

CODE NO:

**T.I. MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, AMBATTUR  
Half Yearly Examination 2018**

ROLL NO : .....

MARKS: 60  
TIME: 2 hr

**SECTION – A**

**I. A. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the following words:** 5x1 = 5

1. concealed = buried, hidden
2. furiously = ferociously,
3. blabbing = blabbering, gossiping
4. evidence = proof, witness
5. fond of = like

**I. B. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words:** 4x1 = 4

1. believe x suspect, disbelieve
2. fond x dislike, hate
3. concealed x revealed
4. furious x calm

**SECTION – B**

**II. A. Choose the correct prepositions of the following** 5x1=5

1. We have been living in Chennai \_\_\_\_\_ eight years ( **for/** since)
2. Abdul has taken \_\_\_\_\_ his father. ( **after** / at)
3. Vimal gradually goes to his workplace \_\_\_\_\_ bus ( on/ **by**)
4. The cricket ball was hidden \_\_\_\_\_ the leaves ( between / **among**)
5. Jenny lives \_\_\_\_\_ her workplace. ( **near** /on )

**II.B. Write as directed:** 15x1=15

1. The car was not \_\_\_ the garage and the man dropped the idea of going to the \_\_\_. (fill in the blank with inn/in) - in , inn
2. Use the plural form of ‘furniture’ in a sentence of your own- furniture ½ mark, sentence ½ mark
3. Use the prefix ‘ im’ to a word and use it in a sentence of your own.- Word ½ mark, sentence ½ mark
4. Use the idiom ‘to be in deep water’ in a sentence of your own.- Meaning ½ mark ( trouble), sentence ½ mark
5. She looked \_\_\_\_\_ as she was waiting to \_\_\_\_\_ the train. (fill in the blank with either board/ bored)- bored, board
6. Use the phrase ‘in spite of’ in a sentence of your own.- any apt sentence
7. Use the phrasal verb ‘figure out’ in a sentence of your own. - Meaning ½ mark, sentence ½ mark
8. S V A (Frame a sentence in the given pattern)- apt sentence
9. I ate dosas. (Mark the sentence pattern)- SVO
10. Law makers \_\_\_\_\_ not be law breakers. (Fill in the blank with an appropriate modal)- should, must

11. We \_\_\_\_\_ visit him. (Fill in the blank with an appropriate quasi modal)- used to, ought to, need to
12. Very few children are as disciplined as Farhan. ( transform into superlative degree)  
Farhan is one of the most disciplined children
13. T I School is the best school in Ambattur. (transform into positive degree)  
No other school in Ambattur is as good as TI School.
14. My father’s friend is a MLA. (Correct it) -My father’s friend is an MLA.
15. Harini is fond of **eating** icecream. (identify the gerund)

### SECTION – C

III.A. Give brief answers for the following in about 50 words each: 4x2=8

1. Why did Pongo want to bring another policeman?
2. Why did the narrator call Clem Jones a careful planner?
3. What happened to the narrator’s love for oranges after the incident?
4. How can soil erosion be prevented ?

Answers must be in brief, must be in complete sentences that are grammatically and semantically correct.

III.B. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100 words: 1x6=6

1. Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.
2. Why is water called the ‘Elixir of Life’?

Answer must be in detail. Must be in complete sentences that are grammatically and semantically correct.

### SECTION – D

IV.A. Quote from memory: 6

‘It takes much time.....Sprouting leaves.’  
( Refer reader pg-146)

IV.B. Read the verses below and answer the questions given below each one: 5x1=5

1. “Oh no, no,” said the little Fly, “kind Sir, that cannot be, I’ve heard what’s in your pantry, and I do not wish to see!”
  - a) Is the fly willing to enter the spider’s pantry? No, the fly is not willing to enter the spider’s pantry.
  - b) Can you guess what was in the pantry? Yes, I guess his past victims were in the pantry
2. The spider turned him round about, and went into his den, For well he knew the silly Fly would soon come back again:
  - a) Why is the poet using the word den to describe the spider’s web? The spider’s web was a secret place for his illegal and immoral activities. Hence the poet is using the word den to describe the spider’s web.
  - b) Why was the spider sure that the fly would come back again? The spider was sure that the fly would come back again because it had flattered the fly with its praising words.
3. “It has grown  
Slowly consuming the earth,  
Rising out of it, feeding  
Upon its crust, absorbing  
Years of sunlight, air, water,  
And out of its leprous hide  
Sprouting leaves.”

a. How has the tree grown?- slowly...absorbing sunlight, air, water...

IV.C. Answer any one in a paragraph each:

1x5=5

1. Write a character sketch of the spider.
2. 'A tree doesn't grow in a day.' Explain it with reference to the poem.

Answer must be in complete sentences. Two quotes from the poem is a must

Answer must be in detail. Must be in complete sentences that are grammatically and semantically correct. Quotes from the poem to be written.

**ALL THE BEST ! ☺**