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Language — Part II — English

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours] [Maximum Marks : 90

Instructions : (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

(2) Use **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

Note : (i) Answer **all** the questions. **20x1=20**

(ii) Choose the **most appropriate** answer from the given **four** alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

1. We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened we went over.

(a) reduced (b) improved (c) loosened (d) ended

2. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy .

(a) welfare (b) anxiety (c) lawlessness (d) deprivation

3. He was a walking horror, with a disfigured face and long flap of skin hanging from the side of his neck to his body.

(a) majestic (b) marred (c) dismantled (d) diseased

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

4. In those days, they didn't have sophisticated heart surgery.

(a) artificial (b) painful (c) primitive (d) modern

5. Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy .

(a) pretty (b) weak (c) fashionable (d) strong

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6. We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ..... conventional or odd.

(a) unconventional (b) inefficient
(c) insufficient (d) unbiased

7. Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.

The examinations are round the corner.

(a) not to be avoided (b) not in the near future
(c) very near (d) to be postponed

8. Replace the underlined word with a polite form of expression.

Slow learners are to be taught with more care and attention.

(a) bright (b) unwilling learners
(c) hyper active (d) slow bloomers

9. Choose the word that can be placed before the word "drive" to form a compound word.

(a) pen (b) roll (c) rash (d) dash

10. Choose the correct British English equivalent for the American English word "Vacation".

(a) Weekend (b) Holiday (c) Tour (d) Leave

11. Fill in the blank with the most suitable prepositional phrase.

_____ rain, take an umbrella.

(a) In favour of (b) In case of (c) On behalf of (d) In spite of

12. Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.

_____ you book in advance, you cannot witness the show.

(a) Unless (b) If (c) Although (d) Otherwise

13. Choose the correct word from the options given below and complete the sentence.

It was a memorable _____.

(a) accident (b) incidence (c) resident (d) incident

14. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.

The fire was extinguished.

(a) put up (b) put in (c) put out (d) put off

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15. Choose the word with the correct spelling.
(a) dysentery (b) seperate (c) secretery (d) foriegn

16. Identify the correct combination of the word 'haircut'.
(a) Noun+Adjective (b) Noun+Verb
(c) Noun+Adverb (d) Noun+Noun

17. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the underlined word and complete the sentence.

The soil lost its _____ (fertile) due to excessive sprinkling of pesticides.

(a) -ity (b) -ness (c) -able (d) -ment

18. Choose the best option that is the expansion of the abbreviation TNPSC.
(a) Tamilnadu Public Service Commission
(b) Tamilnadu National People Service Commission
(c) Tamilnadu Pupil Service Commission
(d) Tamilnadu Public Science Council

19. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Don't commit this mistake again, _____ ?
(a) do you (b) will you (c) would you (d) won't you

20. Which of the following sentences is of the pattern SVOA ?
(a) We should encourage sportspersons.
(b) I ate an apple yesterday.
(c) The pot called the kettle black.
(d) Your words make me proud.

PART - II

SECTION - 1

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

21. "LIKE a huge Python, winding round and round
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars".
(a) What is winding round and round ?
(b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.

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22. 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) Who are referred to heroic hearts ?
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.

23. 'He will be lonely enough
to have time for the work
he knows as his own'.
(a) Who does the word 'He' refer to ?
(b) How does loneliness help the person ?

24. All the world's a stage
(a) What is the world compared with ?
(b) Identify the figure of speech.

25. 'O sweet companions, loved with love intense,
For your sakes, shall the tree be ever dear.
(a) Why shall the tree remain ever dear ?
(b) What are the alliterated words in the first line ?

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. **3x2=6**
Answer **any three** questions.

27. Reena said, "I am learning French". (Change into Indirect speech.)

28. My request was acceded to by the authorities. (Change the Voice.)

29. I met a man at the party. He is the Chairman of a computer firm. (Combine into a single sentence.)

30. Unless we plant more trees, we cannot save our planet. (Rewrite using 'If' without changing the meaning.)

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PART - III

SECTION - 1

Explain **any two** of the following with reference to the context. **2x3=6**

31. 'Without rich wanting nothing arrives'.

32. 'This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle'

33. 'Mayst thou be numbered when my days are done
With deathless trees - like those in Borrowdale'

SECTION - 2

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

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys ?

35. What happened to the visitor when he sat on the stool, at the narrator's house ?

36. Define 'liberty' as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.

SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following. **3x3=9**

37. Complete the proverbs.
Choosing the right word from the list :

(a) Variety is the _____ of life.
(i) source (ii) spice (iii) need

(b) Every dog has its _____.
(i) bone (ii) meat (iii) day

(c) Time and _____ wait for none.
(i) ride (ii) side (iii) tide

38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.

(a) delayed/denied/justice/is/justice

(b) spoil/and/rod/spare/the/child/the

(c) time/a/nine/stitch/saves/in

39. Describe the process of making a glass of lemonade.

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40. The following table contains information on the types of English and Tamil books borrowed from a lending library. Study the table and answer the questions based on it.

