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FIRST MID-TERM TEST - 2021

Standard - 12

Time: 3.00 Hours

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

PART - I

20×1=20

Answer all the questions.

A] Choose the most appropriate Synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:

- Nicola and Joco-po were childish enough in many ways quite artless.
a) strange b) innocent c) gentle d) wicked
- One boy had on a worn jersey and cut off Khaki pants.
a) new b) old and damaged c) fresh d) used
- I had eleven broken ribs and a perforated lung.
a) aspirated b) damaged with holes c) enlarged d) swollen

B] Choose the most appropriate Antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:

- Their devotion had touched me deeply.
a) dedication b) attraction c) loyalty d) disloyalty
- Suffering ennobles you, makes you a better person.
a) flatters b) humiliates c) honours d) exalts
- The business of living is the celebration of being alive.
a) failure b) jubilation c) triumph d) success
- Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word wind.
a) cool b) chill c) screen d) breeze
- Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'snow drop'.
a) Noun+Verb b) Adverb+Verb c) Adjective+Verb d) Adverb+Noun
- Choose the expanded form of the abbreviation NCERT.
a) National Council of Educational Research
b) National Contribution of Elite Research Society
c) NASA Country Educated Readers Trade
d) Nationalized Country's Educational Trainees
- Choose the right combination of the blended words "diplomomics".
a) Diplo+Economics b) Diplomacy+Economy
c) Diplo+Economy d) Diplomacy+Economics
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word "gratitude".
a) dis b) in c) mic d) il
- Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "perform".
a) _____ful b) _____ness c) _____ance d) _____al
- Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition:
She fell _____ the water.
a) since b) along c) into d) in
- Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.
Our team will win the match _____.
a) will be b) willn't we c) won we d) won't we
- Misfortunes have rained heavily upon the old man. (use suitable Euphemism)
a) Senior fellow b) Senior citizens c) Old fellow d) Old man
- I was surprised when I won the lottery. (use suitable phrasal verb)
a) taken on b) taken of c) taken away d) taken aback

- 17) Choose the American English word for "Car Park".
 a) valet b) parking c) parking lot d) area lobby
- 18) We arrived late so _____ us were tired.
 a) all of b) none of c) few d) title of
- 19) I think Suresh _____ for Delhi next morning. (leave)
 (use correct form of the verb)
- 20) I _____ not go out in the dark. (use suitable semi-modal)

PART - II

Section - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any FOUR from:

4×2=8

- 21) **"Thy form O Tree, as in
 my happy prime
 I saw thee, in my own loved native clime**
 a) What is the poetic device used here?
 b) Which tree is referred to here?
- 22) **A Creeper Climbs, in whose
 embraces bound
 No other tree could live**
 a) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
 b) Why does Toru Dutt use the expression 'a Creeper Climbs'?
- 23) **"And oft at nights the garden over lows with one sweet song that seems
 to have no close
 Sung darkling from our tree, while me repose**
 a) What often happens at nights?
 b) What do men do why the birds sing?
- 24) **"All the world's a stage
 And all the men and women merely players"**
 a) What is the world compared to?
 b) What is the figure of speech used here?
- 25) **"and his big manly voice,
 turning again towards childish treble"**
 a) Which stage of man's life is referred to here?
 b) Mark the alliteration.
- 26) **"Then a soldier
 full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard
 Jealous in honor sudden and quick in quarrel
 seeking the bubble reputation"**
 a) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
 b) What are the characteristics of this stage?

Section - 2

Do as directed. Answer any THREE questions:

3×2=6

- 27) **Change the direct speech into reported form:**
 John : Why are you so tired?
 Mahesh : I have just come back from Chennai.
- 28) Change into other voice form Good news is expected shortly.
- 29) If you had come earlier, I would have attended the interview. **[Being with Had]**
- 30) She did not come she did not meet him. **[Change into complex sentences]**

PART - III**Section - 1**

Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context: **2×3=6**

- 31) In second childishness and mere Sans teeth Sans eyes, Sans oblivion taste Sans everything.
- 32) O Sweet companions, loved with love intense.
- 33) At first the infant mewling and pucking in nurse's arms.

