

ENGLISH

PART - 1

20x1=20

Answer all the questions.

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

1. ...that they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated.
a) motivated b) discouraged c) passive d) admired
2. He was a walking horror with a disfigured face.
a) majestic b) marred c) dismantled d) diseased
3. Then as trade slackened we went over
a) prospered b) continued c) increased d) reduced

Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word from the option given.

4. In those days, they didn't have sophisticated heart surgery.
a) artificial b) primitive c) advanced d) modern
5. Not the flat, shallow type ...
a) narrow b) wide c) deep d) direct
6. He pointed to a set of narrow stairs.
a) steep b) broad c) slow d) surface
7. Choose the correct meaning for the phrasal verb Carry on.
a) continue b) stop c) complete d) discuss
8. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation NASA.
a) National Aeronautics and Special Administration b) National Acrobatics and Sports Administration
c) National Agriculture and Space Administration d) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
9. Choose the word from the options given that can be placed after the word 'Sound'.
a) proof b) technic c) light d) game

10. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word 'tidy'.
a) mis b) un c) in d) diss

11. Choose the meaning of the foreign word 'bon mot'.
a) Lethargic b) Lazy remark c) Clever remark d) Good bye
12. Choose the right definition for the given word 'Philanthropist'.
a) Translator b) Hater of mankind c) Patriot d) Lover of Mankind
13. Add suitable question tag for the following sentence
I am innocent, _____?
a) am I b) amn't I c) aren't I d) do I
14. Replace the underlined phrasal verb with a meaning.
The plane takes off in five minutes.
a) arrive b) start to fly c) delay d) reach
15. Choose the meaning of the idiom storm in a tea cup.
a) Difficult to find b) Making fuss over insignificant issue c) To attack unfairly d) To be offended
16. Choose the correct preposition.
I congratulate you _____ your success.
a) in b) at c) on d) under

17. Choose the clipped form of the word University.
a) varsity b) univer c) universe d) versity
18. Choose the right combination for the blended word ' Video+log'.
a) Videog b) vlog c) Villog d) Blog
19. Choose the Penta Syllabic Word.
a) negotiation b) fascinating c) museum d) cereal
20. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.
Yesterday they named him Abinav.
a) ASVCO b) ASVCA c) ASVOC d) SVOAA

PART - 2
SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.

4x2=8

21. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could win.
i) How safe was the castle?
ii) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
22. This is my son, mine own Telemachus.
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle Well-loved of me,
i) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?
ii) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
23. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound No other tree could live.
i) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
ii) Why does Toru Dutt use the expression 'a creeper climbs'?
24. Then a soldier,
full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth,
i) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
ii) What are the distinguishing features of this stage?
25. Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like
snail Unwillingly to school
i) How does the boy go to school?
ii) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?
26. Death closes all; but something ere the end,
Some work of noble note, may yet be done,
Not unbecoming men that strove with Gods.
i) The above lines convey the undying spirit of Ulysses. Explain.
ii) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.

SECTION - 2

Do as directed (any three)

3x2=6

27. Report the dialogue.
Bala: Where are you going?

Vijay: I am going to the railway station.

Bala: Why are you going there?

Vijay: I want to receive my uncle who is coming from Bangalore.

28. Who has broken the chair? (change the voice)
29. The work was over. We went home. (use 'when')
30. Though for a time we corresponded, we lost track of each other after a year.
(Change into compound sentence)

PART - 3

SECTION - 1

A. Explain with reference to the context. (any two)

2x3=6

31. How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!
32. "They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,"
33. Unto thy honor, Troo, beloved of those
Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose,

SECTION - 2

B. Answer any two of the following.

2x3=6

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
35. What did Tenzing and Edmund Hillary gift to the God of lofty Summit? How did they do it?
36. What happened in the grand finale?

SECTION - 3

C. Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Complete the proverb.
1. Burnt child _____ fire. (plays, dreads, cries)
2. _____ does not fit the fool (honour, pride, respect)
3. Brevity is the soul of _____ (fool, wise, wit)
38. Write any catchy slogans for the following:
1. Yoga 2. Junk food 3. Textile showroom
39. Build a dialogue between the book seller and a customer. (3 utterances)
40. Describe the process of preparing coffee.

PART - 4

Answer the following.

7x5=35

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

a) "These two children had given me a powerful lesson...". Elucidate.

(OR)

b) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".

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

a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a stage."

(OR)

b) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain.

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

a. Robert Baldwin – an honest man – fraud in a bank – Gresham arrested – pressurized Baldwin – to falsely declare – offered huge bribe – family members tempted – ashamed of good – stood for justice
Gresham confessed – Baldwin rewarded.

(OR)

b. Pi- Indian boy – father sold zoo – journey to Canada – ship wreck – Pi escaped – life boat – with animals – Bengal tiger – Richard Parker – sea sickness – lack of food – reached Mexico – 227 days – reunited with his family.

44. Summarise or make notes of the following passage.

NEET, JEE and CLAT are three of India's most competitive and sought-after entrance exams for aspiring medical, engineering and law professionals, respectively. NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) is for medical and dental courses, JEE (Joint Entrance Examination) is for engineering, and CLAT (Common Law Admission Test) is for law programs in national law universities. Each exam demands a unique set of skills and knowledge, with NEET focusing on science subjects, JEE on physics, chemistry, and mathematics, and CLAT on legal aptitude, logical reasoning, and English comprehension. In essence, significantly, NEET is science-based, JEE is aptitude-based, and CLAT is aptitude and skill-based, requiring a tailored approach to preparation.

45. a) Write a letter the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to your friend describing about the music concert that you have attended recently.

46. a) Fill in the blanks appropriately. (Use the gerundial form of the verb)

1. _____ (fly) kite is fun.

2. I _____ like to have a cup of tea. (use model verb)

3. Pranav _____ go to library during his college days. (use semi-model verb)

4. Our _____ is a man of _____ (principle, principal)

(OR)

b) Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.

1. One of the features are already missing.

2. She made me to cry.

3. The poet describes about the spring season.

4. Though I had a good sleep but I feel very tired.

5. Neither Ramya is a singer nor a dancer.

47. A. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Mobile addiction, a growing concern in today's digital age, refers to the compulsive and excessive use of mobile phones, often to the detriment of daily life and well-being. This addiction, sometimes termed "nomophobia" (fear of being without a phone), can manifest as a dependence on the device for emotional regulation and social interaction, leading to anxiety, restlessness, and a sense of emptiness when separated from the phone. Excessive mobile use can negatively impact physical health, causing sleep disturbances and eye strain, and mental health, contributing to anxiety, depression, and cognitive decline. Furthermore, it can disrupt daily activities, hinder productivity, and damage real-world relationships by prioritizing virtual interactions over face-to-face connections. Combating mobile addiction requires self-awareness, setting time limits, prioritizing offline activities, and seeking professional help when needed.

1. What is called mobile addiction? 2. What are the ill effects of excessive use of mobile?

3. What is "nomophobia"? 4. How can we combat this addiction? 5. Write the synonym for the word 'Prioritizing'. 6. Pick out the word from the passage that means same as "worry". (OR)

B. Prepare a dialogue between Amudhan and Ezhil discussing their future careers, in not less than five exchanges.