a) fibrous tissue (b) fibre tissue (c) fibril tissue (d) fibreful tissue

13. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word - **Fertile**.  
 (a) un (b) ir (c) mis (d) in
14. 'Octogenarian' refers to which age group?  
 (a) 70-79 (b) 60-69 (c) 80-89 (d) 40-49
15. Add a suitable question tag to the following sentence.  
 Little do your parents know about this problem, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) don't they? (b) do they? (c) do we? (d) didn't they?
16. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.  
 (a) imminent (b) imminant (c) iminent (d) immanent
17. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in the bracket.  
 Last year we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on a school trip to Kanyakumari.  
 (a) went (b) go (c) goes (d) gone
18. Choose the appropriate combination for the given compound word – "Sleeping bag".  
 (a) Noun + Gerund (b) Gerund + Noun (c) Verb + Noun (d) Adjective + Noun
19. Choose the expanded form of **IMF**.  
 (a) Indian Military Foundation (b) Institute of Mountaineering Foundation  
 (c) Indian Mountaineering Foundation (d) Indian Military Force
20. Read the following sentence and fill in the blank.  
 If Mary had an umbrella, she \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) it to me.  
 (a) Had lent (b) would have lent (c) will lend (d) would lend

**PART II**  
**Section – 1**

Answer any four of the following.

4x2=8

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets.

21. .... *But gallantly*  
*The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung*  
*In crimson clusters all the boughs among,*  
 (a) Who is the giant here? (b) Name the figure of speech used in the first line.
22. *Jealous in honor, sudden and quick in quarrel,*  
*Seeking the bubble reputation*  
*Even in the cannon's mouth.*  
 (a) Define 'bubble reputation.' (b) What is the soldier ready to do?
23. *Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,*  
*So smooth and high, no man could win*  
 (a) How safe was the castle? (b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
24. *This is my son, mine own Telemachus,*  
*To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle,—*  
*Well-loved of me,*  
 (a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?  
 (b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.

25. *And oft at nights the garden overflows  
With one sweet song that seems to have no close,*

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- (a) Describe the garden during the night.  
(b) Bring out the words in alliteration in the second line.
26. *Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel  
And shining morning face, creeping like snail*
- (a) Mention the figure of speech in the second line.  
(b) What is a satchel?

### Section – 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x2=6

Do as directed.

27. The teacher said to the students, "I shall take you to the museum tomorrow". (Rewrite as reported speech)
28. Do not tell a lie. (Change the voice)
29. If I were a spider, I would weave webs. (Make an inversion and rewrite the sentence.)
30. Combine the sentences and rewrite them using the word in the bracket.  
The work was over. We went home. (When)

### PART III

#### Section – 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2x3=6

31. "May Love defend thee from Oblivion's curse".
32. "Our only enemy was gold,  
And we had no arms to fight it with.
33. "Full of wise saws and modern instances;  
And so he plays his part".

#### Section – 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.

2x3=6

34. What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?
35. What was the profound lesson that Dr Barnard learnt from the boys?
36. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.

#### Section – 3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Complete the proverb with the suitable words given.
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ not want not.  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ is worship.  
(c) As you sow, so you \_\_\_\_\_.  
(work, waste, lose, reap)

38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences.

(a) time / a / nine / stitch / saves / in

(b) ennobles you / suffering / a better person / and makes you

(c) noise / vessels / much / empty / make

39. Build a dialogue of a minimum of three exchanges between a customer and a vegetable vendor.

40. Describe the process of preparing fruit salad for two persons.

#### PART IV

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(7x5=35)

(a) "These two children had given me a profound lesson ....." Elucidate.

OR

(b) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona"?

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain.

OR

(b) Shakespeare has skillfully brought out the parallel between the life of man and actors on stage.

Elaborate this statement with reference to the poem.

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

(a) Pie – survived – shipwreck – lifeboat – gets stranded in the Pacific – Bengal tiger – Richard Parker – on board – Pie searched for water – finds cans – water elixir – overcomes fear – alive – because of Parker – scared him – earlier – brought peace – purpose – survive for 227 days – left parker jungle – reunited - family

OR

(b) Ausable – clever – secret agent – enter – room -found – Max – aimed – pistol – lose – courage – quick – complaint – balcony – intruder – window -management did not block – knock – door – police – Max – hid – balcony – fell – death – no police – no balcony – Ausable's plan – get rid of Max.

44. Summarise the following passage.

(a) Women's education is very important for the proper social and economic growth of the country. Both men and women are like the two sides of the coin and function equally like the two wheels of society. Female education in India is highly necessary for the future of the country, as women are the first teachers of their children, the future of the nation. An educated woman may easily handle her family, make each family member responsible, instil good qualities in children, and participate in social work. By educating a man, only a man can be educated; however, by educating a woman, a whole country can be educated. The history of India is replete with brave women philosophers like Gargi, Vishwabara, Martyer, and other famous women like Mirabai, Durgabeti, Ahalyabi, Laxmibai, etc. We never forget their contributions to society and the country.

OR

(b) Write a paragraph on "The importance of Reading".

45. (a) Write a letter to the Head Master of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate marksheet of class 12, which you lost while travelling.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience to Ooty.
46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- (i) I am always the winner, amn't I?
- (ii) After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped of complete recovery.
- (iii) Though he practised well but he did not win the prize.
- (iv) One of the machines are not working.
- (v) Children prefer sweets than fruits.

OR

- (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The child \_\_\_\_\_ the toy \_\_\_\_\_ the window. (through, threw)
- (ii) How \_\_\_\_\_ you stare at me? (Fill in the blank with a semi-modal verb)
- (iii) Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when the earthquake hit the small town. (Fill in the blank with the right tense form)
- (iv) I am \_\_\_\_\_ eldest in the family. (Fill in the blank with a suitable article)

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given.

To make our life a meaningful one, we need to mind our thoughts, for our thoughts are the foundations, the inspiration and the motivating power of our deeds. We create our entire world by the way we think. Thoughts are the causes and the conditions are the effects. Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the world outside; it is the world inside us that creates the outside. Mind is the sum total of the state of consciousness grouped under thought, will and feeling. If we observe ourselves, we can mould our thoughts. If our thoughts are pure and noble, naturally actions follow the same.

Questions

- (i) How can we make our lives meaningful?
- (ii) What is it that motivates our deeds?
- (iii) What constitutes our state of consciousness?
- (iv) How can we mould our thoughts?
- (v) Give a suitable title for the passage given above.

OR

- (b) Write a dialogue between Annie and her brother talking about the merits and demerits of online exams.

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b) The sceptre is an ornamental rod carried by rulers as a symbol of sovereignty.
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