

KA **COMMON SECOND MID-TERM TEST - 2019**

Standard X **ENGLISH** Reg.No.: 000014 Marks: 50

Time: 1.30 hours. **Part - I** 12 x 1 = 12

i. Answer all the questions.

ii. Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicized words:

- He spent most of his adult life *cloistered* in universities.
a) secluded b) peaceful c) offended d) miserable
- The clapped in *unison* and congratulated her.
a) separation b) common c) simultaneously d) harmony

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicized words:

- Darain *mounted* his horse and rode off.
a) move up b) ascend c) climb up d) descend
- David speaks in complete sentences with correct *syntax*.
a) composition b) disarrangement c) order d) structure
- Choose the correct plural form of *person* from the following:
a) person b) persons c) people d) peoples
- Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word *scholar*.
a) _ory b) _ise c) _ation d) _ship
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation *mph*.
a) millimeter per hour b) miles per hour
c) microseconds per hour d) minutes per hour
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:
We should _____ our children affectionately.
a) bring in b) bring up c) bring out d) bring on
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'over' to form a compound word.
a) spoken b) house c) board d) coat
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:
Arrange the things properly _____ the Chief guest enters.
a) since b) till c) before
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:
It _____ (pour) outside now.
a) will pour b) is pouring c) was pouring d) had poured
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
Walk carefully, _____ you will fall down.
a) when b) if c) otherwise d) unless

Part - II
Section - I

Answer any TWO of the following questions in a sentence or two: 2 x 2 = 4

- Which software helps Alisha to overcome her difficulty in typing?
- How many people in India suffer with disability?
- Other than the students who were present in the class.

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Section - II

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

16. Some water, coal and oil is all we ask 2 x 1 = 2
And a thousandth of an inch to give us play!
a) What are the requirements of a machine?
b) What does the word 'play' mean here?

17. Like ours the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.
a) Who are called as 'brothers' here?
b) What does the poet emphasis through these lines?

Section - III

Answer any TWO of the following: 2 x 1 = 2

18. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:
Did he write a letter? *was a letter written by him*

19. Rewrite using indirect speech.
She said, "I don't know where my spectacles are". *she said that she did not know where her*

20. Punctuate the following sentence:
"Go to your place quickly, little Franz. We were beginning without you."

21. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence:
He confessed that he was guilty.

Section - IV

Answer the following question: 1 x 2 = 2

22. A stranger wants to visit the Post Office. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.

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      X["X  
You and the stranger  
are here"]
      MGR["MGR Road"]
      Bank["Bank Δ"]
      PostOffice["Post Office □"]
      NewStreet["New Street"]
      School["School □"]

      X --> MGR
      MGR --> Bank
      Bank --> PostOffice
      X --> NewStreet
      NewStreet --> School
    
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Part - III

Section - I

Answer any ONE of the following in utmost 10 lines: 1 x 3 = 3

23. "Technology is a boon to the disabled" - Justify.
24. Give an account of the last day of M.Hamel in school.

Section - II

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines: 2 x 3 = 6

25. Human beings are better than machines. - Justify your answer with reference to the poem "The Secret of Machines".
26. The poem "No men are foreign" has a greater relevance in today's world. - Elucidate.
27. **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**
We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine.
We were melted in the furnace and the pit

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We were cast and wrought and hammered to design
We were cut and filled and tooled and gauged to fit.

i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
ii) Pick out the lines that are example for the figure of speech Anaphora.
iii) Pick out the alliterated words from the stanza.

28. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**
It is the human earth that we defile.
Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence
Of air that is everywhere our own,
Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries strange.

Section - III

Answer any ONE of the following: 1 x 3 = 3

29. **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**
i) He used his finger to close the hole.
ii) He stayed outside in the cold night without sleeping.
iii) Peter noticed a leak in the dike.

30. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**
It grew still colder, and Peter's arm ached, and began to grow stiff and numb. He shouted again. "Will no one come? Mother! Mother!" But his mother had looked anxiously along the dike road many times since sunset for her little boy, and now she had closed and locked the cottage door, thinking that Peter was spending the night with his blind friend, and that she would scold him in the morning for staying away from home without permission. Peter tried to whistle, but his teeth chattered with the cold. He thought of his brother and sister in thier warm beds, and of his dear father and mother.
i) Why did his mother lock the door?
ii) What did Peter try to do?
iii) What did he think?

Section - IV

Answer any TWO of the following: 2 x 3 = 6

31. You are the personal secretary of your school Principal. Write an email to parents to remit the school fees and ask them to meet the Principal to inquire about the progress of their wards.

32. You are the receptionist of your school. Your Headmaster instructs you to send a message to all the parents of class ten to attend PTA meeting which will be held on 01.11.2019.

33. Say 'No to drugs' - Design a poster for it in not more than 50 words. You may use slogans/ phrases.

34. You are Rohit, a resident of a colony adjacent to the Thamirabarani River. Daily you see many people throwing waste into it, spoiling the pure water. Write a letter to a newspaper showing your concern about it and also voicing your worry. Give your suggestion to solve this problem.

Section - V

35. **Quote from memory:** 1 x 4 = 4
"Though our smoke your brain".

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Part - IV

36. Write a paragraph of about 75 words by developing the following hints:

2 x 3 = 6

- a) Francis Bennett - Managing Editor - Earth Herald - awoke - switched on his phonotelephone - saw his wife - in the Telephote - jumped out of bed - went into his mechanized dressing room - two minutes later - without valet - the machine - deposited him - washed - shaved - buttoned from top to toe - threshold of his office. (or)
- b) Holland - land - below sea level - dikes protected the country - everyone did best to - protect - Holland - Years ago - little - boy Peter - lived Holland - His father - attended - dyke gates - opened - closed dykes - one day - Peter mother - gave cakes to Peter - to be given - old blind friend of Peter - across the dyke - Peter happily left home - Peter visited - old man - returned near by the dyke - heard - water trickling - stopped to see - small hole - dyke - called for help - in vain - he put his little finger - throughout the night - slept near the dyke - morning - found by passer by - alerted the people - Peter and Holland - saved.

37. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It roughly the size of the continent of Australia and covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon River which runs through the heart of the region. Amazon is also the second largest river in the world. The rainforest is simply the drainage basin for the river and its tributaries. The vast forest consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystems and specially adapted plants and animals.

Questions:

- a) Which is the world's second largest river?
b) How important is the Amazon River for Amazon rainforests?
c) What is the area of Amazon forest? (or)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay?
Blue as the wing of a bluebird wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
Why do you weave a garment so bright?
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen
Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in the moonlight chill?
White as feather and white as a cloud
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

Questions:

- a) What do the weavers in the early morning?
b) The _____ is purple and green coloured.
c) What are the three stages of life mentioned in the poem?
