

**CHENGALPATTU DISTRICT  
SECOND ASSESSMENT TEST - 2020  
XII - ENGLISH**

Time: 3.00hrs

Mark: 90

## Part - I

**Note:** Answer all the questions: 20x1=20  
Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

1. My English teacher **persuaded** me to take good marks in all the subjects.  
a) encouraged      b) stimulated      c) disappointed      d) followed
2. Desdemona is an artless character in the play "Othello".  
a) cunning      b) shrewd      c) innocent      d) clever
3. During the freedom struggle, the British Government respected and his **nobility**.  
a) indelible      b) perseverance      c) adamant      d) honest

Choose the most appropriate **antonyms** of the underlined words in the following sentence.

4. The students are very **brisk** when they are at home.  
a) active      b) dull      c) fast      d) lazy
5. Everybody likes Mother Theresa's **selfless** character.  
a) selfish      b) intelligent      c) humble      d) broadminded
6. During the lockdown the entire city seems to be **deserted** look.  
a) crowded      b) secured      c) fertile      d) desolate
7. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.  
The cultivated land is **fertile**  
a) non\_      b) in\_      c) un\_      d) dis\_
8. Choose the appropriate suffix for the following underlined word.  
I like his **friend**  
a) ship      b) ness      c) by      d) less
9. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.  
The fire brigade **douse** the fire.  
a) put off      b) put on      c) put out      d) put in
10. Fill in the blank with the correct form of **verb** given in the brackets.  
Where \_\_\_\_ your last holidays? (you spend)  
a) You spent      b) you are spending      c) you were spending      d) did you spend
11. Fill in the blank with **modal auxiliaries**.  
You \_\_\_\_ not go to the market as I have bought vegetables.  
a) will      b) should      c) need      d) can.
12. Fill in the blanks with suitable **prepositional phrase** which is given below.  
\_\_\_\_ Gandhiji ahimsa means infinite love.  
a) In favour of      b) On account of      c) According to      d) on the whole
13. Fill in the blanks with suitable **preposition**.  
There was a skirmish \_\_\_\_ my brother and sister.  
a) among      b) over      c) with      d) between
14. Choose the appropriate **linker** from the options and fill in the blank.  
\_\_\_\_ you register your name, you cannot participate in the competition.  
a) if      b) unless      c) as soon as      d) though
15. Fill in the blanks with appropriate **correlative conjunctions**.  
Amit did not know \_\_\_\_ his father met his class teacher \_\_\_\_ not.  
a) such that      b) both and      c) whether or      d) neither nor
16. Choose the **disyllabic** word.  
a) benefit      b) again      c) weight      d) strength

17. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the **verb**.  
My mother \_\_\_\_ to temple every Friday  
a) go                      b) is going                      c) goes                      d) was going
18. Fill in the blank with **modal auxiliary**.  
I \_\_\_\_ speak English (ability)  
a) will                      b) shall                      c) may                      d) can
19. Fill in the blank with most suitable **preposition**.  
The prayer session will be held \_\_\_\_\_ Friday  
a) at                      b) on                      c) with                      d) of
20. Form a new word by adding a suitable **prefix** to the underlined word.  
It is rather an expensive compliment.  
a) un\_                      b) in\_                      c) dis\_                      d) non\_

**Part - II**  
**Section - I**

**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets.**

**4x2=8**

21. "A gray baboon sits statue – Like alone"  
a) where did the baboon sit?  
b) mention the figure of speech?
22. "Like a huge python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars  
A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound  
No other tree could live"  
a) what is winding round the tree like a python?  
b) which tree is referred to in the above line?
23. "And far and near kokilas hail the day;  
And to their pastures wend our sleepy cows; "  
a) what are kokilas?  
b) How do the cows go to their pastures?
24. "By that hoar tree, so beautiful and vast  
The water lilies – spring, like snow enmassed".  
a) Where do the lilies spring?  
b) Mention the figure of speech?
25. "What is that dinge like murmur that I hear  
Like the sea breaking on a shingle-beach  
It is the tree's lament, an errie speech."  
a) what is that the poet hears?  
b) what does the tree lament?
26. "Thy form, o Tree, as in my happy prime  
I saw thee, in my own loved native claim.  
Therefore, I fain would consecrate a say  
unto thy honour, Tree, beloved of those."  
a) what is addressed in the above line?  
b) what would the poet do in honour of the tree?

**SECTION - 2**

**Do as directed**

**Answer any three questions:**

**3x2=6**

27. Change the direct speech into Reported form  
Ann said to Tom, " Would you like to come to the party with us tomorrow?"
28. Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones or confusables.  
The \_\_\_\_ has kept his \_\_\_\_ on the dinning table. ( Wallet/ valet)
29. Combine the sentences and rewrite them using the words given in the brackets.  
A libery is a public place. We see a number of books kept there for reading. (where)

30. Complete the sentence using prepositions given in brackets  
[into, on, in front of, under]  
a) The boy jumped \_\_\_\_\_ a narrow stream.  
b) Afsar will meet me \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday morning.

