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20. "And so it were wisest to keep our feet
From wandering into Complaining Street".
- What is the wisest thing that the poet suggests?
 - What does the phrase 'to keep our feet from wandering' refer to?
21. "Not a crumb to be found
On the snow-covered ground".
- What couldn't the cricket find on the ground?
 - Why was the ground covered with snow?
22. "It never grows leaves,
Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.
It just sits there, never - getting small or ever growing tall".
- What does 'it' refer to?
 - In what way is the tree a mystery?

Section - III

Answer any three of the following:

3x2=6

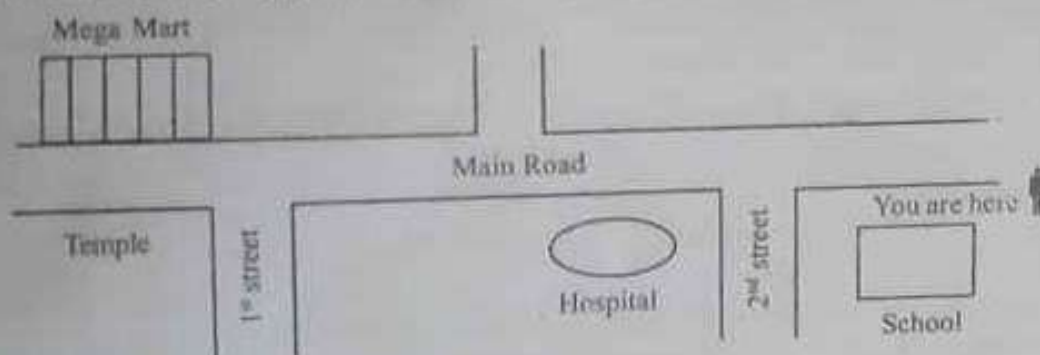
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:
The assassin had hidden a knife in his sleeve. A police officer suspected him.
24. Rewrite using indirect speech.
Mumtaz asked Munna, "Do you have a bike?"
25. Punctuate the following sentence:
have you written your exercise said kathir
26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence:
When Radha heard about her victory, she was overjoyed
27. Arrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:
- of the paper / the students / instructed / write on / both sides / the teacher / not to
 - a pen / requested / to lend / Suresh / him / Gopi

Section - IV

Answer the following question:

1x2=2

28. A stranger wants to visit the Mega Mart. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



(10x5=50)

PART - III

Section - I

2x5=10

Answer any two of the following in utmost ten lines.

29. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. 'Man does change with time' - What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?
31. Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in school.
32. How did Holmes trap Mr. Culverton Smith to confess the murder?

Section - II

2x5=10

Answer any two of the following in utmost ten lines.

33. What is the mystery depicted in the poem, The house on Elm street?
34. Compare and contrast the attitude of the two characters in the poem.

the questions given below:

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36. Paraphrase the following stanza:

*Strong is she in her faith and belief**"Perseverance is the key to everything."**Says she. Despite the sighs and groans and moans.**She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!*

Section - III

Answer any one of the following:

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:

- The little boy was glad and started off with a light heart.
- One afternoon, when Peter was eight years old, his mother called him from his play.
- She wanted him to go across the dike and take cakes to his blind friend.
- His mother wanted him to return before dark and hence bid his friend goodbye.
- After sometime, when he was speaking with his friend, he remembered his mother's wish.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

I was just thirty - seven when my Uncle Philip died. A week before that event he sent for me, and here let me say that I had never set eyes on him. He hated my mother, but I do not know why. She told me long before his last illness that I need expect nothing from my father's brother. He was an inventor, an able and ingenious mechanical engineer, and had much money by his improvement in turbine - wheels. He was a bachelor, lived alone, cooked his own meals, and collected precious stones, especially rubies and pearls. From the time he made his first money he had this mania. As he grew richer, the desire to possess rare and costly gems became stronger. When he bought a new stone, he carried it in his pocket for a month and now and then took it out and looked at it. Then it was added to the collection in his safe at the trust company.

- How old was Uncle Philip's nephew when he died?
- How was the narrator related to Philip?
- What was Philip doing and how did his earnings improve?
- What did Philip do when he bought a new stone?
- What was Philip's mania?

Section - IV

4x5=20

Answer any four of the following:

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Sale of furniture - wooden chairs - dining tables - teakwood tables - comfortable sofa cum bed - all under one roof - door delivery - 15% less - hurry - Rex & Co - 106, West Perumal street - Madurai.

40. Imagine that you have parked your bicycle inside the school premises. You find it missing in the evening. Write a complaint to the head of the school regarding this issue.

41. You are Ganesh / Gayathri, Head boy / Head girl, of your school. Write a notice for your school notice board informing the students about the 'Fancy Dress competition' that is going to be organised in your school campus on the 20th of next month.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences:



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:

Pranaya is the systematic process of oxidization. The process of oxidization is essential for everyman. Life and longevity depend upon the process of breathing. But very few people breathe deeply and fully

enough to stretch the muscles of throats and diaphragm to enable them function properly. The average man breathes fifteen times a minute using less than one - tenth of his or her breathing capacity. Some are buried deep inside the

Though he is poor but he is honest.
 e) He told me that he can complete the project by the end of the month.

