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COMMON FIRST REVISION TEST - 2025

Standard - XII

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Time: 3.00 hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

PART-I

Answer all the questions.

20×1=20

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

- 1) They were childish enough and in many ways quite artless
a) innocent b) ignorant c) cunning d) talent
- 2) that they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated
a) admired b) passive c) discouraged d) motivated
- 3) As I heaved hard on the rope, Tenging wriggled his way up the crack.
a) walked b) sat c) hung d) moved

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

- 4) Not a flat, shallow type.
a) narrow b) wide c) deep d) direct
- 5) I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
a) pain b) pleasure c) sleepy d) fear
- 6) We made a frequent changes of lead.
a) rare b) quick c) ready made d) free
- 7) **Pick out and write the suitable prefix from the options given for the underlined word.**
Susee used to manage her routine well.
a) un _____ b) non _____ c) dis _____ d) mis _____
- 8) Pick out and write the word with suitable suffix for the word 'resemble'.
a) resemblance b) resembleous c) resemblance d) resembleness
- 9) **Fill in the blank with suitable modal auxiliary.**
_____ you shut the door, please?
a) Should b) Would c) Must d) Shall

- 10) **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct phrasal verb from the options given.**

How can you _____ and let them treat their animals like that?
a) stand on b) stand by c) stand up d) stand into

- 11) **Pick out the suitable preposition and fill in the blanks.**

There was a skirnish _____ my brother and sister.
a) among b) between c) with d) into

- 12) **Fill in the blank with suitable prepositional phrase.**

_____ his laziness, the boy remained passive for a long time.
a) On behalf of b) In favour of c) On account of d) In case of

- 13) **Choose the appropriate linker from within the brackets and complete the sentence.**

This is _____ (how / what) it must be done.

- 14) **Add suitable question tag to the following sentence.**

The evil doers cannot cross the path of truth, _____?
a) can they b) can't they c) will they d) do they

- 15) **Choose the correct idiom and fill in in the blank.**

When they had to climb through deep new snow, the party had sometimes to _____. (wait for the dust to settle / do the math)

- 16) **Choose the correct meaning for the underlined phrasal verb.**

Don't put off your today's work to tomorrow.
a) start b) postpone c) journey d) take lead

- 17) Choose the correct compound word that can be placed before the word 'fast'.
- a) run b) walk c) sit d) break
- 18) Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.
Manu taught me English thoroughly.
- a) S V IO DO A b) S V IO DO C c) S V C A A d) S V O C A
- 19) Numismatics is the study of ____.
- a) numbers b) money and coin
c) speech sounds d) lunatics
- 20) Choose the tri syllabic word.
- a) initial b) command c) property d) enthusiastic

Part-II Section-1

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

4×2=8

- 21) Oh then our maze of tunneled stone
Grew thin and treacherous as air
i) Bring out the contrast in the above lines.
ii) Pick out the alliteration words in the given lines.
- 22) A gray baboon sits statue-like alone
Watching the sunrise.
i) Where is the baboon sitting?
ii) Find out and write the figure of speech used in these lines.
- 23) And then the justice,
In fair round belly with good cap on lin'd,
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances;
i) How does the justice behave with the people around him?
ii) What does he do to show his wisdom?
- 24) This is my own son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle
Well-loved of me.
i) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to in his absence?
ii) Bring out the significance of the "sceptre".
- 25) Ah, I have heard that wail far, far away
In distant lands.
i) Who is wailing?
ii) Where is the wail heard?
- 26) When I am gone: He works his work, I mine.
i) 'He works his' - Whom does 'He' refer to?
ii) What does the speaker mean by these lines?

Section-2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

3×2=6

- 27) If I had come earlier, I would have helped you.
[Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause]
- 28) Change the following into direct speech.
The boy asked me if that was the place we had visited before.
- 29) The sun having set, the temperature fell rapidly.
[Change into Compound sentence]
- 30) You did not study well. You did not pass the exam.
[Combine the sentences using 'if']

Part-III Section-1

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

2×3=6

- 31) Unto thy honour, Tree, beloved of those
Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose,
- 32) How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!
- 33) We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven;

Section-2

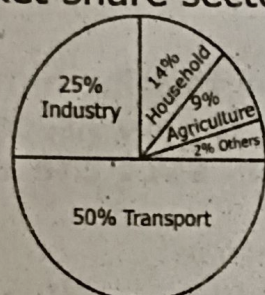
Answer any two of the following questions is not more than 30 words each.
2×3=6

- 34) How was the two boys' family affected by the war?
- 35) Which character do you like the most in the story "Two Gentlemen of Vernona" and why?
- 36) Why does Dr. Barnard describe the blind boy as a "walking horror"?

