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CLASS: XII	FIRST MID	TERM-2019	MARKS: 90		
QUESTION: 2	ENG	ENGLISH		TIME: 2.30 HRS	
Net	ida	Net	a. Ne	į.	
I.A) Choose the most a	opropriate synonym o	f the underlined lexic	cal item in each of the	following	
sentences. $(10 \times 1 = 1)$	10)				
1. He <u>shrugged</u> his shou	ılders to convey his di	sapproval.			
a) bent	b) shook	c) dropped	d) raised		
2. One day we came up	on them in a windy ar	nd <u>deserted</u> square	- Calai Pie		
a) inhabited	b) lonely	c) crowded	d) sandy		
3. I felt I could not bear	r to <u>intrude</u> upon this	happy family party.			
a) interfere	b) inform	c) exclude	d) pleasure		
4. For months they had	barely kept themselv	es alive in a <u>sort</u> of sl	helter they built with	their own hands	
amidst the rubble.			Jasalal.		
a) short	b) small	c) kind	d) dirty		
5. Everything is so diffi	cult now, food so <u>scar</u>	<u>ce</u> and dear, we coul	d not keep going unles	ss we charged a fee	
a) rare	b) plenty	c) bad	d) sad		
6. One can exactly regu	<u>llate</u> the amount of mi	lk whereas one is lial	ble to put in too much	milk if one does it	
other way round.					
a) free	b) control	c) introduce	d) tolerate		
7. If the tea is not loose	in the pot it never <u>inf</u>	<u>iuses</u> properly.			
a) fills	b) opens	c) clears	d) kicks		
8. Actually one can swa	llow tea-leaves in <u>con</u>	siderable quantities.			
a) constant b)	small c)	gloomy d)	significant		
9 but at least fou	r others are acutely <u>c</u>	ontroversial.			
a) debatable	b) accepted	c) believed	d) known		
10 at most you w	ill find a few lines of <u>s</u> l	ketchy instructions.			
a) important	b) clear	c) vague	d) bright		

B) Choose the most accur	rate of the four give	n words which is oppo	osite to the usage of the		
underlined word in the fo		(10X1=10)			
11. In the week which fol	llowed we saw then f	<u>frequently</u> .		Pa Ann	
a)often b) re	egularly c)	) seldom d) happily		MM111	
12. We saw them frequen	ntly for they proved	extremely useful to us	s. Net		
a) exceptionally	b) sadly	c) adequately	d) moderately	000	
13 with their brown	n skins, tangled hair	and dark earnest eye	es, we felt ourselves <u>stra</u>	ingely attracted.	
a) oddly	b) peculiarly	c) commonly	d) happily		
14. They had suffered ho	<u>rribly from near sta</u>	rvation and exposure	to the cold winter.		
a) beautiful	b) smart	c) greeted	d) attractively		
15. A pleasant-looking w	oman with steel-rim	med spectacles appea	red.	508	
a) good	b) ugly	c) sad	d) beautiful	WWW.	
16. Predicting the <u>arrival</u>	<u>l</u> of visitors			4	
a) departure	b) journey	c) migration	d) perusal		
17. Curiously enough a p	ewter teapot (a <u>rari</u> t	<u>ty</u> nowadays) is not so	bad.		
a) unique	b) unequal	c) common	d) unknown		
18. This is <u>curious</u> because	18. This is <u>curious</u> because tea is one of the main stays of civilization.				
a) indifferent	b) important	c) strong	d) intention		
19. There is also the myst	terious social etique	tte surrounding the te	eapot.		
a) clear	b) wonderful	c) gloomy	d) secretive		
20. China tea has <u>virtues</u>	which are not to be	despised nowadays.			
a) merits	b) qualities	c) internal	d) vices		
<b>GRAMMAR</b>				$(25 \times 1 = 25)$	
21. Choose the right defin	nition for the given t	term"Aeronautics".			
a) study of genes		b) study (	of building and flying air	-craft	
c) study of money an	id coins	d) study (	of speech sounds		
22. Choose the right defin			•		
and the second	_		of principles of heauty		
<ul><li>a) study of electric current and magnetic fields</li><li>b) study of principles of beauty</li><li>c) study of government and using power in public life</li><li>d) study of analyzing information</li></ul>					
23. Form a new word by	0000		2000		
a)in	b) dis	c)en	d)de		
<i>u)</i> m	<i>0)</i> <b>u</b> 13	c)cii	ujuc		

