

**Standard 12****ENGLISH****PART - I**

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

I. Answer all the questions.**20x1=20**

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.

- 1) We thought that our uncle was the stingiest person in the village
a) generous b) extravagant c) liberal d) thrifty
- 2) The trolley was seized by an intrepid crew of two
a) daring b) coward c) frighten d) fearful
- 3) The author imagined that their destination would be some humble dwelling
a) hut b) palace c) residence d) area

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.

- 4) A reasonable consideration for the rights or feelings of others is the foundation of social conduct.
a) neglect b) scrutiny c) review d) analysis
- 5) The snow was dangerous but they persisted in their efforts.
a) persevere b) ceased c) continued d) endured
- 6) Not that flat, shallow type
a) narrow b) wide c) deep d) direct
- 7) **Which word can be placed before word to form a compound word**
a) cross b) bad c) good d) mute
- 8) **Choose the correct expansion of ASIS**
a) Asian Secret Intelligence Service b) Australian Secret Intelligence Service
c) Aviation Service Intellectual Section d) Analysis Secure Intelligence Service
- 9) **Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to dominate**
a) il b) re c) pre d) mis
- 10) **Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun**
This is the town I spent my childhood.
a) which b) who c) whom d) where
- 11) **Add questions tag**
Sakthi was in a great dilemma at that time,?
a) didn't she? b) did she? c) Wasn't she? d) Isn't she?
- 12) **Choose the right definition of the term theophobia**
a) fear of light b) fear of God c) fear of devil d) fear of rain
- 13) **Choose the trisyllabic word**
a) initial b) property c) enthusiastic d) command
- 14) **Choose the blended form of breathalyzer**
a) bread + analyzer b) breathing + analyzer
c) breadth + analyze d) breath + analyzer
- 15) **Choose the correct plural form of 'curriculum'**
a) curricula b) curriculums c) curriculum d) curriculae
- 16) **Choose the correct phrasal verb for the underlined word**
Can you understand what she is talking about?
a) make for b) make in c) make out d) make up
- 17) **Choose the correct British English word for program**
a) programe b) Program c) Programm d) Programme
- 18) **Choose the correct linker**
..... my father arrived home, I narrated the incident.
a) As soon as b) Berides c) If d) Although
- 19) **Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.**
a) awfully b) awefully c) awefully d) awfully
- 20) **Choose the correct sentence pattern**
We are meeting on sunday
a) SVOC b) SVC c) SVA d) SVO

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Part - II
SECTION - 1

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow: **4x2=8**

- 21) **A film the mother eagle's eyes**
When her bruised eaglet breathes
 - a) Who is the mother eagle here?
 - b) Mention the alliterated words in the second line
- 22) **A creeper climbs in whose embraces bound**
No other tree could live
 - a) Which tree is referred to in the above line
 - b) What quality of the tree is highlighted here.
- 23) **We could do nothing, being sold**
 - a) Why couldn't they do anything?
 - b) Why did they feel helpless?
- 24) **They have their exits and their entrances**
And one man in his time plays many parts
 - a) Who is the poet of the above lines?
 - b) What does the poet mean by exits and entrances?
- 25) **Let him have lazy days seeking his deeper motives**
Let him seek deep for where he is born natural
 - a) Why does the poet advise his son to have lazy days?
 - b) Mention the poetic device used in the above lines
- 26) **It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,**
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew
 - a) Which place would they travel to?
 - b) Whom would they meet with in the course of their Voyage?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed (Any three)

3x2=6

- 27) **Report the following dialogue:**
Teacher : Rekha, why were you absent yesterday?
Rekha : I went to my grandmother's house
Teacher : Complete the assignment I have given
- 28) If I had seen Prabhu at the bus stop, I would have told him to wait.
(Begin the sentence with had)
- 29) Look at the room. You will find a new box. **(combine the sentences using 'if')**
- 30) They unanimously named Gowtham the captain of the team. **(Change into Passive Voice)**

PART - III
SECTION - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:

2x3=6

- 31) As if to balance the prone brow *our casurana*
- 32) What is that dirge-like murmur that I hear *our*
- 33) The long day wanes: the slow moon climbs *stage*

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each: **2x3=6**

- 34) Why was the original zest fading away?
- 35) Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking to in the cubicle.
- 36) What does the 'rule of the road' mean?

