

Assignment

Class 12

Subject: English

Unit 2

Prose

A Nice Cup of Tea

I. Choose the correct synonym for the following sentences.

1. But there is not much stimulation in it.

a) energy b) acceptance c) respect d) excitement

2. One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic after drinking it.

a) positive b) negative c) oppressed d) hopeless

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined word :

3....which are not to be despised.

a) hated b) liked c) respected d) defeated

4....but they are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.

a) enough b) suffocative c) inadequate d) submissive

5. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix respectively for the root word 'ambitious'

A)ful b) ly c) ity d) ness

6. Choose the correct preposition :

Yuvan has been playing cricket well ____2011.

a) in b) at c) since d) before

7. Choose the trisyllabic word:

a) biology b) drive c) careful d) educate

Fill in the right option.

8. Neither Sudha nor Leela ____ been selected.

a) has b) was c) is d) have

9. Choose clipped word for "Perambulator"

a)Pram b)Peram c)ramtor d)rambol

10.Choose the American word for 'queue'

a)straight b)level c)line d)order

II. Answer the following questions in one or two lines.

1.What seems curious to the author?

2.Which tea does the author prefer – China tea or Indian tea ?

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

4.How does army tea taste?

5.Why does the author advice removing cream from the milk?

III. Answer the following questions in three or four lines.

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

2.Elucidate the author's ideas about teapots?

3.Whom does the author call 'misguided people'?What is his advice to them ?

4.How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?

5.Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.

IV. Write in detail.

1.Discuss the Eleven Golden Rules in the preparation of a nice cup of tea.

2. Summarize George Orwell's distinctive ideas in 'A Nice Cup Of Tea '

Unit 2 – Poetry

Our Casuarina Tree

I. Choose the correct answer for the following sentences.

1. Which tree is mentioned by the poet ?
a) Neemtrees b) Palm tree c) Banyan tree d) Casuarina tree
2. What is the tree compared to ?
a) man b) giant c) lady d) animal
3. What is the colour of the flowers ?
a) blue b) yellow c) crimson d) white
4. What does 'Fain' mean ?
a) eagerly b) fail c) success d) pass
5. What springs in the tank ?
a) water lilies b) lotus c) jasmine d) rose
6. Who sits like a statue on the branch of the tree?
a) bird b) cat c) baboon d) tiger
7. What embraces the casuarina tree?
a) creeper b) snake c) monkey d) lady
8. What is the creeper compared to?
a) umbrella b) lion c) flower d) python
9. Name the bird that sings in the poet's garden.
a) Kokila b) skylark c) crow d) parrot
10. "It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech" What is the figure of speech employed here?
a) simile b) personification c) metaphor d) repetition

II. Answer the following questions in one or two lines.

1. Why is the scarf colourful?
2. How does the creeper appear on the tree?
3. Why is the casuarina tree dear to the poet's heart?
4. How does the poet spend her winter?

5. What has Wordsworth sanctified in his poem?

III. Answer the following questions in three or four lines.

1. The casuarina tree will be remembered for ever. Why?

2. Describe the garden during the night.

3. What does the poet convey through the expression 'Fear, trembling, hope'?

4. What does the poet mean by the expression 'May love defend thee from oblivion's curse'?

5. Write about the monkey and its offspring in the casuarina tree.

IV. Write in detail

1. The poet immortalizes the tree – Elucidate.

2. How does nature communicate with the poet?

Unit 2 – Supplementary

Life of Pi

I. Choose the correct answer for the following sentences.

1. Who is called the Super alpha in the boat?

a) Pi b) Hyena c) Orange Juice d) Richard Parker

2. Pi was weak as he had nothing to drink or eat for _____ days.

a) one b) two c) three d) four

3. Pi is an Indian boy from _____.

a) Pondicherry b) Bengal c) Goa d) Canada

4. Pi got angry with the _____ and called him, "You ugly, foul creature".

a) Tiger b) hyena c) Orang-utan d) Zebra

5. "I lost interest in the question. Only _____ interested me".

a) food b) tiger c) water d) thirst

6. His heart began to beat like a merry _____ when he drank water.

a) drum b) clock c) go round d) player

7. _____ gave him the will to live.

a) Parents b) Water c) Hyena d) Richard Parker

8. Pi says that drinking _____ is disgraceful

a) alcohol b) water c) orange juice d) sedatives

9. While comparing with the tiger, Pi calls hyena as ridiculous _____.

a) pig b) dog c) monkey d) donkey

10. At last, Pi left Richard Parker in a _____.

a) boat b) ship c) zoo d) jungle

II. Answer the following questions in one or two lines.

1. Describe the appearance of Richard Parker?

2. Why Pi says that orange is the colour of survival?

3. While comparing himself with a tennis challenger, what Pi says of that player, when he has nothing to lose in the game?

4. Describe Pi's struggle to find drinking water?

5. Why Pi was grateful to Richard Parker at the end?

III. Answer the following questions in three or four lines.

1. What are the elements that allowed Pi to live, when he was left alone in the middle of the Pacific?

2. Which one is worst according to Pi, hunger or thirst? Why?

3. 'In the face of superior predator, all of us were prey'. Explain this statement with the strange behaviour of the animals in that boat.

4. Describe the lifeboat.

5. How did Pi feel after drinking water?

IV. Write in detail.

1. Summarise the incidents of 'Life of Pi' logically in your own words.

2. How did the presence of Richard Parker influence the attitude of Pi?