

# COMMON FIRST REVISION TEST - 2020

Standard XII

Reg.No. : 

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Time: 3.00 hours.

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

## Part - I

I. Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the option given:

20 x 1 = 20

A. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences:  
3x1=3

1. He is very cautious in his work.  
a) incautious      b) careful      c) attentive      d) slow
2. You will be liable for any damage caused.  
a) responsible      b) liberty      c) licence      d) libel
3. You may, being in a hurry, and seeing your car pulled up by his insolence of office, feel that your liberty has been outrage.

a) comfortable      b) consolation      c) rudeness      d) amiable

B. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences:

4. One does not feel wise, braver or more optimistic.  
a) opportunistic      b) cheerful      c) realistic      d) pessimistic
5. In those days, they had only primitive heart surgery.  
a) sophisticated      b) modern      c) latest      d) conventional
6. There was a curious smothering noise from my friend.  
a) suppressed      b) expressed      c) smoothened      d) suffocated

B. Answer all the questions:

7. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of TOEFL.  
a) Trade of England and Foreign Lands  
b) Test of English as a Foreign Language  
c) Test of English and Foreign Language  
d) Trade of Engine and Famous Latest Material
8. Choose the correct combination for the compound word finger print.  
a) verb + noun      b) preposition + noun      c) noun + verb      d) noun + noun
9. Choose the correct combination for the blended word melodrama.  
a) melodious + drama      b) melody + drama  
c) melodo + drama      d) melodium + drama
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence: "In toto".  
a) In cognito      b) In disguise      c) Totally      d) In fact
11. Choose the correct part of speech of the stressed word "pre'sent".  
a) adjective      b) noun      c) verb      d) adverb
12. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence:  
The director waits for the dust to settle.  
a) waits to the clear dust from the room      b) waits to settle the matter for the actor  
c) waits for a situation to become clear or certain  
d) waits for conducive atmosphere for the shooting
13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb into words:  
The university exam puts off due to agitation of the students.  
a) to open      b) take lead      c) start a journey      d) postpone
14. Form a new word by addition of a suitable prefix to the root word fertile.  
a) in\_\_      b) un\_\_      c) im\_\_      d) dis\_\_
15. Identify the sentence pattern of the following:  
The plane landed safely at the airport.  
a) SVOA      b) SVCA      c) SVAO      d) SVAA

16. Fill in the blank choose the correct preposition.  
The boy jumped \_\_\_\_\_ a narrow stream.  
a) into                      b) over                      c) in                      d) through
17. Choose the unclipped form of the word copter.  
a) helicopter              b) aircoputer              c) hollowcopter              d) heliport
18. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expression.  
Tom wants to go to toilet.  
a) to spend a penny                      b) lavatory  
c) dressing table                      d) latrine
19. Add suitable question tag to the following statement. Shakespeare writes 37 plays  
a) isn't                      b) don't he                      c) doesn't he                      d) aren't he
20. Fill in with a relative pronoun.  
John Milton \_\_\_\_\_ writes "The Paradise Lost".  
a) who                      b) whose                      c) which                      d) whom

**Part - II**

**Answer any seven of the following:**

7 × 2 = 14

**II. a) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the question that follow:**

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. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces  
No other tree could live bound  
i) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?  
ii) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
23. And then the justice,  
In fair round belly with good capon  
lin'd, with eyes severe and beard of formal cut,  
Full of wise saws and modern instances;  
i) Describe his appearance.  
ii) How does he behave with the people around him?
24. One equal temper of heroic hearts  
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will.  
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield  
i) Though "made weak by time and fate", the hearts are heroic. Explain.  
ii) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.
25. Tell him time as a stuff can be wasted.  
Tell him to be a fool every so often.  
i) Why does the poet suggest that time can be wasted?  
ii) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
26. Legs wide, arms locked behind,  
As if to balance the prone brow  
Oppressive with its mind.  
i) Whose action is described here?                      ii) What is his state of mind?

**b) Do as directed (any three) :**

27. Rewrite the following dialogue in reported speech:

Headmaster : Students, all of you prepare sincerely for your forthcoming public exam.

Student : Okay sir, we try to take good marks in all the subjects.

28. Combine the sentence using 'If'  
The students have secured poor mark. They failed to prepare for their exam sincerely.
29. Who taught her computer science? (change into passive voice)
30. Transform the following into a complex sentence"  
Helen is a poor girl, yet she helps others.

