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COMMON FIRST MID-TERM TEST - 2019

Standard XII

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Marks: 50

13 x 1 = 13

Time: 1.30 hours.

ENGLISH

I.

A) Choose the most appropriate synonym for the underlined word in each of the following sentence:

- At the door of the little cubicle the nurse passed.
a) shelf b) chamber c) garage d) mill
- One is liable to put in too much milk.
a) likely b) certain c) eager d) responsible

B) Choose the most appropriate antonym for the underlined word in each of the following sentence:

- In the week which followed, we saw them frequently.
a) regularly b) rarely c) randomly d) routinely
- One does not feel wise, braver or more optimistic.
a) opportunistic b) cheerful c) realistic d) pessimistic
- The lady with grey _____ is the legal _____ of a rich man. (hair / heir)
- The fireman extinguished the fire.
a) put on b) put out c) cut off d) pass out
- Choose the appropriate prefix for the word honour.
a) able b) dis c) im d) in
- Choose the appropriate suffix for the word manage.
a) ly b) ful c) -ment d) ill
- Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
The boy jumped _____ a narrow stream.
a) under b) over c) into d) on
- Fill in the blank with the suitable prepositional phrases.
a) _____ rain, take an umbrella.
a) in spite of b) instead of c) on behalf of d) in case of
- Choose the appropriate linker.
It started raining _____ we could not play.
a) yet b) so c) because d) until
- The noun form of 'wise'
a) wisdom b) unwise c) wisely d) wise
- Substitute the phrasal verb in the sentence with a single word.
Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
a) continue b) finish c) halt d) postpone

II. C) Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow in a line or two:

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

4 x 1 = 4

- Who does 'we' refer to?
- What could they watch from the turret wall?
*"The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among!"*
- Who is the giant here?
- Why is the scarf colourful?

D) Explain with reference to context of the following lines:

18. "Dear is the casuarina to my soul"

(or)

"Our only enemy was gold"

III. A) Answer on any one of the following in a paragraph of 100 to 150 words:

19. What was the driving force that made the boys do various jobs.

1 x 5 = 5

(or)

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

IV. 20. Write a letter to your Grandma stating how much you miss her after returning to your home.

1 x 5 = 5

V. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of about 150 words each:

1 x 5 = 5

21. Forgiveness is the best form of revenge. Explain with reference the story "God Sees The Truth But Waits"

(or)

Water is the elixir of life. Substantiate the statement with reference to the story of 'Life Of Pi'

VI. A) Complete the sentences using the words given with in brackets:

22. How _____ you open my bag?

4 x 1 = 4

23. I wish you _____ tell me truth?

24. People who live in glass houses _____ not throw stones.

25. You _____ be joking.

[should, would, dare, must]

B) Do as directed:

3 x 2 = 6

26. Report the following:

Priya : Where are you going?

Vijay : I am going to the railway station.

Combine the sentences using the words given in brackets:

27. The work was over. We went home. (When)

28. Artificially flavoured juices are hazardous to health. More over they lead to kidney problems. (and)

VII. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:

These beautiful lines focus on the saying, "Failure are stepping stones to success". Every individual who has reached the heights success does have a story of failure experienced in life. One's success can never remain final and similarly one's failure won't be fatal. It does keep changing. Thomas Alva Edison is one such example to the world. He and his staff conducted seventeen thousand experiments which failed before they succeeded in one experiment which enabled them to extract latex in substantial quantities from just one variety of plant, which was worth 17,000 failures. Failure is good for one's character and personality. It is a challenging experience. Hardwork beats talent when talent does not work hard. One who comes to a conclusion that success is final and failure is fatal, can never achieve anything without the grit and determination, the spirit and confidence that one needs for success.