Section-3

Answer any three of the following.
3×3=9

- 37) Write a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a Bank Manager and a Student.
- 38) Describe the process of using thermometer to read the temperature.
- 39) **Complete the proverbs by using the words given in the brackets.**
 - i) Better late than _____. (ever, never, always)
 - ii) The face is the index of the _____. (head, heart, mind)
 - iii) _____ was not built in a day. (Chennai, India, Rome)
- 40) Regional Market share sector wise demand in Tamil Nadu - during 2022.

**Questions:**

- i) Which department had the maximum demand?
- ii) Was the demand for household greater than industry?
- iii) Which comes next to transport in terms of demand?

Part-IV

Answer the following.
7×5=35

- 41) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**
 - a) Summarise the distinctive ideas of George Orwell in the essay "A Nice Cup of Tea". **(OR)**
 - b) Give an account of the journey the South Col from 28,000 feet.
- 42) a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem, "All the World's a Stage". **(OR)**
 - b) Write a critical appreciation of the poem, "The Castle".
- 43) a) **Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.**

Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - small family - trip to Nizhry Fair - meets merchant friend - stays at inn - Aksionov arrested - murder case - shifted to mines of Siberia - innocent - convict for 26 years - grew old and weak - spent time in prayers - life of saint - respected by inmates - meets Makar and saves him - Makar feels guilty - confesses crime - Aksionov's just and forgiveness - dies peacefully - order for release. **(OR)**

 - b) Ausable - clever - secret agent - entered room - found Max with pistol - courage and quick wit - complained about balcony - management not blocking - knocking - police - extra protection to that important paper - Max to balcony - felt down to death - no police - no balcony - Ausable's plan - get rid of Max.
- 44) **Summarise or make notes of the following passage.**

The Chinese were the first to make gun powder, invent the magnetic compass and introduce to the world the art of making paper. About 2000 years ago, the Chinese made gun powder by mixing sulphur and saltpetre. The mixture exploded when set on fire. The Chinese were the first to find out the fact that a narrow magnet floating in a bowl of water would always point to the North. This discovery led to the invention of magnetic compass. The device helped the sailors to find out the direction when they were out of sight of land. The Chinese also invented the art of making paper during the 2nd century. Soon, the art of making paper using vegetable pulp reached Arabia, Spain and Europe. In course of time, paper factories came into existence.

The fourth invention of the Chinese was the art of printing. Before this invention, books were written by hand. The Chinese invented the art of printing with movable types. With this invention, reading and learning became easy to common people as they were able to print books in large numbers.

- 45) a) **Respond to the given advertisement and prepare a bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified. (Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address).**

WANTED

Personal Assistant

The applicant should be a graduate with fluency in English and Computer knowledge. 3 years experience preferred.

Apply to

The Manager, (HR), Alpha Info Tech,
SN High Road, Tirunelveli-7.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to an eminent writer inviting him to be the chief guest for the inauguration of your school Literary Association.
- 46) a) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.**

- i) My older brother is living abroad.
- ii) I saw an uniformed soldier hiding behind the wall.
- iii) Though she is weak but she is active.
- iv) One of the boy has got the prize.
- v) Sheela is junior than me.

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

- i) If I had time, we _____ (visit) the exhibition.
(Use the correct tense form of the verb)
- ii) The sisters _____ meet everyday when they lived in the same town. (Use a quasi modal verb)
- iii) Malathi is _____ a great singer _____ a talented violinist.
(Fill in the blanks with a correlative conjunction)
- iv) Have you ever _____ such a beautiful _____? (scene / seen)

- 47) a) **Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.**

There are many forms of collecting that come with a specific technical name. A person who collects coins is called a numismatist. A philatelist collects postage stamps and a deltiologist collects post cards. The term philately was coined in 1864 by a French man, Georges Herpin. The first postage stamps for the prepayment of letter postage were issued in England in 1840. They were the brainchild of Rowland Hill, who was interested in problems of teaching. The ten rupees postage stamp depicting Mahatma Gandhi issued in 1948 is one of the most famous stamps of India. Collecting postage stamps will give a great opportunity to gain knowledge of different countries, plants, animals or famous people that they are in the stamps.

Questions:

- i) Identify the term used for a person collecting post cards.
 - ii) Who proposed the idea of postage stamps?
 - iii) When was the first postage stamp circulated in England?
 - iv) Which is the renowned stamp in India?
 - v) What do we learn beyond collecting postage stamps?
- b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on the advantages and disadvantages of "Online Shopping" / EMI.
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