

is defined more as 'Management of Trees' contributes to the physiological, sociological and economic well-being of the society. Mangroves, lakes, grasslands, and forests in and around our cities, act as sponges that absorb the air and noise pollution and they present themselves as our cultural and recreational hotspots. However, these spots are rapidly being reclaimed and replaced in the name of development. Presence of urban green has shown to increase the economic value of the place. Urban forests contribute to reduce the cost of building storm water drain systems for municipalities and neutralizing urban heat island effect. Plants not only provide shade but also help in regulating the micro-climate. They help regulate energy budgets, improve air quality, and curtail noise pollution. Trees, herbs, shrubs and grasses arrest sedimentation and prevent other pollutants from entering our water systems. This will give a change for our urban lakes and rivers to recover and help improve aquatic ecosystems. Biodiversity also gets a boost through the urban forests and helps create corridors connecting the forest areas. High biodiversity areas can also help to build resilient ecosystems. Availability of forests within our urban areas gives an opportunity for children to connect to the natural environment and learn about native species.

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First Mid-Term Test - 2019

Time : 1.30 hrs.

ENGLISH

Max. Marks : 50

SECTION - A

- I. **Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given.** **10 x 1 = 10**

1. He shrugged his shoulders to convey his disapproval.
a) bent b) shook c) drooped d) raised
2. They were in many ways quite artless.
a) ugly b) beautiful c) innocent d) proper
3. This is curious because tea is one of the main stays of civilization.
a) clear b) effective c) interest d) gloomy

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.

4. We saw our friends bent over shoe shine boxes beside the fountain in the public square, doing brisk business.
a) slow b) quick c) poor d) difficult
5. He shrugged his shoulders to convey his disapproval of their shabby appearance
a) dirty b) neat c) tattered d) ragged
6. One does not feel wise, brave or more optimistic.
a) realistic b) pessimistic c) opportunistic d) cheerful

Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones.

7. 'I was sitting.....my friend.
(beside - besides)
8. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'obey'
a) un__ b) mis__ c) dis__ d) in__

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition.

9. The boy jumpeda narrow stream.

a) In b) at c) into d) on

Fill in the blanks with semi modal.

10. My grandfathervisit this temple when he was young.

a) used to b) dare to c) need to d) ought to

SECTION - B

- II. **A) Read the given lines and answer any two of the following.**

2 x 2 = 4

11. "All through the summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall

We watched the mowers in the hay"

i) Who does 'we' refer to?

ii) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?

12. "Like a huge python, winding round and round.

The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars"

i) What is the tree compared to?

ii) What do you mean by 'scars'?

13. Identify the figure of speech used

i) "The water-lillies spring, like snow enmassed"

ii) "A little wicked wicket gate"

- B. Answer any two of the following**

2 x 3 = 6

14. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys Nicola and Jacopo?

15. How did the narrator and others get attracted towards the boys?

16. What is second golden rule in the preparation of tea?

- C. Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.**

2 x 3 = 6

17. "Our only enemy was gold"

18. "Sometimes, and most in winter,
on its crest A gray baboon sits statue-like alone"

19. "There was a little private gate"

- D. Answer any two of the following**

2 x 2 = 4

20. Choose the appropriate linker from within the bracket and complete the sentences.

.....(though/whereas) he committed a mistake, he apologised.....(and/since) promised that he would not repeat it.

21. **Complete the sentences with the correct tense form of the verbs in brackets.**

Last year we.....(go) on a school trip to Kanyakumari.

We.....(have) a very interesting time.

22. Raj sai, "I have written a Novel". (change into indirect)

SECTION - C

- III. **A) Answer any FOUR of the following**

4 x 5 = 20

23. Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

24. Human greed led to the mighty fall of the castle - Explain.

25. Bring out the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the Casuarina tree.

26. Discuss the meaning and importance of the saying "God Sees the Truth But Waits".

27. Write an application for the post of English Teacher to the Principal, Diamond Higher Secondary School, Chennai. Include the following details Educational qualification, experience, various other qualification required for the post.

28. **Read the passage given below and make notes OR summary.**

To match the best cities across the world, the Government of India initiated 'smart cities' to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people. The agenda under smart city promises to resolve urban sustainability problems. Urban forests provide a range of important ecosystem services that are critical for the sustainability of cities. Urban forestry, which