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ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours] [Max. Marks : 100

PART - I SECTION - I

Answer all the questions 14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicized words.

1. The police ***yanked*** the doors.
   (a) broken (b) pulled (c) rushed (d) slammed
2. He was extremely ***jealous*** of me.
   (a) envious (b) proud (c) angry (d) superior
3. The members submit their ***cranky*** ideas.
   (a) common (b) silly (c) strange (d) complicated

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.

4. He failed to muster up ***courage*** to take that plunge which appeared to him so desperate.
   (a) eager (b) bold (c) brave (d) cowardice
5. They need ***auxiliary*** workers.
   (a) main (b) additional (c) talented (d) supportive
6. I saw a ***frail*** man with bald head sitting.
   (a) feared (b) abnormal (c) weak (d) healthy
7. Choose the correct plural form of *" diagnosis"* from the following.
   (a) diagnoses (b) diagnosises (c) diagnosis (d) diagnosus
8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word *"aware."*
   (a) - ment (b) – ness (c) – ous (d) – ly
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "JEE."
   (a) Jobs of Electronic Engineering (b) Joint Entrance Examination
   (c) Joint English Exam (d) Journal of European Events
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate Idiom given below.
    They were ..... about their journey to Ooty.
    (a) over the moon (b) on the ball (c) fish out of water (d) lend an ear
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word *'tooth'* to form a compound word.
    (a) blue (b) gear (c) doctor (d) new
12. Fill in the blank with the appropriate prepositional phrase given below.
    Global warming is _____ the green house emission.
    (a) an effect of (b) in spite of (c) in addition to (d) according to
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below
    His mother ..... as a software engineer in an MNC.
    (a) working (b) works (c) has worked (d) will work
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
    ..... you go earlier, you cannot fetch the water.
    (a) If (b) Unless (c) In case (d) since

PART – II SECTION – I

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two 3x2=6

15. How was the young seagull's first attempt to fly?
16. Where did the crew undergo their basic training?
17. Why did Aditya decide to visit his ancestral home?
18. What did M. Hamel say about the French language?

SECTION – II

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any three of the following 3x2=6

19. ***So let the way wind up the hill or down,***
    O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:
    (a) How is the way of life? (b) How should be the journey of life?
20. ***Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,***
    No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;
    (a) What does the poet expect everyone to learn?
    (b) What should we do when things go wrong sometimes?

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21. ***Away he set off to a miserly ant,***
To keep if, to keep him alive, he would grant
Him shelter from rain,
And a mouthful of grain.
(a) Whom did the cricket want to meet? Why? (b) What would keep him alive?

22. ***Their hands are ours, and in their lines, we read***
A labour not different from our own.
(a) Who does 'their' refer to? (b) What does the poet mean by 'lines we read'?

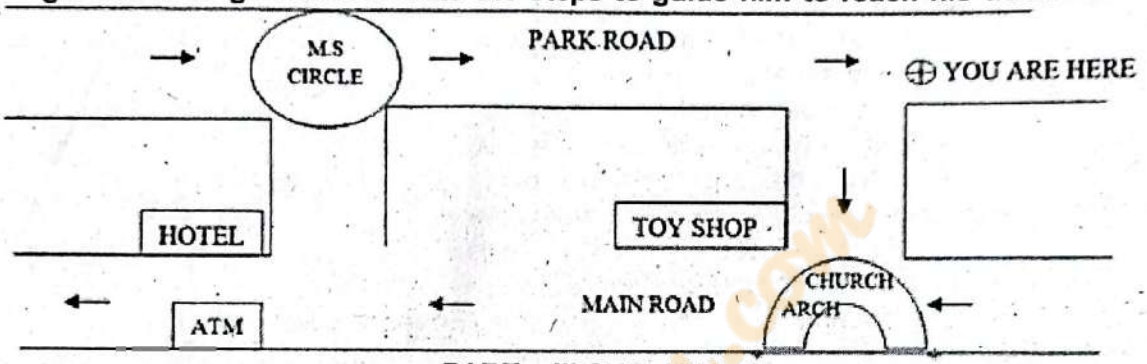
SECTION – III

Answer any three of the following **3x2=6**

23. **Rewrite the following sentence in Passive Voice.** He gave a watch for his birthday.
24. **Change into indirect speech.** The girl said to her, "I spent the holidays with my relatives."
25. **Punctuate the following sentence.** the teacher said to his students set alarm clock for five o clock
26. **Transform the following sentence into a complex sentence.**
Despite his old age, Raghav walked fast.
27. **Write a slogan for the following themes.** (a) Cyber safety (b) Child Labour

SECTION – IV

28. **A stranger wants to go tohotel. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.** **1x2=2**



PART – III SECTION – I

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph **2x5=10**

29. Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the house.
30. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.
31. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify
32. We appreciate the value of somethingonly when we are about to lose it.Explain this with reference to the French language and M.Hamel.

SECTION – II

Answer any two of the following **2x5=10**

33. From the poem 'The Grumble Family' what kind of behaviour does the poet want the readers to possess?
34. How do the machines explain that they were children of human brain?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.
She's a lioness; don't mess with her.
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.
Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.
She knows how to thaw you, saw you – so beware!
(a) Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines. (b) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
(c) Pick out the line that has a metaphor in it. (d) Pick out the alliterating words in the third line.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
I drive past the house almost every day.
The house seems to be a bit brighter
On this warm summer day in May.
It plays with your mind.
To me I say, it is one of a kind.

SECTION – III

Answer *any one* of the following **1x5=5**

37. **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**
(a) The director of the Earth Herald left thehall and sat down in a rolling armchair.

