

Standard 12 ENGLISH

Time: 1.30 Hrs.

Marks: 35

PART - I

(10x1=10)

Answer all the Questions

Choose the most appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words:

1. One night, we came upon them in the windy and deserted square.
 a) occupied b) uninhabited c) peopled d) dethrown

2. ...that they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated.
 a) motivated b) passive c) discouraged d) admired

Choose the most appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words:

3. They are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
 a) suffocative b) enough c) inadequate d) submissive

4. The driver disapproved of the shabby appearance of the boys.
 a) happy b) active c) clear d) tidy

5. Form a new word by adding suitable suffix to the root word class
 a) -ment b) -ic c) -ence d) -al

6. Our team ____ (not win) any game last year. (Fill in the blank with the correct form of the given verb)

7. He is ____ (conscious / conscience) of his wrong doing.

8. You ____ drive carefully on the highway (Use a modal)
 a) will b) should c) would d) might

9. Choose the correct preposition:

- The tiger came out ____ the cave ferociously.
 a) on b) along c) of d) from

10. Choose the appropriate linker:

- Be quick to hear ____ (then / and) slow to speak.

PART - II

(2x2=4)

Answer any two of the following sets of poetic lines:

11. Like a huge python, winding round and round

The rugged trunk, intended deep with scars

- a) What looks like a python?
 b) Mention the figure of speech in the first line.

12. There was a little private gate

A little wicked wicket gate

- a) What is a wicket gate?
 b) Pick out the alliterated words in the second line.

13. We could do nothing, being sold

a) Why couldn't they do anything?

b) Why did they feel helpless?

Answer any two of the following:

(2x2=4)

14. Report the following dialogue:

Patient: Doctor, I have a sore throat

Doctor: Take lime and honey.

15. Hari said to me, "I am so happy you have completed your project". (Change into indirect speech)

16. The work was over. Renu went home. (Combine the sentences using "As")

PART - III

Explain the following lines with reference to the context:

(2x3=6)

17. What is that dirge-like murmur that I hear

18. How can this shameful tale be told?

Answer any two of the following in two or three sentences:

(2x3=6)

19. Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?

20. What are the author's views on China tea?

21. What made the boys work so hard?

PART - IV

(3x5=15)

Answer any three of the following:

22.a) Justify the title of the story "Two gentlemen of Verona".

(or)

b) What are the aspects that contribute to humour in "A nice cup of tea"?

23.a) How was the castle conquered?

(or)

b) How does nature communicate with Toru Dutt?

24.a) Describe the life of Aksionov in prison.

(or)

b) How did the presence of Richard Parker help Pi?

25.a) Write a letter to your friend describing your plans for the upcoming summer holidays.

(or)

b) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate marksheet of Class XII which you lost while travelling.

FIRST MID TERM TEST - 2026

Standard XII

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ENGLISH

Time : 1.30 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 50

15 x 1 = 15

Answer all the questions.

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

1. We watched for a few moments ; then as trade slackened we went over.
a) reduced b) improved c) loosened d) ended
2. One is liable to put in too much milk.
a) eager b) likely c) forced d) certain

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences

3. One night, we came upon them in the windy and deserted square.
a) empty b) uninhabited c) isolated d) inhabited
4. One does not feel wise, brave or more optimistic.
a) opportunistic b) systematic c) realistic d) pessimistic
5. Choose the correct expansion of the following abbreviation : ICU
a) Internal Care Unit b) Intensive Care Unit
c) Intensive Casual Unit d) Intensive Critical Unit
6. Choose the plural form of the following: "Alumnus"
a) alumna b) alumni c) alum d) alumn
7. Form a derivative by adding suitable suffix to the root word "Manage".
a) -ful b) -ment c) -ly d) -ity
8. Form a derivative by adding suitable prefix to the root word : "Honour"
a) Mis b) Be c) Dis d) Im
9. Choose the suitable meaning for the following phrase.
The fire was extinguished by the fire brigade.
a) put away b) put up c) put out d) put off
10. Choose the Tri-syllabic word from the following :
a) stupid b) jump c) property d) energetic
11. Fill in the blank with a suitable modal verb.
I wish you _____ tell me the truth.
a) would b) must c) can d) will
12. Fill in the blank with a suitable Semi-modal / Quasi modal verb.
He _____ play cricket when he was young.
a) dare b) ought to c) used to d) need
13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word:
He cut off a slice from the loaf of bread.
a) joined b) separated c) eliminated d) clutched

Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones.

