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## Language – Part II – English

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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 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 both, the option code and the corresponding answer for each question.

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

1. One is liable to put in too much milk.  
 (a) likely                      (b) certain                      (c) eager                      (d) unlikely
2. As trade slackened, we went over.  
 (a) shortened                      (b) reduced                      (c) extended                      (d) increased
3. You may prefer yoghurt to shandy.  
 (a) milk                      (b) coffee                      (c) lemonade                      (d) tea

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

4. Anna would say with an impudent smile.  
 (a) innocent                      (b) disrespectful                      (c) decent                      (d) courteous
5. .... the traffic and with no small peril to herself.  
 (a) scrutiny                      (b) peace                      (c) stress                      (d) safety

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6. He had a malignant tumour of the bone.  
(a) benign (b) harmful (c) mild (d) dangerous
7. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.  
Thomas Alva Edison did not lose his \_\_\_\_\_, even after facing a series of experimental failures in his quest to discover tungsten.  
(a) performance (b) confidence (c) courage (d) emotion
8. Choose the phrase for the following pair of nouns.  
Fibre + tissue  
(a) fibral tissue (b) fibre tissue (c) fibrous tissue (d) fibissue
9. Choose the word that can form a derivate with the suffix -ful.  
(a) honour (b) different (c) obey (d) respect
10. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.  
We bought their biggest basket and then started toward town.  
(a) set up (b) set by (c) set off (d) set on
11. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.  
The tea should be put straight \_\_\_\_\_ the pot.  
(a) up (b) to (c) in (d) into
12. Choose the suitable prepositional phrase to fill in the blank.  
I am applying for the post of a salesman \_\_\_\_\_ your advertisement in the newspaper.  
(a) in reference to (b) with reference to  
(c) on behalf of (d) in lieu of
13. Choose the word that cannot be added after "grand" to form a compound word.  
(a) mother (b) son (c) teacher (d) master
14. Choose the correct plural form for the underlined word in the following sentence.  
Mr. Aslam is an alumnus of this college.  
(a) alumna (b) alumni (c) alumnuses (d) alumnae
15. Replace the British English word with its equivalent in American English.  
The pedestrians used the pavement .  
(a) sidewalk (b) platform (c) alley (d) elevator

16. Replace the underlined word with possible polite form.  
Saroj is unemployed.
- (a) without job (b) between jobs (c) jobless (d) searching a job
17. Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the given sentence.  
The Sherpas are cheerful men who fetch and carry tents, oxygen and food for climbers during their ascent of the summit.
- (a) think carefully (b) to make preparation  
(c) to wait for a situation (d) to do a lot of little jobs
18. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.
- (a) tommorrow (b) tomorow (c) tomorrow (d) tomoorow
19. Choose the correct question tag for the sentence.  
Nobody has arrived yet, \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) hasn't they ? (b) haven't they ? (c) has they ? (d) have they ?
20. Fill in the blank with the suitable linker.  
\_\_\_\_\_ you register your name, you can participate in the event.
- (a) If (b) Unless (c) In case of (d) Though

**PART - II**  
**SECTION - 1**

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

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21. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,  
So smooth and high, no man could win"
- (a) How safe was the castle ?  
(b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers ?
22. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung  
In crimson clusters all the boughs among!"
- (a) Who is the giant here ?  
(b) Pick out the rhyming words.

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23. Then a soldier,  
Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,  
(a) What is the soldier compared to ?  
(b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
24. "Death closes all : but something ere the end,  
Some work of noble note, may yet be done,"  
(a) The above lines convey the undying spirit of Ulysses. Explain.  
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.
25. "Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy".  
And this too might serve him.  
(a) Who speaks these words to whom ?  
(b) What do you mean by soft loam ?
26. 'You're wounded!' 'Nay', his soldier's pride  
Touched to the quick, he said :  
(a) Why did the boy contradict Napoleon's words ?  
(b) Was the soldier wounded ?

**SECTION - 2**

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. The teacher said to Aswin, "Why are you late ?"  
(Rewrite in the reported form)
28. Roshan sold his car to Vidhya.  
(Change into passive voice)
29. Rewrite the following sentence using 'if' without changing the meaning.  
You will not reach your goal, unless you chase your dream.
30. Jones did not know Spanish, 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.

2x3=6

31. "It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech, ...."
32. "Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed"
33. "To see your flag-bird flap his vans  
Where I, to heart's desire,  
Perched him!"

**SECTION - 2**

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

2x3=6

34. How did the boy who played the mechanic lose his eyesight ?
35. The soft snow was difficult and dangerous. Why ?
36. Define 'liberty' as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.