**PART – III**  
**SECTION – 1**

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

**2x3=6**

31. “Like a huge python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars.”  
32. “Beneath it we have played; though years may roll,  
O sweet companions, loved with love intense,  
For your sakes, shall the tree be ever dear”  
33. A gary baboon sits statue like alone  
watching the sunrise; while on lower boughs  
His puny off spring leap about and play;

**SECTION – 2**

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

**2x3=6**

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicolo and Jacobo?  
35. Describe the appearance of Nicolo and Jacobo.  
36. How did the narrator help the boys?

**SECTION – 3**

**Answer any three of the following:**

**3x3=9**

37. Study the following table, and write three sentences on your inference about the data.

Average Annual rainfall in the Southern States of India in the year 2012

S.No	States of India	Average rainfall in mm
1	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	1996
2	Andra Pradesh	3580
3	Karnataka	5160
4	Kerala	3055

38. How to prepare an apple juice?  
39. Build a dialogue between a doctor and a patient with a minimum of 3 exchanges.  
40. Complete the proverbs with the help of words which are given in the brackets.  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ begins at home. (Life, Charity, Character)  
b) Justice \_\_\_\_\_ is justice denied. (delayed, swift, conducted)  
c) Pen is mightier than \_\_\_\_\_ (knife, saw, sword)

**PART – IV**

**Answer the following:**

**7x5=35**

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.  
a) Justify the title of the story “Two Gentlemen of Verona.”  
(or)  
b) Write a character sketch of Nicola and Jacobo.  
42. Answer the following paragraph of about 150 words.  
a) How does Toru Dutt portray her childhood experience, through “our casuarina Tree”  
(or)  
b) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the casuarina tree.

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

Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov – merchant in Vladimir – goes fair on business – meets another merchant – continues his Journey – he is stopped by the police – charged of murder and robbed – 26 years in jail – Maker Semyonich – admits his crime – Aksionov dies.

44. Either Make Notes or Summarize the following passage.

Soybeans belong to the legume family. The beans are the seeds of the leguminous soybean plant. They can be grown on a variety of soil and in a wide range of climates. Soybeans are versatile as they can be used as whole beans, soy sprouts or processed as a variety of food items, such as soy milk, tofu, soy sauce, soy oil and soy dairy alternatives. They are also used for marking candles and bio-diesel.

Soy is an excellent source of high quality protein; is low in saturated fats and is cholesterol-free. It is also rich in vitamins, especially vitamin B complex, minerals such as magnesium, calcium, iron, potassium and copper. In recent times it has been highly recommended because of its ability to lower the levels at Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL), a bad cholesterol.

The food and Drug Administration (FDA) has confirmed that foods containing soy protein are likely to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

An easy way to take soy is as soymilk now available with added flavour. Soymilk does not contain lactose (milk sugar) and can be drunk by those who are allergic to normal milk. To get soymilk, soybeans are soaked in water, ground and then strained. If you don't mind the trouble, you can also make it at home.

45. a) Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience to Delhi.  
(or)  
b) Read the following advertisement and prepare a bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions mentioned.

**WANTED**

A computer operator for attractive salary, flexible working hours,  
Apply to,  
Post Box No: 3210  
c/o The Hindu,  
Chennai – 600 001.

46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- (i) we speak the English.  
(ii) I congratulated him for his success.  
(iii) He is my cousin brother.  
(iv) She goes to school by feet.  
(v) I bought a blue colour shirt and a tie.

(or)

- b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

(i) Asha \_\_\_\_\_(buy) a laptop recently. She \_\_\_\_\_(use) it at the moment. (use the verb in the correct form)

(ii) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ dance so well, when she was in school. (use a semi-modal verb)

(iii) The bugle is \_\_\_\_\_ in our school \_\_\_\_\_ (band/ banned)

47. a) Develop the hints into story of 150 words.

Once a bee - fell into a pond - pigeon flew past - dropped a leaf - bee climbed on leaf - escaped - a hunter - aimed at pigeon - the bee stung - lost his aim - pigeon escaped.

(or)

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

"The Little Tramp", the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes what other people had left behind in the changing room. And when he emerged, he found, he had created a personality everybody loved in a little guy in a bowler hat, a close-fitting jacket, a cane, a pair of outsized shoes and a brush-like moustache.

Before long, Chaplin found himself a star. That puzzled him, for he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music Hall Comedian. The U.S., acknowledged him as its king of silent film comedy. Soon, so did crowds all over the world.