- The police tried to 14. _____ information from boot legger who
15. sells _____ liquor. (Illicit / Elicit)

Part - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three.

3 x 2 = 6

16. All through that summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall

We watched the mowers in the hay.

a) Who does 'we' refer to?

b) What work do the mowers do?

17. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick
So smooth and high, no man could win.

a) How safe was the castle?

b) Were the walls short?

18. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound,
No other tree could live.

a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines? b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

19. The giant wears the scarf and the flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among !

a) Who is the giant here?

b) Why is the scarf colourful?

Part - III

Explain the following with reference to the context.

1 x 3 = 3

20. "I will maintain until my death" (OR)

21. Dear is the Casuarina to my soul.

Part - IV

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

2 x 3 = 6

22. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?

23. How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?

24. What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?

Part - V

Answer the following in a paragraph.

4 x 5 = 20

25. a) Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona". (OR)

b) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".

26. a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the Citadel - Explain. (OR)

b) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the Casuarina tree.

27. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

Aksionov - healthy merchant - Vladimir - happy family - a joyful person - living in his own style - wife loved - bad dreams - stopped from going to the fair - Aksionov met a merchant - murder happened - Aksionov in jail - wife suspected - unable to tolerate - only God could save his life.

28. a) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate mark sheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling. (OR)

b) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

The aim of education is the overall development of the personality of man. It means the development of not only the mind but also the body. Games keep the body fit. Swami Vivekananda was of the view that only a healthy mind can realise God. But a healthy mind can dwell only in a healthy body. For keeping a body healthy, games are indispensable. For this reason Swami Vivekananda has advised that all young men and women should play games. People who have developed the habit of playing games regularly can maintain good health. Games help to build a muscular body. They include sound sleep which is a sign of good health. Therefore games are food for the body as knowledge is food for the mind. In fact, all work makes Jack a dull boy. Everybody likes games because these keep them physically fit and mentally alert.

Games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. They instill in us the spirit of adventure. They enable us to face dangers boldly.



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FIRST MID TERM TEST – 2026-27

Standard – XII

ENGLISH

Part – I

Time: 1.30 hrs

Answer all the questions:

Marks: 50

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

- Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation.
a) happiness b) annoyance
c) silence d) calmness
- China tea has virtues which are not to be despised nowadays.
a) Loved b) Hated
c) Declared d) Denied

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.

- Everything is so difficult now, food so scarce and dear.
a) rare b) insufficient
c) abundant d) sentimental
- Teapots are fitted with baskets under the spout to catch the stray leaves.
a) strong b) loose
c) gathered d) harmless

Choose the correct expansion of the following abbreviations.

- GPS:
a) Global Positioning Service
b) Geographical Positioning System
c) Government Publication Service
d) Global Positioning System
- ICU:
a) Intensive Careful Union
b) International Care Union
c) Intensive Care Unit
d) India's Care Unit

Choose the Plural form of the following.

- Apparatus:
a) apparatuses b) apparati
c) apparatusis d) apparatuses
- Syllabus:
a) Syllabuses b) syllable
c) syllabi d) syllabus

Fill in the blanks with the suitable homophones.

- Our _____ is a man of _____.
(principle / principal)

Choose the tetra syllabic word from the following.

- accompaniment b) monument
c) particular d) testament
- personality b) possibility
c) productivity d) technology

PART – IV

Answer the following in not more than 30 words. (Answer any two) (2×2½=5)

- What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
- How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?
- What are the author's views on China tea?

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Form a derivative by adding a suitable prefix to the root word.

- Patient
a) Un b) Im
c) dis d) be

Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word.

- Manage
a) ly b) ment
c) mis d) ful

Fill in the blanks with the suitable modal verbs.

