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REVISION TEST, JANUARY - 2020  
STANDARD - XII

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

20×1=20

I. Answer all the questions.

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

- 1) If the tea is not loose in the pot it never infuses properly  
a) Fills                      b) opens                      c) clears                      d) kicks
- 2) We scrambled cautiously over the rock  
a) organize                      b) peace                      c) order                      d) rush
- 3) How dare this fellow interfere with my liberty?  
a) obstruct                      b) advance                      c) continue                      d) encourage

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 4) ..... it was turning more into grim struggle.  
a) terrible                      b) cheerful                      c) barren                      d) fertile
- 5) We reached the crest  
a) peak                      b) height                      c) nadir                      d) summit
- 6) There was a grand finale of events  
a) Beginning                      b) end                      c) climax                      d) progress

Choose the correct answers from the underlined lexical items as directed:

- 7) Choose the correct combination for the compound word "girl friend"  
a) Noun+gerund                      b) Noun+adjective                      c) Noun+adverb                      d) Noun+noun
- 8) Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word "secure"  
a) in                      b) dis                      c) un                      d) re
- 9) Choose the meaning of the foreign word "post mortem" from the option  
a) evidence                      b) proof                      c) eye witness                      d) medical examination of dead body
- 10) Select the correct expansion of the abbreviation "ONGC"  
a) Oil and Natural Gas Commission                      b) Oil and National Gas Commission  
c) Oil and Neural Gas Commission                      d) Online and National Gas Commission
- 11) Choose the right definition of the term:  
One who specializes in lung problems is called \_\_\_\_\_  
a) Cardiologist                      b) Dermatologist                      c) Pulmonologist                      d) Nephrologist
- 12) Add suitable question tag from the option given:  
Nobody can resolve this issue, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) Can't they?                      b) won't they?                      c) can they?                      d) will they?
- 13) Choose the suitable phrasal verb from the given option:  
The plane will \_\_\_\_\_ at 10 p.m  
a) take in                      b) take off                      c) take over                      d) take for
- 14) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix for "\_\_\_\_\_look"  
a) en                      b) in                      c) on                      d) over
- 15) Choose the suitable phrase and fill in the blanks:-  
\_\_\_\_\_ the rain stopped, we went home.  
a) as soon as                      b) in view of                      c) in spite of                      d) on account of
- 16) Choose the correct clipped word for "centem"  
a) cent                      b) century                      c) tum                      d) centi
- 17) Choose the blended form of "interpol"  
a) International+pol                      b) Inter+police                      c) Inter+poli                      d) International+police

- 18) Replace the phrasal verb with a single word:  
Don't get into an argument.  
a) avoid                      b) involve                      c) stop                      d) engage
- 19) Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun:  
The painting \_\_\_\_\_ I adore is costly  
a) who                      b) whose                      c) whom                      d) which
- 20) Put suitable modal verb for the sentence:  
I \_\_\_\_\_ go for jogging when I was young  
a) should                      b) would                      c) could                      d) might

## Part - II

II. Answer any seven of the following:-

7×2=14

i] Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following: 8

- 21) "All through the summer at ease we lay ... We watched the mowers in the hay"  
a) Who does "we" refer to?  
b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
- 22) "And friendly allies drawing near on every leafy summer road"  
c) What is the meaning of 'drawing near'?  
d) What do these lines convey?
- 23) "Like a huge python, winding round and round ....."  
e) Mention the figure of speech.  
f) How does the creeper appear on the tree?
- 24) "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung in crimson clusters...."  
g) Who is the giant here?  
h) Mention the figure of speech.
- 25) A film the mother-eagle's eye when her bruised eaglet breathes"  
i) Who is compared to the mother eagle?  
j) Explain the comparison
- 26) Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong and the final decisions are made in silent rooms"  
k) Can being in solitude help a strong human being?  
l) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

ii] Do as directed: (any three)

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- 27) Combine the sentences using "if":  
He worked hard. He passed the exam.
- 28) Change into indirect speech.  
Moti said, "We are good friends and shall never tell lies".
- 29) Life is very short. Yet some people love it. (Begin with "In spite of")
- 30) Change the voice: The note was handed to me by someone.

## Part - III

III. Answer any seven of the following:-

7×3=21

i] Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:- 6

- 31) "Dear is the Casurina to my soul"  
32) "Our only enemy was gold".  
33) "I'm killed, sire! And, his Chief beside smiling, the boy fell dead"

ii] Answer any two of the following briefly: 6

- 34) Why does Dr. Barnard describe the blind boy as a "Walking horror"?  
35) What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?  
36) What does the 'rule of the road' mean?

iii] Answer any three of the following:-

- 37) Build a dialogue between the passenger and the bus conductor with minimum of 3 exchanges.
- 38) Describe the process of making a gift pack for a present
- 39) Expand the following headlines:  
 a) 40 animals to be rescued from Gaza Zoo.  
 b) Work on Central Square begins in Chennai.  
 c) 2 die in ceiling collapse.
- 40) You are Radhika, Secretary Debate Club. Draft a notice about an Inter School Debate.