Section - V

45. Quote from memory:

"O'er rough the best".

1x5=5

PART - IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

(2x8=16)

a) There was an - island - oldman - Prospero young lady - Miranda - lived in a cave - Prospero - magic - released - good spirits - Sycorax, Ariel - Caliban - Prospero - raised violent storm - Ariel - brought Ferdinand - second human - Miranda seen - attracted by Ferdinand - Prospero - wanted to test - Ferdinand - Antonio - false brother - repents - beg forgiveness - Miranda and Ferdinand - came before him - became happy - king's ship back to the royal fleet - Naples - Ferdinand and Miranda will be married.

(OR)

b) A Farmer and his mother - lived in a village - became sad - decree - of putting aged people to death - tyrannical leader - Labour ended - prepared food - unwhitened rice - gourd filled with water - carried his mother - back - went - mountain of the abandoning of Aged - mother - noticed - perilous path - dropped twigs - to help her son - understood - unconditional love of mother - brought back - hid - on a walled closet - despotic leader - ordered - rope of ashes - informed to his mother - poor mother told the farmer - how to make rope of ashes - tyrant - pleased about his knowledge - the farmer told the truth - the king - listened and meditated - abolished - harsh law - acknowledged that with the crown of snow, there cometh wisdom.

47. a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:

Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam was really a true legend for the youngsters of the country. He has inspired the new generation of the country through his whole life career, workings and writings. He still lives in the heart of Indian people as the People's President and Missile Man. He was a scientist and an aerospace engineer who closely linked to the India's missile programme. He later served the country as 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. The full name of A.P.J Abdul Kalam was Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam. He was born on 15th of October in 1931 in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu and died on 27th of July in 2015 at Shillong, Meghalaya, India. After his graduation from the Madras Institute of Technology, he joined the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO). He has worked under a legendary space scientist, Vikram Ambalal Sarabhai (Father of India's space programme). He later became the project director in 1969 of India's first indigenous Satellite Launch Vehicle, SLV - III.

Questions:

- a) Who is the legend for the youth of the country? b) What was the Profession of Dr.Kalam?
 c) What is the full name of Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam? d) Where did he join after his graduation?

(OR)

b) Read the following poem and answer questions given below:

Thank God, the planets don't revolve
 In perfect circles around the sun.
 But wonder oval orbits
 Far away in space.
 Thank God, the axis of the earth
 Is turning tilted like a top,
 And wobbles as it spins.
 Thank God, rivers never flow
 In straight efficient lines
 From the heights down to the sea,
 But crash their way down mountain sides,
 Fall over rocky cliffs,
 And carve out twisting valleys where they run
 Thank God, thank God for all our days
 And for every single creature
 And each one's singular, quirky ways.

Questions:

- a) Why did the poet thank god?
 b) How is the earth turning?

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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2019

Standard X
ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Time: 3:00 hrs

Instructions: i) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor, immediately.
ii) Use black or blue ink to write.

PART - I

(14x1=14)

Answer all the questions.

Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer:

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words:

1. He *pretended* to be running high temperature.
a) awoke b) slept c) acted d) froze
2. The chief guest appreciated their *accomplishments*.
a) punishments b) achievements c) developments d) announcements
3. I saw a *frail* man in the room.
a) strong b) stout c) weak d) sturdy

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words:

4. They began to *ransack* the floor.
a) pilfer b) organize c) ravage d) raid
5. We *entered* the house and went to the room.
a) intruded b) exited c) invaded d) arrived
6. French was the most *logical* language.
a) illegitimate b) illegible c) illogical d) illiterate
7. Choose the correct plural form of '*alumnus*' from the following.
a) alurnus b) alumini c) -alum d) alumni
8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word - formation.
a) inter b) ultra c) trans d) sub

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation ISRO.
a) International Satellite Research Organisation b) Indian Space Research Organisation
c) Indian Social Research Organisation d) Indian Southern Railway Organisation

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:

I will the dictionary for the meaning of this word.

11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word "*hand*" to form a compound word:
a) light b) mark c) written d) write

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:

Share the apple your friends.

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.

When she (*visit*) Chennai, she met many of her relatives.

14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives:

Wait here I return.

- a) when b) or c) and d) until

PART - II

(10x2=20)

Section - I

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.

3x2=6

15. How did the young seagull try to reach its parents without having to fly?
16. Mention the special features of INSV Tarini.
17. Why does M.Hamel say that we must guard our language?
18. Why didn't Holmes let Watson examine him?

Section - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:

3x2=6

19. "Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;

Not mourning for the things that disappear"

- a) Why do you think the poet is not in a hurry?
- b) What should one not mourn for?