

HIGHER SECONDARY FIRST YEAR
GENERAL ENGLISH

ONE MARK ONLY - QUESTION NUMBER 1-14

SET-1

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I . A) Choose the most appropriate synonym

3×1=3

1. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, **puckered** face.....

a) graceful b) fresh c) smoothed d) wrinkled

2. It is the **efficiency** rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder. a) irritation b) inability c) inferiority d) ability

3. ... we have to re-call the struggles of the past and realize the **perils** and possibilities

a) safeties b) dangers c) securities d) certainty

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to

4. The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is **compulsory** for all players.

a) required b) obligatory c) voluntary d) compulsion

5. The staff looked so **prosperous** and unsympathetic.

a) rich b) wealthy c) poor d) luxurious

6. It was at this point that my wife looked at me with an expression of wonder not anger or **exasperation**.

a) irritation b) calmness c) vexation d) annoyance

7. Choose the clipped form of "**Demonstration**"

a) Demon b) Monster c) Demo d) Station

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**Pathologist**".

a) one who studies diseases b) one who studies insects

c) one who studies earthquake d) one who studies birds

9. Choose the meaning of the idiom "**Back to the wall**"

a) In serious difficulty b) abandoning one who is in difficulty c) try any method to overcome a crisis d) sign of something going wrong

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence: Talking business at dinner is a "**faux pas**" in France

a) genuine b) social blunder c) summary d) secret session

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**toll**"

a) Plaza b) late c) proof d) wheel

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "**audible**"

a) in b) re c) un d) de

13. Choose the expanded form of "**GST**"

a) Goods and Service Trade b) Goods and Savings Term

c) Goods and Service Tax d) Good Social Tax

14. The process of listening to an audio file and writing what has been said verbatim.

a) Translation b) Transcription c) Narration d) Transliteration

SET-2**SECTION - A (Vocabulary)**

I.A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. 3×1=3

1. Wondering if the money lenders who talk so **glibly**

a) cunningly b) loudly c) silently d) insincerely

2. I tell you how much I ache to be **suave**.

a) sophisticated b) continuation c) implementation d) closure

3. **Indignant** at her husband's behaviour, she decided to teach him a lesson.

a) bad b) severe c) angry d) brave

B) Choose the antonyms of the italicized words from the options given.

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4. A common plant he sees her, often seen growing in **moist** areas.

a) marshy b) arid c) slimy d) sultry

5. The **suave** gentleman charmed everyone who attended parties at the embassy.

a) accuse b) elevate c) lower d) unrefined

6. I'm **reluctant** to get involved with their scheme.

a) unimportant b) inclined c) significant d) long

7. Choose the clipped word for '**refrigerator**'

a) refer b) rator c) fridge d) frigid

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**Kennel** –"

a) a place for monkey b) a place for worms c) a place for dogs d) a place for rats

9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined:

She is **in big trouble**.

a) fool's errand b) in deep waters c) in tears d) in sadness

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence. I gave him a quick **resume** of events.

a) summary b) autograph c) purpose d) principle

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**gazing**"

a) goat b) star c) boy d) land

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "**real**"

a) -ion b) -ous c) -ation d) -ity

13. Choose the expanded form of "**CSIR**"

a) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

b) Center for Science and Industrial Research

c) Center for Share and Investment Ratio

d) Council for Scientific and Informational Research

14. _____ are the two important techniques of fast reading.

a) Reading and writing b) listening c) speaking d) skimming and scanning

SET-3**SECTION - A (Vocabulary)**

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. 3×1=3

1. I'm afraid it's so. I always have **catastrophes**.

a) design b) fear c) follow d) a terrible disaster

2. The other's story is so inaccurate that either he has a memory like a sieve or is an **audacious** perverter of the truth. a) careless b) usual c) bold d) dull

3. I shall not attempt to offer original ideas or theories with a special stamp, but only **reiterate** some of the cardinal.

