

**Standard 12**

Time: 3.00 Hours

**ENGLISH
PART - I**

Marks: 90

Answer all the questions:**20x1=20****Choose the synonym of the underlined words in the following sentences**

- 1) Of course, everything is so difficult now, food so dear
 - a) lovable
 - b) expensive
 - c) beloved
 - d) cheap
- 2) which are not to be despised
 - a) liked
 - b) defeated
 - c) hated
 - d) followed
- 3) I had a perforated lung
 - a) perfect
 - b) imperfect
 - c) torn and damaged
 - d) soft and safe

Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences

- 4) I literally crumpled backwards up the crack
 - a) exactly
 - b) accurately
 - c) truly
 - d) figuratively
- 5) He had full confidence in the mechanic
 - a) diffidence
 - b) trust
 - c) faith
 - d) hope
- 6) that they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated
 - a) motivated
 - b) discouraged
 - c) active
 - d) admired
- 7) **Choose the correct prefix that can be added before the word 'aware'**
 - a) mis
 - b) un
 - c) in
 - d) im
- 8) **Choose the right definition for the term, "feminism".**
 - a) a doctrine that advocates equal rights for women
 - b) a doctrine that advocates equal rights for men
 - c) a doctrine that advocates equal rights for transgender
 - d) a doctrine that advocates equal rights for all
- 9) **Choose the correct meaning of the idiom 'have all your ducks in a row'**
 - a) Ducks exhibition
 - b) well organized
 - c) well calculated
 - d) Ducks for sale
- 10) **Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence**
They quite a show that day
 - a) put off
 - b) put out
 - c) put on
 - d) called on
- 11) **Choose the correct British English equivalent for the American word 'Vocation'.**
 - a) week end
 - b) holiday
 - c) tour
 - d) leave
- 12) **Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition phrase**
..... rain, take an umbrella
 - a) In spite of
 - b) In case of
 - c) In favour of
 - d) on behalf of
- 13) **Fill in the blank with a suitable linker**
..... it rains, take an umbrella
 - a) Unless
 - b) Though
 - c) If
 - d) Eventhough
- 14) **Identify the correct combination of the word 'haircut'**
 - a) Noun + Adjective
 - b) Noun + Verb
 - c) Noun + Adverb
 - d) Verb + Noun
- 15) **Choose the correct blended word by blending the words, "cybernetic organism"**
 - a) cybor
 - b) neticism
 - c) neticor
 - d) cyborg
- 16) **Choose the chipped form of the word 'advertisement'**
 - a) ad
 - b) add
 - c) advertize
 - d) adment

17) **Replace the underlined word with its polite form**This is a school for blind

- a) mentally challenged b) visually challenged
c) handicapped d) physically challenged

18) **Choose the correct question tag for the following statement**

Don't make this mistake again,?

- a) do you b) don't you c) will you d) would you

19) **Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence**

She told her story

- a) SVOA b) SVIODO c) SVDOIO d) SVCA

20) **Choose the correct relative pronoun for the given sentence**

That is the house I was born

- a) which b) that c) when d) where

PART - II**Section - I****Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets: 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) **Fear, trembling Hope and Death, the skeleton
And Time the shadow, and though weak the verse
That would they beauty fain oh fair rehearse**

- a) What is the allusion used in the first line?
b) What does the expression 'fain' convey?

23) **Then the whining school boy, with his stachel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school.**

- a) Which stage of life is being referred to have by the poet
b) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?

24) **All through the summer at ease we lay
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay**

- a) Who does 'we' refer to?
b) Pick out the rhyming words from the given lines

25) **All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players**

- a) What is the world compared to?
b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

26) **This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle well-loved of me**

- a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?
b) Bring out the significance of the 'Sceptre'.

