

COMMON SECOND MID-TERM TEST - 2019

Standard XII

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XII English

Time: 1.30 hours.

ENGLISH

Marks: 45

Answer all the questions:

10 x 1 = 10

I. Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given below:

1. Liberties of all may be preserved.  
a) confused      b) maintained      c) reduced      d) desired
2. A reasonable consideration for the rights or feelings of others is the foundation of social conduct.  
a) rudeness      b) hindrance      c) confusion      d) scrutiny

Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words:

3. A stout old lady was walking with her basket.  
a) brawny      b) courageous      c) slim      d) plump
4. We've got liberty now.  
a) autarchy      b) control      c) choice      d) release
5. Choose the correct answer:  
Only \_\_\_\_\_ people can afford to buy a flat in Chennai.  
a) few      b) many      c) a few      d) a little
6. Every man, woman and child \_\_\_\_\_ happy.  
a) was      b) are      c) were      d) been
7. Choose the American English word for 'pull over'.  
a) rest      b) sweater      c) lingerie      d) jacket
8. Find the odd one out.  
a) scarce      b) scant      c) insufficient      d) plentiful
9. Which is not American in spelling?  
a) theater      b) apologise      c) program      d) odor
10. Choose the correct preposition: I go to school \_\_\_\_\_ bus.  
a) in      b) on      c) by      d) of

4 x 2 = 8

II. i) Answer all the questions:

11. 'The Chief's eye flashed; his plans soared up again like fire'  
a) Who is described as the Chief?  
b) Identify the figure of speech.
12. 'Life is hard, be steel, be a rock'  
a) How should one face life?  
b) Identify the figure of speech.

ii) Do as directed:

13. Very few people in this town are as generous as Mr. Mohan.  
(change into superlative degree)
14. I heard the noise. I turned around. (combine into a simple sentence)

4 x 3 = 12

III. Answer all the questions:

15. Explain with reference to the context:  
Brutes have been gentled where laches failed.

16. Answer the following briefly:  
What is liberty according to the old lady?
17. Attempt a description of organising a birthday party in your house.
18. Complete the proverbs choosing the right words:  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ can't be choosers.  
i) poor      ii) Elite      iii) Elderly      iv) beggars  
b) Don't put all your eggs in one \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) plate      ii) oven      iii) basket      iv) egg case  
c) One \_\_\_\_\_ does not make a summer.  
i) swallow      ii) sparrow      iii) shower      iv) spring

IV. Answer the following:

3 x 5 = 15

19. What do you infer from Gardiner's essay "On the rule of the road"

(or)

How does the poet guide his son to face the challenges in life.

20. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any one of the following:  
The teacher I like most.

(or)

The importance of Reading.

21. Read the following sentences; spot the errors and rewrite the correct sentence:

- a) He put of his coat.
- b) Either Shyam or Ram have to pay the fine.
- c) My scissors is missing.
- d) Sixty miles are a long distance.
- e) A variety of pleasing objects charm the eye.

(or)

Read the following passage and answer the questions in your sentence:

It is not luck but labour that makes a man. Luck, says an American writer, is even waiting for something to turn up, labour with keen eyes and strong will always turns up something. Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy; labour turns out at six and with busy pen and ringing hammer lays the foundation of competence. Luck whines, labour watches the conviction, therefore, is extending that diligence is the mother good luck. In other words, that a man's success in life will be proportionate to his efforts, to his industry, to his attention to small things.

Questions:

- a) What does an American writer say about luck?
- b) What does he say about labour?
- c) When does the labour turn out for work?
- d) What is the mother of good luck?
- e) What is the man's success in life?

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