a) believe b) honour c) respect d) state

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences. 3×1=3

4. I explained to her the close and **venerable** relationship

a) respectful b) disrespectful c) useless d) significant

5. A young performer **endowed** with a great singing voice

a) deprived b) presented c) allowed d) awarded

6. I think he sees her as a **frivolous** young woman.

a) serious b) sad c) furious d) happy

7. Choose the clipped word for '**examination**'

a) exam b) amity c) nation d) excess

8. Choose the definition for '**regicide**'

a) Killing a member of royal family b) Killing of self c) Killing of people

d) Killing of father

9. The disappointed player was about to **throw in the towel**.

a) state of near collapse b) state of near victory c) state of fear d) state of tie

10. Rani is seriously preparing for the 'viva-voce'

a) aptitude test b) spoken examination c) written examination d) fitness test

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**walking**"

a) pole b) stick c) belt d) cane

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "**govern**"

a) __ ment b) __ able c) __ al d) __ ic

13. Choose the correct expansion of **AIDS**

a) Acquired Immature Deficiency Syndrome b) Acquired Immune Developing Syndrome

c) Accustomed Immune Deficiency Syndrome d) Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrom

14. The process of writing down important points from a lecturer

a) Note-making b) Summarising c) Note-taking d) Hints developing

SET-4

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I. A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. 3×1=3

1. The zip on the bag was jammed. So I pulled on it and **yanked** at it,
a) argued b) carried c) pushed d) pulled
2. During the monarchical or **feudal** days, Universities had to train scholars and poets to adorn the chambers
a) medieval b) current c) new d) modern
3. What was her **vexation** however, when just before lunch her husband came in smiling cheerfully and asking.
a) sadness b) happiness c) annoyance d) relief

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite.

4. The music the group produces is dark and **monotonous**.
a) interesting b) tiresome c) fragrant d) satisfying
5. The entree was good, but the dessert was just **mediocre**.
a) extra-ordinary b) boring c) dull d) ordinary
6. Ingratitude, more strong than **traitor** arms
a) patriots b) slaves c) betrayers d) politicians
7. Choose the clipped word for '**aeroplane**'
a) lane b) aero c) aeroplane d) plane

8. Choose the right definition for the given term '**musicologist**'

- a) one who studies infants b) one who studies music
- c) one who studies animals d) one who studies birds

9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined:

The loud noise made the sick woman **drive up the wall**.

- a) irritated b) amused c) animated d) encouraged

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.

A **postmortem** showed that he had been poisoned.

- a) postal delay b) previous action c) examination of dead body d) false report

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with '**hand**'

- a) light b) mark c) written d) write

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix "**operate**" to the root word

- a) co __ b) micro __ c) en __ d) im __

13. Choose the expanded form of **SSC**

- a) State Subordinate Commission b) Staff Selection Commission
- c) State School Certificate d) School System Common

14. The process of storing information in the form of pie-chart.

- a) non-verbal output b) decoding c) reporting d) summarising

SET-5

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym

1. Poetry which in turn was to be converted into **dazzling** garments.

a) costly b) shining c) beautiful d) cheap

2. A peaceful **pallor** spread on her face.

a) darkness b) whiteness c) happiness d) sadness

3. I am no great **delinquent** in such matters.

a) acceptance b) offender c) playful d) serious

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite

4. Men with **fallible** memories have sometimes a) perfect b) weak c) thick d) bad

5. In order to find a **remote** place a) far-off b) nearby c) unsafe d) distant

6. Not anger or **exasperation** but just simple wonder

a) enjoyment b) irritation c) helplessness d) sadness

7. Choose the clipped word for '**bicycle**' a) cycle b) bic c) bicycle d) cycles

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**Linguist**"

a) one who studies languages b) one who talks continuously

c) one who hates marriage d) one who cuts precious stones

9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined:

Orders for the new product are coming in '**thick and fast**'

a) large members b) small volumes c) limited quantity d) appropriate level

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.

