



## 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.

- Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation  
a) guileless      b) anxious      c) annoyance      d) condemn
- Suffering ennobles you – makes you a better person.  
a) decide      b) dedicate      c) dignify      d) dignity
- And if I have a fancy for dyeing my hair.  
a) sacred      b) mark      c) desire      d) mean

Choose the most appropriate **Antonyms** of the underlined words.

- They are sufficient to show how the business has become  
a) enough      b) scarce      c) suffocative      d) submissive
- It was turning more into a grim struggle.  
a) benign      b) bright      c) shining      d) happy
- The anticipation of this imagined separation only increases their fondness for the calf.  
a) expectancy      b) contemplation      c) outlook      d) ignorance
- Replace the underlined **phrasal verb** with a single word.  
Nicola and Jacopo could be "relied upon" to satisfy our needs  
a) relinquished      b) patronize      c) depend on      d) take care
- Add a suitable **prefix** to the word 'friend'  
a) be      b) mis      c) un      d) in

9. Choose a suitable meaning for the given **idiom**.

You are afraid that when I get to the fair I shall go on a spree

- a) got himself into trouble      b) fell into trap  
c) indulging actively in an unrestrained way      d) got out of the trouble
- One who studies of birds eggs is called a \_\_\_\_\_  
a) Oologist      b) pathologist      c) Psychologists      d) meteorologist
- Choose the correct expansion form of "GPS"  
a) Global positioning system      b) Global positioning service  
c) General positioning service      d) General positioning system
- Choose the appropriate combination of the given compound word 'safeguard'  
a) adjective + verb      b) noun + verb      c) verb + noun      d) noun + noun
- Choose the correct combination of the blended word "Mechatronics".  
a) mechat+organics      b) mecha+tronics      c) mechanics+electronics      d) mechanic+electricity
- Replace the underlined word with **polite form**.  
Rajathi has a second hand car  
a) used      b) pre-owned      c) owned      d) utilised
- Choose the correct American word for "Full-stop"  
a) stop      b) period      c) break      d) row
- Choose the correct **clipped form** of the given word 'gymnasium'  
a) gym      b) nasium      c) gynno      d) gymnastic
- Most of the friends \_\_\_\_\_ she had invited came for her wedding.  
a) who      b) whose      c) whom      d) which
- Choose the suitable **Question tag**.  
Home they brought the warrior dead, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) don't they      b) doesn't they      c) didn't they      d) aren't they
- Choose the meaning of the given foreign words in the sentences.  
English is still lingua franca in India.  
a) regional language      b) local language      c) common language      d) foreign language

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20. Choose the correct syllabification word from the following

- a) Desi-ra-ble      b) de-sir-a-ble      c) desi-ra-bl-e      d) de-sir-able

**PART – II**  
**SECTION - A**

4 x 2 = 8

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

21. 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 his state of mind?

22. "... 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.

23. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung

In crimson clusters all the bough among!"

- a) Who is the giant here?  
b) Mention the figure of speech used in this line?

24. "We could do nothing, being sold."

- a) Why couldn't they do anything?  
b) Why did they feel helpless?

25. "Then the whining school boy, with his satchel

And shining morning face, creeping like snail

Unwillingly to school"

- a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?  
b) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?

26. "Let him have lazy days seeking his deeper motives.

Let him seek deep for where he is born natural."

- a) Why does the poet advise his son to have lazy days?  
b) Identify the figure of speech used in the above lines.

**SECTION – B**

Do as directed.

Answer any three of the following questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Report the dialogue.

Tourist: Hi, I'm Sydney Carton and I'm from Australia, I'd like to know something about Mahabalipuram from a tourist point of view.

Guide: With pleasure, Mr.Sydney, the Pallava Kings erected the five Rathas.

28. Prizes were being given by the chief guest. (Change into Active voice)  
29. Consider all the facts once again. Then make your decision. (Combine the sentences into a single sentence)  
30. If you should be late once again, you will lose your job. (Begin with should)

**PART – III**  
**SECTION – 1**

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "That would thy beauty fain rehearse.

May Love defend thee from oblivion curse"

32. "How dull it is to pause, to make an end, To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!"

33. "And guide him among sudden betrayals and tighten him for slack moments."

**SECTION – 2**

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

2 x 3 = 6

34. Why did the driver not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys?  
35. What did Tenzing and Edmund Hillary gift to the god of lofty summit? How did they do it?  
36. How can we sweeten our life's journey?

