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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 pen 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 both, the option code and the corresponding answer for each question.

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

1. China tea has virtues which are not to be despised.
(a) liked (b) respect (c) tasted (d) hated
2. They shuffled past scrambling on the rocks.
(a) climbing hurriedly (b) staying
(c) resting (d) relaxing
3. . . . the end of it would be universal chaos.
(a) calm (b) confusion (c) harmony (d) peace

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

4. They persuaded us to take her in.
(a) incited (b) unconvinced (c) dissuaded (d) criteria
5. . . . but they are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
(a) inadequate (b) enough (c) submissive (d) suffocative
6. He greeted me with his usual smile and banter.
(a) chitchat (b) flattery (c) repartee (d) small talk

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7. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'noble'.
- (a) -ful (b) -less (c) -ity (d) -tion
8. Replace the underlined words with a suitable Phrasal Verb.
- The family members started a journey to Theni.
- (a) set up (b) set off (c) set in (d) set down
9. Choose the suitable Preposition to fill the blank in the following sentence.
- My brother lived in the mountains _____ the lake.
- (a) over (b) above (c) at (d) on
10. Fill in the blank with the suitable linker.
- The vendor saw the train moving slowly from the platform, _____ he got in.
- (a) nevertheless (b) until (c) whereas (d) therefore
11. Choose the correct meaning of the Idiom in the given sentence.
- The Chairman has the whip hand in an institution.
- (a) To be the most generous (b) To be the most powerful
(c) To be elite (d) To be the most affluent
12. Choose the correct determiner and complete the sentence.
- _____ of my students have become doctors.
- (a) Little (b) One (c) Many (d) Much
13. Choose the polite alternative for the underlined word in the following sentence.
- Dheeba is unemployed.
- (a) underemployed (b) between jobs
(c) no job (d) without earn
14. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'moped'.
- (a) mobile + peddle (b) moving + pedal
(c) motion + peddle (d) motor + pedal
15. Choose the correct compound word in the combination of Noun + Adjective.
- (a) waterfall (b) world famous (c) red rose (d) store room

16. Choose the suitable American English word equivalent to the British English word in the following sentence.

Students should follow the timetable properly.

- (a) schedule (b) planning (c) programme (d) agenda

17. Choose the right Expansion of the abbreviation CIA.

- (a) Central Intelligence Agency (b) Central International Agency
(c) Central Indian Agency (d) Central Institutional Agency

18. Choose the appropriate noun form of 'wise'.

- (a) wisely (b) wish (c) vice (d) wisdom

19. Fill in the blank with suitable determiner.

How _____ pages did you read ?

- (a) many (b) much (c) any (d) more

20. Fill in the blank with suitable article.

My mother is _____ honest woman.

- (a) the (b) an (c) no article (d) a

PART - II SECTION - 1

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

21. The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among !

- (a) Mention the figure of speech used in the First line.
(b) Why is the Scarf colourful ?

22. A foothold there, no clever trick
Could take us dead or quick,
Only a bird could have got in.

- (a) What was challenging ?
(b) Which aspect of the castle's strength is conveyed by the above line ?

23. With spectacles on nose and pouch on side;

- (a) What does 'pouch' mean ?
(b) Which stage of life is referred to here ?

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24. Yet all experience is an arch wherethrough
Gleams that untravelled world, whose margin fades
For ever and for ever when I move.
(a) What is experience compared to ?
(b) How do the lines convey that the experience is endless ?
25. Tell him time as a stuff can be wasted.
Tell him to be a fool ever so often.
(a) Why does the poet suggest that time can be wasted ?
(b) Identify the alliteration mentioned in the above lines.
26. A rider, bound on bound
Full-galloping.
(a) What does the phrase 'full-galloping' suggest ?
(b) Why was the rider in a hurry ?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

Answer **any three** questions.

3x2=6

27. Nikitha said to Kanishka, "Please don't make too much noise".
[Change into Reported Speech]
28. One should keep one's promise.
[Change into Passive Voice]
29. The policeman would not have arrested the man unless he had violated the rules.
[Rewrite using 'If' without changing the meaning]
30. Parithi is a good actor. He is not popular.
[Combine into Complex sentence]

PART - III
SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. "Is second childishness and mere oblivion;
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."
32. A little wicked wicket gate.
The wizened warder let them through.
33. Then off there flung in smiling joy,
And held himself erect.

SECTION - 2

Answer **any two** of the following questions in **not more than 30 words**.

