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Virudhunagar District  
First Revision Exam, January - 2025

## Standard 12

## ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

- Instructions:** (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.  
(2) Use Black and Blue ink to write and underline.

Answer all the questions.

## PART - I

20 x 1 = 20

Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

- I felt I could not bear to intrude upon this happy family party  
a) annoyance      b) enter without permission      c) appearance and behaviour      d) unoccupied
- I had to suffer. I had eleven broken ribs and a perforated lung.  
a) preferred      b) perfect      c) punctured      d) blocked
- No more humps to tantalise in with hopes.  
a) taunt      b) attract      c) bore      d) distract

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

- The resistance movement began secretly.  
a) assistance      b) help      c) support      d) cooperate
- He had a malignant tumour of the bone.  
a) harmful      b) moderate      c) benign      d) terminal
- They brought hot soup and emergency oxygen.  
a) normalcy      b) critical      c) mild      d) pleasant
- Replace the underlined **phrasal verb** with a single word.  
The strike was 'put off' by the labourers.  
a) preponed      b) adjusted      c) postponed      d) cancelled
- Add a suitable **suffix** to the word 'resemble'  
a) ness      b) tion      c) ly      d) ance
- Choose a suitable meaning for the given **idiom**.  
I see nothing noble in a patient's "thrashing around" in a sweat-soaked bed.  
a) without hope      b) generated health      c) to move about restlessly      d) by any means
- Choose the correct **preposition**  
She was very popular \_\_\_\_\_ her school mates, as she was kind, friendly and helpful.  
a) among      b) between      c) before      d) upon
- Describing the vine in animal terms is called as \_\_\_\_\_  
a) feminism      b) zoomorphism      c) alcoholism      d) botulism
- Choose the correct expansion form of "CIA"  
a) Central Intelligence Agency      b) Control Intelligence Agency  
c) Central Intelligence Agent      d) Control Intelligence Agent
- Choose the correct combination of the compound word "Diamond hard".  
a) noun+verb      b) noun+adjective      c) noun+noun      d) noun+adverb
- Choose the right combination for the blended word "Splutter"  
a) splut+lutter      b) spl +utter      c) splash +sputter      d) splash+utter
- Replace the underlined word with polite alternative.  
It is our duty to take care of the "old".  
a) aged weaklings      b) senior citizens      c) elderly folks      d) infirm beings
- Choose the correct American word for "indicator"  
a) flash light      b) blinker      c) turn signal      d) elevator
- Choose the correct **clipped form** of the given word 'discotheque'.  
a) disko      b) disco      c) cothe      d) cotheque
- Choose the meaning of the given **foreign words** in the sentences.  
All children deserve quality education de jure.  
a) by right      b) completely      c) correct      d) compulsorily

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19. Choose the correct plural form of the word "deer"  
 a) deer                      b) deers                      c) deeres                      d) dears
20. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.  
 He made his son a scientist.  
 a) SVIDO                      b) SVDOIO                      c) SVOA                      d) SVOC

PART - II  
 SECTION - A

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

4 x 2 = 8

21. "All through the summer at ease we lay, and daily  
 from the turret wall We watched the mowers in the hay"

- a) Who does 'we' refer to?  
 b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?  
 22. "O sweet companions, loved with love intense,  
 For your sakes, shall the tree be ever dear.

- a) Why shall the tree remain ever dear?  
 b) What are the alliteration words in the first line?

23. "All the world's a stage  
 And all the men and woman merely players"

- a) What is the world compared to?  
 b) What does the poet mean by the terms exits and entrances?

24. "... I mete and dole  
 Unequal laws unto a savage race,  
 That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me."

- a) What does Ulysses do?  
 b) Did he enjoy what he was doing? Give reasons  
 25. "That ever with a frolic welcome took  
 The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed"

- a) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?  
 b) What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?

26. "A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound  
 No other tree could live"

- a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?  
 b) How does the poet describe the creeper?

SECTION - B

Do as directed.

Answer any three of the following questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Report the dialogue.

Pradeep : Can I help you, mum?

Mother : Yes, of course. There are idlis and vadas on the dining table. Have your breakfast

Pradeep : Thank you mum, I'll surely help you by eating them.

28. This is not the way to answer.

(Rewrite as a complex sentence)

29. Don't insult the poor and weak.

(Change the voice)

30. Unless we plant more trees, we cannot save our planet.

(Rewrite using 'If' without changing the meaning)

PART - III  
 SECTION - A

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "I am become a name; For always roaming with a hungry heart"

32. "Is second childhood and mere oblivion: Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything"

33. "Thy form, O Tree, as in my happy prime I saw thee, in my own loved native land"

SECTION - B

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

2 x 3 = 6

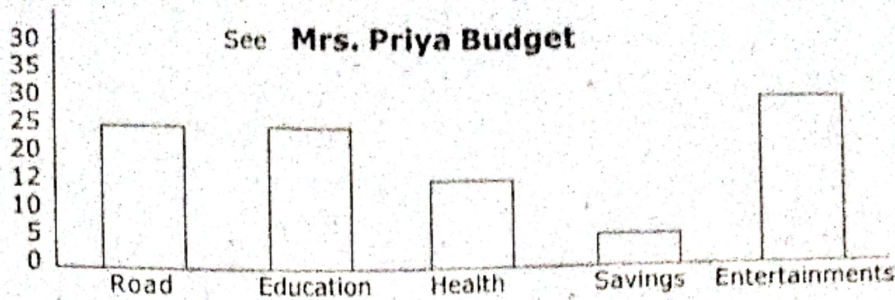
34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?