Her supporters arrived **em masse** for the rally.

a) as a whole group b) mass media c) employees' mess d) mass media

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with '**fast**'

a) play b) food c) run d) cycle

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "**kind**"

a) ion b) ative c) less d) ity

13. Choose the expanded form of "**UNI**"?

a) United Nation of India

b) United News of India

c) Universal Nutrition India

d) United Nation Information

14. The process getting the gist of a text

a) summarizing b) note taking c) scanning d) skimming

SET-6

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. $3 \times 1 = 3$

1. The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of **appetite**
a) fault b) hunger c) criticism d) appreciation
2. Principles **enunciated** by those who offered their advice in past years,
a) planned b) unidentified c) spoken d) thrashed
3. Newspaper cuttings and other loose papers, a 14-ounce tin of pipe tobacco, magazines, passport, English money, film – was **extravagantly** ejected
a) excessively b) completely c) partly d) wholly
- B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences. $3 \times 1 = 3$
4. Men with **fallible** memories have sometimes tried
a) strong b) good c) perfect d) permanent
5. **Surely** they can be tighter when they are mental.
a) frequently b) seldom c) rarely d) doubtfully
6. The link of friendship was **snapped**
a) damaged b) constructed c) destroyed d) bonded
7. Choose the clipped word for 'doctor'
a) doct b) doc c) doctor d) doctors
8. Choose the right definition for the given term 'teetotaler'
a) A person who never smokes b) A person who never tells lies
c) A person who never brushes teeth d) A person who never drinks alcohol
9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined: The bowler was hit below the belt
a) unfair behaviour b) fair treatment c) under threat d) serious condition
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
Administrators need to maintain better liaison with employees.
a) better performance b) coordination of activities c) enmity with others d) good habits
11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "air"?
a) sea b) port c) pool d) loom
12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "comfort"
a) mis b) un c) dis d) in
13. Choose the expanded form of "CV"?
a) Circulum Vitae b) Computer Virus c) Central Vigilance d) Circular Velocity
14. The process of writing using all the important points
a) note making b) hints developing c) summarising d) non-verbal presentation

SET-7

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. 3×1=3

1. It may be that it is because of their **antipathy** to pills and potions.

a) liking b) dislike c) forgetfulness d) joy

2. I always have **catastrophes** when I travel.

a) confusions b) collections c) disasters d) demerits

3. They were **content** to work in seduced spheres.

a) satisfied b) selected c) allotted d) amused

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite

4. I do claim to represent him in all his **ruggedness**.

a) softness b) clarity c) foolishness d) doubts

5. I explained to her the close and **venerable** relationship between Bill and William.

a) respected b) wasted c) meaningful d) disrespected

6. an expanse of pure white **serenity** breathing peace and contentment.

a) agitation b) calmness c) solidarity d) stillness

7. Choose the clipped form of "**Caravan**" a) car b) Van c) carve d) raven

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**linguist**".

a) one who studies literature b) one who studies languages

c) one who studies birds d) one who studies lessons

9. Choose the meaning of the idiom "**right up one's alley**"

a) begin the journey again b) deceiving somebody c) appealing d) forgetting everything

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence: The management

accepted our proposal "**in toto**". a) party b) partially c) totally d) selectively

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**case**"

a) step b) river c) stair d) steam

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "**code**"

a) up- b) en- c) is- d) im-

13. Choose the expanded form of "**FDI**"

a) Foreign Direct Incentive b) Foreign Direct Investigation

c) Fixed Deposit Investment d) Foreign Direct Investment

14. The process of looking for exact information.

a) Skimming b) Scanning c) Scouting d) Drafting

SET-8

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the

following sentences. $3 \times 1 = 3$

1. We have **eschewed** monarchy and autocracy.

a) accepted b) avoided c) informed d) believed

2. I was nodding away to the auctioneer like a **bloatocrat**.

a) rich b) poor c) clever d) foreigner

3. But she **ignored** our protests.

a) disregarded b) regarded c) accepted d) understood

B) Choose the antonyms of the italicized words from the options given. $3 \times 1 = 3$

4. We were **confined** to the sports area.

a) restricted b) sent c) open d) limited

5. It is only a **methodical** man, I imagine who can always remember to take the medicine. a) careless b) careful c) lazy d) busy

6. coins bounced to a variety of noisy **oblivions**.

a) forgetfulness b) remembrance c) strength d) weakness

7. Choose the clipped word for 'cafeteria'

a) cafete b) caferia c) cafe d) ria

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**ornithologist**"

a) one who studies earthquake b) one who studies birds

c) one who studies language d) one who studies rocks and sand

9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined:

idiom - **once in a blue moon**. a) frequently b) always c) rarely d) now and then

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.