But life wasn't always a laugh for Charles Spenser Chaplin. Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother never earned enough to look after her children. Sometimes, Chaplin had to sleep on the streets.

Charlie took his first bow on the stage, when his mother made her last appearance. It happened when her voice broke during a song. Her son stepped on stage and sang a popular song. That's when a star was born.

**Questions:**

- Which unforgettable character did Charlie Chaplin invent?
- Describe the personality created by Charlie, whom everybody loved.
- What did Charlie see himself as?
- Give one reason to show that Charlie's early life was very sad.
- Find the word in the passage that is opposite in meaning to
  - "bold" and
  - "tragedy"

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<b>SYNONYMS</b>			<b>3X1=3</b>
1.	persuaded	– (a) encouraged	
2.	artless	– (c) innocent	
3.	nobility	- (d) honest	
<b>ANTONYMS</b>			<b>3X1=3</b>
4.	brisk	X (b) dull / (d) lazy	
5.	selfless	X (a) selfish	
6.	deserted	X (a) crowded	
<b>VOCABULARY</b>			<b>14X1=14</b>
7.	(a) in		
8.	(a) ship		
9.	(c) put out		
10.	(d) did you spend		
11.	(b) should		
12.	(c) according to		
13.	(d) between		
14.	(b) unless		
15.	(c) whether, or		
16.	(b) again		
17.	(c) goes		
18.	(d) can		
19.	(b) on		
20.	(b) in		

**PART -II(Q.NO.21-30)****7x2=14**

<b>SECTION -1 APPRECIATION</b>		<b>4x2=8</b>
21.	(a) On the top of the casuarina tree (b) simile	
22.	(a) creeper (b) casuarina tree	
23.	(a) a type of bird similar to the cuckoo bird (b) Cows are walking lazily as if in sleep	
24.	(a) Clusters of water lilies blossom in the pond. (b) simile	
25.	(a) The poet hears the tree's lament / dirge like murmur (b) The tree laments as it feels for the absence of the poet and her siblings.	
26.	(a) Casuarina tree (b) The poetess consecrates the tree's memory to her loved ones, who are not alive. She loves them above all. she immortalizes the tree through this poem like the poet Wordsworth who sanctified the yew tree of Borrowdale valley in his poem.	
<b>SECTION -2 (GRAMMAR)</b>		<b>3x2=6</b>
27.	Ann asked Tom if he would like to come to the party with them the next day.	
28.	The <u>valet</u> has kept his <u>wallet</u> on the dining table.	
29.	A library is a public place <u>where</u> we see a number of books kept for reading.	
30.	a) The boy jumped <u>into</u> a narrow stream. b) Afsar will meet me <u>on</u> Thursday morning.	
<i>i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.</i>		<b>2x3=6</b>
31.	"Like a huge python, winding round and round The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars" Reference : Poem Name : Our Casuarina Tree Poetess Name : Toru Dutt	
32.	"Beneath it we have played; though years may roll O sweet companions, loved with love intense For your sakes, shall the tree be ever dear" Reference : Poem Name : Our Casuarina Tree Poetess Name : Toru Dutt	
33.	"A gray baboon sits statue like alone Watching the sunrise; while on lower boughs His puny off spring leap about and play;" Reference : Poem Name : Our Casuarina Tree Poetess Name : Toru Dutt	
<i>ii) Answer any two of the following briefly :</i>		<b>2x3=6</b>



34.	They sold wild strawberries, shined shoes, hawked newspapers and ran errands
35.	Nicola, the elder was thirteen years old and Jacopo was nearly twelve years old. Nicola was wearing an old damaged Jersey and cut-off Khaki pants. Jacopo was wearing a shortened army tunic gathered in loose folds. Both Nicola and Jacopo had tangled hair, dark earnest eyes and brown skin
36.	The author took the boys in his car to Poleta, a small village where their sister was hospitalized.
40.	<u>Complete the proverbs using the word given below.</u> a) <u>Charity</u> begins at home. b) Justice <u>delayed</u> is justice denied. c) pen is mightier than the <u>sword</u> .
46.	<u>Spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.</u> i) We speak English. ii) I congratulated him on his success. iii) He is my cousin. iv) She goes to school on foot. v) I bought a blue shirt and a tie. (or) i) has bought, is using ii) used to iii) banned, band
47.	i) The Little Tramp b) ii) A little guy in a bowler hat, a close-fitting jacket, a cane, a pair of outsized shoes and a brush-like moustache. iii) A star / shy British Music hall Comedian / Shy comedian / Comedian iv) Both his parents were separated / his mother never earned enough to look after her children / he had to sleep on the streets. v) i) bold x shy      ii) tragedy x comedy

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