



Standard 12
ENGLISH
PART - I

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

Answer all the questions:

20x1=20

Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given

- 1) And verysoon this trolley was commandeered by an interpid crew of two a drive and a mechanic
 a) Postponed b) Ignored c) hijacked d) celebrated
- 2) Tenzing kicked steps in a long traverse back towards the ridge, and we reached its crest
 a) Cross b) Build c) Delay d) Collect
- 3) In some countries teapots are fitted with little dangling under the spout
 a) gazing b) glaring c) shining d) hanging

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

- 4) I could scarcely believe my eyes
 a) sufficiently b) barely c) hardly d) narrowly
- 5) The anticipation of this imagined seperation only increases their fondness
 a) expectancy b) contemplation c) outlook d) ignorance
- 6) The end of such liberty would be universal chaos
 a) normalcy b) confusion c) orderly d) dozy
- 7) **Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence**
 I told him he would have "to make good"
 a) to compesate for a wrong doing
 b) to protect oneself from difficulty
 c) to manage one's expenses within one's income
 d) to be good

8) **Which of the sentences is of the pattern SVOA**

- a) We should encourage sports persons
- b) I ate an apple yesterday
- c) The pot called the kettle black
- d) Your words make me proud

9) **Choose the correct British word for 'program'**

- a) programe b) programm c) program d) programme

10) **Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the underlined word.**

Roja is treated the elders with 'respect'

- a) un b) ir c) in d) dis

11) **Choose the meaning of the foreign word 'in toto'**

- a) totally/completely b) partially
- c) Partly d) unexpected

12) **Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative. (Euphemism)**

Slow learners are to be taught with more care and attention

- a) bright b) unwilling learner c) hyper active d) slow bloomers

13) **Choose the tri syllabic word**

- a) vanish b) crusader
- c) efficacy d) characterisation

14) **Replace the underlined word with a suitable Phrasal verb**

The meeting was 'postponed'

- a) put off b) put forward c) put up with d) put out

15) **Choose the correct expansion of the acronym GST**

- a) Goods And Service Trade b) Goods And Servings Term
- c) Goods And Service Tax d) Goods Social Tax

16) **Choose the unclipped word for "teen"**

- a) teendom b) teenager c) teeny d) teenhood

- 17) Choose the correct combination of the compound word **Over+step**
 a) noun + verb b) preposition + adverb
 c) adverb + noun d) adverb + verb
- 18) Choose the correct combination for the blended word for 'agronomy'
 a) agri+economy b) agro+economics
 c) agriculture + economy d) agriculture + economics
- 19) Add suitable question tag to the following statement
 Students should be allowed to use the library every day
 a) should they b) Isn't it c) Shouldn't they d) won't they
- 20) Choose the plural form of 'Curriculum'
 a) curriculums b) curriculames c) curricula d) curriculae

PART - II

Section - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following: 4x2=8

- 21) "You're wounded!" 'Nay', his soldier's pride
 Touched to the quick, he said:
 a) Why did the boy contradict Napoleon's words?
 b) Why was his pride touched?
- 22) "Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong
 and the final decisions are made in silent rooms"
 a) Can being in solitude help a strong human beings? How?
 b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line
- 23) "One equal temper of heroic hearts,
 Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
 To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield".
 a) Though made weak by time and fate, the hearts are heroic. Explain
 b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines
- 24) "Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail
 Unwillingly to school"
 a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
 b) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?
- 25) "Up to its very summit near the stars,
 A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound"
 a) What is compared to python?
 b) Mention the figure of speech mentioned in this line
- 26) "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
 So smooth and high, no man could win"
 a) How safe was the castle?
 b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

Section - 2

Do as directed (any three)

3x2=6

- 27) Change the following into indirect speech
Mother : Have you done your home work my son?
Son : Yes ma, Shall i watch TV for sometimes
- 28) Teaching is nobler than any other profession (*change into positive degree*)
- 29) They unanimously named Ravi the captain of team. (*Change into passive*)
- 30) Rewrite the sentence using 'if'
 You waste water. You will suffer

Part - III

Section - 1

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

2x3=6

- 31) "I will maintain until my death"
- 32) "Is second childishness and mere oblivion;
 Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."
- 33) "To see your flag -- bird flap his vans
 Where I, to heart's desire"
 Perched him

Section - 2

2x3=6

- 34) Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking to in the cubicle
 35) What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?
 36) What was the grandmother's suggestion of wood? Why?

