

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

- I. Answer all the questions. Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes. **20x1 = 20**
- Choose the correct **synonyms** for the underlined words from the options given.
1. She sat by her wheel spinning and reciting prayers.
a) memorizing b) murmuring c) chanting d) teaching
2. I ate enough to sate my appetite.
a) suppress b) quench c) increase d) satisfy
3. I am no great delinquent in such matters.
a) creator b) offender c) guardian d) halfwit
- Choose the correct **antonyms** for the underlined words from the options given.
4. That seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part.
a) lenient b) casual c) attractive d) logical
5. I was presented with a traditional shawl.
a) expensive b) generous c) modern d) valuable
6.either he has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.
a) timid b) shameful c) humble d) frequent
7. Choose the correct tri-syllabic word.
a) movement b) civility c) physical d) control
8. Choose the right expansion of the abbreviation USB.
a) Uninterrupted Support Bank b) Universal Serial Bus
c) Universal System Booster d) Uninterrupted Supply Backup
9. Choose the word that cannot be placed after 'life' to form a compound word.
a) long b) span c) phase d) time
10. Choose the right combination of the blended word 'fantabulous'.
a) fantasy + globulus b) fantastic + marvelous
c) fantasy + nebulous d) fantastic + fabulous
11. Choose the meaning of the foreign word 'genre'.
a) a medicinal drink b) a particular style
c) a notable leader d) a thoughtful proposal
12. Choose the right definition for the term biography.
a) self-written account of one's own life
b) life story of a person written by someone else
c) a motion picture on the life of a popular person
d) list of books referred to in a scholarly work
13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.
He dropped in at his friend's house on his way.
a) fainted b) arrived c) slipped d) visited
14. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'appear'.
a) _____ness b) _____ance c) _____sion d) _____less
15. Add suitable question tag to the following sentence.
They left Chennai last week, _____?
a) did they b) hadn't they c) didn't they d) had they
16. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
The race is _____ to begin.
a) around b) about c) over d) up
17. The plural form of 'alga' is _____.
a) algas b) alges

18. Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun.
The athlete _____ won the medal is appreciated by all.
a) which b) that c) whom d) who
19. Choose the clipped form of the word 'laboratory'.
a) lab b) lap c) labo d) rotary
20. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom used in the following sentence.
The Manager's sudden outburst was a bit below the belt.
a) acceptable reaction b) irresponsible response
c) unexpected explanation d) unfair behaviour

PART - II

- II. Answer any SEVEN of the following. **7x2 = 14**
- (i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any FOUR of the following. **4x2 = 8**
21. *'Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!'*
(a) What do the snake's bare fangs denote?
(b) Identify the figure of speech employed here.
22. *'And I have learned too
To laugh with only my teeth.'*
a) Who is the speaker talking to here?
b) Explain the second line.
23. *'But zealous athletes play so rough
They do not ever in their dealings
Consider one another's feelings.'*
a) How do the athletes play?
b) Why don't they consider the feelings of others?
24. *'Buy tickets worth their radium,
To watch you gambol in the stadium.'*
a) What is meant by 'gambol'?
b) Pick out the rhyming words.
25. *'In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.'*
a) Where is the poet seated?
b) How does he feel while enjoying the beauty of Nature?
26. *'And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.'*
a) What did the poet notice about the twigs?
b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
- (ii) Do as directed. [any three] **3x2 = 6**
27. Mani said, "I can write a story." [Change into indirect speech]
28. This novel was written by Jane Austen. [Change into Active Voice]
29. If I were the Headmaster, I would appoint you as a teacher.
[Begin the sentence with 'were']
30. Though my neighbour was an influential person, he refused to help me.
[Change into a compound sentence]
- III. Answer any SEVEN of the following. **7x3 = 21**
- (i) Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context. **2x3=6**
31. 'I am just glad as glad can be
That I am not them, that they are not me.'
32. 'Now they shake hands without hearts.'

