

SAINIK SCHOOL NALANDA
WINTER VACATION ASSIGNMENT

CLASS XI

ENGLISH

PART A

Read a book and write a review to be delivered in School Assembly

PART B

IDIOMS & PHRASES

1. FABIAN POLICY

- (a) Dictatorial policy (b) Democratic policy (c) Market policy (d) Policy of using gradual reforms

1. TO KICK THE BUCKET

- (a) To start an account (b) To start a [sea](#) journey (c) To die (d) To start agricultural activity

2. TO EAT HUMBLE PIE

- (a) To eat slowly (b) To have an excellent dish (c) To live in a modest manner (d) To have to apologise

3. ODDS AND ENDS

- (a) Quarrelsome persons (b) Various intentions (c) Miscellaneous things (d) Nonsense

4. TO PICK UP THE GAUNTLET

- (a) To accept felicitations (b) To accept a challenge (c) to accept bribe (d) To accept a senior post

5. I could not go up in life for want of proper guidance

- (a) for lack of (b) for need of (c) for the desire of (d) for the necessity of

6. With open arms

- A. Warmly B. Cold blooded C. Resemble D. Coldly

7. To cry wolf

- A. To refer to B. To emphasise C. To have no result D. To give false alarm

8. To end in smoke

- A. To come to nothing B. To gain importance C. To praise oneself D. To reach target

9. At daggers drawn

- A. real cause B. to be puzzled C. at enmity D. at friendship

10. All and Sundry

- A. Everybody without distinction B. only rich person C. together D. selected people

11. A cock and bull story

- A. Interesting story B. A detective story C. An absurd tale D. A relevant story

12. A bone of contention

- A. Bone of lion B. A reason for discord C. Cause of friendship D. Continued to bed

13. A man of straw

- A. A puppet B. Influential C. One who has no influence D. To struggle in vain

14. Baker's Dozen

- A. Twelve B. Ten C. Thirteen D. Fifteen

15. Fair and square

- A. authoritative B. business like C. honest D. active

16. At logger heads

- A. In difficulty B. to be at strife C. None of above D. very happy together

17. At the spur of the moment

- A. Great Moment B. Without Delay C. Very Slow D. Difficult Moment

18. An apple of discord

- A. cause of happiness B. cause of quarrel C. cause of wealth D. cause of illness

19. As fit as a fiddle

- A. Looks fit but not fit actually B. Recovering from illness C. Very weak D. None of above

SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

1. The police accused him for theft. (a) with (b) in (c) of (d) NI
2. It was the mother of the girl of whose voice I had recognized.
(a) whose voice (b) the voice of who (c) voice whose (d) NI
3. He wanted that I left immediately. (a) I may leave (2) me to leave (c) I leave(d) NI
4. The executive council is consisted of the ten members.
(a) consists of (b) comprises of (c) constituted of (d) NI
5. This is to certify that I know Mr J Mathews since 1970.
(a) am knowing (b) had known (c) have known (d) NI
6. The maid was laying the table for dinner. (a) setting up (b) lying(c) sorting up(d) NI
7. They took away everything that belonged to him. (a)
that had been belonging (b) that belongs(c) that has been belonging (d) NI
8. We have so arranged the matters and one of us is always on duty.
(a) that one of us (b) so that one of us (c) such that one of us(d) NI
9. Hardly have we got into the forest when it began to rain. (a)
hardly had we got (b) we had hardly got (c) we had got hardly (d) NI
10. No one enjoys to deceive his family (a) deceiving (b) for deceiving(c) deceive (d) NI
11. Each time he felt tired he lied down. (a) lay (b) lays (c) lies(d) NI
12. Have you ever saw the flower of a pumpkin plant? (a) see (b) seeing (c) seen(d) NI
13. Though it was raining, but I went out. (a) but yet I (b) I (c) however I(d) NI
14. It is an ancient, historical place and it once belongs to the Pandavas.
(a) belonged (b) belonging (c) belong(d) NI
15. There is no chance of success unless you do not work hard.
(a) unless you work (b) until your working (c) until you do not work(d) NI
16. Since we were knowing the correct route, we did not worry at all. (a)
knew (b) have known (c) know(d) NI
17. She has grown too old to do little work. (a) some (b) any (c) a little(d) NI
18. Our country can progress when only people work hard. (a) when people only work hard (b)
when people work hard only (c) only when people work hard (d) NI
19. Wake me up when father will come. (a) comes (b) will have come (c) came (d) NI
20. Do take an umbrella with you lest you do not get wet.
(a) lest you should get wet (b) lest you should not get wet (c) lest you might get wet(d) NI
21. When he heard the rhetorical speech of the leader, he was carried along by his enthusiasm.
(a) carried aloft (b) carried down (c) carried away (d) NI
22. After the heavy rains last week, the water in the lake raised another two feet. (a) rose another
two feet(b) arisen another two feet (c) would raise another two feet(d) NI
23. As he spoke about the achievements his high claims amuse us. (a) big (b) tall (c) long)d) NI
24. We ought to stand for what is right. (a) stand at (b) stand on (c) stand up(d) NI
25. It is raining heavily all through this week. (a) has rained (b) rains (c) rained (d) NI
26. The sparrow took no notice about the bread. (a) notice of (b) notice from (c) notice to(d) NI
27. One can live and work in a town without being aware of the daily march of the sun across the sky
without never seeing the moon and stars. (a) seldom (b) hardly (c) ever (d) NI
28. Applications of those who are graduates will be considered. (a) whom are graduates
(b) whose are graduates (c) whom are only graduates(d) NI
29. In a few minutes time, when the clock strikes six, I would be waiting here for an hour.
(a) shall be waiting on (b) shall have been waiting (c) shall wait (d) NI
30. He enjoys to tell stories to children.
(a) how to tell stories (b) telling stories (c) to narrate stories (d) NI