Section - 3

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following questions:

- 37) **Complete the proverbs. Choose the right word from the list.**

Here are three proverb questions with blanks and four options each

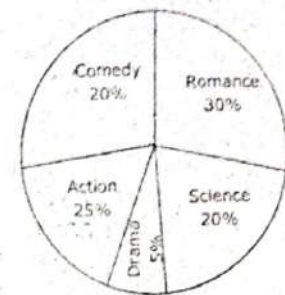
- I) A in time save nine
 a) stitch b) switch c) strike d) step
- II) Don't count your before they hatch
 a) coins b) chickens c) dreams d) hopes
- III) Where there is a will, there is a
 a) wall b) way c) walk d) wave
- 38) Write a dialogue between a father and his son regarding Higher studies. Write three exchanges
Father : What marks have you got?
Son : I have got 95% Dad.

- 39) Describe the process of organising a birthday party in your house

- 40) **Study the pie-chart and answer the following questions that follow.**

Favourite type of movie

- a) What are the two types of movies liked by equal percentage of people?
 b) Which type of movie is preferred by most number of people?
 c) Which type is least enjoyed and favoured?



Part - IV

7x5=35

Answer the following:

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

- a) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'

(OR)

- b) How did Hillary and Tenzing prepare themselves before they set off to the summit?

- 42) a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the casuarina tree

(OR)

- b) Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life

- 43) a) 35-year bond - Baldwin and Gresham - Baldwin's loyalty - court - Gresham's misappropriation - emptying - bribe - dollars - Family urging protect - friend - Baldwin's refusal - Gresham - Baldwin's - unshakable honesty - confession and surrender - by truthfulness

(OR)

- b) Ausable - secret agent - intruder Max - hotel room - report - quick wit - clever plan - invented balcony - police arrival lie - knock at door - Max panics - jumps out window - no balcony - fall to death - calm Ausable - intelligence over force.

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

Moral courage is of the mind, while physical courage is of the body; but mind and body are so closely connected that I think it is impossible to separate the one sort of courage from the other. In many instances of human daring, moral courage combined with physical to a resolute endurance of physical suffering becomes added to a consciousness of duty. But while physical courage in a human being implies at the least, the moral courage implies much more. This moral courage is the courage which braces us always to do our duty. This is the noblest form of courage and yet it is the courage most commonly required. It is the courage which everyday, almost every hour demands of us.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words. 'The value of discipline'.
 45) a) Write an application for the post of Personal Secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following details. Educational qualification, experience, various other qualifications required for the post

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your relative or friend who is admitted in hospital for treatment of jaundice. Advise him/her not to worry about the illness and be positive. Assure him/her of your psychological and financial help during the crisis.
 46) a) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.**
 i) We bought some furnitures
 ii) You, who in my friend, should help me.
 iii) I am not understanding the problem
 iv) Cauvery flows through Trichy
 v) I sat besides my sister.

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**
 a) This is to inform you that all the members Ram your proposal, (accept/except)
 b) Evangelwne (quit) her job a couple of years ago. (Use the given verb in suitable form)
 c) You to submit your assignment on time (use a semi modal)
 d) Ravana house we live in, is an engineer. (Use a relative pronoun)
 47) a) **Expand the following outlines into complete stories and supply a suitable title.**
 Mr. X, a rich businessman - runs a company - always very busy with office work - one day his son - 10 years old - approaches dad and asks - how much he earns in one hour - father - gets furious - boy persuades - father says Rs.500 - immediately son asks for Rs.300 - father shouts - wasting money on toys - son leaves to his room crying - father feels bad - thinks might need some stationery - enters boy's room and gives money - boy becomes happy - takes some crumpled notes - under his pillow - counts everything together - total Rs.500 - gives it to dad - wants to buy - one hour of his time - father realizes his mistake - feels sorry and guilty - hugs son - closes all office files - takes him on a picnic - decides to spend more time with near and dear ones.

(OR)

- b) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

Knowledge of English is important as we can get to know how to frame sentences, how to use words in dialogues while speaking to others. As every word has a particular context where it fits right, using words in such a manner in English is an art that can only be mastered by practice. And with such command, we can easily communicate with others on any level. Mostly, listening and speaking improves our command on English language. Daily listening to English speakers and trying speaking in English, helps you to know how to use the languages, where to use each word and when to use it in a correct manner. Concentration on learning English communication skills in this new millennium, is a tremendous move towards speaking and writing fluently in English. Also, our way of pronunciation of different words will be improved if we learn good communication. We can make conversation, practice dialogues, give high-quality presentations if we learn English communication language skills. Communicating with people in English on a daily basis also improves our pitch & voice/tone of our speech how to speak in a correct form & for correct usage.

Questions

- a) Why is knowledge of English important?
 b) Which skills of English improves your command over the language?
 c) How can you improve your language usage?
 d) What are the skills discussed in the above passage?
 e) Suggest some ways to improve your pitch and voice.

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