35. What roles did the duo take up?

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Study the bar chart given and write three sentences on your inference about the data.



38. Write a dialogue between a pedestrian and a traffic police man.  
 39. Describe the process of organising a birthday party in your house.  
 40. a) \_\_\_\_\_ not want not. (waste / taste)  
 b) Empty \_\_\_\_\_ makes much noise. (vessel / pot)  
 c) \_\_\_\_\_ late than never. (better / bitter)

**PART - IV**

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following.

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

a) Discuss the factual points and the author's personal points on the preparation of tea.

(or)

b) Describe the feelings of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the top of the summit.

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) What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints.

a) Ausable - secret agent - Fowler, a reporter - French hotel on the sixth floor - Max awaited with a pistol - report on new missiles - balcony nuisance - appointment at twelve knock on the door Max - nervous - send the cops - jumped through the window - a waiter enters with a tray - Ausable outwits Max.

(or)

b) Baldwin - honest - under Gresham - bank - thick friends over 30 years Gresham misappropriated - arrested - Baldwin testify against him - met Gresham - offer hundred thousand - I don't remember Baldwin's family enticed into accept - money - Mr. Marshall - Third National bank - offered Baldwin a job - reward for Honesty - Gresham confessed his crime.

44. a) Write summary of the following passage in about 100 words.

The three fundamental essentials for existence of man in this planet are food, clothing and shelter. In pre historic times, human beings dwelt in caves to protect and shield themselves from wild animals and harsh weather conditions. In the course of evolution, man developed the ability to build his own shelters in convenient locations using the materials available locally. The concept of fabricated permanent shelters thus came into being. The term 'Shelter' as a basic necessity is perceived differently by different people. People house themselves in different types of shelters based on the preferred geographical locations, climate affordability, job or business based compulsions and availability of desired facilities and infrastructure. In remote Northern Polar Regions, people live in shelters made of ice blocks called 'igloos'. In deep jungles the tribes live in stilted houses constructed out of materials available in the forest. In plains people live in villages, suburbs and cities where a multitude variety of need-based shelters are constructed. Most of the people in villages live in individual houses that are self-containing. In suburbs, people live in bungalow type houses in areas connected by roads and provided with basic amenities. In cities, we find people residing in individual houses as well as multi-storeyed buildings. The individual units in the multi-storeyed buildings are known as apartments. Here people share all common amenities and utilities. Gated communities are also formed, wherein a big cluster of individual houses are enclosed in an exclusive area with access control. People at times temporarily stay in farm houses for rest and relaxation. They stay there to manage cultivation and farming activities as well. Some people reside in ranch houses in order to monitor and take care of vast stretches of private lands that are usually not fenced. Man has thus learnt not only to put a roof over his head but also in a way that suits all his needs.

(or)

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b) Write an essay in about **200 words**, on the topic "**Status of women in India**".

45. a) You wish to become a pilot. Write a letter to a college enquiring about the details of the pilot training course offered by the college. Include the following details in your enquiry: duration of the course, fee structure, scholarships, hostel facilities and placement details.

(or)

b) Write a letter to your relative or friend who is admitted to hospital for treatment of jaundice. Advise him/her not to worry about the illness and be positive. Assure him/her of your psychological and financial help during the crisis.

46. a) Spot the errors in the following sentences and correct them.

- i) Nitya has taken half day leave.
- ii) Speakers after speaker came on the stage.
- iii) If you had walked fast, you would catch the bus.
- iv) No sooner did the power resume, when the children screamed in joy.
- v) Neither Suresh nor Kamalesh are intelligent.

(or)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) I like my boiled egg with a runny \_\_\_\_\_ (yoke/yolk)
- ii) He lifted the \_\_\_\_\_ from their neck (yoke/yolk)
- iii) Nothing much \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) when I got to the meeting (use the correct tense form)
- iv) We \_\_\_\_\_ hire some furniture for the party (use a semi-modal verb)
- v) \_\_\_\_\_ I had a happy childhood (fill with a prepositional phrase)

47. a) Develop the following hints into a story.

Once a bee - fell into a pond - pigeon flew past - dropped a leaf - bee climbed on leaf escaped - a hunter - aimed at pigeon - the bee stung - lost his aim - pigeon escaped.

(or)

b) Read the following passage and answer in your own words.

A lot of things are going to happen in the next fifty years as the population of the world increases rapidly. It is enormously important to increase the yield of grain plants. A great deal has happened through the work of the geneticists who are specialists in genetics in the last five years. For instance, there has been an enormous worldwide increase in the production of what Americans call corn (maize to us), due to the development of new strains. Throughout agriculture, geneticists are improving plants to get higher yields.

**Question:**

- a) Why is it important to increase the yield of grain plants?
- b) Who could increase the yield of grain plants?
- c) Who are geneticists?
- d) Why is there an enormous increase in the production of corn?
- e) What's meant by new strains?