

XII - AUGUST 2021

Register Number

Language — Part II — English

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

- Instructions :** (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
- (2) Use **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

Answer **all** the questions.

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Choose the most appropriate answer from the given **four** alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. I follow my fancy and ask no man's permission.
- (a) plan (b) instinct (c) temper (d) desire
2. They are childish enough and in many ways artless.
- (a) selfless (b) artistic (c) guileless (d) foolish
3. Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world.
- (a) bearable (b) massive
- (c) unattended (d) common

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Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. The anticipation of this imagined separation only increases their fondness for the calf.

- (a) expectancy
- (b) contemplation
- (c) ignorance
- (d) outlook

5. Nicola was glaring at his brother in vexation.

- (a) confusion
- (b) anger
- (c) surprise
- (d) happy agreement

6. He was a good driver, and he had full confidence in the mechanic.

- (a) diffidence
- (b) hope
- (c) significance
- (d) assurance

7. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'wind' to form a compound word.

- (a) fan
- (b) man
- (c) proof
- (d) pulse

8. Replace the underlined word with the polite form of expression.

I saw a disabled man

- (a) gifted
- (b) handicapped
- (c) dyslexic
- (d) physically challenged

9. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.

- (a) amateur
- (b) ametuer
- (c) ameteur
- (d) amatuer

10. Replace the underlined word with its polite form.

Raghav submitted his resignation last week and is unemployed right now.

- (a) unpaid (b) retired
(c) on probation (d) between jobs

11. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.

Fertile soil is essential for the growth of plants.

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

12. Choose the correct combination for the blended word 'cyborg'.

- (a) cybernetic + organisation (b) cybernetic + organism
(c) cybernetic + organ (d) cybernetic + org

13. Choose the correct American English word for 'full stop'.

- (a) hash (b) dot (c) period (d) end

14. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.

The meeting was postponed as the chairman was on an official tour.

- (a) put off (b) put forward
(c) put up with (d) put out

15. Choose the correct combination of the compound word Overstep.

- (a) Noun + Verb (b) Preposition + Adverb
(c) Adverb + Noun (d) Adverb + Verb

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16. Choose the suffix that can be added after the word 'noble'.

- (a) -able (b) -ity (c) -ful (d) -ness

17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.

Let's go for a movie this weekend, _____ ?

- (a) let we (b) shouldn't we
(c) won't we (d) shall we

18. Fill in the blank choosing the correct prepositional phrase.

_____ your advertisement in a local newspaper, I am applying for the post of a salesman.

- (a) In reference to (b) With reference to
(c) In the event of (d) According to

19. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.

There was a skirmish _____ my brother and sister.

- (a) with (b) on
(c) between (d) among

20. Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate linkers.

We fail to harness the rain water, _____ we suffer.

- (a) consequently (b) nevertheless
(c) although (d) besides

PART - II

SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of Poetic lines and answer **any four** sets.

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21. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound

No other tree could live.

- (a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines ?
- (b) How does the poet describe the creeper ?

22. Let him have lazy days seeking his deeper motives.

Let him seek deep for where he is born natural.

- (a) Why does the poet advise his son to have lazy days ?
- (b) Identify the figure of speech used in the above lines.

23. When I am gone. He works his work, I mine

There lies the port; the vessel puffs her sail:

- (a) Where does the speaker plan to go ?
- (b) Identify the figure of speech used in the second line.

24. "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,

Seeking the bubble reputation"

- (a) Explain "bubble reputation".
- (b) What are the distinguishing features of this stage ?

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25. for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die
(a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life ?
(b) How long would his venture last ?

26. Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong
and the final decisions are made in silent rooms,
(a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being ? How ?
(b) Identify the figure of speech used in the above line.

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

3x2=6

Answer **any three** questions.

27. She said that she would be using the car that night (Change into Direct Speech).
28. My mother is knitting the sweaters (Change the voice).
29. Unless you go for a walk regularly, you cannot reduce your weight (Rewrite the sentence using 'If' without changing the meaning of the sentence).
30. Suresh did not know Hindi, so he wanted a translator (Rewrite as a complex sentence).

PART - III
SECTION - 1

Explain **any two** of the following with reference to the context.

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31. Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.
32. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech.....
33. And one man in his time plays many parts.

SECTION - 2

Answer **any two** of the following questions in **not** more than **30** words.

2x3=6

34. How does Dr. Bernard know the boy who played the trolley's driver ?
35. How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it ?
36. Why did the driver not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys ?

SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following.

3x3=9

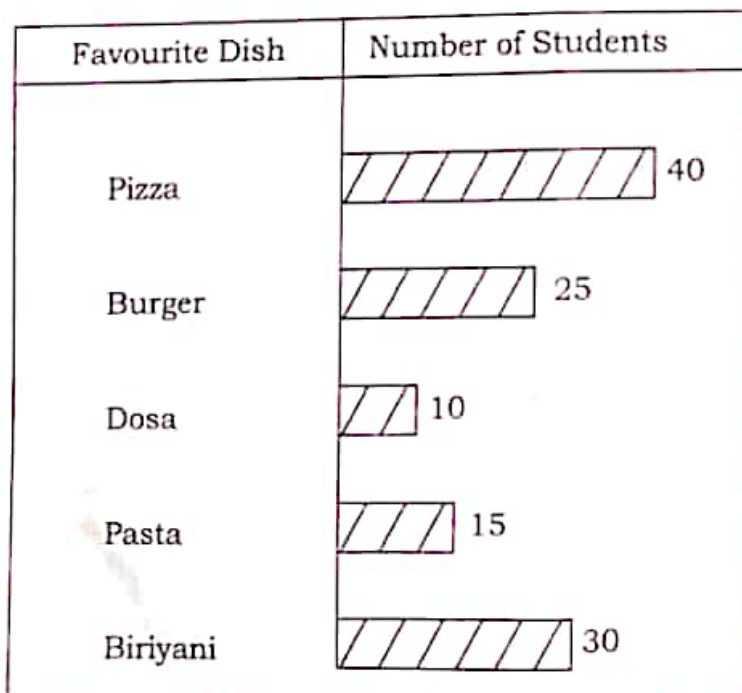
37. Describe the process of planting a sapling in a pot.
38. Build a dialogue of atleast three utterances between a student and his mother regarding online classes.

