

**Padasalai's 10<sup>th</sup> English – Half Yearly Exam Model Question Paper**

CLASS: X

FULL TEST

MARKS: 100

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME: 2.30Hrs

**SECTION- I****I. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words: 1x 5 = 5**

An artist was sitting in a park which was full of beautiful flowers. The flowers (i) **fascinated** him and he (ii) **absolutely** concentrated on the flowers for his next picture. He wanted his pictures to (iii) **articulate** to the viewers. By his side two men were (iv) **engaged** in a conversation. This disturbed him. He could not (v) **figure out** what they were talking.

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| (i)   | a) turned     | b) attached | c) attracted | d) talked  |
| (ii)  | a) completely | b) enough   | c) slightly  | d) only    |
| (iii) | a) smell      | b) talk     | c) charm     | d) sell    |
| (iv)  | a) marriage   | b) involved | c) loved     | d) blessed |
| (v)   | a) understand | b) draw     | c) go out    | d) come in |

**II. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words: 1x 5 = 5**

The article of atomic energy written by a scientist (i) **elaborately** attracted my attention. He wanted atomic energy to be used for the purpose of (ii) **construction** and (iii) **admired** the efforts of the world community which cautions the nations to be wary of their greed. He has written about the (iv) **intricate** issues relating to maximizing atomic weapons. He opines that in general most of the people are (v) **scantly** informed about atomic power.

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| (i)   | a) impressively | b) totally   | c) necessarily | d) briefly        |
| (ii)  | a) building     | b) handling  | c) disruption  | d) destruction    |
| (iii) | a) despised     | b) dedicated | c) praised     | d) commented      |
| (iv)  | a) difficult    | b) same      | c) simple      | d) dull           |
| (v)   | a) sufficiently | b) largely   | c) narrowly    | d) insufficiently |

**Part II**

Answer any ten of the questions given below.

**10 x 1 = 10**3. Which of the following is the right expansion of **ECG**

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| a) Everyman's Christian Group | b) Electrical Cardio Gram |
| c) Elected Council Group      |                           |

Fill in the blanks with suitable **homophones**.

\*He gave me a ..... of advice while I was without  
d) Electro Cardio Gram

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..... (peace / piece)

5. Replace the underlined words with its equivalent British English word.

\* He is an **accountant**.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word `sun` to form a compound word?

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| a) bone | b) worm | c) mind | d) stroke |
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7. What is the plural form of the word '**octopus**'

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| a) octopuses | b) octopus | c) octopi |
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8. Attach a prefix to the word "**placed**" from the list given below to complete the sentence.

\*Gunga Ram died due to his stupid .....

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| a) ical | b) ity | c) ify | d) ness |
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9. Replace the underlined word in the sentences with one the **phrasal verbs** given below to convey the correct meaning.\* I **continued** the good deeds of my father.

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| a) carried away | b) carried on | c) carried over | d) carried out |
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10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words.

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| a) amusement | b) irreverent | c) beginning |
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11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence.

\* I saw all ..... of people in the trade fair.

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| a) shorts | b) sorts |
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12. Construct a sentence using any one of the following words.

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| a) energy | b) energetic | c) energise |
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13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a verb.

\*He was not the **authority** to issue birth certificates.

14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the correct meaning.

\* He won't ever do it again.

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| a) He will never do it again. | b) He will always do it. |
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**SECTION II****A) Respond to the following questions as directed.****10 x 1 = 10**

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence?

\*If I had run fast .....

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| a) I would have catch the train.  |
| b) I would have caught the train. |
| c) I will catch the train.        |

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentences.

\* To learn swimming is not easy.

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| a) SVA | b) SVC | c) SVO |
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17. choose the correct question tag for the following statements.

\*What an amazing model, .....

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| a) isn't he? | b) wasn't he? | c) are we? |
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18. Complete the sentence with suitable answers given below.

\*Few other labour is ..... childlabour.

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| a) worsen than | b) as worse as | c) worse |
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19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below.

\***At no time the library left unguarded.**

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| a) The library was always guarded.        |
| b) The library was left unguarded always. |
| c) Never the library was guarded.         |

20. Complete the following sentences from the options given below.

\*He died ..... heart attack.

- a) On top of            b) in spite of            c) due to

21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the following sentences.

\* Would you mind..... the sugar.

- a) pass                    b) to pass                    c) passing

22.) Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

\* He was happy ..... the officials.

- a) with meeting                    b) for meeting                    c) of meeting

23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence.

\* ..... ants are known for discipline.