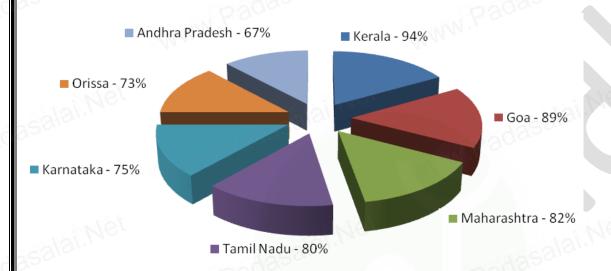
24. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "respect"	
a)ous b)ty c)able d)ly	
25.Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.	
A taxi drew up outside the hotel.	
a) stop b) met c) faint d) start	
26.Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.	
The branch was <b>cut off</b> from the main tree.	
a) arrange b) disconnect c) count d) injure	
27. Identify the correct homophone and fill in the blanks.	
They had dates for in the (dessert / desert)	
28. Choose the most appropriate question tag for the followingsentence.	
The children are very happy today,?	
a. are he b) aren't he c) aren't they d) are she	
29. Choose the most appropriate question tag for the followingsentence.	
We enjoyed the trip very much,?	
a. didn't we b) did we c) don't we d) doesn't we	
30. Complete the following sentence choosing the most appropriate modalverb.	
You drive carefully on the highway.	
a) will b) can c) may d) should	
31. Complete the following sentence choosing the most appropriate modalverb.	
How you enter my room?	
a) used to b) dare c) need d) may	
32. Choose the correct American English word for 'bin'	
a) subway b) line c) rest room d) can	
33. Choose the correct American English word for 'indicator'	
a) vest b) turn signal c) mail d) can	
34. Choose the correct American English word for 'nappy'	
a) diaper b) grey c) schedule d) sweater	
Form a phrase with each of the following pairs of nouns.	
35. digestion + enzymes –	
36. sense + issue -	
36. sense + issue -  37. agony + experience -	
38. surgery + instruments -	

### 39. Write slogans for the following products.

- a) water purifier
- b) glass
- c) Junk Food

# Study the Pie – Chart and answer the following questions given below.

## LITERACY RATE OF SOUTH INDIAN STATES



- 40. Which state has the highest literacy rate?
- 41. Arrange the given states in ascending order on the basis of their percentage and find out the state that occupies the third position?
- 42. Which state has the lowest literacy rate?

#### Answer any five of the following questions.

(5X3=15)

- 43. How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?
- 44. What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?
- 45. Who did the narrator meet at the outskirts of Verona?
- 46. What are the author's views on China tea?
- 47. What made the boys join the resistance movement against the Germans?
- 48. Why does the author refer to himself being in 'a minority'?
- 49. The boys did not spend much on clothes and food. Why?

### Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(1 X 5 = 5)

50. a) Write a character sketch of Nicola and Jacopo.

(OR)

b) What are the aspects that contribute to humour in the essay?

# 51. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the following questions.

(9 X 1 = 9)

- a) "We could do nothing, being sold"
- i. Why couldn't they do anything?
  - ii. Why did they feel helpless?
- b) "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,

So smooth and high, no man could win"

- i. How safe was the castle?
- ii. What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- c) "A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound

No other tree could live"

- i. Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
- ii. How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
  - iii. Why does Toru Dutt use the expression 'A creeper climbs'?
- d) "Fear, trembling Hope, and Death, the skeleton,

And Time the shadow, "and though weak the verse

That would thy beauty farm, oh, fain rehearse,

May Love defend tree from oblivion's curse"

- i. What does the poet mean by the expression 'May love defend thee from oblivion's curse?'
- ii. What does the expression 'fain' convey?
- 52. Read the following three sets of lines and answer the questions given below in each set of lines.(3)
- a) "Like a huge Python, winding round and round"
- i) Mention the figure of speech.
- b) "Oh then our maze of tunneled stone"
- i) Mention the figure of speech.
- c) "A little wicked wicket gate"
- i) Write out the words in alliteration.

# 53. Explain any one of the following sets of lines with reference to the context.

 $(1 \times 3 = 3)$ 

a) "Sometimes, and most in winter, - on its crest

A grey baboon sits statue-like alone"

b) "Our towering battlements, tier on tier"

### Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words.

 $(1 \times 5 = 5)$ 

54. a) Describe how the castle was seized and captured.

(OR)

b) How does nature communicate with the poet?

# Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(1 X 5 = 5)

55. a) Describe the life of Aksionov in prison.

(OR)

b) How did the presence of Richard Parker influence the attitude of Pi during his stay in the boat?

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