

K**COMMON SECOND MID-TERM TEST - 2019****Standard X**Reg.No. :

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Time: 1.30 hours.

ENGLISH

Marks: 50

Part - I

7 x 1 = 7

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words:

1. Technology impacts the environment, people and society.
a) avoids b) influences c) averts
2. Usually, when school began, there was a great bustle.
a) calmness b) slowness c) energetic movement

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words:

3. It is essential that much of his spare time is spent in the performing arts!
a) important b) vital c) inessential
4. Lessons repeated in Unison. Very loud.
a) disharmony b) unity c) accordance
5. Choose the correct plural form of 'knife' from the following.
a) knives b) knifes c) knife
6. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation WHO.
a) World Humour Organisation
b) World Health Organisation
c) World Herbal Origin
7. Choose the correct expansion of the contraction. Won't
a) Wo not b) Will not c) Would not

Part - II**Answer any two of the following:**

5 x 2 = 10

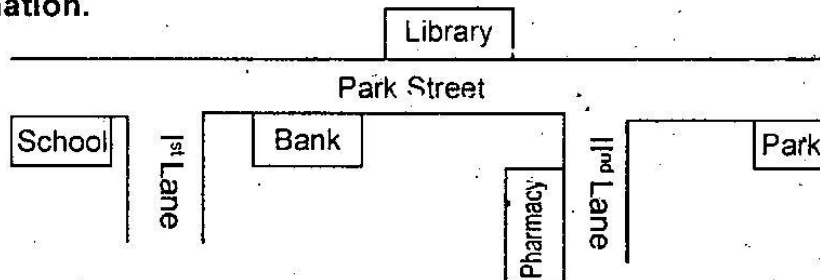
8. Which software helps Alisha to overcome her difficulty in typing?
9. Why is technology important according to David?
10. Other than the students, who were present in the class?

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

11. And now, if you will set us to our task
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!
a) Who does the pronoun 'you' refer to here?
b) Whose task is referred to as 'our task' here?
12. They too aware of sun and air and water
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd
a) What is common for all of us?
b) Mention the season referred here?

Answer any two of the following:

13. Join the sentences using 'Relative Pronoun'
Here is your watch. It has been found in the garden.
14. Rewrite into reported speech:
Kavi says, "I will never go to work"
15. A stranger wants to visit the pharmacy. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.

**Part - III****Answer any five of the following:**

5 x 5 = 25

16. 'Technology is a boon to the disabled' - Justify.
17. Write the first stanza of the poem 'The Secret of the Machines'.

18. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:

Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,
It will vanish and the stars will shine again
Because, for all our power and weight and size
We are nothing more than children of your brain!

- i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
 - ii) Write the rhyme scheme of given stanza.
 - iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the second line of the stanza.
 - iv) Pick out the alliterating words.
19. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
- i) While returning from his friend's house, Peter saw a small hole in the dike.
 - ii) Finally a man saw him and saved the brave little hero of Holland.
 - iii) Long ago there lived in Holland a boy named Peter.
 - iv) Understanding the danger, he thrust his finger into the hole till the morning.
 - v) One day his mother sent him to his blind friend's house across the dike.
20. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Francis Bennett went on into the reporters' room. His fifteen hundred reporters, placed before an equal number of telephones, were passing on to subscribers the news which had come in during the night from the four quarters of the earth. In addition to his telephone, each reporter has in front of him a series of commutators, which allow him to get into communication with this or that telephotic line.

- a) Where did Francis Bennett go?
 - b) What were the reporters doing?
 - c) Where had the news to subscribers come?
 - d) What did each reporter have in front of them?
 - e) When would the news to subscribers come?
21. You are Sita / Sudhan. Design a poster in not more than 50 words to focus on not wasting water. Use attractive drawings.
22. You are Raja. The street lights of your area do not work properly. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the newspaper enlightening them about the problem and also suggest ways to brighten the area.

Part - IV

23. Write a meaningful paragraph by developing the following hints: $2 \times 4 = 8$
Holland - land - below sea level - dikes protected the country - years ago - little boy - Peter - lived Holland - One day Peter's mother - gave cakes to Peter - to be given - old blind friend - across the dyke - Peter visited - the friend - returning - heard - water - trickling - sea a small hole in dyke - called for help - in rain - put his little finger - throughout the night - morning found by passer by - Peter and Holland saved.
24. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

Festival of harvest
Celebrations at its best
Festival of light
To our heart's delight
Festival of dance
Leaves us in a trance
Festival of music
Where they sing the joyous lyric
Festival of flowers
That brightness up with colours.

Questions:

- a) When do the celebrations be at its best?
- b) What is the festival of light?
- c) When are we in a state of trance?
- d) What do the people do when the festival of music is celebrated?