The workers pulled the **coir** strongly. a) rope b) wood c) log d) cart

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**shift**"

a) leave b) follow c) collect d) make

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "**balanced**"

a) im_ b) in_ c) un_ d) down_

13. Choose the expanded form of "**VAT**"

a) Valuable Added Tax b) Valued Additional Tax

c) Valuable Accumulated Tax d) Valuable Assorted Tax

14. The process of jotting down important points from a text.

a) report writing b) note taking c) note making d) synopsi

SET-9

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I. A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the

following sentences. $3 \times 1 = 3$

1. Then I set to **pondering** on the problem what to do next.

- a) choosing b) looking
c) discussing d) thinking

2. I kept this up for some minutes but it wouldn't **budge**.

- a) stop b) move c) break d) close

3. She was **distressed** that there was not teaching about God and the scriptures.

- a) doubtful b) upset c) happy d) delighted

B) Choose the antonyms of the italicized words from the options given. $3 \times 1 = 3$

4. Words of praise and **adulation** were showered on me.

- a) reverence b) admiration c) irresponsibility d) condemnation

5. I shall not attempt to **offer** original ideas. a) give b) deny c) restrict d) close

6. not anger or **exasperation** but simple wonder

- a) enjoyment b) irritation c) helplessness d) sadness

7. Choose the clipped word for '**bridegroom**' a) groom b) bride c) ride d) groom

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**misanthrope**"

- a) one who hates mankind b) one who hates woman
c) one who hates marriage d) one who hates foreigners

9. Choose the correct idiom: idiom - '**by the skin of one's teeth**'

- a) biting strongly b) fighting leniently c) a narrow escape d) a direct hit

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.

This is the magnum opus of the novelist.

- a) costly work b) favorite book c) great work d) ordinary work

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "win"

- a) defeat b) win c) loss d) victory

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "**burden**"

- a) ly b) ness c) some d) y

13. Choose the expanded form of "**PSLV**"

- a) Polar satellite launch victory b) Polar satellite launch vehicle
c) Power satellite launch vehicle d) Powerful satellite launch vehicle

14. The process by which data is presented in a non - verbal form.

- a) Decoding b) Encoding c) Translation d) Transcription

SET-10

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I. A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the

following sentences.

3×1=3

1. Either he has a memory like a river or is an **audacious** perverter of truth.

a) wicked b) soft c) bold d) cowardly

2. He **rammed** his handkerchief in his mouth.

a) pushed b) gave c) pulled d) bought

3. I amused her twenty minutes with the scattering of urbane **bons mots**.

a) witty remarks b) serious remarks c) angry remarks d) sorrowful remarks

B) Choose the antonyms of the italicized words from the options given.

3×1=3

4. After a break fast of thick, **stale** chapatti with a little butter and sugar spread on it.

a) old b) fresh c) dull d) unused

5. There was no sound but a **curious** smothered noise from my friend.

a) eager b) strange c) uninteresting d) interested

6. I pulled on it with gaunts and **frowns** and increasing consternation.

a) anger b) smile c) violence d) sadness

7. Choose the clipped word for '**chimpanzee**' a) pan b) zee c) chime d) chimp

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**seismologist**"

a) one who studies herbs b) one who studies animals

c) one who studies earthquake d) one who studies diseases

9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined: idiom '**be at logger heads**'

a) work willingly b) disagree frequently c) play together d) discuss strongly

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.

I received my certificates in absentia .

a) in absence b) directly c) presently d) in a bad condition

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**back**"

a) garden b) paper c) car d) verandha

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "**comparable**"

a) un b) im c) dis d) in

13. Choose the expanded form of "**IMF**"

a) International Money Fund b) International Monetary Fixation

c) Internal Monetary Fund d) International Monetary Fund

14. The process by writing words or letters using letters of a different alphabet

or language. a) transliteration b) transcription c) translation d) verbal presentation