**Part - III**

7 x 3 = 21

**Answer any seven of the following:****a) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:**

31. When first my casement is wide open thrown.

At dawn, my eyes delighted on it rest;

32. .... the sixeth age shifts

Into the lean and slippered pantaloom.

33. On a little mound, Napolean

Stood on our storming-day;

**b) Answer any two of the following questions briefly:**

34. What does the "Rule of the road" mean?

35. How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?

36. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.

**c) Answer any three of the following.**

37. Re-arrange the shuffled words and frame into meaningful sentences:

i) His / to convey / his shoulders / struggled / his disapproval / of their / appearance / shabby.

ii) There / hope / of / recovery / to / little / was

iii) Time / the ridge / was / and / passing / seemed / never-ending

38. Extend the conversation with three more exchanges.

Shop keeper : What do you want?

Raju : I want a gel pen.

39. Complete the proverb by using the words given below:

a) A burnt child dreads the \_\_\_\_\_.

b) \_\_\_\_\_ bird catches the prey.

c) A known \_\_\_\_\_ is better than an unknown angel.

[devil, fire, early]

**Answer the following:**

7 x 5 = 35

40. What do you infer from Gardiner's essay "On the Rule of the Road"

(or)

Summarise Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice cup of Tea"?

41. Write a short paragraph of the poem "All the World's a stage!"

(or)

Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she looks at the casuarina tree.

- 42.
- Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.**

pi - from Pudhucherry - stranded in life boat - left with a leopard - hyena - very thirsty - look for water - close the tiger - over powers - finds water cans - comes to life after drinking water - elixir of life - learnet - tiger who scared him brought peace - wholesome - after 227 days - pi rewrites with family.

- 43.
- Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:**

Ants are among a few kinds of animals that divide up their work. Ants are of innumerable kinds. Ants are called social insects because of the way they live. They live in groups or colonies. The workers are female ants but they do not lay eggs. Only queen ants lay eggs. Some do the house keeping and take care of the

queen and baby ants. Some guard the nest. So they are called soldiers. Army ants march from place to place. These ants are very fierce. Even elephants will try to get out of the way of an army. An ant colony is often marked by an ant hill. But not all ants live underground. Carpenter ants live in dead wood. Some ants live inside people's houses.

44. Read the following advertisement and prepare an application with bio-data

Wanted  
English Teacher  
Young and dynamic post graduate for the post of  
an English Teacher with good communication skills.  
Apply to  
The principal,  
Holy Cross Hr.Sec.School, Valasaravakkam,  
Chennai - 600 087.

45. Read The following sentences, spot the errors and correct them:

- a) Neither of my sisters is married      b) Those three girls love each other.  
c) It is a ten miles walk      d) It is the best of the two books  
e) You are wiser than old.      (or)

Fill in the blanks:

- a) The child \_\_\_\_\_ the toy \_\_\_\_\_ the window. (through / threw)  
b) My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ to visit temple during his boyhood days. (semi-modal verb)  
c) Raju \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up at 6 a.m. everyday. (suitable form of verb)  
d) The ladder is kept \_\_\_\_\_ wall. (choose the appropriate preposition [against / on])

46. Identify the following sentences with the field in the list given below:

- a) The flight was cancelled due to fog.  
b) The fertility of the soil can be preserved by the use of Bio-fertilizers.  
c) The number of drop outs had reduced drastically.  
d) The captain was reprimanded for insulting the umpire.  
e) The UPS is not functioning properly.

[Computer, Sports, Agriculture, Weather, Education]      (or)

Read the following passage and answer in your own words:

In 1920, after some thirty-nine years of problems with disuse, high costs and politics the panama canal was officially opened. Finally linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by allowing ships to pass through the fifty mile canal zone instead of travelling some seven thousand miles around cape Horn. It take a ship approximately eight hours to complete the trip through the canal and cost an average ship to round the Horn more than fifteen thousand ships pass through its laocks each year.

The French initiated the project but sold their rights to the United States. The letter starts controlling it until the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century after panama took over its duties.

- 1) Mention the length of Panama canal.
- 2) Which oceans are connected by the Panama canal?
- 3) In which year did the authorities begin the construction of the Panama canal?
- 4) How many hours will it take to complete the trip through the canal?
- 5) Who controlled the Panama canal until the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century?