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. He was deaf ----- all our requests. (a) at (b) to (c) with (d) on
2. Regular exercise is beneficial ----- health. (a) with (b) for (c) to (d) of
3. Are you conscious ----- your responsibility in this matter? (a) about (b) of (c) after (d) on
4. We regret that we cannot comply ----- your request. (a) to (b) with (c) at (d) on
5. The Ph.D degree was conferred ----- him at the convocation. (a) at (b) with(c) on (d) for
6. He congratulated her ----- her new job. (a) at (b) for (c) on (d) with
7. He is thoroughly conversant ----- the problem. (a) about (b) with (c) of (d) around
8. The principal has called ----- an explanation from the striking leaders. (a) on (b) for (c) at (d) out

9. I don't care ----- your objections: I have decided to do it. a) of b) for c) after d) with
10. He fell ----- the displeasure of authorities. a) off b) after c) from d) under
11. A committee was appointed to inquire ----- the accident. a) about b) into c) after d) of
12. I inquired ----- him whether he would come with us. a) about b) of c) into d) after
13. She insisted ----- my leaving the room. a) of b) on c) at d) with
14. We must guard ----- anti-social elements exploiting the students. a) with b) for c) against d) nr
15. She instantly jumped ----- the conclusion that I was against her plans. a) at b) to c) on d) with
16. This is a custom peculiar ----- the Nagas. a) with b) at c) to d) of
17. We partook ----- the humble meal provided by the villagers. a) with b) of c) at d) from
18. It occurred ----- me that we should seek his opinion. a) on b) with c) at d) to
19. We all look ----- him for help and guidance. a) at b) up to c) on d) up
20. We must provide facilities ----- recreation. a) for b) to c) with d) no
21. My teacher was _____ us for being late.
A. annoyed at B. annoyed with C. annoyed about D. annoys
22. Sandhya _____ me from the top of the house.
A. shouted to B. shouted at C. shouted on D. shouted
23. "You must taste this new dish." "All right, but give me just _____".
a little (b) a few (c) less (d) some
24. He is very _____; he believes anything.
Fallible (b) gullible (c) sensible (d) credible
25. Pandit Nehru was a lover of nature and a _____ believer in the goodness of the people.
Simple (b) good (c) powerful (d) staunch
26. I wish I _____ the answer.
have known (b) had known (c) knew (d) know
27. It is necessary to _____ standards are maintained.
Insure (b) influence (c) ensure (d) control
28. Ten years _____ for me to live in a foreign country.
A. are a long time B. is a long time C. has a long time D. of time
29. If Mohan _____ at 5 a.m., he would not have missed the train
(a) started (b) had started (c) would start (d) has started
- 30 The teachers said that they were no longer prepared to _____ the ways of the new Headmaster.
(a) put over with (b) put on with (c) put up with (d) put up to

SPOT THE ERROR

- CV Raman was one of the greatest sons/(a) of India who has earned everlasting fame/(b) for scientific researches./(c) No error/(d)
- This box/(a) is heavy than /(b) the other one /(c) No error/(d)
- How long /(a) you are /(b) in this profession ? /(c) No error/(d)
- The old widower,/(a) living in remittances from his sons, /(b) could not make both ends meet/(c) . No error/(d)
- Debate about biotechnology and genetic engineering /(a) is under way around the world, /(b) and India is fully engrossed with the discussion./(c) No error/(d)
- Each student/(a) from amongst the hundred students in the class /(b) want to watch this movie /(c) No error/(d)
- Although there is virtually no production in India,/(a) the Encyclopaedia Britannica estimate/(b) that India has perhaps the largest accumulated stocks of silver in the world.(c) No error/(d)
- Are you/(a) through with /(b) that newspaper? /(c) No error/(d)
- The Department of Fine Arts has been criticized/(a) for not having much required courses/(b) Scheduled for this semester. /(c) No error/(d)
- The duties of the secretary/(a) are to take the minutes, mailing the correspondence, /(b) and calling the members before meeting/(c). No error/(d)
- If a thing is worth doing/(a) at all it is /(b)worth done well./(c) No error/(d)