SET-11

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined

lexical item in each of the following sentences. 3×1=3

1. If put an end to **speculation** among my family and friends around that particular to pic. a) impression b) estimate c) assumption d) assurance
2. But he became **grave** at once seeing the.... a) dead b) alive c) happy d) serious
3. sunshine into dingy places, **solace** into the afflicted
a) support b) comfort c) apology d) fund
- B) Choose the antonyms of the italicized words from the options given.
4. For several hours she thumped the **sagging** skims of the dilapidated drum.
a) taut b) loose c) strong d) unbroken
5. they consoled me and **lauded** me on the silver win
a) cursed b) praised c) welcomed d) rejected
6. I pulled myself together sufficiently to hand my card **nonchalantly** to the clerk.
a) coolly b) concernedly c) irresponsibly d) politely
7. Choose the clipped word for '**helicopter**' a) heli b) cop c) copter d) helic
8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**misogynist**"
a) a man who hates marriage b) a man who hates another man
c) a man who hates woman d) a man who likes power
9. Choose the correct idiom - **'take (somebody) for a ride'**.
a) travel happily b) difficult situation c) deceive d) walk a long distance
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence. He was shocked to see a '**bandicoot**' peeping from behind the door.
a) a terrorist b) a kind of rat c) a kidnapper d) a wild cat
11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**well**"
a) do b) for c) fair d) fare
12. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "**cipher**"
a) im b) in c) un d) de
13. Choose the expanded form of "**MHRD**"
a) Minister for Human Resource Development b) Ministry for Housing Resource Department
c) Ministry for Human Resource Department d) Ministry for Human Resource Development
14. The process of taking photo copies of documents.
a) telex b) teleprinter c) telegram d) xerox

SET-12

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined

lexical item in each of the following sentences. $3 \times 1 = 3$

1. That seemed quite **absurd** on her part

a) inconsistent b) logical c) isolated d) tempted

2. If the money lenders who take so **glibly** about note of hand only.

a) smoothly b) profoundly c) roughly d) merely

3. He showed his **inherent** ability.

a) inborn b) organised c) acquired d) ob tuned

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences. $3 \times 1 = 3$

4. Memory works with less than its usual **perfection**.

a) perfectly b) promptly c) properly d) none of the above

5. 'Well' I 'am **hanged**!' he said

a) suspend b) detach c) revolved d) incline

6. It is **Scarcely** more.... a) barely b) insufficiently c) inadequately d) plentifully

7. Choose the clipped word for 'Perambulator'

a) peram b) ram c) pram d) preem

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "Dermatologist"

a) one who studies diseases b) one who studies skin diseases

c) one who studies birds d) one who studies inserts

9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined: takes a hard line

a) generous b) lenient c) liberal d) strict

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence. I saw a match of CSK Versus KKR

a) in b) against c) at d) for

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with

The management accepted our proposal "ear". a) wall b) call c) sing d) ring

12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "collect"

a) in b) re c) un d) de

13. Choose the expanded form of "JEE"

a) Joint Engineering Exam b) Junior Engineering Exam c) Joint Entrance Exam

d) Junior Entrance Exam

14. If you want to have photostat copies of certain book you need to go to _____ section

a) Reference b) Electronic c) Journal d) Regrography

SET-13

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the

following sentences.

3×1=3

1. A **felicitation** programme was held in Langol.
a) denial b) refusal c) congratulation d) facility
2. I am always **reluctant** to trust a departing visitor.
a) unenthusiastic b) unwilling c) willing d) indifferent
3. My heart stopped, my blood **congealed**
a) mesmerise b) liquid c) frozen d) rejoice
- B) Choose the antonyms of the italicized words from the options given. 3×1=3
4. It was **extravagantly** rejected over an area about the size of a tennis court.
a) ramble b) thriftily c) deserted d) excessively
5. I post an **important** letter.
a) valuable b) substantial c) great d) unimportant
6. He had a **vile** meal.
a) good b) bad c) evil d) pleasant
7. Choose the clipped word for '**influenza**'
a) flu b) influence c) bonanza d) influ
8. Choose the right definition for the given term "pacifist"
a) one who opposes harmony b) one who opposes war
c) one who supports war d) one who supports force
9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined:
Pulling pranks. a) make note of b) take care of c) make fun of d) winks at
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence. We should not do **adharma**
a) justice b) non-violence c) rituals d) injustice
11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**sea**"
a) fort b) shore c) store d) mark
12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "**long**"
a) pro b) auto c) in d) un
13. Choose the expanded form of "**CAT**"
a) Competetive Aptitude Test b) Central Law and Aptitude Test
c) Criminal Law and Aptitude Test \ d) Career Aptitude Test
14. In order to know synonyms and antonyms for a word, you should consult a _____
a) Dictionary b) Encyclopedia c) Thesaurus d) Wikipedia

