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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 **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline.

PART - I

Answer **all** the questions.

20x1=20

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

- She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing - song.
(a) jarring (b) boring (c) piercing (d) depressing
- The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite .
(a) alertness (b) hope (c) hunger (d) memory
- What was her Vexation
(a) annoyance (b) discomfort (c) confusion (d) lethargy

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- I pulled myself together to hand my card, nonchalantly to the clerk.
(a) physically (b) foolishly (c) secretly (d) concernedly
- I do claim to represent him in all his ruggedness .
(a) loneliness (b) eagerness (c) weakness (d) sadness

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6. My particular specialty now is returning to hotel desks two or three times a day.
(a) peculiar (b) exemplary (c) moderate (d) general
7. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'Court' to form a compound word.
(a) yard (b) file (c) gate (d) bail
8. Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "peace".
(a) -ly (b) -able (c) -ful (d) -ment
9. Choose the expanded form of TNPSC.
(a) Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
(b) Tamil Nadu Private Sector Commission
(c) Tamil Nadu Public Service Committee
(d) Tamil Nadu Private Sector Committee
10. Choose the clipped form of the word "Helicopter".
(a) copter (b) heli (c) heter (d) coper
11. Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.
The crippled soldier somehow managed to run away from the prison camp.
(a) operate (b) follow (c) observe (d) escape
12. Add suitable question tag to the following sentence.
Raji is not a Lawyer, _____
(a) doesn't she ? (b) is she ? (c) has she ? (d) hasn't she ?

13. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.

Gopi gave Prithvi a book

- (a) SVIDO (b) SVOA (c) SVAA (d) SVOC

14. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence.

I got my resume neatly typed.

- (a) an overall plan (b) an urgent message
(c) a detailed description (d) brief summary

15. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.

The company has announced a grand sale of used vehicles.

- (a) Well-handled (b) Old-fashioned
(c) Long-lasting (d) Pre-owned

16. Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt.

- (a) crescendo (b) discrepancy (c) catastrophe (d) absurdity

17. Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition.

I will never go _____ my conscience in taking a decision.

- (a) across (b) against (c) above (d) along

18. A "Gynaecologist" is one who _____.

- (a) treats diseases specific to women
(b) studies atmosphere, weather and climate
(c) specialises in the study of genes
(d) has expertise in treating stomach disorders

19. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.

Ramesh gave false excuses for not attending the function and took me for a ride.

- (a) deceived (b) irritated (c) surprised (d) confused

20. Pick out the word that has four syllables.

- (a) animosity (b) exception (c) animation (d) excitement

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PART - II

SECTION - 1

Answer **any four** of the following.

4x2=8

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow.

21. "But now they only laugh with their teeth,
while their ice - block - cold eyes".

- (a) Who are 'They' ?
- (b) Explain : ice - block - cold eyes.

22. "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 ?

23. "If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan".

- (a) What does 'heaven' refer to ?
- (b) Why does the poet call it 'holy' ?

24. "He sways his head from side to side,
with movements like a snake;"

- (a) Explain the comparison made here.
- (b) Identify the figure of speech used here.

25. Defeat we repel, courage our fort;

- (a) How do we react to defeat ?
- (b) Which is considered as our stronghold ?

26. "Our lands, our lives, and all, are Bolingbroke's,
And nothing can we call our own but death".
- (a) Who is Bolingbroke ?
- (b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

SECTION - 2

Answer **any three** of the following questions.

3x2=6

27. The librarian said to the students, "Speak softly".
(Rewrite as reported speech).
28. No one has opened that house for several years.
(Rewrite the sentence using passive voice).
29. Ajay and Dinesh were too young to work in the industry.
(Change into a compound sentence).
30. If you were a teacher, you would know the difficulties.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'were').

PART - III

SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. "Once upon a time, Son
They used to laugh, with their hearts;"
32. "Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of Man" ?
33. "Let's talk of graves, of worms and epitaphs".

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SECTION - 2

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

2x3=6

34. How was Mary Kom felicitated on her return to India ?
35. What kind of absent - mindedness is regarded as a virtue by Lynd ?
36. Why did the clerk say that Bryson was not entitled to flyer miles ?

SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following.

