

12 - STD

ENGLISH

MARKS : 50

PART - A (15 MARKS)

TIME : 1½ HOURS

1. **A) Choose the correct synonym of the underlined word from the option given below :** 3 x 1 = 3

1. Nicola was glaring at his younger brother in vexation.  
(a) expectation (b) happiness (c) fear (d) annoyance
2. They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.  
(a) dull (b) innocent (c) creative (d) careless
3. China tea has virtues which are not to be despised nowadays.  
(a) disliked (b) destroyed (c) liked (d) produced

**B) Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word from the option given below :** 3 x 1 = 3

4. She paused, took a quiet breath.  
(a) waited (b) stopped (c) continued (d) failed
5. The best manner of making tea is the subject of violent disputes.  
(a) strong (b) gentle (c) rough (d) serious
6. At least four others are acutely controversial.  
(a) agreeable (b) likeable (c) certain (d) uncertain

**C) Answer the following questions:**

9 x 1 = 9

7. Choose the suitable suffix for the word 'honour':  
(a) \_\_\_able (b) \_\_\_ity (c) \_\_\_ment (d) \_\_\_ish

8. **Fill in the blank with the suitable word :**

After his marriage, he has put on some \_\_\_\_\_. (weight / wait)

9. Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verb 'take off':  
(a) to remove from something (b) to start flying  
(c) to steal from someone (d) to complete a task

10. **Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets:**

Tell me exactly what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) last evening.

11. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate linker:**

He played well and won the title \_\_\_\_\_ of his ill health.

12. **Choose the appropriate modal verb from the options given:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ like to see you becoming an I.A.S. Officer.

- (a) will (b) may (c) might (d) would

13. **Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition:**

Tea should be put straight \_\_\_\_\_ (into / upon) the pot.

14. **Choose the suitable prefix for the word 'patient':**

- (a) un\_\_\_\_\_ (b) dis\_\_\_\_\_ (c) im\_\_\_\_\_ (d) in\_\_\_\_\_

15. **Choose the noun form of the word 'strong' from the options given:**

- (a) strongness (b) strength (c) stronger (d) strengthen

**PART – B (8 MARKS)**

II Answer any FOUR choosing not more than two from each section:

**A) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below each of them : (Any Two sets)  $2 \times 2 = 4$**

16. The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung  
In crimson clusters all the bough among!

(a) Who is the giant here? (b) Why is the scarf colourful?

17. The wizened warder let them through

(a) What is meant by the term 'them'? (b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

18. All through the summer at ease we lay

And daily from the turret wall

We watched the mowers in the hay

(a) Who does 'he' refer to? (b) Pick out the rhyming words from the given lines.

**B) Rewrite the following as instructed: (Any Two)  $2 \times 2 = 4$**

19. The teacher said to the students, "I shall take you to the museum tomorrow."

**(Change into Indirect speech)**

20. The culprit was caught. He was taken to the station.

**(Combine the sentences using 'as well as')**

21. The stranger asked me if I knew that address. **(Change into Direct speech)**

**PART – C (12 MARKS)**

III. Answer any FOUR of the following questions, choosing not more than two from each group:

**A) Answer any TWO in one or two sentences:**

$2 \times 3 = 6$

22. Who did the narrator meet at the outskirts of Verona?

23. Mention the countries in which tea is a part of civilization.

24. What was Lucia suffering from?

**B) Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context :**

25. They seemed no threat to us at all

$2 \times 3 = 6$

26. Our only enemy was gold

27. Dear is the Casuarina to my soul

**PART – D (15 MARKS)**

IV. **A. Answer any THREE of the following:**

$3 \times 5 = 15$

28. Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona".

29. Describe how the castle was conquered.

30. **Develop the following hints into a paragraph:**

Pi Patel – from Puducherry – survives 227 days – Bengal tiger – Richard Parker – shipwreck – narrates his experience – terrible – happy ending.

31. Write a letter to your Head Master requesting him to issue you a bonafide certificate.