- The rich _____ help the poor.
a) will b) shall
c) should d) might
- We _____ drive carefully on the highway.
a) would b) should
c) will d) could

PART – II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three. (3×2=6)

- All through that summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
a) What does "we" refer to?
b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
- Our gates were strong, our walls were thick
So smooth and high, no man could win.
a) How safe was the Castle?
b) Were the walls short?
- Like a huge python, winding round and round
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars,
Up to its very summit near the stars.
a) What wound round and round like a python?
b) What is compared to a huge python?
- A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.
a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
b) How does the poet describe the creeper?

PART – III

Explain the following with Reference to the Context. (1×3=3)

(or)

- How can this shameful tale be told?
- Dear is the Casuarina to my soul.

PART – V

Answer the following in a paragraph. (4×5=20)

- Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona".
- Describe the capture of the Castle.
- Write an application for the post of Personal Secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following details: Educational Qualification, Experience, Various other Qualifications required for the post.
- Make notes of the following passage.

The Brihadeeswarar Temple, also known as the Tanjore (Thanjavur) Periya Kovil or Tanjore Pragaadesware Temple, is a magnificent example of ancient Dravidian architecture located in Tamil Nadu, India. Built by the great Chola king Raja Raja Chola I in the 11th century, the UNESCO World Heritage Site stands as a testament to the grandeur and precision of Chola engineering and artistry. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, the temple is renowned for its massive central vimana (tower), which rises over 200 feet and is crowned by a single granite stone weighing around 80 tons. The temple complex features detailed sculptures, frescoes, and inscriptions that provide insight into the cultural and religious life of the Chola period.

It is one of the largest temples in India and an architectural marvel of South India. The temple walls are adorned with intricate carvings depicting mythological stories and daily life.

The Nandi (sacred bull) statue at the entrance is carved from a single stone and weighs about 25 tons.

Even after a thousand years, the temple continues to attract devotees, historians, and tourists alike.



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COMMON FIRST MID TERM TEST – 2026



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PART – I

Answer all the Questions

Choose the most appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words:

-under the spout to catch the stray leaves.
a) fresh b) loose
c) gathered d) harmful
-my interest was again provoked by their remarkable demeanour.
a) behaviour b) rudeness
c) awareness d) modesty

Choose the most appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words:

- Predicting the arrival of visitors.....
a) journey b) migration
c) departure d) persuasion
- The driver was very cautious.
a) wary b) vigilant
c) needful d) reckless
- Form a new word by adding suitable suffix to the root word familiar.
a) -ing b) -ise
c) -let d) -ed
- Scientists predict that by 2050, man _____ (land) on Mars.
(Use the correct form of the given verb)
- You _____ not prepare for that.
(Use a semi modal)
- Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
We shall meet tomorrow evening _____ 6 pm.
a) since b) after
c) during d) within
- Choose the appropriate linker.
I could not attend the party _____ I had to take care of my ailing mother.
a) Although b) until
c) otherwise d) because
- The protruding _____ (route / root) of the tree obstructed our way.
(Use the correct homophone)

PART – II

SECTION – I

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any two.

- The giant wears the scarf and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the boughs among.
a) Why is the scarf colourful?
b) Mention the alliterated words in the second line.
- We watched the mowers in the hay
And the enemy half a mile away.
a) Who are mowers?
b) Where were the enemies?
- Sometimes, and most in winter – on its crest
A gray baboon sits statue-like alone.
a) What is a baboon?
b) Where was it sitting?

SECTION – II

Answer the following as directed: (any two)

- Prem said to Karthick, "I bought a new watch yesterday."
(Change into indirect speech)
- Report the following dialogue.
Rohin: What are you searching for?
Janani: I have kept my purse somewhere.
- A library is a public place. We see a number of books kept there for reading.
(Combine the sentences using "where")

PART – III

SECTION – I

Explain the following lines with reference to the context:

- "They seemed no threat to us at all."
- "It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech..."

SECTION – II

Answer any two of the following:

- What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?
- How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?
- How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?

PART – IV

Answer the following in a paragraph.

- a) What was the driving force that made Nicola and Jacopo do various jobs?
(or)
b) Summarise George Orwell's ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea."
- a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the Citadel. Explain.
(or)
b) "The poet immortalizes the tree." – Elucidate.
- a) Describe the life of Assiaonov in prison.
(or)
b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone.



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