

First Mid-Term Test - 2019

Time : 1.30 hrs.

ENGLISH

Max. Marks : 50

SECTION - A

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given. $10 \times 1 = 10$

1. He happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed longer and with frivolous rebukes.
a) praise b) kindness c) scolding d) talking
2. Her silver locks were scattered untidily.
a) given b) tied c) opened d) spread
3. The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.
a) faith b) belief c) hunger d) anger

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

4. My fear of facing new opponents quickly vanished.
a) appeared b) unknown c) disappeared d) known
5. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing - song.
a) boring b) dull c) tedious d) interesting
6. I retained the world title in the Third World Women's Boxing Championship.
a) missed b) kept c) involved d) underwent

Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones

7. We have a short.....between the sessions. (brake/break)
8. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'IIT'
a) Institute For Industrial Training b) International Information Technology c) Indian Institute of Technology d) Indian Information Technology.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiner.

9. Adhi had taken.....(much/many) photos during the programme.
10. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'approve'
- a) un b) mis c) dis d) in

SECTION - B

II. A) Read the given lines and answer any two of the following. 2 x 2 = 4

11. 'But now they only laugh with their teech,
While their ice-block-cold eyes.....'
- a) Explain : ice-block-cold eyes
b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
12. 'With all my heart I do admire
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire'
- a) Whom does the poet admire?
b) For what reason do the athletes sweat?
13. "Once upon a time, son
They used to laugh with their hearts'
- a) Who is addressed by the poet here?
b) When did they laugh with their hearts?

B. Answer any two of the following 2 x 3 = 6

14. What was the happiest time of the day for grandmother?
15. How did the sparrows react at the death of the grandmother?
16. What did Mary Kom consider her greatest achievement? Why?

C. Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. 2 x 3 = 6

17. 'I am just glad as glad can be
That I am not them, that they are not me'.

18. 'Office face, street face, host face
Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles
Like a fixed portrait smile'

19. I'm glad that when my struggle begins
Twixt prudence and ego, prudence wins'.

D. Answer any two of the following. 2 x 2 = 4

20. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.

Everyone.....(sleep) when the earthquake.....(hit) the small town.

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

The nearest hospital.....this place is.....a distance of twenty kilometers. You can reach it either.....car or.....a bicycle.

22. Fill in the blanks with suitable modal verbs.

Materialsfall down from the top. So you.....be careful.

SECTION - C

III. A. Answer any four of the following 4 x 5 = 20

23. Describe the relationship between the author and his grandmother.

24. Describe the life and achievement of Mary Kom.

25. This poem 'Once Upon a Time' is nothing but the criticism of modern life. Justify this statement.

26. Compare and contrast the character of Jimmy Wells and Bob.

27. Read the following passage and make notes or write a summary.

The Rome 1960 Paralympic Games was a tremendous step in sports for athletes with a physical impairment. The founder of the Paralympics movement, Sir Ludwig Guttmann, and the

director of the spinal centre in Rome, Antonia Maglio, started preparations for the games two years ago. It would be called the 9th Annual International Stoke Mandeville Games. Now regarded as the Rome 1960 Paralympic Games, the competition took place for six days following the closing ceremony of the XVII Olympic Games and was supported by the Italian Olympic Committee and the Italian Institute for Disabled Workers.

A total of eight different sports events debuted at the first-ever paralympic Games, all of which were considered beneficial and suitable for athletes with spinal cord injuries : archery, IPC athletics, dart, snooker, IPS swimming, table tennis, wheelchair-basketball and wheelchair fencing.

The opening ceremony on 18 September 1960 garnered a crowd of 5000 spectators, which greeted the wheelchair athletes during their colourful entry into Acqua Acetosa stadium. The Italian Minister for Public Health at the time, officially declared the games open to the world. In the debut of the Paralympic games on the world stage, the host nation Italy finished atop the medal standings, as Great Britain, Germany, Austria and the USA rounded out the top five with stellar performances.

The closing ceremony on 25th September was held in the Palazetto Dello in the Olympic village in the presence of Sir Guttman, the patron of the Games. Sir Guttman summed up the Games saying : "The vast majority of competitors and escorts have fully understood the meaning of the Rome Games as a new pattern of reintegration of the paralysed into society, as well as the whole of sport."