

Std : XI

**ENGLISH**

Marks : 90

Date: 25.09.2019

Time : 2½ Hrs

**Part – I**

- I. Answer all the questions. Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes. (20 x 1 = 20)

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given. (5 x 1 = 5)

1. It is because of their antipathy to pills and potions.  
a) hatred                      b) friendly                      c) sympathy                      d) esteem
2. Men with fallible memories have tried to make out a case.  
a) faulty                      b) certain                      c) correct                      d) infallible
3. The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.  
a) hunger                      b) anger                      c) drowsiness                      d) happiness
4. It put an end to speculation among my family and friends.  
a) proof                      b) information                      c) guess                      d) truth
5. She said her morning prayers in a monotonous sing song.  
a) interesting                      b) exciting                      c) changing                      d) boring

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given. (5 x 1 = 5)

6. She rarely left her spinning wheel.  
a) regularly                      b) hardly                      c) barely                      d) seldom
7. It is compulsory for all players.  
a) regular                      b) convince                      c) create                      d) optional
8. Words of praise and adulation were showered on me.  
a) applause                      b) abuse                      c) cheer                      d) honour
9. It is only a methodical man.  
a) systematic                      b) chaotic                      c) orderly                      d) efficient
10. Most of us are born with prosaically efficient memories.  
a) boringly                      b) monotonously                      c) spiritedly                      d) commonly
11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "fire".  
a) spread                      b) place                      c) feet                      d) fleet
12. Add a suffix to the root word 'appoint'.  
a) -cracy                      b) -ness                      c) -ly                      d) -ment
13. Choose the correct expansion of UNESCO  
a) United Nations Educational Social and Cultural Organization  
b) United Nations Educational Science and Culture  
c) United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization  
d) United Nations Education, Science and Co-operative Organization
14. Choose the clipped form of the word: Microphone  
a) crop                      b) crophone                      c) mike                      d) micro
15. Choose the clipped form of the word: Representative.  
a) Rep                      b) Present                      c) Sentive                      d) Reptive
16. Choose the right definition for the given term: Thespian  
a) One who is a gifted theatre artist                      b) One who can cook tasty food items  
c) One who can foretell misfortunes                      d) One who can sing melodiously



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17. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom used in the following sentence.  
**The burning question** is if there will be public exam for XI std or not.  
 a) the accident      b) the main problem      c) the incident      d) the action
18. Choose the meaning of the foreign word: **in toto**  
 a) summary      b) partially      c) effectively      d) totally
19. Choose the disyllabic word:  
 a) detect      b) multiply      c) political      d) communication
20. The plural form of 'sister - in - law' is  
 a) sisters-ins-laws      b) sisters-ins-law      c) sisters-in-law      d) sister-in-law

### PART-II

#### II. Answer any SEVEN of the following.

- (i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any FOUR of the following: (4 x 2 = 8)
21. "But now they only laugh with their teeth,  
 While their ice - block - cold eyes."  
 a) Explain: ice - block - cold eyes.  
 b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
22. "I want to unlearn all these muting things.  
 Most of all, I want to relearn."  
 a) What does he want to relearn?  
 b) From whom does he want to learn?
23. "When snaps the knee and cracks the wrist,  
 When officialdom demands,  
 Is there a doctor in the stands?"  
 a) Identify the literary device in the given lines?  
 b) Why are doctors called from stands by the sponsors?
24. "My soul in true thanks giving speaks  
 For this modist of physiques".  
 a) Whose soul is referred here?  
 b) Identify the figure of speech?
25. "If this belief from heaven be sent,  
 If such be Nature's holy plan".  
 a) What does heaven refer to?  
 b) Identify the name of the poem and the poet?
26. "Through primrose tufts, in that sweet bower,  
 The periwinkle trail'd its wreaths;  
 And it's my faith that every flower  
 Enjoys the air it breaths".  
 a) Identify the rhyme scheme and rhyming words.  
 b) What is the poet's faith?
- (ii) Do as directed.[any three]
27. Magdalene is singing the prayer.  
 (Change into passive voice)
28. They did not reach the station in time. They missed the train.  
 (Combine using 'If' clause)
29. If I had known you were ill, I would have called on you.  
 (Rewrite using starters).
30. Let the door not be slammed. (Change into other voice)
- (3 x 2 = 6)



## PART-III

## III. Answer any SEVEN of the following.

(7 x 3 = 21)

## (i) Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context.

(2 x 3 = 6)

31. "I have learned to wear many faces like dresses".  
 32. "They do not ever in their dealings consider one another's feelings".  
 33. "They birds around me hopp'd and play'd,  
 Their thoughts I cannot measure".

## (ii) Answer any TWO of the following briefly.

(2 x 3 = 6)

34. What kind of absent- mindedness is regarded as a virtue by Lynd?  
 35. How was Mary Kom felicitated on her return to India?  
 36. Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait?

## (iii) Answer any THREE of the following:

(3 x 3 = 9)

## 37. Expand the following news headlines:

- a) Pakistan test fires nuclear missile.  
 b) SBI introduced new scheme for farmers.  
 c) Petrol, diesel prices cut.

## 38. Write 3 sentences about the given table / pie-chart / bar-diagram.

(i) Study the following table pertaining to the blood bank report and write three sentences on your inference from the data.