Section - 2

Answer any TWO of the following questions in not more than 30 words: **2×3=6**

- 34) Why did the driver not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys?
- 35) Described the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.
- 36) What roles did the duo take up?

Section - 3**3×3=9**

Answer any THREE of the following:

- 37) Write any three steps to be away from COVID-19.
- 38) Write a dialogue between you and yoga master.
- 39) Write slogan for the following products:
(a) Online shopping (b) Flask (c) Call Taxi

PART - IV**7×5=35**

Answer the following:

- 41) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:**
a) What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

(OR)

- b) God ennobles men in suffering Elucidate.
- 42) The nostalgic feelings of Toru Dutt.

(OR)

Seven stages of men's life.

- 43) **Answer the following in a paragraph:**

a) Aksionov - merchant - vladimir - drinking - youthful days - gave up - after marriage - liked well by the people - go to a fair - disregards wife's dream - meets - another merchant - travel together - spent night - leaves the place - stopped by the police - arrested - 26 years - Makar - who committed the murder - forgive him - tunnel - enquired - Makar admits - release Askionov - hides.

(OR)

b) Fowler - Ausable - Secret agent - important paper - a man - with a gun - fabricated story - balcony - Appearances are deceptive.

- 44) a) **Read the following passage and make notes (or) Write a summarizing:**

The aim of education is to enable the human personality to grow to its full stature. We have a body, a mind and a spirit. Accordingly, education aims at our physical intellectual, spiritual and moral development.

Games are a means of keeping the body healthy and fit. Physical fitness and freedom from all kinds of ailments are the desire and ambition of every human being. Indeed, good health is the first condition of happiness in life. Those who play games generally maintain good health, Games are an excellent means of bodily exercise. Whether it is sophisticated games like hockey, football and tennis or simple games like Kabaddi, they provide the much needed exercise to the body and thus keep the body healthy and strong. Players always have a better appetite and a better digestion than those who play no games or do exercises. Games not only make the body healthy and strong, but also make it muscular.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on hazards of drug addiction.

- 45) a) Write a letter to your friend regarding the days you spent during 'Corona Holidays'.
(OR)
- b) Write a letter to the Municipality Chairman to take necessary steps to be away from COVID-19.

46) a) **Read the following sentence spot the error and correct them:**

- i) Reena is not only a singer but a good dancer.
- ii) The Surgery instruments must be properly sterilized.
- iii) The teacher along with the students attend the function.
- iv) I met the concerned Officer.
- v) I can speak English beside Hindi.

(OR)

b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**

- i) Sheela has a pain in the _____ so she went to a doctor to _____ it.
(heal / heel)
- ii) My grandmother _____ wake up early in the morning when she was young. (Use a semi-modal)
- iii) _____ Aristotle, Man is a Social animal. (Use a phrase)
- iv) If I were a lion I _____ (live) in a forest.

47) a) **Write an article on the following:**

During the summer vacation your school organized a 10 days trip to Kulumnali. You were taken to different places. Write an article for your school magazine.

(OR)

b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions below in your own words:**

I was sittin; I was knittin;
On a sweater, I could wear.
When I finished, I said proudly
"Hey, I've done some weaving there"
But O' spider on the wall said,
"Can you do it in the air?
Can you spin it out of goosamer.
From the ceiling to the star?
Can you let the wind blow through it
So it sways but doesn't tear?
Then can you grab on to it
And swing lightly on a hair?
When you can then you may truly say,
I've done some weaving there"

Questions:

- i) What did the poet knit?
- ii) What made the poet feel proud?
- iii) Where does the spider spin its web?
- iv) Guess the meaning of the word "Gossamer".
- v) Give a suitable title for the poem.