ANTONYMS

Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word/words followed by four words. Select the option that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word/words and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

- 1) Whether the rewards are in commensurate with the efforts or not, a society will always have workaholics and the shirk work groups.
 (a) disproportionate (b) equal to (c) matched (d) unparalleled
- 2) Wars leave behind a large number of emaciated soldiers in the camps of both the victorious and the vanquished
 (a) hefty (b) thin (c) disillusioned (d) determined
- 3) There was a mammoth gathering to listen to the leader.
 (a) negligible (b) tiny (c) poor (d) large
- 4) The audience thoroughly enjoyed the hilarious drama
 (a) amusing (b) delightful (c) serious (d) momentous
- 5) The writer's erudition in science is revealed in every page of the book.
 (a) unenlightened (b) ignorance (c) intelligence (d) hollowness
- 6) The seminar which Ravi organised proved to be momentous event.
 (a) trivial (b) futile (c) vain (d) useless
- 7) The question is not whether the court vindicates him with regard to his involvement in the case, but how he feels about it.
 (a) Reprieves (b) absolves (c) indicts (d) summons
- 8) In those days many monarchs enjoyed vast ecclesiastical powers
 (a) permanent (b) temporal (c) contemporary (d) constitutional

SYNONYMS

Select the option that is nearer in meaning to the underlined word/words and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

1. BANISH
 a. exile b. hate c. fade d. clean
2. JOVIAL
 a. incredulous b. merry c. revolting d. dizzy
3. INDIFFERENT
 a. neutral b. unkind c. precious d. mean
4. DISTORT
 a. wrong b. evil c. deform d. harm
5. SUMPTUOUS
 a. delirious b. gorgeous c. perilous d. luxurious
6. REEL
 a. whirl b. fish c. hit d. mistake
7. INSCRUTABLE
 a. difficult b. mysterious c. inflexible d. wary
8. APPALL
 a. delirious b. covered c. dismayed. d. confuse
9. UPRIGHT
 a. honorable b. horizontal c. humble d. supine

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NOTICE WRITING

1. Your school is planning to organise an educational trip to Shimla. As the school captain of Rosewood Public School, Guwahati, draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the details of the trip. You are Manoj/Mira. Mention the day, date, time and venue.
2. You are Aman/Archana, President of the Drama Club of Oxford Public School, Bengaluru. On the occasion of Children's Day, your club is planning to conduct an inter-house one-act play competition. Draft a notice in about 50 words giving relevant details about the competition. Mention the day, date, time and venue.

INVITATION

1. Your school is planning to celebrate its Annual Sports Day. On behalf of the Principal, draft an invitation card in about 50 words to be sent out to the parents and the guests. Mention the day, date, time and venue.
2. You are Mr. Kulkarni. You have recently received an invitation to the wedding of your friend, Mr Sharma's son, Suraj. Write a reply in about 50 words expressing your inability to attend the wedding due to a prior family function.
3. You are Dr. B.L. Kapoor from Pratibha Kapoor Hospital, Patiala. You have been invited to speak on Health - a dietary journey, for Senior Secondary School students. Draft a reply accepting the invitation in not more than 50 words. Request for the time, date and venue where the meeting has been organized

LETTER WRITING

1. You are Deepak/Diya of 14, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru. You recently came across an advertisement for the post of a librarian in Sahyog Public School, Bengaluru. Write an application in 120-150 words along with the bio-data to the Principal, submitting your candidature.
2. In response to the under mentioned classified advertisement in a reputed newspaper, write a letter in about 120-150 words for the post with the detailed curriculum vitae. Mention personal details, academic qualifications.

SITUATION VACANT

ROSE PUBLIC SCHOOL invites application for NTT qualified and experienced teacher. Knowledge of computers and art and craft preferred. Contact : The Principal, Rose Public School, Sitara

3. Every monsoon, the roads of the city develop potholes which become a safety hazard. People can fall, leading to serious and fatal injuries. Transportation vehicles get damaged leading to accidents. This has been a yearly feature. Write a letter in 120 - 150 words to the editor of a newspaper expressing your disappointment at the poor standard of road repair done year after year. Mention inconveniences faced and suggest solutions. You are Rajiv/Reena of 14, Colaba, Mumbai

REPORT WRITING

1. You are Radha/Rajesh, the Sports Captain of your school P.B. Bose Public School. The Annual Sports Day was conducted last Monday. As a sports reporter, write a report in about 120-150 words covering all the details such as day, date, time, venue, Chief Guest, march past, field events, award ceremony, etc.
2. You are Vinay/Vijaya, the staff reporter of the Times of India. You are sent to cover the flood-hit areas of Assam. Write a report in about 120-150 words to be published in the newspaper. Support your ideas with cues given below.