Managed by	NO. of blood banks	Volume of blood collected in million units	Percentage
State government	567	0.99	50.98
Private hospitals	203	0.76	38.77
Voluntary and Social Organizations	56	0.20	10.25

39. Write a dialogue with at least three utterances between two sisters discussing the job they would like to take up when they are older.

## 40. Complete the proverbs:

- i) Fools rush in whereas \_\_\_\_\_ fear to tread.  
 a) ghosts                      b) spirits                      c) nymphs                      d) angels  
 ii) People who live in \_\_\_\_\_ houses should not throw stones.  
 a) boat                      b) glass                      c) bamboo                      d) mud  
 iii) \_\_\_\_\_ vessels make much noise.  
 a) Complete                      b) Empty                      c) Pot                      d) Kettle

## PART-IV

## IV. Answer all the questions:

(7 x 5 = 35)

41. a) Why Mary Kom was named the 'Queen of Boxing' and "Magnificent Mary?"

[OR]

- b) 'It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder'  
 - Elucidate.



42. Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.  
a) Summarize the poem 'Once Upon a Time'

[OR]

43. b) Explain the views of Ogden Nash as expressed in his poem 'Confessions of a Born Spectator'.  
Writes a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

Jimmy Wells and Bob - friends - lived in New York - parted - fixed a meeting after 20 years - Bob went to the West - Wells settled there - Bob changed a lot - a criminal - Wells, a policeman - Bob arrived at the spot - appointed time - couldn't recognize - Wells identified - respected friendship - Sent another policeman - arrested Bob.

[OR]

44. 'The First Patient' by C.V Burgess - Dentist's waiting - room - dentist arrives - first patient enters - nurse carries hammer, pair of pliers, a hacksaw - surgical room - strange sounds - reaction of patients - dentist tries to open tool cabinet - everyone leaves - except one.  
Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

Bombay is often regarded as India's Capital of Hope. Bombay consists of seven islands, joined by land reclamation. Many Indians, especially those from the rural areas, regard Bombay as their paradise, since they could find work relatively easily here, as compared to their homelands. Being the pillar for revenue collection, Bombay's economic growth has far outperformed the other cities. In fact, its per capita(head) production of goods and services is about three times greater than that of Delhi- India's Second most prosperous city. Unemployment is not a significant problem in Bombay, housing is. A visit in Dharavi, a slum area in Bombay, will help clarify our imagination. The Bombayites' so called "houses" are actually movable shacks, built from unwanted bits of tarpaulin, time and cardboard. There are so many of them that a maze of alleys emerged, passable only when I walked sideways like a crab between them. Curious about the living conditions. I wondered around the maze, meeting groups of scantily clad kids and hungry, stray dogs. Popping my inquisitive head into one of the small huts, I was totally amazed by their living conditions. Estimating about twelve or more Bombayites living in each hut, these two-storey houses are usually partitioned by rough platforms with ceilings no higher than five feet from the ground. Furthermore, 'these shacks look absolutely bare - no furniture and I deduced that the inhabitants eat and sleep on the ground.

45. Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue:

- The board had decided to give the shareholders a dividend of 25 percent.
- On our way to Ooty, we stayed in a hotel for a night.
- The Agricultural College and Research Institute in Coimbatore has studied the effect of planting system on yield, quality and economics of banana.
- For programming, people use the binary system.
- Halley's comet has an orbital period of about 76 years.

(Agriculture, Computer, Business, Space Science, Travel)

[OR]

Read the following advertisement and prepare a resume / bio - data / CV considering your self fulfilling the conditions specified: [Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for you address]

**Wanted**

Female Receptionist - graduate with computer knowledge, fluency in English and good Communication skills, Minimum 2 Years Experience.

Apply to: Post Box No: 2756

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46. i) Fill in the blanks with appropriate homophones.

- The book which has been \_\_\_\_\_ for the BA class has been \_\_\_\_\_ for containing some remarks against a particular religion (proscribed / proscribed).
- We \_\_\_\_\_ different types of \_\_\_\_\_ phones in our shop. (cell / sell)
- Vandana's \_\_\_\_\_ daughter to the new situation well. (adopted / adapted)

[OR]

(ii) Fill in the blanks with the usage of correct tense form of the verb.

- Before Leela returned home, the parrot \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) away.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (live) here since 1980.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) cricket daily.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) that book tomorrow.
- When I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) yesterday, my friend came.

47. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

The sun descending in the west,  
The evening star does shine,  
The birds are silent in their nest,  
And I must seek for mine,  
The moon, like a flower,  
In heaven's high bower  
With silent delight,  
Sits and smiles on the night.

Questions:

- What is the time referred to here?
- Where is the sun descending?
- How are the birds?
- Which is compared to a flower?
- What is the title of the poem?

[OR]

Read the following passage and answer in your own words:

In modern world, honesty has lost its meaning. Wealth plays an important role in man's life today. Value of money has gone high. All religions lay down great stress on honesty.

Honesty should be maintained everywhere, at home, in school, among friends and even in the playground. An honest person always obeys the law, so he free from trouble. Honesty gives rise to spiritual strength. The life of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation is an example. Since his childhood, he tried to remain honest and truthful. Dishonesty gives benefits sometimes but those benefits are temporary. It kills our soul and snatches away our peace of mind. It is not an easy job to remain honest in this world.

Questions:

- What is being ignored a lot in today's world?
- How can we maintain honesty in life?
- How is an honest person free from trouble?
- State whether the following statement is true or false:  
Honesty kills our soul and snatches away our peace of mind.
- What are temporary in our life?



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