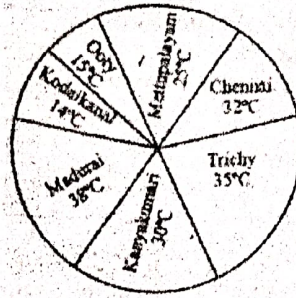
## SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Study the pie-chart given and answer the questions that follow:

Temperature of Various Places in Tamil Nadu



- Which is the coolest place of all?
  - Which places are hotter than kanyakumari?
  - Which place has the second highest temperature?
38. Write a dialogue between a Patient and a Doctor
39. Describe the process of installing a computer.
40. Re-arrange the following:
- Desire/is/root/the/cause/the/of/miseries/all.
  - spoil/and/rod/spare/the/child/the.
  - An/idle/mind/devil's/the/is/workshop.

## PART - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following.

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

- Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in 'A Nice Cup of Tea'.

(or)

- Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.

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

- Bring out the contrasting picture of the castle as depicted in stanza III and IV.

(or)

- Napoleon was a great source of inspiration to his army. Justify

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

- 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)

- 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. Write summary or make notes of the following passage in about 100 words.

Since time immemorial, Mahabalipuram has been always a city whose fame has spread far and wide as a seat of religion learning and an important port in the ancient world. It is located in the kanchipuram district of Tamilnadu and is home to several architectural monuments built between the 7th and 9th century. Mahabalipuram was at the height of its splendor and glory during the reign of Narasimhavarman who played an important role in building the many magnificent temples. The shore temple at Mahabalipuram is a world heritage site as classified by UNESCO and is believed to be the only existing temple amongst the seven shore temples that were originally constructed. Constructed during the 7th century by NarasimhaVarman the temple bears exquisite designs and carvings and is supposed to be the forerunner of Dravidian architecture. Arjuna's penance is a rock structure carved to resemble a whale and was built by Raja Narasimha the first. Krishna Mandapam is one of the largest inadaptams and is dedicated to Lord Krishna, the mentor and guide of the pandavas. Varaha Mandapam lies beside the Arjuna penance and is dedicated to Lord Vishnu's varaha incarnation. Mahabalipuram is well connected to other cities in India. The Chennai airport is located at 60 km from Mahabalipuram. The city is also well connected by road to Chennai, kanchipuram and Pondicherry.

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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 the manager of a factory asking for permission to visit his factory.

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

- i) He wears a HMT watch presented by his uncle.
- ii) We sell wooden furnitures.
- iii) Civics are my favourite subject.
- iv) Sitting near the window and he saw the crowd.
- v) I am a teacher, isn't I?

(or)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) Its \_\_\_\_\_ warm outside, so the children are very \_\_\_\_\_ inside the class (quite/quiet)
- ii) If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a bird, I would fly (Use the correct tense form)
- iii) I thought he \_\_\_\_\_ be at home? (fill with modal verb)
- iv) Shakespeare lived \_\_\_\_\_ the reign of Elizabeth I and James I. (fill with suitable preposition)

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

A wealthy old lady - suddenly loses eyesight - calls an eye specialist - doctor demands exorbitant fees lady agrees to pay if cured - doctor starts treatment steals antique decorative pieces - one by one - treatment ends - lady's vision restored doctor demands fees lady refuses to pay - doctor knocks the doors of court seeks justice - judge enquires lady - lady explains - not completely cured - cannot see antique items - kept in showcase - judge understands - gives verdict - lady's favour - arrests doctor for cheating.

(or)

b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below

Adieu To a soldier!

ADIEU, O soldier! You of the rule campaigning, (which we shared,  
The rapid march, the life of the camp,  
The hot contention of opposing fronts—the long manoeuvre,  
Red battles with heir slaughter, —the stimulus—the strong, terrific game,  
Spell of all brave and manly hearts—the trains of Time through you,  
and like of you, all fill'd  
With war and war's expression.  
Adieu, dear com comrade!  
Your mission is fulfill'd —but I, more warlike,  
Myself, and this contentious soul of mine,  
Still on our own campaign in bound,  
Through untried roads, with ambushes, opponents lined,  
Through many a sharp defeat and many a crisis often baffled,  
Here marching, ever marching on, a war fight out—aye here,  
To fiercer, weightier battles give expression

Walt Whitmen

Questions:

1. Which is rapid march?
2. What is strong and terrific game?
3. How is his soul?
4. How are the roads?
5. How does the marching go on?