SECTION - 2**Do as directed. Answer any three questions:****3x2=6**

- 27) He said to me, "Nobody visited you and me". (**Change in Indirect speech**)
28) The Governor inaugurated the exhibition yesterday. (**Change into passive voice**)
29) Suresh did not know Hindi and so he wanted a translator (**Rewrite as a complex sentence**)

- 30) If you go for a walk regularly, you can reduce your weight (**Rewrite the sentence using 'Unless' without changing the meaning of the sentence**)

PART-III**SECTION - 1**

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

2x3=6

- 31) I can't rest from travel: I will drink life to the less
 32) Our only enemy was gold
 33) They have their exits and their entrances;
 And one man in his time plays many parts

SECTION - 2

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

- 34) What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boy?
 35) What is the second golden rule in preparation of tea?
 36) Why did Hillary become clumsy - fingered and slow moving

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

- 37) Describe the process of making omelette
 38) **Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.**
 a) Brevity is the wit
 i) base ii) soul iii) root
 b) One doesn't make a summer
 i) eagle ii) sparrow iii) swallow
 c) is the mother of invention
 i) Urgency ii) Marie curie iii) Necessity
 39) **Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly**
 a) delayed/denied/justice/is/justice
 b) become/my/is/a writer/dream/to
 c) perfect/makes/a/reading/man
 40) Write a slogan on each of the following topics
 a) Avoid Junk Food b) Save Electricity c) Planting trees

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) "These two children had given me a profound lesson - Elucidate with reference to, "In celebration of being alive"
 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) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures?
 43) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints**
 a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - young merchant - sets on to fair - stays in an inn - gets arrested - is sent to Siberia - gains respect - Makar Semyonich - comes there - Aksionov forgives makar - orders of release arrive - Aksionov is dead.
 (OR)
 b) Ausable - secret agent - very fat - Fowler - young writer - came to meet Ausable - disappointed - dull evening with sloppy man - Max with a pistol - wanted reports about missiles Ausable unperturbed - talked about balcony with irritation - knocked at the door Max - nervous - Ausable - cool - said - police would shoot - in fear Max - jumped from window - died - Flower - shocked to know - no police - no balcony - Ausable - fabricated story

44) **Make notes or summarize the following passage**

Every morning, as we sit with a cup of coffee and open the newspaper, we find ourselves on an emotional roller coaster. Though the intent is to start the day on a calm note, we often wonder if reading the news truly allows for that any more. It's nearly impossible to go through even a few pages without being swept up by a wave of emotions. When the Indian team wins a World Cup or brings home more Olympic medals, there's immense joy. But soon after, tragic stories - air crashes, stampedes, accidents - bring sorrow, a sense of loss and bewilderment at the unpredictability of life. Reports of horrific crimes stir disgust and the callous reactions from those in power only deepen frustration. Politicians switching parties and ideologies with ease leave us wondering at their shameless agility. We sigh, tell ourselves not to expect more, and turn the page. A bit of humour follows. A celebrity's antics might make you laugh and the Amul girl or a sharp cartoon brings a gentle smile. But the mood shifts again - news of crimes against women and children, drug abuse, economic shocks - all stir fear for our loved ones. Some positive stories bring us hope that all is not lost offering a brief sense of peace in this chaotic world. The younger generation scrolls through curated headlines, avoiding the emotional highs and lows that a full news paper brings. Skipping sorrow, muting outrage - they consume news tailored to comfort. In this world of filtered content and instant gratification reading newspaper page by page is becoming a dying art. It belongs to a generation that still choose to face the world as it is, not just how we wish it to be

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on the importance of being kind to animals
- 45) a) Write a letter to your friend who is admitted to hospital for treatment of jaundice. Advise him/her not to worry about the illness and be positive. Assure him/her of your psychological and financial help during the crisis

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to the Manager of Waves Furniture company ordering furniture for a coaching centre. Include the following details: The furniture, number of pieces, mode of payment, time and delivery

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

- She made me to cry
- Neither I nor you are invited to the party
- He went to overseas
- Scarcely had the workers stepped out, than the building collapsed
- No sooner did the power resume, when the children screamed in joy

(OR)

b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- The nurse tried in to get the (vein/vain)
- No one call back yesterday (Use a modal verb)
- If he (be) careful, he would have avoided this problem (use the correct tense form)
- No sooner did the power resume, when the children screamed in joy

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

A milkman - became wealthy - dishonest way - had to cross a river - reached city - mixed - river water - sold - customers bought - good profit - went around - purchased articles - clothes - returned to river while crossing boat - capsized - all purchase lost - right punishment - for green

(OR)

b) **Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below.**
(Technology, Revenue, Education, Business sports)

- NCERT textbooks introduce Indian art forms
- ISRO holds air-drop test for Gaganyaan mission
- Rohit claims javelin gold. Improves world's qualification chances
- Pharma industry hopes for relief from GST reform
- U.S. tariffs may halt readymade garment exports