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Mid-Term Exam Question Paper

2024



Class : 12

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FIRST MID TERM TEST - 2024

Time Allowed : 1.30 Hours

ENGLISH

Max. Marks : 50

PART - I

I. **Answer all the questions:** 13X1=13

Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the words in the following sentences:

1. They brought her here, ***persuaded*** us to take her into the hospital.
   (a)Punished (b) Convinced (c) Supported (d) Provoked
2. There is not much ***stimulation*** in China tea.
   (a)sickly taste (b) harm (c) strength (d) excitement
3. One could see at a glance her ***resemblance*** to her brothers.
   (a)similarity (b) difference (c) unlikeness (d) rubble

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

4. They are ***sufficient*** to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
   (a)enough (b) suffocative (c) inadequate (d) submissive
5. Nicola was glaring at his young brother in ***vexation***.
   (a)worry (b) annoyance (c) conscience (d) calmness
6. There is also the ***mysterious*** social etiquette surrounding the teapot.
   (a)clear (b) incomprehensible (c) obscure (d) puzzling
7. **Form a new word by adding a suitable derivative to the word 'different'.**
   (a)un (b) in (c) dis (d) im
8. **Replace the underlined word with a suitable 'phrasal verb'.**
   Gokul always faints at the sight of blood.
   (a)pass off (b) pass through (c) pass out (d) pass on
9. **Fill in the blank with the suitable 'preposition'.**
   I saw a helicopter fly ---------- a lake.
   (a)below (b) among (c) between (d) over
10. **Choose the appropriate 'linker' and complete the sentence.**
    ---------- Ganga can drive, she travels by bus.
    (a)Although (b) But (c) If (d) When
11. **Filling the blank with 'tense'.**
    Mrs. Mageswari ---------- (teach) me Maths for four years.
    (a)teach (b) is teaching (c) teaches (d) was teaching
12. **Filling the blank with 'semi-modal'.**
    My grandfather ---------- visit this temple when he was young.
    (a)dare (b) ought (c) used (d) need
13. **Filling the blank with 'modal'**
    I ---------- not go out in the dark.
    (a)can (b) will (c) could (d) would

PART – II

SECTION - 1

II. **Answer any three of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.** 3x2=6

14. ***We could do nothing, being sold.***
    (a)Why couldn't they do anything? (b) Why did they feel helpless?
15. ***The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung***
    In crimson clusters all the boughs among,
    (a)Who is the giant here? (b) Identify the figure of speech used in the lines.
16. ***There was a little private gate,***
    A little wicked wicket gate.
    The wizened warder let them through.
    (a)Who had let the enemies in? (b) What does 'wicket gate' mean?

17. *What is that dirge - like murmur that I hear*
Like the sea breaking on a shingle - beach?
(a) Whom does 'I' refer to? (b) Find out the words in alliteration in the given lines.

SECTION - 2 **1x2=2**

III. Do as directed. Answer any one of the following questions.

18. Joseph and Mary said, "We will go shopping tomorrow." (Change into indirect speech)
19. Jayan told me that he was learning English. (Change into direct speech)

PART - III

SECTION - 1 **1x3=3**

IV. Explain any one of the following with reference to the context.

20. *Ah, I have heard that wail far, far away*
In distant lands, by many a sheltered bay,
21. *What could they offer us for bait?*
Our captain was brave and we were true...

SECTION - 2 **1x3=3**

V. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 30 words.

22. Why didn't the boys disclose their problem to the author?
23. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.

SECTION - 3 **1x3=3**

VI. Answer any one of the following.

24. Write about the preparation of making tea.
25. **Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.**
(a) A picture is worth a thousand ---------- i) lines ii) words iii) letters
(b) ---------- all, lose all. i) Covet ii) Count iii) Control
(c) Don't judge a book by its ---------- i) price ii) writer iii) cover

PART – IV

SECTION-1 **1x5=5**

VII. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

26. What was the driving force that made the boys do various jobs? **(OR)**
27. Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea". **1x5=5**

VIII. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

28. Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain. **(OR)**
29. How does nature communicate with the poet Toru Dutt in "Our Casuarina Tree"?

IX. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints. 1x5=5

30 (a) Pi – survived – shipwreck – life boat – got stranded in the Pacific – Bengal tiger – Richard Parker – on board – Pi searched for water – found stacks of cans – drinking water – elixir of life – gave him energy – managed to overcome fear – realized that alive – because of Parker – scared him earlier – brought peace – purpose – helped him survive for 227 days – left Parker in a jungle – reunited – family.

(OR)

(b) 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 – Makar had murdered – the merchant – Akisonov forgives Makar – orders of release arrive – Aksionov is dead.

SECTION-2

X. Letter Writing: **1x5=5**

31. (a) You had been to your Grandma's house during the summer holidays. You enjoyed your stay in her company. Write a letter to your Grandma stating how much you miss her after returning to your home.

(OR)

(b) You are the head of the English department in a renowned institution. You are invited to preside over the inauguration of the English Literary Club in your alma mater. Respond to your letter you have received either accepting the invitation or expressing your inability to attend the function.

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