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Language – Part II – English

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Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 90

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

PART - I

- Note :** (i) Answer all the questions. 20x1=20
- (ii) Choose the **most appropriate** answer from the given **four** alternatives and write both the option code and the corresponding answer for each question.

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

1. These two children had given me a profound lesson.
(a) genuine (b) complete (c) prosaic (d) very great
2. They only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated.
(a) perplexed (b) motivated (c) admired (d) discouraged
3. Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy.
(a) strong (b) fine (c) suitable (d) comfortable

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

4. We came upon them in the windy and deserted square.
(a) empty (b) uninhabited (c) isolated (d) occupied
5. Fortuitously, a guest visited our house.
(a) unfortunately (b) luckily (c) happily (d) peacefully

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6. I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
(a) surprise (b) pleasure (c) suffering (d) sorrow
7. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.
(a) wearhouse (b) seperate (c) foreign (d) secretery
8. Choose the word that is not a noun.
(a) stimulate (b) destruction (c) strength (d) wisdom
9. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
There was a grand _____ of scattered plates and silverware after the show.
(a) feeling (b) final (c) finally (d) finale
10. Fill in the blank with the suitable phrasal verb.
After a long break, the regiment began to _____ towards their destination.
(a) set off (b) set up (c) set for (d) set in
11. Choose the polite alternative for the underlined word in the following sentence.
The burglars were sent to jail.
(a) rehabilitation centre (b) asylum
(c) prison (d) correctional facility
12. Choose the suitable American English word equivalent to the British English word in the following sentence.
Aswin bought sweets from the stall.
(a) jelly (b) candies (c) muffins (d) cream
13. Choose the correct combination of the compound word - 'software'.
(a) Noun + Adjective (b) Noun + Noun
(c) Adverb + Adjective (d) Adjective + Noun
14. Choose the word that can be blended with the word - 'smoke'.
(a) hail (b) mist (c) fog (d) snow
15. Choose the correct meaning of the Idiom in the given sentence.
When they had to climb through deep snow the party sometimes had to wait for the dust to settle.
(a) to wait for a long time
(b) to wait for a situation to become clear
(c) to wait for the guide
(d) to wait for the Sun to set

16. Choose the suitable preposition to fill the blank in the following sentence.
She was popular _____ her schoolmates.
(a) along (b) with (c) among (d) between
17. Choose the right expansion for TNPSC.
(a) Tamilnadu Public Science Council
(b) Tamilnadu People Service Commission
(c) Tamilnadu Public Service Commission
(d) Tamilnadu Pupil Service Commission
18. Choose the appropriate linker.
We fail to harness the rain water, _____ we suffer.
(a) consequently (b) nevertheless (c) besides (d) whereas
19. Choose the appropriate determiner.
There are only _____ chocolates left for you.
(a) a few (b) more (c) much (d) a little
20. Choose the right article and fill in the blank.
Radha is _____ tallest of the three.
(a) the (b) an (c) no Article (d) a

PART - II

SECTION - 1

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

4x2=8

21. This is my son, mine own Telemachus
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle
Well-loved of me,
(a) What does 'the sceptre' mean? *royal authority*
(b) Whom does Ulysses entrust his Kingdom to? *his son Telemachus*
22. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.
(a) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper? *The tree is very strong.*
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration. *creeper climbs*

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23. Seeking the bubble reputation

Even in the cannon's mouth.

- (a) Mention the figure of speech employed here. *metaphor*
 (b) What does 'cannon' mean? *danger*

24. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,

So smooth and high, no man could win.

- (a) How safe was the castle? *The castle was safe, with strong gates & thick walls.*
 (b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

The soldiers believed that the castle was invincible and impregnable.

25. Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong

and the final decisions are made in silent rooms.

- (a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being? How? *Yes, by providing time for introspection, identify strength.*
 (b) Identify the poetic device used here. *Personification.*

26. With neck out-thrust, you fancy how,

Legs wide, arms locked behind,

As if to balance the prone brow

Oppressive with its mind.

- (a) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given lines. *ab ab*
 (b) Whose action is described here? *Napoleon's action.*

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. Please tell me what the time is.

(Rewrite as a Simple sentence)

Please tell me the time.

28. The chief guest was distributing the prizes.

(Change into Passive Voice)

The prizes were being distributed by the chief guest.

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

(Rewrite using 'if' without changing the meaning)

If we do not plant more trees, we cannot save our planet.

30. Change into reported speech.

The manager said, "I will speak to you on Friday."

The manager said that he would speak to me on Friday.

