

# COMMON SECOND MID TERM TEST - 2019

STANDARD - XI

Reg. No.

Marks: 45

Time: 1.30 Hrs.

ENGLISH

**I. a) Write the synonyms of the underlined word in each of the following sentences: 13x1=13**

- There was no sound, but a curious smothered noise from my friend.  
a) suppressed      b) loud      c) set right      d) damaged
- I am for the unique honour conferred on me by this institution.  
a) retrieved      b) deprived      c) granted      d) refrained

**b) Write the antonyms of the underlined word in each of the following sentences:**

- A fourth was torpedoed in the wax.  
a) saved      b) destroyed      c) attacked      d) damaged
- So you will understand, when I tell you how much I ache to be suave.  
a) impolite      b) uncultured      c) unsophisticated      d) harsh
- Choose the meaning of the idiom, 'alarm bells ringing':  
a) disagreeing      b) sign of something going wrong  
c) praising some one      d) celebrating victory

**6. Choose the appropriate phrasal verb from the given options:**

My father always, \_\_\_\_\_ truth and honesty.

- a) stand up      b) stands for      c) stand up      d) stand in

**7. The meaning of the word 'optimism' is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) the hopeful feeling that all turn out well  
b) a brutal barbarous act  
c) concern for your own interest and welfare  
d) exceptional courage when facing danger

**8. Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones:**

Your ring is \_\_\_\_\_ (loose / lose).

**9. Choose the clipped form of the word 'university':**

- a) universe      b) varsity      c) verse      d) versity

**10. One who studies the human mind and behaviour is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) psychologist      b) pathologist      c) geologist      d) linguist

**11. Fill in the blank with appropriate determiner:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (most of / many of) the water overflowed from the tank.

**12. Choose the correct prefix for the word "approve":**

- a) mis      b) dis      c) in      d) im

**13. Choose the American English word for 'cinema':**

- a) portrait      b) silver screen      c) movie      d) picture

**II. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: 4x1=4**

**Macavity's Mystery Cat: he's called the Hidden Paw .....**

**14. Does the poet talk about a real cat?**

**15. Why is he called the Hidden Paw? We are proud of the position we hold; humble as we are,**

**16. What is the speaker proud of?**

**17. Pick out the alliteration in these lines.**

**Answer any one of the following with reference to the context: 1x3=3**

- 18. a) "His powers of levitation would make a fakir stare" (OR)  
b) "Defeat we repel, courage our fort"**

**III. A] Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of 100 to 150 words:**

**19. How do universities mould students apart from imparting academic education to them? (OR) 1x5=5**

Narrate the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner, by his own folly.

**20. Stephen Leacock's visit to the photo studio turns out to be an annoying experience for him. Discuss citing relevant instances from the story.**

**(OR)**

**1x5=5**

Describe Miss Meadow's mood before and after receiving the telegram. How did it affect her class?

**IV. 21. Respond to the following advertisement considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified: 1x5=5**

<b>WANTED</b>
Postgraduates in English with a minimum of 3 years experience. Good salary, transport and food allowance provided.
<b>Apply to:</b> ARR, Institute of Language 149A, GST Road, Chennai 600044.

**22. Write an e-mail to your uncle thanking him for the gift that he had sent from abroad. 1x3=3**

**Complete the proverbs using the words given below: 3x1=3**

**23. \_\_\_\_\_ garments never fit well.**

**24. Birds of the same \_\_\_\_\_ flock together.**

**25. Appearances are \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(Feather, Borrowed, Deceptive)**

**26. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: 4x1=4**

The people of Indian \_\_\_\_\_ (be) warm hearted and hospitable. Any calamity in any part of the world immediately \_\_\_\_\_ (arise) their charity and generosity and committer \_\_\_\_\_ (be) promptly \_\_\_\_\_ (set) up to collect funds to help the distressel.