Part - IV

IV. Answer the following:-

7×5=35

- 41) Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words: 5  
 a) "These two children had given me a profound lesson". Elucidate  
 b) What do you infer Gardiner's essay "On the rule of the Road"?
- 42) Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words: 5  
 a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain  
 b) Describe the various stages of a man's life from the poem  
 "All the world a stage:
- 43) Write a paragraph by developing the following hints: 5  
 Ausable - spy - Fowler - enter room - Max - gun trotting - thrilled - balcony - knock on the door - master plan - panicked - jumps - dies - presence of mind. [or]  
 Aksinof - merchant - go to fair - wife pleads - met another merchant - check into an inn - murder blood stained-knife - Siberia - Maker - digs the tunnel - Aksinof dies - in peace.
- 44) Write the summary of the following passage in about 100 words: 5  
 All fools day or April Fools' Day is a day on which people has a lot of fun pulling pranks on others. We do not known exactly how April Fools' Day began. Now it lives on all a day of fund and practical jokes. The sun stats its yearly journey towards the north from the equator on 21st March. A long time ago people celebrated that day as the beginning of the New Year. In fact many cultures around the world still celebrate New Year at that time. Earlier, Europe too celebrated New Year around 21st March till pope Gregory changed on January 1st People usually gave each other gifts for the New Year. When the date changed people gave mock gifts to others on 1st April. Some people think that April. Some people think that April Fools' Day began in France and the custom made its was to other countries.
- 45) A] Respond to the following advertisement considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified: (Write XXX for your name and YYY for your address)

**WANTED**

Marketing executives for a multinational software's company.  
 Food and accommodation.

Eligibility: Any fresh graduate with excellent communication skills, dedicated and result oriented self motivated can apply immediately with relevant details to

Managing Director,  
 Alpha Software Technology (P) Ltd.,  
 2036, Mount Road, Chennai - 600 040.

[or]

B] Write a paragraph on the advantages and disadvantages of Mobile phones.

46) A] Spot the error and correct them.

- 1) Ink is an useful article.
- 2) Though he worked hard but he failed.
- 3) Leela is a M.A. in English.
- 4) As I missed the bus so I did not come
- 5) He is my cousin brother.

[or]

B] Fill in the blanks:-

- 1) Rare plants are found in the valley. (Identify the kind of passive voice)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ he is rich, he is humble. (Use a link word)
- 3) They continued with the match \_\_\_\_\_ the rain (Use a phrase/preposition)
- 4) The tallest building \_\_\_\_\_ has a restaurant on the thirteenth floor is on fire. (Use a relative pronoun)
- 5) How \_\_\_\_\_ you ask me such a question? (Use a quasi modal)

47) A] Identify each of the following sentences with the semantic field in the list given below:- *Enveraiment, computer, Spots, Econon*

- 1) As in January 2005, the rate of inflation came down to 3% *in Spec*
- 2) At the international level, global warming has increased the anxiety of many national.
- 3) A new racket launching station is commissioned in Andhra Pradesh.
- 4) Your monitor is not working. Get it repaired.
- 5) Mr. Venkatraghavan is one of the best umpires in the world. [or]

B] Read the following passage and answer in your own words the questions given below:-

Today we don't think of a cartoon as being associated with great art, but at one time it was. During the period of Italian Renaissance, the term 'cartoon' meant the first sketch in actual size of a large work of art, such as a mural (wall painting). When newspapers and magazine began to use drawings to illustrate news and editorial opinion and to provide amusement, these drawings came to be known as cartoons.

In the days before the newspaper, artists like Hogarth, Daumier and Rowlandson made a series of drawings on a single theme. Sometimes such a series of drawings pictured the adventures of a single character. They were the ancestors of present.

In the nineteenth and early twentieth century's there were a number of magazines which specialized in cartoons, In Paris there was one called 'Chariar' and in London there was the famous 'Punch'. Nowadays movies based on cartoon character are also made. Movies featuring Tom and Jerry, Dennis the Menace, Tarzan, Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck are very popular with children.

Questions:-

- 6) Identify the purposes for which cartoons were used in newspapers.
- 7) In what sense did the Italians use the term 'cartoon' during the Renaissance period?
- 8) Who were the ancestors of the present-day cartoons and comic strips?
- 9) Name the two magazines mentioned in the passage which specialized in cartoons?
- 10) Name one famous cartoon character you are familiar with.

## SECOND REVISION TEST – RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT

STD: XII

### ENGLISH ANSWER KEY

1. a) fills
2. d) rush
3. a) obstruct
4. b) cheerful
5. c) nadir
6. a) beginning
7. d) Noun +Noun
8. a) in
9. d) medical examination of dead body
10. a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
11. d) pulmonologist
12. c) can they
13. b) take off
14. d) over
15. a) as soon as
16. a) cent
17. d) international + police
18. b) involve
19. d) which
20. c) could
21. a) soldiers    b) totally stress free and relaxed
22. a) coming closer    b) The soldiers had plenty of weapons and plentiful supply of food. They were always watchful too. Hence they felt they had nothing to fear.
23. a) simile / Zoomorphism    b) The creeper has wound itself around the rugged trunk of the casuarina tree, like a huge python. The creeper has left deep marks on the trunk of the tree.
24. a) casuarina tree    b) Personification
25. a) Napoleon    b) The concerned mother eagle sees her bruised eagle that breathes painfully. Likewise Napoleon worriedly looks at the wounded soldier.
26. a) Yes. Being in solitude helps a strong human being to introspect and make final decisions.  
b) Transferred Epithet.
27. If he worked hard, he would pass the exam.
28. Moti said that they were good friends and would never tell lies.
29. In spite of / Despite being short, some people love it.

30. Someone handed me the note.

31. Poem Name: **Our Casuarina Tree**

Poet Name: **Toru Dutt**

32. Poem Name: **The castle**

Poet Name: **Edwin Muir**

33. Poem Name: **Incident of the French camp** Poet Name: **Robert Browning**

46. a) Ink is a useful article    b) Though he worked hard, he failed / He worked hard but he failed

c) Leela is an M.A. in English

d) As I missed the bus, I did not come / I missed the bus and so I did not come

e) He is my cousin                                    (or)

a) Impersonal    b) Though    c) inspite of / despite    d) which / that    e) dare

47. a) commerce    b) enironment    c) space    d) computer    e) sports

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