

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

PRE- FIRST MID TERM

MARKS: 50

CLASS: X

TIME: 90 mins

I. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the following underlined words: 3x1=3

1. He then trotted back and forth from one end to another, his gray legs stepping daintily, trying to find some means of reaching his parents without having to fly. But each side of him, the ledge in a sheer fall of precipice the sea beneath.

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| i. a. sauntered | b. walk in slow | c. ran with short step | d. teared |
| ii. a. inelegant | b. elegant | c. dirty | d. slowly |
| iii. a. very thin | b. gentle | c. thick | d. mere |

II. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the following underlined words 3x1=3

2. The slamming doors had aroused mother. She peered out of her room. Herman ventured out of his room.

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| i. a. shutting | b. opening | c. partially open | d. prolong |
| ii. a. evoke | b. awaken | c. put at rest | d. locked |
| iii. a. looked | b. hid | c. went out | d. got in |

III. Answer the following Questions: 7x1=7

3. Choose the appropriate plural form of the word 'poultry':
 a. Poultryies b. poultry c. poultryses d. poultrys
4. Construct a meaningful sentence with using any one of the following words.
 a. coward b. gradual c. praises d. starvation
5. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a noun.
 I need money to renovate my house
6. Fill up the suitable modal verb.
 Poongothai _____memorise many poems. (ability in past)
7. Choose the suitable article.
 I want to salute _____honourable man who help the old lady
 a. a b. an c. the d. no article
8. Choose the appropriate prepositional phrase.
 _____ the teachers, Rahim is clever boy.
 a. In the event of b. According to
 b. c. in the result of d. In the reference of
9. Change into passive voice:
 Get lost. Why did you do this?

IV. Answer any four questions of the following. 3x2=6

10. How did the young seagull feel when it started to fly first time??
11. What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?
12. Who were the narrator neighbours?
13. What made the reporter gaze at the author?

V. Write a paragraph(any one) 1x3=3

14. What is the theme of the story "the ghost got in"?

15. Your parents sometime behave like the young bird's parents. They may seem cruel and unrelenting. Does it mean that they do not care for you? Explain your views about it with the reference of the story "His First Flight".

VI. Memory Poem: LIFE

$6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

16. From what the future
.....will be joy.

VII. Read the poetic lines and answer the following questions:

$5 \times 1 = 5$

17. *Still seeking what I sought when but a boy
New friendship, high adventure and a crown.*

- a. When did new friendship need?
b. What is meant by the word "crown"?

18. *And so it were wisest to keep our feet
From wandering into complaining street.*

- a. What is the wisest thing that the poet suggest?
b. What does the phrase 'to keep our feet from wandering' refer to?
c. What is the figure of the speech mentioned in second line?

VIII. Write a paragraph(any one)

$1 \times 3 = 3$

19. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke
20. Narrate the story "Zig Zag" in your own words

IX. Identify the character and speaker:

$3 \times 1 = 3$

21. "Er, why don't you wait in the car?"
22. "Don't worry children"
23. "I have a gift in store for you to"

X. Match the following:

$4 \times 1 = 4$

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| 24. Prospero | - | provided the provisions to Prospero |
| 25. Antonio | - | commanded Ferdinand to pile up heavy logs |
| 26. Somu | - | join hand with king of Naples |
| 27. Gonzalo | - | mistook Ashok's commitment |

XI. Choose the appropriate answer for the following questions:

$4 \times 1 = 4$

28. The bird zigzag can talk and sing _____ languages.
a. Twenty one b. Twenty two c. Twenty three d. Twenty four
29. On the _____, Dr. Somu's e-mail arrived.
a. Sixth day b. fifth day c. seventh day d. forth day
30. _____ was a kind lord of Prospero's court.
a. Gonzalo b. Ariel c. Ferdinand d. Alanso
31. Prospero and Miranda lived in a cave divided into several _____.
a. Compartments b. portions c. vestibules d. partitions

XII. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:

$1 \times 3 = 3$

32. Mobile galaxy – smart phones – accessories – SIM cards – Recharge – Free power banks on mobile purchase – No.1, Tollgate, trichy.

XIII. Write a report on Inaugural ceremony of English Literary Association of your school which was held recently.

$1 \times 3 = 3$