3x3=9

37. Complete the proverbs with the suitable words given.
- (a) A penny saved is a penny _____. (borrowed, earned, invested)
- (b) Even the _____ have ears. (floors, walls, windows)
- (c) Every cloud has a silver _____. (lining, finish, border)
38. Write a notice about the inauguration of a Laughter club in your school.
39. Describe the process of making vegetable salad.
40. Write an e-mail to your sister giving her important tips on how to prepare for the final examination.

PART - IV

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

7x5=35

(a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. - Explain.

OR

(b) How does Dr. Arignar Anna highlight the importance of giving back to the Society ?

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

(a) How does the poet establish the victory of common-sense over ego in the poem "Confessions of a Born Spectator" ?

OR

(b) Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity.

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

- (a) Philip Sletherby - Politician - Brillmanor - meet - Mrs. Saltpen Jago - London
- Re-election - young man - Bestie - Needed three pounds - Mistaken - fraud
- Jago Crest - demilion - "Seeing is believing".

OR

- (b) Jack and Jill - happy married couple - Villa New Hampsted - Aunt Jane visits - much surprised - furniture - Lovely house - instalment basis - Aunt Jane cannot believe - Jack explains borrow Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation Aunt Jane - Leaves house - on foot - gives cheque - They try to own baby.

44. Summarize the following passage :

- (a) The aim of education is to enable the human personality to grow to its status in full. Man has a body, mind and spirit. Accordingly, education aims at the physical, the intellectual, the spiritual and the moral development of a man. Games are the means of keeping the body healthy and fit. Physical fitness and freedom from all kinds of ailments are the desire and ambition of every human being. Indeed, good health is the first condition of happiness in life. Those who play games regularly maintain good health. Games are excellent means of body exercise. Keep the body healthy and strong. There are many games like Hockey, Football, Tennis etc. and other games like Kabaddi, Hide and Seek etc. If a man wants to develop his personality he has to keep his body healthy. Players always have a better appetite and a better digestion. So work and play should be fairly balanced.

OR

- (b) Frame a dialogue between two senior citizens chatting about how they spend their life after retirement from job. (Minimum of five exchanges)

45. (a) Respond to the given advertisement with Bio-Data. (Write XXX for the name and YYY for the address)

<p>Wanted SALESMAN</p> <p>The applicant should be a graduate with minimum three years experience in Textiles.</p> <p>Apply with Bio-Data to : Royal Pvt. Ltd., 55, Royal Street, Chennai.</p>

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the Chief Reservation Supervisor of Railways requesting him to grant concession for your educational tour.

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46. (a) (i) The doctor advised his patient to take out the _____ of cigarette he had in his _____ and throw it in the dustbin.
(Pocket/Package)
- (ii) If we had had time, we _____ (visit) the exhibition.
(Use the correct tense form of the verb)
- (iii) The sisters _____ meet everyday, when they lived in the same town.
(Fill in the blank with the suitable semi - modal verb)
- (iv) Don't talk _____ you are eating.
(Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction)

OR

- (b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.
- (i) Neither of the boys are guilty.
- (ii) Balaji is junior than me.
- (iii) Our teacher gives us a lot of advices.
- (iv) The quality of the mangoes were good.
- (v) The tourists took much photos during their trip.

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

Many people are unsuccessful because of their subconscious mind. Human brain is like a powerful computer. Everything starts from our brain. Whatever you have been learning since your birth is stored in your brain. There are two types of thinking - positive and negative. All the above things are considered as programming.

Thus to be a successful person, you have to change your mental programming. You will achieve success after diluting the negative programming from your brain. Brain is a machine of thoughts which never stops and hence carries out activities continuously. You have to leave your negative thinking which is a hindrance for your progress. Anger, tension and hatred are negative things. You must avoid all these as they lead us in the direction of failure. The positive things are faith, love, honour, praise and to achieve high dream, say I can do! Whatever commands you give your brain, it will do the same.

Questions :

- (i) What are the two types of thinking ?
- (ii) What is said about the brain ?
- (iii) Mention some of the positive things that one should follow.
- (iv) What should be done to be a successful person ?
- (v) What is the hindrance for one's progress ?

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on "My ambition in Life".

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