2x3=6

34. How do tea made out of an urn and a cauldron taste ?
35. Why does Dr. Barnard describe the blind boy as a 'walking horror' ?
36. What is the foundation of social conduct ?

SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following.

3x3=9

37. Describe the process of sending a parcel by courier service.
38. Build a dialogue between a father and a son regarding higher studies with a minimum of three exchanges.
39. Write a slogan on each of the following topics.
(a) Road Safety (b) Cleanliness (c) Balanced Diet
40. Re-arrange the scrambled words and frame meaningful sentences.
(a) seldom / to / we / speak / neighbours / our
(b) way / answer / to / not / this / the / is
(c) issue / nobody / resolve / can / this

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PART - IV**7x5=35**

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

- (a) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Barnard perceive a new dimension of life ?

OR

- (b) Describe the feelings of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the top of the Summit.

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

- (a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain.

OR

- (b) How according to Sandburg is it possible for his son to bring changes into a world that resents change ?

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

- (a) Vladimir - Aksionov - bad dream - traveller - the Nizhny Fair - adjoining room - dawn aroused - police officer search - bloodstained knife - imprisoned - petition to Czar - wife's suspect - 26 years - Makar Semyonich - tunnel - Governor's questions - say no more - confess - death of Aksionov.

OR

- (b) Ausable, the detective - French Hotel - Young Writer Fowler - dull evening - Crafty Max with gun - nuisance of a balcony - next room extension - appointment - knocking door - police protection - drop to balcony - waiter with tray - no balcony.

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

General Packet Radio Services known as GPRS has been around for quite some time. It was established in the early 2000s and is widely used across the world today. It is an extension of the global system for mobile communication.

GPRS works by allowing data to be stored into 'packets'. This data is then transmitted in an efficient manner across the mobile network. GPRS, however, is much faster than the cellular network system. This type of networking system can be used worldwide without difficulty.

GPRS devices are extremely versatile. Any device that has GPRS capability will allow the user to have not only mobile communication but also access the internet for things such as e-mail and internet browsing. You can even adjust various settings on the device in order to keep track of things like changes in temperature, sound and motion.

By utilising real-time vehicle tracking you can get accurate information about the travel. Although this system enables you to avoid traffic and find the quickest road to travel, you will still find an excuse to be late.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'Need for Moral Education in Schools'.

45. (a) Write a letter to your 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 financial help during the crisis.

OR

- (b) You wish to become a pilot. Write a letter to a college enquiring about the details of the pilot training course offered by the college. Include the following details in your enquiry : duration of course, fee structure, scholarships, hostel facilities.
46. (a) Identify the error in each of the following sentences and correct them appropriately.
- (i) Neither Ramya is a singer nor a dancer.
 - (ii) The sparrow is the most unique bird.
 - (iii) This is not your dad's car, is this ?
 - (iv) Can you tell me where is the gymnasium ?
 - (v) All the informations he gave me was false.

OR

- (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
- (i) You _____ switch off the lights when you leave the classroom. [Fill in with suitable modal verb]
 - (ii) Everyone _____ when the earthquake hit the small town. [sleep]
[Fill in the blank with the correct form of the Verb]
 - (iii) _____ I got up early, I managed to reach school on time. [Fill in the blank with appropriate linker]
 - (iv) The rich man's _____ went to the treatment for his _____.
[hair/heir]
[Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones]

47. (a) Construct a readable story using following outlines.

An old lady becomes blind - calls in a doctor - agrees to pay large fee if cured, but nothing if not - doctor calls daily - covets lady's furniture - delays the cure - every day takes away some of her furniture - at last cures her - demands his fees - lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete - doctor brings a court case - judge asks lady why she will not pay - she says sight not properly restored - she cannot see all her furniture - judge gives verdict in her favour - Moral.

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

In recent times the house sparrow has become one of the endangered birds. The reasons for its decline in number are many such as lack of nesting places, lack of food etc. We observe World Sparrow Day on March 20th every year to remind us of our close connection with these enchanting tiny birds. One of the unique characters of house sparrows is dust bathing. The sparrows will first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their bodies with flicks of their wings. They will also bathe in water. Creating awareness about these birds seems to be the key to their survival. World Sparrow Day is a step in the right direction.

Questions :

- (i) Write any one prime cause for the decline of the house sparrows.
- (ii) When do we celebrate World Sparrow Day ?
- (iii) Mention the peculiar behaviour of house sparrow.
- (iv) "Sparrows bathe in both dust and water". True or False.
- (v) Pick out the word from the passage that means the same as "interesting".

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