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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 a **Blue** or **Black** ink pen to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

- Note :** (i) Answer **all** the questions. **20x1=20**
(ii) 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 words underlined in the following sentences.

- They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.
(a) innocent (b) humble (c) playful (d) generous
- My gloomy thoughts probably stem from an accident I had a few years ago.
(a) sensible (b) mixed (c) sorrowful (d) profound
- he was sitting in splendour on his chair.
(a) excitement (b) magnificence (c) satisfaction (d) hesitation

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

- One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic.
(a) opportunistic (b) systematic (c) realistic (d) pessimistic
- and set ourselves to the task of safely descending the ridge.
(a) proceeding (b) ascending (c) treading (d) expanding
- and with no small peril to herself.
(a) worth (b) safety (c) profit (d) delight

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7. Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.
Do the Math before investing your savings on this business venture.
(a) Think carefully (b) Calculate properly
(c) Share equally (d) Work confidently
8. Replace the underlined word with a polite form of expression.
It is our duty to take care of the old.
(a) aged weaklings (b) senior citizens
(c) elderly folks (d) infirm beings
9. Choose the correct American English equivalent for the British English word.
'windscreen'
(a) windshield (b) wind sail (c) wind sheet (d) wind glass
10. Fill in the blank with the suitable prepositional phrase.
All the delegates attended the conference _____ heavy rains.
(a) in case of (b) in spite of (c) in favour of (d) in the event of
11. Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.
The children were very tired; _____ they went to bed early last night.
(a) otherwise (b) therefore (c) because (d) though
12. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
The selection committee rejected your application.
(a) turned out (b) turned against
(c) turned down (d) turned up
13. Choose the tetra-syllabic word from the following.
(a) equipment (b) apparatus (c) insolence (d) universe
14. Identify the correct blended form of 'binary + digit'.
(a) bid (b) bit (c) bind (d) bigit
15. Replace the clipped word in the following sentence with its unclipped form.
We always save the scanned copies of the important documents in a floppy disc.
(a) diskette (b) discotheque (c) discourse (d) disclaimer

16. Choose the right expansion of the abbreviation DCP.
- (a) District Controller of Police
(b) Director of Convoy Police
(c) Department of Civil Police
(d) Deputy Commissioner of Police
17. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Vivek played some great shots today, _____ ?
- (a) doesn't he (b) hadn't he (c) didn't he (d) won't he
18. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition.
I shall be back here _____ three hours.
- (a) since (b) over (c) within (d) across
19. Choose the noun that cannot form a verb using the prefix 'en _____'.
- (a) circle (b) danger (c) slave (d) friend
20. Choose the word that has been spelt wrongly.
- (a) secretary (b) vengence (c) demeanour (d) avalanche

PART - II**SECTION - 1**

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

4x2=8

21. A gray baboon sits statue-like alone
watching the sunrise; while on lower boughs
His puny offspring leap about and play;
And far and near kokilas hail the day;
- (a) What is the baboon compared to ?
(b) Explain the last line.
22. "And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;"
- (a) What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' mean ?
(b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.

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23. How can this shameful tale be told ?
I will maintain until my death
We could do nothing, being sold;
Our only enemy was gold.
(a) What was the 'shameful act' ?
(b) Who was the real enemy ?
24. This is my Son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle,
Well-loved of me.....
(a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence ?
(b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
25. A film the mother - eagle's eye
When her bruised eaglet breathes :
(a) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines ?
(b) Explain the comparison.
26. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock".
(a) How should one face life, according to the poet ?
(b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

Answer **any three** questions.

3x2=6

27. Change the following into indirect speech.
The policeman said to the thief, "Open your bag and show what it contains."
28. Someone has found your mobile phone in the canteen. (Change the voice)
29. You will not reach your goal, unless you chase your dream.
(Rewrite using 'If' without changing the meaning)
30. Mangoes are not so costly as apples in this city.
(Rewrite this sentence using the comparative degree)

PART - III
SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. "Dear is the casuarina to my soul;"
32. "Is second childishness and mere oblivion; sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."
33. 'I'm killed Sire!' And, his Chief beside, Smiling, the boy fell dead.

SECTION - 2

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

2x3=6

34. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.
35. Why were the two chairs compared to Rama-Lakshmana ?
36. What does the 'rule of the road' mean ?

SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following.

3x3=9

37. Complete the proverbs by choosing the right words from the list.

- (a) Every _____ has a silver lining.
(i) planet (ii) cloud (iii) stream
- (b) Don't judge a _____ by its cover.
(i) gift (ii) seat (iii) book
- (c) _____ speak louder than words.
(i) Actions (ii) Thoughts (iii) Expressions

38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.

- (a) run/to/learn/before/walk/you
(b) it/spectacle/a/glorious/was
(c) before/cowards/death/times/die/their/many

39. Describe the process of arranging a birthday party in your house.

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40. The following table contains information of medals won by a few countries in Tokyo Olympics. Study the table and answer the questions based on it.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
China	38	31	18
America	36	39	33
Japan	27	12	17
Russia	20	26	23

- (a) Which country has won the maximum number of medals ?
(b) What are the three medals awarded at the Olympics ?
(c) Name the countries that have won more gold medals than silver.