SET-14

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. 3×1=3

1. I ate enough to **sate** my appetite.
a) abstain b) diet c) fast d) satisfy
2. Women **endowed** win the spirit of service.
a) gifted b) instilled c) offered d) blocked
3. I pulled on it with grunts and frowns and increasing **consternation**
a) happy b) anxiety c) trouble d) joy
- B) Choose the antonyms of the italicized words from the options given. 3×1=3
4. It is not an easy task to place **appropriate** guidelines before them.
a) suitable b) unsuitable c) first d) assigned
5. Optimism will be **discouraged** to take the path of ease.
a) encouraged b) forced c) comfort d) console
6. Naturally I **preferred** to be the last.
a) liked b) rejected c) elected d) selected
7. Choose the clipped word for '**demarcate**'
a) marc b) mark c) market d) demo
8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**Anglophobia**"
a) fear of angler b) fear of snake
c) fear of using English d) fear of strangers
9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined: **burn the mid night oil.**
a) walking up late night b) sleeping for a long time
c) last minute preparation d) saving electricity
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
Mr. Chokkalingam is my '**guru**'
a) master b) expert c) disciple d) trainee
11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**main**"
a) wall b) entrance c) shell d) seal
12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "**perfect**"
a) in b) dis c) im d) un
13. Choose the expanded form of "**NAAC**"
a) National Assessment and Active commission
b) Naional Assessment and Accrediation committee
c) Native Assessment and Accrediation council
d) National Assessment and Accrediation council
14. A word has _____ and _____ meaning.
a) direct-indirect b) direct – implied c) literary - content d) literal-contextual

SET-15

SECTION - A (Vocabulary)

I A) Choose the most appropriate synonym.

1. The very prospect of a new and **widely** advertised

- a) broadly b) far c) large d) narrowly
2. I ate enough to sate my appetite and my **palate**
- a) sense of taste b) distaste c) sate d) aversion
3. Women **endowed** with the spirit of service
- a) gifted b) instilled c) hindrances d) obstacles
- B) Choose the antonyms of the italicized words from the options given.
4. The referee feels one of the boxers is **inferior** to the other.
- a) superior b) lesser c) junior d) menial
5. It is not an easy task to place **appropriate** guidelines before them.
- a) suitable b) unsuitable c) tiffing d) assigned
6. We **protested** a) followed b) revotted c) agreed d) violence
7. Choose the clipped word for '**Hippopotamus**'
- a) hippo b) thalamus c) potato d) thalus
8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**Hydrophobia**"
- a) fear of fishes b) fear of hyperactive
- c) fear of water d) fear of hydra
9. Choose the correct idiom for the word that is underlined: at the eleventh hour
- a) first moment b) middle moment c) latest moment d) last moment
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
- I took my **viva voce** in February, 2018.
- a) written examination b) Aural oral examination
- c) Spoken examination d) important examination
11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**shoe**"
- a) lay b) lake c) lace d) lack
12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "**argue**"
- a) pro- b) cantra - c) counter - d) bi -
13. Choose the expanded form of "**BHEL**"
- a) Bharat Heavy Electicals Language b) Bharat Heavy Educational Limited
- c) Bharat High Electicals Limited d) Bharat Heavy Electicals Limited1
14. One who cooks is called _____
- a) cooker b) cooking c) cooked d) cook

SET-16

SECTION- A (VOCABULARY)

I) A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. 3 x1= 3

1. We were **confined** to the sports arena.

a) bound b) open c) free d) loosened

Ans : a) bound

2. I am always **reluctant** to trust a departing visitor to post an important letter.

a) ready b) unwilling c) eager d) anxious

Ans : b) unwilling

3. 'I always have **catastrophes**, when I travel'.

a) disaster b) fortune c) prosperity d) success

Ans : a) disaster

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite

4. My grandmother accepted her **seclusion** with resignation. **Ans : b) companionship**

a) isolation b) companionship c) retirement d) retreat

5. You may find self-seekers **enthroned** and the patient worker decried.

a) adorned b) elevated c) **dethroned** d) glorified

6. A fourth was **torpedoed** in the war. a) **saved** b) destroyed c) attacked d) damaged

7. Choose the correct prefix for the word "**approve**" a) mis b) **dis** c) in d) im

8. Choose the right definition for the given term "**feminism**". **Ans : a)**

a) a doctrine that advocates equal rights for women b) a doctrine that advocates equal rights for all

c) a doctrine that advocates women's welfare. d) a doctrine by women writers

9. Choose the meaning of the idiom "**hit the road**" **Ans : a) set out on a journey**

a) set out on a journey b) block a path c) damage a road d) forget a journey

10. Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate phrasal verb.