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(b) A careful lookout was beingkept for Francis Bennett to return for thedaily audience he gave to his petitioners.
(c) Francis Bennett went on into thereporters' room.
(d) Francis Bennett, very tired after a full day, decided to take a bathbefore going to bed.
(e) One of the EarthHerald's astronomers had just determinedthe elements of the new planet Gandini.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Having so said, Prospero gentlytouched his daughter with his magic wand,and she fell fast asleep; for the spirit Arieljust then presented himself before hismaster, to give an account of the tempest,and how he had disposed of the ship'scompany, and though the spirits werealways invisible to Miranda, Prospero didnot choose she should hear him holdingconversation (as would seem to her) withthe empty air."Well, my brave spirit," said Prosperoto Ariel, "how have you performed yourtask?"Ariel gave a lively description of thestorm, and of the terrors of the mariners;and how the king's son, Ferdinand, wasthe first who leaped into the sea; andhis father thought he saw his dear sonswallowed up by the waves and lost. "Buthe is safe," said Ariel, "in a corner of theisle, sadly lamenting the loss of the king, his father."That's my delicate Ariel," saidProspero. "Bring him here: my daughtermust see this young prince. Where is the king, and my brother?"

(a) How did Prospero made Miranda fell fast asleep?
(b) What is the lively description of Ariel?
(c) What did the father think about his son?
(d) Why did Prospero want to bring Ferdinand?
(e) Where did Ferdinand feel sadly?

SECTION – IV

Answer *any four* of the following **4x5=20**

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.
Royal Handcrafts – Exhibition cum sale – Handmade wooden toys – Tanjore Paintings – Handloom Silks – Silver idols – Sunday open – Entrance fee free for children – 10% offer on all purchase – Free Homedelivery - A.M Garden – Chennai.

40. Tamil Cultural Festival was organised in your village on 12 December. The District Collector was the chief guest to inaugurate the events. Various kinds of cultural competitions were held and prizes were distributed to the winners. Now as the organiser of the event, write a report in about 120 words.

41. You are Sadasivam. You recently visited your native town in Vellore. You happened to accompany your grandmother to your family temple. You were shocked to notice the poor condition and maintenance of the temple.Write a letter to the Editor of local newspaper highlighting the poor condition of the temple. Also give some suggestions and request the HRC to take steps to improve the situation.

42. **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.**



43. Make Notes or write summary of the following passage.

Junk foods are foods that are rich in calories but lacking in nutrients. They are not healthy for our bodies. They take more time to digest and are bad for both our physical and mental health. Junk foods do not feed your hunger; you will always feel hungry and end up having more and more unhealthy food.Obesity is the synonym of junk food. They have high amounts of sugar quantity and thus contribute lots of fat to our body. Children may suffer from increasing weight, inadequate growth, depression, and so on due to over consumption of junk foods. However, junk food invites lots of diseases like hypertension, cancer, heart-related issues, diabetes, etc.We all know that a balanced diet is what our body needs to

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work properly but due to many reasons; we are attracted to junk food. Junk foods are easy and quick to prepare. In addition to being affordable, they are easily available in the market. Therefore, people who don't have time or don't want to cook, easily step into junk food. Packaged foods, unhealthy chips, cokes, sodas, pastries, pizzas, noodles, most of the fast foods, etc come in the category of junk food.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

(a) The ruby are valuable.
(b) Rani lives in an urban area when huge buildings touch the sky.
(c) Either Raghu nor Bala will have to buy vegetables from the market.
(d) Now she could speak several languages.
(e) She writes a short note on piece in a peace of paper.

SECTION – V

45. Quote from memory. **1x5=5**

Remember they have .....
.....we are told.

PART –IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. **2x8=16**

(a) An aged mother - his son – Shining - despotic ruler - very cruel - declared - aged people – useless - the son carried - mountain long- steep - narrow - picked up - twigs markers - safe return - son leave - mother Later - the a rope of ashes - mother - burning a twisted straw - windless night - the governor - the wisdom - abolished. **(or)**

(b) Uncle Philip - a bachelor - cunning malicious - alone - death bed - Tom - declared heir - iron box - pigeon–blood rubies - diamonds - pearls - extreme care - read carefully - a letter - sensitive dynamite - fear –explode - curious - iron box - possible ways - explode the box - dropped the plan - losing the rubies - Professor Clinch - Dr. Schaff - open the box - matter to the collector - the absurdity condition - Tom leave - society.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

Newspapers bring us news and views from all corners of the world. Any incidents or occurrence of importance that takes place as reported by the newspapers. The word NEWS is interpreted as North, East, West and South. It means that the newspaper provides us with information and news regarding various subjects from all directions. Newspapers also give us articles on all kinds of topics such as political, social, and economic monetary, business, commerce, sports, education, health etc. Newspapers publish advertisements that attract the attention of the customers. They also contain book reviews of literary, historical and other books by the scholars. We must cultivate the habit of reading newspapers to know what is happening around the globe. The one who reads newspapers and interprets editorial pages can only be master in current affairs and general knowledge. Reading newspapers helps you to find out what news is and how it is written. The one who dreams of being a journalist should not spare a day without reading the newspaper. They should be aware about the editorial and be well versed with vocabulary.

a) What kind of articles was published in newspapers?
b) What are the benefits of reading an editorial page?
c) What is the habit we must cultivate?
d) What you do to being a journalist? **(or)**

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit
Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

(a) What is the theme of the poem?
(b) What kind of feeling the poem invokes?
(c) To whom the poet requested to awaken his country?
(d) Where the head is held high?

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