Types of Books Lent	English	Tamil
Plays	500	600
Historical Novels	625	641
Social Novels	612	816

(a) How many English books have been lent totally ?

(b) Social novels are read the most in English and Tamil. Is this statement 'True' or 'False' ?

(c) On the whole, which type of books is read least ?

PART - IV

Answer the following. **7x5=35**

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

(a) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

OR

(b) Describe the situation in the narrator's household before and after the chair was bought.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about **150** words.

(a) What are the poet's reminiscences of the casuarina tree ?

OR

(b) What is the father's advice to his son when he is on the threshold of manhood ?

43. (a) Answer the following in a paragraph of about **150** words, by developing the hints.

Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - young merchant - sets out to fair - against wife's warning - stays in an inn - next morning sets off - gets arrested - supposed to have killed the merchant - is sent to Siberia - spends the time reading and praying - gains respect - Makar Semyonich - comes there - seems to know Aksionov - his behaviour makes Aksionov suspect - finally learns that Makar had murdered - the merchant - Aksionov forgives Makar - orders of release arrive - Aksionov is dead.

OR

(b) Children in Venus - long for the sun - Margot exception - seen sun five years ago - has come from the Earth - other children - seven years ago - cannot recall the sun - all await excitedly - sun is predicted - to come out that day - they seize Margot - Lock her up in the closet - run out - enjoy sunshine - an hour - drops of rain - dismayed - taken inside - starts raining heavily again - remember Margot - open the closet - let her out.

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44. Make summary of the following passage.

(a) One of the key factors which sustain the pace of modern life style is Telecommunication. It plays a very vital role in the commercial, industrial and economic activities of mankind and has helped to shrink the world into a global village.

Exchange of information, data and facts and figures, including live pictures from one part of the world to any other part is now routinely possible. Telegraph was the earliest means of communication between two points separated by distance. In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell discovered the telephone which made possible the transmission of human voice over long distances. In both telegraph and telephone, the transmitting and receiving points have to be connected by metal wires through which electrical signals travel in the form of current variations. The discovery of wireless at the turn of the century by Marconi was a revolution in the history of communication technology.

It is no longer necessary to connect the transmitter and the receiver by wires. Instead electromagnetic waves, the existence of which was predicted by Maxwell in 1873, could be used to carry information and messages from one point to another. The advent of artificial satellites has marked a new age in the history of global communication.

OR

(b) Write a paragraph on the 'Value of Time'.

45. (a) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on having been selected for the Semi-Finals of a state - level hockey tournament.

OR

(b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the menace caused by rash driving of bike and car racers in the city.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

(i) One of my sister is rich.

(ii) Rahim was senior than Abdul in college.

(iii) Speakers after speaker came on the stage.

(iv) You can also considers paramedical careers.

(v) She bought an useful gadget.

OR

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

(i) They _____ to _____ more money. (earn/yearn)

(ii) I _____ like to meet you in person and discuss the matter.
(Fill in the blank with a modal verb)

(iii) Hurry up! The movie _____ (already begin).
(Fill in the blank with the right tense form)

(iv) The boy _____ got the first prize is my brother.
(Use an appropriate relative pronoun)

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47. (a) Develop the hints into a story of **150** words.

A traveller reaches an inn - the door locked - knocks - "Key is Lost", says the innkeeper - the traveller slips a silver coin - innkeeper happy - opens the door - keeps the coin with him - asks the keeper to bring in his luggage - locks the door - innkeeper shouts - the traveller says - "I have Lost the Key" - the innkeeper returns the coin - traveller lets him in - 'tit for tat'.

OR

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

The word Photography is derived from two Greek words which together mean 'to draw by light'. Producing a photograph is simply obtaining the image of an object by the action of light on a prepared sensitive surface. Taking a photograph with a modern camera is a comparatively simple process compared with that which produced some of the early photographs, still to be seen, for instance, in family albums. The early camera was large and cumbersome to handle, and, when assembled in position, had to be carefully focussed on the object - a lengthy operation. Later on, with focussing scales on cameras (and built-in range finders on the more expensive models), the setting occupied only a few seconds. With the early hand - operated cameras the exposure was made by removing a lens cover, and counting the length of the exposure in seconds. There was also the tedious task of loading and of preparing a sensitive glass for which the photographer had to carry with him a portable dark room or a large plate changing box. Now the same operation consists simply of breaking the seal on a carton and loading, in daylight, a roll of film, which provides sufficient and light sensitive material for eight to thirty six exposures according to the type of camera used.

(i) Trace the origin and meaning of the word 'photography.'

(ii) What were the difficulties faced by people operating the camera in early days ?

(iii) How was the exposure made in the early hand-operated cameras ?

(iv) Why did the photographer of earlier days carry a portable dark room with him ?

(v) How is the light - sensitive material obtained in modern days ?

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