Come what may, I will _____ you.

a) stand up b) stand for c) **stand by** d) stand in

11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**mark**"

a) table b) post c) **sheet** d) pen

12. Choose the expanded form of "**GPS**".

a) **Global Positioning System** b) Geometric Positioning System

c) Global Placing System d) Geometric Placing Service

13. Choose the correct syllabification of the word '**spectator**'.

a) spect-a-tor b) spe-cta-tor c) **spec-ta-tor** d) sp-ec-ta-tor

14. Choose the meaning of the foreign word "**resume**".

a) **summary** b) translation c) paragraph d) report

SET-17

SECTION- A (VOCABULARY)

1. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, **puckered** face

a) graceful b) fresh c) smoothed d) **wrinkled**

2. It is the **efficiency** rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder.
a) irritation b) inability c) inferiority d) **ability**
3. we have to re-call the struggles of the past and realize the **perils** and possibilities...
a) safeties b) **dangers** c) securities d) certainty
- B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite .**
4. The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is **compulsory** for all players.
a) required b) **obligatory** c) voluntary d) compulsion
5. The staff looked so **prosperous** and unsympathetic.
a) rich b) wealthy c) **poor** d) luxurious
6. It was at this point that my wife looked at me with an expression of wonder – not anger or **exasperation**.
a) **irritation** b) calmness c) vexation d) annoyance
7. Choose the clipped form of **“Demonstration”**
a) Demon b) Monster c) **Demo** d) Station
8. Choose the right definition for the given term **“Ornithologist”**.
a) **one who studies diseases** b) one who studies insects
c) one who studies earthquake d) one who studies birds
9. Choose the meaning of the idiom **“Back to the wall”**
a) **In serious difficulty** b) abandoning one who is in difficulty
c) try any method to overcome a crisis d) sign of something going wrong
- 10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence:**
Talking business at dinner is a **“faux pas”** in France.
a) genuine b) **social blunder** c) summary d) secret session
- 11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with “toll”**
a) **Plaza** b) late c) proof d) wheel
- 12. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word “audible”**
a) **in** b) re c) un d) de
- 13. Choose the expanded form of “GST”**
a) Goods and Service Trade b) Goods and Savings Term
c) **Goods and Service Tax** d) Good Social Tax
- 14. Choose the correct syllabification of the word ‘education’**
a) edu-ca-tion b) **educ-a-tion** c) e-du-ca-tion d) ed-uc-at-ion

TWO SETS- SECTION - B (POETRY & PROSE)

II) A) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three (3) of the following in a sentence.

15. *If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature’s holy plan.*

a) What is the figure of speech implied in this line?

Anaphora

b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?

The poet calls it 'holy' because Nature is God's work from heaven.

16. *For he's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity.*

a) Identify the poem and the poet.

Poem: Macavity, the mysterious cat

Poet : T.S.Eliot

b) Explain the phrase 'monster of depravity'.

Macavity is an evil monster of all devilish qualities.

17. *"A life that knows no kneeling and bending
We are proud and feel so tall"*

a) What kind of a life, does the poet talk about?

The poet talks about a life which is not known how to kneel and bend.

b) Pick out the alliterated words.

Knows, no, kneeling

18. *"And nothing can we call our own but death
And that small model of the barren earth"*

a) Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

Death and earth

b) What is the small model of the barren earth?

Human body is the small model of the barren earth.

SET-2

15. *'I have learned to wear many faces like dresses' –*

a) State the figure of speech in the above line.

Simile

b) Who does the term 'I' refer to ?

'I' refers to the poet Gabriel Okara.

16. *'The budding twigs spread out their fan
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.'*

a) Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines.

Fan, can ; air , there.

b) Describe the activity of the twigs.