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39. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.

- (a) went/we/a/on/year/trip/to/last/Kanyakumari
(b) get/in/at/seven o'clock/I/up/morning/the
(c) take/will/a/the/off/plane/few/minutes/in

40. The following graph depicts the result of a survey conducted among 120 students of class XII of a certain school. Study the graph and answer the questions based on it.



- (i) Which is the most favourite dish of the students ?
(ii) How many students have 'dosa' as their favourite dish ?
(iii) What is the difference in the number of students who preferred Pizza to Burger ?

PART - IV

Answer the following.

7x5=35

41. Answer the following in a **paragraph** of about **150 words**.

(a) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home after the arrival of the chair.

OR

(b) Adversity brings out the best as well as the worst in people. Elucidate this statement with reference to the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

42. Answer the following in a **paragraph** of about **150 words**.

(a) The poet immortalises the Casuarina Tree. Elucidate.

OR

(b) How does the poet Carl Sandburg give a vivid description of a father's worldly wisdom in directing a son who is at the threshold of manhood ?

43. Answer the following in a **paragraph** of about **150 words**, by developing the hints.

(a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - lived - Vladimir - wife and children - trip - Nizhny Fair - wife - bad dream - not to start - local police - arrested Aksionov - charged with murder - petition - turned down - sent - mines of Siberia - grew old - frequently prayed to God - respected by inmates - gentle behaviour - one day - met - Makar Semyonich - Aksionov - found out the truth - Makar admitted - Aksionov - forgave - died in peace.

OR

(b) Children of Venus - glimpse of the sun - after seven years - Margot stood apart - William - shoved and disliked - remembered - sun - four years - Ohio - children hated her - told her - a joke - locked in a closet - rain stopped - sun came out - children laughed - ran among trees - boom of thunder - children trembled - one of them - remembered - looked at each other - unlocked closet door - only silence - let Margot out.

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44. Make notes or summarise the following passage.

(a) Imagine looking down on the vast expanse of the sea with its mighty waves cresting and crushing the sand, then claiming it with the soft hush of their froth and foam from the effort. This is Varkala, one of the many beaches along Kerala's 600 km shoreline. It is perhaps the best of the beaches of the coastline. Kanur beach has the cliffs but no sand, the Cherayi beach has a coconut grove but no cliffs, Kovalam has too many tourists but neither the cliffs nor estuaries. Varkala just 41 km north of Thiruvananthapuram, has everything-never ending cliffs, white sand, bubbling mineral springs - quaint caves, swaying palms, glimpses of history, wonder of geography and spiritual richness and rejuvenation therapies.

Varkala is the only place in Southern Kerala where one can find cliffs adjacent to the Arabian Sea. They are known among geologists as the Varkala Formation. There are numerous water spouts and geysers on the cliff faces, making this place a natural spa.

OR

(b) Write a paragraph on the importance of being kind to animals.

45. (a) Write a letter to EZ Company requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently. Include the following details : the problem, date of purchase, receipt number, model and warranty.

OR

(b) You had been to your Grandfather's house during the Christmas holidays. You enjoyed your stay in his company. Write a letter to your Grandfather stating how much you miss him after returning to your home.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- (i) She made me to cry.
- (ii) Faster you run, sooner you get tired.
- (iii) This is the most least mark I have ever scored.
- (iv) My friends and I were sitting in a cafe and to talk.
- (v) No sooner did the power resume, when the children screamed in joy.

OR

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) Yusuf _____ to the movies once in a while. (Use the verb 'go' in the correct form)
- (ii) My grandfather _____ visit this temple when he was young. (Fill in with a semi modal)
- (iii) She had to _____ out her papers before she _____ help from the clerk. (sought/sort)
- (iv) _____ I got up early, I managed to reach school on time. (Use an appropriate linker)

47. Develop the hints into a story of **150 words**.

- (a) Manager of a firm - advertised - night watchman - applicants interviewed - manager - not satisfied - on applicant - Raju - sat in a corner - patiently waiting - his turn came - manager questioned - about his health - suffering from sleeplessness - replied Raju - manager - happy - appointed Raju.

OR

- (b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Mr. Bean is a television series created by Rowan Atkinson and Richard Curtis, which was aired from 1990-95. It was first released in U.K. as a live action comedy, and was later also made into an animated series for children. (Atkinson plays the role of the protagonist Mr. Bean with great comic timing) He admits to having conceived the character within a span of 48 hours while he was studying in Oxford. (Following the style of old silent films, Mr. Bean rarely speaks, but his facial expressions and physical gestures convey the plot of each episode.) (Since language is not an issue, this series has been broadcast in about 200 countries around the world.)

- (i) Who created the television series Mr. Bean ?
- (ii) When and how did the character of Mr. Bean emerge ?
- (iii) What medium did the character use to convey the plot to the audience ?
- (iv) What feature of the series has made it possible to be broadcast in about 200 countries ?
- (v) Pick out the word from the passage which means - "a lead character or one of the major characters in a play, film or novel."

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