PART - III

SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed. *A father to his son
- Carl August Sandburg.*
32. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech, ... *Our Casuarina Tree
- Toru Dutt*
33. To follow knowledge like a sinking star,
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought. *Ulysses
Alfred Lord Tennyson*

SECTION - 2

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

2x3=6

34. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo. *They had shabby appearance, tangled hair, brown skin, wore dirty clothes.*
35. What did Tenzing and Edmund Hillary gift to the Gods of lofty Summit? *Bar of chocolates, handful of lollies.*
36. Why did the family find it difficult to make a chair? *There was no model chair. There was no carpenter to make a chair.*

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics.
- (a) Junk Food - *snack attack satisfaction.*
 - (b) Save Water - *save water save life*
 - (c) Eye Donation - *eye never die - Donate eye.*
38. Extend the conversation with **three** more relevant exchanges.
- Passenger : Has the Rockfort Express arrived?
- Railway Staff : No, it will arrive in ten minutes.
- Passenger : *Does it arrive at the right time always?*
- Railway Staff : *of course. but one or two days, it won't.*
- Passenger : *oh, that's good. will it be overcrowded?*
- Railway Staff : *not like that, it has normal crowd. only.*
- Passenger : *ok. thank you for the information.*
- Railway Staff : *welcome. Be safe. Happy journey.*

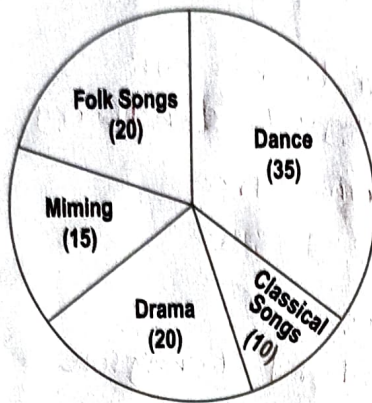
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39. Study the following pie-chart and answer the questions given below.

The pie-chart represents the number of participants in School Annual Day events.



- (i) How many students participated in dance and drama ? **55**
- (ii) Which event has the least number of participants ? **Classical songs**
- (iii) Write true or false :
Drama and Folk Songs have equal number of participants. **True.**

40. Describe the process of preparing apple juice.

wash the apple, peel it, cut it into pieces, put the pieces in the bowl, boil, reduce the heat and simmer, add sugar, cool it, Strain and serve.

PART - IV

Answer the following.

7x5=35

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

- (a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".

OR

- (b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the Rule of the Road' ?

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

- (a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a Stage."

OR

- (b) What is the role of the young soldier in the victory of the French at Ratisbon ?

43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

- (a) Pi Patel - Indian boy - 227 days - shipwreck - Bengal tiger - Richard Parker - hyena - search water - succeeded - cans of drinking water - left Richard Parker in a jungle - reunited.

OR

- (b) The Scientist - Venus - children wait for Sun - seven years - getting ready - Margot - William - rain stopped - Sun comes out - started raining - let her out.

44. (a) Write a summary of the following passage.

In recent years, environmental pollution has increased so much that it has become a global problem. Almost all cities in Asian Countries face this problem. The causes of environmental pollution are quite obvious. Vehicles burn petrol and emit toxic smoke. Various chemical factories pollute the air as well as water. Water is so contaminated because of effluents that both marine and organic life is destroyed. The ozone layer has developed a big hole due to this pollution and lets in harmful rays.

This environmental pollution has begun to affect human health. School children are easy victims to this pollution because they come in direct contact with fumes from the exhaust pipes of the vehicles. Crops have failed in many places. Flora and Fauna have been deeply affected. The sea water level has begun to rise and coastal cities may sink due to this.

We need to pay attention to this as human survival is in grave danger. More and more trees should be planted in every available inch of land. A public awareness programme must be launched to fight this manmade menace.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'The Hazards of the Internet'.

45. (a) Write a letter to the Manager of Waves Furniture Company ordering furniture for a coaching centre. Include the following details: description of the furniture, number of pieces, mode of payment, time and delivery options.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend describing how you celebrated Pongal.

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46. (a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

(i) Nobody can solve this issue, _____? *can they?*

[Add a suitable question tag]

(ii) She bought a useful gadget.

[Fill in with appropriate determiner]

(iii) I would like to have a cup of tea.

[Fill in with suitable modal verb]

(iv) The police tried to elicit the information from the culprit regarding the source of illicit materials.

[elicit/illicit]

OR

(b) Identify the error in each of the following sentences and correct them appropriately.

(i) Oxygen is more heavier than hydrogen.(ii) It was a shame breaking up.(iii) Professor Uma is not only a writer but an actor.(iv) A man walked through the bank of the river.(v) If you exercise regularly, you would become strong.

47. (a) Prepare a dialogue between Rahim and Ragav discussing their preparation for a tour, in not less than five exchanges.

OR

(b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

When Andrew Carnegie came to America from Scotland, he was just a lad. He started out by running errands and ended up as one of the largest steel manufacturers in the United States. Someone once asked Mr. Carnegie how he dealt with people. Andrew Carnegie replied, "Dealing with people is a lot like digging for gold. When you go digging for an ounce of gold, you have to move tons of dirt. But when you go digging, you don't go looking for the dirt, you go looking for the gold."

Andrew Carnegie's reply has a very important message. Though sometimes it may not be apparent, there is something positive in every person and every situation. We have to look deep for the positive.

Questions :

(i) Who is Andrew Carnegie ?

(ii) Where did he come from ?

(iii) How did Carnegie start out in his career ?

(iv) What does Carnegie compare dealing with people to ?

(v) Pick one word from the passage that means the opposite of 'shallow'.

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