The twigs spread the air.

17. *'He's outwardly respectable (They say he cheats at cards)
And his footprints are not found in any file of Scotland Yard's*

a) Identify the poem and the poet.

Name of the poem: Macavity, the Mystery cat

Name of the poet : T.S. Eliot

b) Whose footprints are not found in any file of Scotland Yard's?

Macavity's footprints are not found in any file of Scotland Yard's.

18. *'... - for within the hollow crown
That rounds the mortal temples of a king
Keeps Death his court, and there the antic sits,*

a) Where is the hollow crown placed?

The hollow crown is placed around the temples of a king.

RESPONDING TO THE ADVERTISEMENT (BIO - DATA / RESUME)

44. Read the following advertisement and respond to it with a resume/bio-data/CV considering yourself

fulfilling the conditions specified:

[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]

From, 31st Oct 2018

R. Rajkumar,
Door No.34, V.O.C. Street,
Karuppayurani, Madurai 625 020.

To

The Advertiser,
Post Box No.1998,
C/o The Hindu,
Chennai – 02.

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Application for the post of English Teacher – Reg.

Ref: Your Advt in “The Hindu” dt 29th Oct 2018.

With reference to the above advt, I wish to apply for the same as a candidate. I enclose herewith my detail ed

resume for your kind perusal. If I am selected for the above post in your esteemed institution, I shall prove myself

my teaching efficiency and sincerity in the task assigned to me.

I thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Encl: Resume R. Rajkumar

WRITING CONVERSATION (Type –)

42. Write a dialogue between a passenger and ticket examiner with minimum of four exchanges.

Ticket Examiner : Show me your ticket please

Passenger : Sorry sir, My ticket is lost.

Ticket Examiner : You seem to be educated.

Passenger : Yes sir. But someone picked my pocket.

Ticket Examiner : Don't tell lies.

Passenger : No sir. Believe me.

Ticket Examiner : Ok. But you have to pay the fine.

Passenger : OK sir, I will.

Frame a dialogue with at least four utterances between a bus conductor and a passenger who does not have change for the bus – fare.

Bus Conductor : Excuse me sir, Where do you want to go?

Passenger : I want to go to Trichy sir.

Bus Conductor : How many tickets?

Passenger : Three tickets.

Bus Conductor : Give me Rs. 360/-

Passenger : Here is Rs. 2000/-

Bus Conductor : I don't have change. Give me exact fare.

Passenger : No problem. I will get from you when I get down.

III) A) Answer any seven of the following: 7 X 2 = 14

27) Report the following dialogue :

Taj : Where are you going now?

Harsha : I am going to the library. Are you coming with me ?

Ans : Taj asked Harsha where he was going then. Harsha replied that she was going to the library and asked if she (Taj) was coming with her. (Harsha)

28) Change into passive voice of the following sentence:

Vani wrote a letter to the editor . She posted it yesterday.

Ans : A letter was written to the editor by Vani and it was posted by her yesterday.

27. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense forms of the verbs given in brackets:

I _____ (call) for an interview and _____ (make) to sit in a large waiting room.

Ans : had called, made

28. The stranger said to the boy,“ Where do you live?”. **(Rewrite using reported speech)**

Ans: The stranger asked the boy where he lived.

29. The dog did not bark. We were not aware of the stranger’s entry. **(Combine using ‘ If’)**

If the dog had not barked, we would not have been aware of the stranger’s entry.

30. There has been an accident. Buses are being diverted. (Combine into a compound sentence)

There has been an accident and so buses are being diverted.

37. Correct the errors in the following sentences:

a) **Do not discuss about your problems here.**

Ans : Do not discuss your problems here.

b) **Many a question remain unanswered.**

Ans : Many a questions remains unanswered.

c) **Siva is a clever boy, is he?**

Ans : Siva is a clever boy, isn’t he?

d) **Answer all questions, without omitting each.**

Ans : Answer all questions without omitting any.

2mark question

1. Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
2. What is a tight corner? What happens when one finds oneself in a tight corner?
3. When does human memory work with less than its usual capacity?
4. Why did Mary Kom call herself ‘lucky’?
5. What is the difference between a physical and a mental tight corner?
6. What happened to Bryson when he leaned to tie his shoelace?

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