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SECTION - C

Answer any three of the following:

3x3=9

37) Write three sentences about the data given :

Place	Max.Temp (c)	Min.Temp (c)	Rainfall (mm)
Chennai	35	26	0
Coimbatore	33	22	3
Trichy	35	25	0
Madurai	30	27	4
Vellore	32	24	0

38) Frame meaningful sentences:

- a) Life²/from³ God/precious gift⁴/is² a²/to⁴ us
- b) Change³/truth⁴ of³/is³/existence²/the basic¹
- c) The clever³/right opportunity⁴/their enemy⁵/for³ the⁴/to¹ strike⁵/will wait⁶

39) Write a dialogue of atleast 6 utterances between a customer and a Bank Manager

40) Describe the process of installing a computer in your study room.

PART - IV

Answer the following :

7x5=35

41) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in 'A Nice Cup of Tea'

(OR)

- b) Give an account of the preparations made by Hillary and Tenzing before they set off to the summit.

42) a) How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?

(OR)

- b) What is the role of the young soldier in the victory of the French at Ratisbon?

43) Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words

- a) Pi-stranded - Pacific - life boat - shocked to find Richard Parker - No food - no water - exploring - close to Richard Parker - succeeded - after drinking the elixir of life - reunite with his family

(OR)

- b) Lord weston - Roger's request - discovers a piece of paper - "Remember Caesar" - Plot to kill - victim of fair judgement - takes precautionary measures - shuts doors and windows - reminder message a gardener - absent mindedness.

44) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage

Women education is very important for the proper social and economic growth of the country. Both men and women are like two sides of the coin and run equally like two wheels of the society. Hence both are important elements for the growth and development of the country. If anyone is neglected social progress is not possible. The female education in India is highly necessary for the future of the country as women are the first teachers of their children, the future of the nation. It would lead towards a socially and economically healthy nation. By educating a man, only a man be educated but by educating a woman, a whole country can be educated. Lack of women education weakens the society. India is now a leading country in the field of women education, History of India is replete with women philosophers like Gargi, Vishwabara, and other famous women like Mirabai, Laxmibai etc. All the famous historical women in India are inspiration for the women of this age. We should never forget their contributions to the society and country.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on "The Importance of Reading".

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- 45) a) Respond to the following advertisement with Bio-data (Write xxx for your name and yyy for address)

Wanted
 Personal Assistant
 Graduate with fluency in English
 with computer knowledge
 Apply to: The Manager,
 NM Infor Tech,
 Chennai - 600 006

(OR)

- b) Your friend is in hospital, undergoing treatment for a fractured leg. Write a letter of consolation, assuring him/her that he/she will get well soon.
- 46) a) **Spot the errors and write the sentences correctly**
- i) Neither the money or the jewels were recovered
 - ii) They are going to Himalayas
 - iii) I told him I can come
 - iv) He has two sister - in - laws
 - v) This is the most least mark I have ever scored.

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks:**

- i) I can't the heat if I walk on foot. (*bare/bear*)
- ii) You feel sorry for what you have done. (*use a semi-modal verb*)
- iii) If I (*meet*) your brother, I would have informed him. (*use the correct form of the verb*)
- iv) (*shop*) is my favourite hobby: (*use the gerundial form of the verb in the bracket*)

- 47) a) **Develop the hints into a story of about 150 words**

Manager of a firm - advertised - night watchman - applicants interviewed - not satisfied - Raghu - sat in a corner - his turn came - manager questioned - about his health - suffering from sleeplessness - manager felt happy - appointed Raghu

(OR)

- b) **Read the poetic lines carefully and answer the following questions.**

I wanted to be Shakespeare,
 But was poor at writing plays,
 I wanted to be Jane Austen,
 But didn't know to spin stories
 I wanted to be Columbus,
 But I did not like to travel
 I wanted to be Gandhiji,
 But didn't have the patience
 I finally wanted to be myself
 and I'm so good at it.

Questions.

1. Why could not the author become a Shakespeare?
 2. Did the writer know to write stories?
 3. What should one have to become like Gandhiji?
 4. When can a person become good?
 5. Give a suitable title to the poem.
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