

## COMMON SECOND MID TERM TEST - 2019

STANDARD - XI

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Time: 1.30 Hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks: 45

I. a] Write the synonyms of the underlined word in each of the following sentences: 13×1=13

1. There was no sound, but a curious smothered noise from my friend.  
a) suppressed      b) loud      c) set right      d) damaged
2. 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:

3. A fourth was torpedoed in the wax.  
a) saved      b) destroyed      c) attacked      d) damaged
4. So you will understand, when I tell you how much I ache to be suave.  
a) impolite      b) uncultured      c) unsophisticated      d) harsh
5. 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. 3

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': 3

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

II. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: 4×1=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:**  $1 \times 3 = 3$

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)  $1 \times 5 = 5$

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)

$1 \times 5 = 5$

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:**  $1 \times 5 = 5$

<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.  $1 \times 3 = 3$

**Complete the proverbs using the words given below:**  $3 \times 1 = 3$

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:**  $4 \times 1 = 4$

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