

Std : XI

## SLIP TEST

Marks : 40

Date : 30.08.2019

## ENGLISH

Time : 1.00 hr

(5 x 2 = 10)

## I. Answer the following appreciation questions:

1. "With all my heart I do admire  
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire".  
a) Whom does the poet admire?  
b) For what reasons do the athletes sweat?
2. "Who take the field in gaudy pomp,  
And maim each other as they romp".  
a) What do you mean by gaudy pomp?  
b) Explain – maim each other as they romp.
3. "My limp and bashful spirit feeds  
On other people's heroic deeds".  
a) Whose spirit is limp?  
b) Explain – limp and bashful spirit.
4. "I'm glad that when my struggle begins  
'Twixt prudence and ego, prudence wins."  
a) What is the struggle?  
b) Who wins the battle?
5. "And reassure myself a new  
That you are not me and I'm not you."  
a) That you are not me and I'm not you – explain.  
b) Who does 'you' refer to?

## II. Answer the following in about 200 words:

(1 x 5 = 5)

6. How does the poet establish the victory of common sense over ego?

## III. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentences:

(5 x 1 = 5)

7. The sudden revolt was a bolt from the blue to the leadership.  
a) Heavy rain with thunder and lightning      b) Unexpected happening  
c) Not very surprising      d) Occurs frequently in populated areas.
8. Rahul's yellow streak shows up the moment he is caught red handed.  
a) A cowardly trait shown out in public      b) A courageous person ready to face the situation.  
c) A strong willed person with no complaint      d) A very stubborn person
9. My octogenarian aunt is in the pink of her health.  
a) Needs to visit the doctor often      b) Has a very good neighbourhood  
c) In very good health condition      d) Very perfect in daily chores
10. The government is taking a hard line over tax avoidance.  
a) to be very firm      b) to be very soft  
c) to take a deep breath      d) to be very adjustable
11. That company puts on a good performance only once in a blue moon.  
a) to reach the sky overnight      b) to visit faraway places  
c) to do things rarely      d) to be a very special event

## IV. Fill in the blanks with the correct usage of tenses:

(5 x 1 = 5)

12. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) in the east.
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the zoo last Sunday.
14. The shops \_\_\_\_\_ (close) before we reached the market.
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) for five hours.
16. They \_\_\_\_\_ (water) the garden.

**V. Expand the following news headlines**

(5 x 1 = 5)

17. AIIMS hospital at Madurai soon.
18. ATMs without security guards to close.
19. Students collect funds for flood relief.
20. Pakistan testifies nuclear missile.
21. Earthquake in Turkey – Over 250 dead.

**VI. Frame a dialogue with a minimum of ten exchanges for the given situation:**

(5)

22. Write a dialogue a shopkeeper and a customer.

**VIII. Write a summary (or) make notes of the following passage.**

(5)

23. All snakes are hunters and predators, feeding on the animals and sometimes their eggs. Having no limbs, snakes cannot hold their preys down to bite; hence they usually swallow them whole. Poisonous snakes sometimes do immobilize their preys with their venom to make consumption easier. Most poisonous snakes are conspicuously colored to warn others off. One example is the redbellied krait which has a bluish-black body and scarlet head and tail. Snakes like the cobras, which have less outstanding body colors, display their fatality by lifting the front part of their body and spreading their hoods. It is truly a myth that poisonous snakes attack humans for food. Humans can never be their targets for food as we are normally too large for them to swallow. In cases where snakes do bite, these attacks are usually defensive ones and the venom injected is normally little or sometimes even none. The full, fatal dose of the venom is only released on smaller animals which the snakes can swallow easily. Besides helping in the killing and immobilizing of their preys, the poison also acts as digestive agents for snakes.