**SECTION - 3**

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Write any three instructions to be given to candidates on the eve of the examination.
38. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics.
- (a) Television
- (b) Safety awareness
- (c) Yoga

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39. Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below.

- (a) The pen is mightier than the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) knife                      (ii) pencil                      (iii) sword
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ all, lose all.
- (i) Earn                      (ii) Covet                      (iii) Save
- (c) New \_\_\_\_\_ sweep well.
- (i) brooms                      (ii) brushes                      (iii) grooms

40. Extend the conversation with three more relevant exchanges.

Student : Good morning sir. May I come in ?

Teacher : Good morning, why are you late today ?

### PART - IV

Answer the following.

7x5=35

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

(a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona" ?

OR

(b) Explain in your own words, "What freedom means ?" with reference to 'On the Rule of the Road'.

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

(a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a Stage".

OR

(b) What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors ? How does he inspire them ?

43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

(a) Baldwin - honest - under Gresham - bank - thick friends over 30 years - Gresham - misappropriated - arrested - Baldwin - testify against him - met Gresham - offer - hundred thousand - I don't remember - Baldwin's family enticed into accept - money - Mr. Marshall - Third National bank - offered Baldwin a job - reward for Honesty - Gresham confessed his crime.

OR

(b) Ausable - secret agent - Fowler, a reporter - French hotel on the sixth floor - Max awaited with a pistol - report on new missiles - balcony nuisance - appointment at twelve - knock on the door - Max nervous - send the cops - jumped through the window - a waiter enters with a tray - Ausable outwits Max.

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44. (a) Write a summary of the following passage.

To match the best cities across the world, the Government of India initiated 'smart cities' to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people. The agenda under smart city promises to resolve urban sustainability problems. Urban forests provide a range of important ecosystem services that are critical for the sustainability of cities. Urban forestry, which is defined, more as "Management of Trees" contributes to the physiological, sociological and economic well-being of the society. Mangroves, lakes, grasslands, and forests in and around our cities, act as sponges that absorb the air and noise pollution. They present themselves as our cultural and recreational hotspots. However these spots are rapidly being reclaimed and replaced in the name of development. Presence of urban green has shown to increase the economic value of the place.

Urban forests contribute to reduce the cost of building storm water drain systems for municipalities and neutralising urban heat island effect. Plants not only provide shade but also help in regulating the micro-climate. They help regulate energy budgets, improve air quality and curtail noise pollution. Trees, herbs, shrubs and grasses arrest sedimentation and prevent other pollutants from entering our water systems.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on "The value of discipline in life".

45. (a) Write a letter to your friend giving reasons for your choice of group in the Higher Secondary Course.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to XYZ Company requesting them to replace the defective smart watch that you bought recently.

46. (a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

(i) The \_\_\_\_\_ scientist warned of the \_\_\_\_\_ danger. (imminent/eminent)

(ii) Sajid \_\_\_\_\_ (quit) his job a couple of years ago.

(Use the correct form of the verb)

(iii) How \_\_\_\_\_ you enter my room ?

[Fill in with a semi-modal form of verb]

(iv) \_\_\_\_\_ (exercise) is good for health.

(Use the gerundial form of the verb)

OR

- (b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and write them correctly.

(i) The childrens are playing in the park.

(ii) Let us go out today, should we ?

(iii) Yeshwanth prefers coffee than tea.

(iv) I didn't knew what to do.

(v) A vase of flowers stood on her table besides a dish of fruits.

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47. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

- (a) Humans have long been fascinated by fiction. We experience excitement in assigning supernatural power to imaginary characters in fictional stories and so we have Spider man, Batman, He-man, Titans and many more. The 'Cyborg' was an offshoot of such wild imagination of humans to invest our species with superhuman powers. Today, the Cyborg is no more an imaginary organism. In other words, a Cyborg is partly human and partly machine. Intelligence is sought to be infused into machines since the needs of humans are not limited. As time passes, food habits change, thinking patterns change and even appearances change. Computers and smart phones have become our masters. Robotics are designed in such a way to give man, a virtual human companion. The field of Artificial Intelligence is overtaking the human brain.
- (i) What do you mean by Cyborg ?
  - (ii) Name a few imaginary characters in fictional stories.
  - (iii) What have become our masters ?
  - (iv) Mention the field that overtakes the human brain.
  - (v) Is Cyborg an imaginary organism.

OR

- (b) Develop the hints into a story.

Big cotton merchant - owned a factory - many employees - one day - a heap of cotton stolen - no clue - merchant's secretary assured to find out - asked him to host dinner - invite all workers - merchant agreed - middle of feast - secretary suddenly shouted - cotton sticking to hair of thieves - the guilty dusted their heads - tried to clear - caught in the trap - punished.

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