PART - IV

Answer the following.

7x5=35

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

(a) "These two children had given me a profound lesson" Elucidate.

OR

(b) How did Tenzing and Hillary prepare themselves before they set off to the summit ?

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

(a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel in "The Castle" - Explain.

OR

(b) Write a summary of the poem "A Father to his son".

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

(a) Robert Baldwin - an honest man - worked under Gresham - thick friends - fraud in a bank - Gresham arrested - misappropriation of money - pressurised Baldwin - to falsely declare - offered huge bribe - Baldwin refused - family members tempted - tried to justify Gresham's act - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - Gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded.

OR

(b) Lord Weston - judge - secretary - Roger - discovered - paper in his pocket - words - Remember Caesar - feared - message - warning - March 15 - Julius Caesar - assassinated - sensing attack - shut doors - sent cook - gardener - elaborate precautionary measures - commotion - recollect - appointment - Caesar a gardener - absent - mindedness.

44. (a) Summarize the following passage.

Encouraged by the archaeological findings in Keeladi that testified the existence of an ancient Urban Tamil Civilisation, the Department of Archaeology has decided to launch excavations at seven more sites and field studies in two places.

Excavations would be carried out in keeladi and surrounding areas in Sivagangai District, Adichanallur and surrounding areas, Sivakalai and surrounding areas and Korkai and surrounding areas in Thoothukudi District, Kodumanal in Erode District, Mayiladumparai in Krishnagiri District as well as Gangai Konda Cholapuram and Maligai medu in Ariyalur District.

A field study will be conducted to find new stone age sites in Krishnagiri, Vellore, Dharmapuri, Tiruvannamalai and Salem districts. Another field study will be done in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts to find the Thamiraparani river civilization. The excavations and field studies are milestones in the efforts to restore the ancient cultural greatness of Tamil through scientific methods.

There is a renewed interest in archaeology and culture in the State and the new excavation would help - reveal the pluralist culture of Tamil Nadu to the world.

OR

- (b) Write an essay of about 150 words on the topic "A Memorable Journey".

45. (a) Respond to the following advertisement with a Bio-data.

[Write XXX for your name and YYY for your address]

Wanted

Computer Operator for CYBER ELEVATORS Pvt. Ltd.
- graduate with computer knowledge-good fluency
in English - minimum 2 years experience.

Apply to :

The Manager,
Cyber Elevators Pvt. Ltd.
Mount Road, Chennai - 600002.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend who is studying abroad, describing how the 44th chess olympiad was conducted in Mamallapuram.

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

- (i) The lawyer gave me some valuable advices.
- (ii) My teacher told me that my answer is wrong.
- (iii) I go to school by walk.
- (iv) As the weather was pleasant, so we went for a walk.
- (v) Many a student have passed with distinction.

OR

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- (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
- (i) The cook spilled the wheat _____ on the kitchen _____.
(floor/flour)
- (ii) I _____ not venture out in the dark.
(Fill in the blank with a suitable semi-modal verb)
- (iii) Last year we _____ (go) on a school trip to Kanyakumari.
(Fill in the blank with the right tense form)
- (iv) Geetha _____ is my neighbour left for Delhi yesterday.
(Use an appropriate relative pronoun)

47. (a) Develop the following hints in to a story of **150** words.

A washerman reared a dog - also a donkey - both helped him - one night - washerman and family - in deep sleep - a thief entered - dog did not bark - donkey became angry - tried - dog's duty - brayed loudly - thief ran away - master's sleep disturbed - turned wild - beat the donkey.

OR

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

Charles Dickens was an English writer and social critic. During his life time, his works enjoyed unprecedented popularity. He is now considered a 'literary genius' because he created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded as the greatest novelists of the Victorian era. His novels and short stories enjoy lasting popularity.

Dickens' literary success began with the 1836' serial publication of 'The Pickwick Papers'. Within a few years he had become an international literary celebrity, famous for his humour, satire and keen observation of character and society. Dickens was regarded as the literary colossus of his age. His novella - 'A Christmas Carol' (1843), remains popular and continues to inspire adaptations in every artistic genre. Oliver Twist and Great Expectations are also frequently adapted and, like many of his novels, evoke images of early Victorian London. His novel, 'A Tale of Two Cities' (1859), set in London and Paris, is his best - known work of historical fiction.

Dickens' creative genius has been praised by fellow writers - from Leo Tolstoy to George Orwell and G.K. Chesterton - for its realism, comedy, prose style, unique characterizations and social criticism.

- (i) Who is Charles Dickens ?
- (ii) Why is Charles Dickens considered a 'literary genius' ?
- (iii) When did Dickens' literary success begin ?
- (iv) What do you know about Dickens' novel 'A Tale of Two Cities' ?
- (v) What made his fellow writers praise Dickens' works ?

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