- a) a                            b) an                            c) none

24. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence.

\* He kept his eyes fixed .... the cake.

- a) down                    b) on                            c) upon

**B) Rewrite as directed.**

**2 x 5 = 10**

25. Form the context of the two sentences given below from a single sentence.

\*Where do you live? \* Tell me.

26. Rewrite the following sentence into other voice.

\*They found their glass window broken. Who might have broken the window?

27. Rewrite the sentence into other speech.

\*Susan said, "It tastes horrible, but it's supposed to be very good."

28. From the context of the two sentences given below, form a single sentence using 'if' clause.

\* I had a type writer. I typed it.

29. Read the following sentences about the temperature of some cities in India and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.

\* Chennai 50 degrees.

\* Kolkata 45 degrees.

\* Hyderabad 60 degrees.

\* Delhi 25 degrees.

\* Kashmir 22 degrees.

### PART III

**30. Punctuate the following sentence.**

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alas the old man is dead said she

### SECTION III (prose)

**A) Answer briefly any five of the following questions.**

**5 x 2 = 10**

31. What are the various details that Alan Trevor would have given to Baron?

32. Do you think music is different from entertainment? How?

33. When does one make one's own decision?

34. What does Kamal Bhate do every morning?

35. Besides laws, what could help domestic workers have a better life?

36. There are many unsolved problems in the study of bird migration. What are they?

37. In what way is the tower unbeatable?

**B) Answer in a paragraph in about 100 words. ( any one)**

**1 x 5 = 5**

38. a) write a short note on bird migration.

b) What are the contribution of Cholas to art and culture?

c) Who was Hughie? How had Hughie treated the model who posed for Trevor?

### SECTION IV (Poetry) PART I

**39. Quote from memory one of the following extracts.**

a) Five lines of the poem "Going for Water"

From : ' We ran as .....

To: ..... we paused"

b) Five lines of the poem "Migrant Bird"

From : ' No maps, .....

To: ..... will not."

### PART II

**5 x 1 = 5**

**A) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below.**

40. "Appearances can be deceptive,  
And to the superficial gaze."

a) What do you mean by deceptive?

41. "Each laid on others a staying hand  
To listen ere, we dared to look."

a) Why did they stop silently?

42. "Our knees tremble sorely in the stooping  
We fall upon our faces trying to go"

a) Where do they wish to fall?

43. "I won't look down. No I will not."

a) Why does the bird say that it will not look down?

44. "Deep pride, then reverence,  
Lo! God in man's image."

a) Why did pride turn to reverence?

### PART III

**5 X 1 = 5**

**B) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below.**

45. Where an aching generosity  
Is waiting it's time to share?

Yes, a warm, glowing inner beauty.

a) Bring out the rhyming scheme used in this line?

46. If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of a distance run,

Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,

a) Bring out the rhyming words used here?

47. with laughter when she found us soon.

a) Mention the figure of speech used in this line?

48. Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron.

a) Bring out the words in alliteration.

49. The knockings softens, fades.

a) Mention the figure of speech used in this line?

#### PART IV

**Answer in a paragraph in about 100 words. ( Any one)**

**1 x 5 = 5**

**50.a)** Do you think Hughie has an “Inner Beauty”? Why do you say so?

b) Describe the experience of the children on their way to brook to seek water.

c) Describe how the shilpi gradually changes a virgin rock into a statue of God?

#### SECTION V (Language functions)

**Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. 5 x 2 = 10**

**51)**In 1930 the Wright Brothers made the first powered flight in history at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. This site was chosen because of its winds, which would lift the plane like a kite. The first attempt lasted only 12 seconds and covered a distance of less than the wing span of the largest airplanes of modern aircraft. Soon the Wrights and other inventors and pilots were busy improving the airplane. They made much longer flights and even put it to some practical uses. In 1909 the Wrights delivered the first military plane to the United State Army. As early as 1914, a plane had begun to carry passengers on daily flights and in 1918 regular air-mail service was started between Washington and Newyork.

**Questions.**

a) Who made the first power flight? Where ?when ?

b) How long did the first flight last and what distance did it cover?

c) When did the U S Army get the first military flight?

d) Why was Kitty Hawk chosen for first flight?

e) Which places were first connected by air-mail service? When?

f)

**52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.**

**5 x 1 = 5**

a) The virtue is its own reward.

b) I prefer coffee than tea.

c) Stephen drives as rashly as Ravi.

d) We enjoyed in the river.

e) Grandfather sleeps. Please, do not disturb him.

**53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one**

**Or two sentences.**

**5 x 1 = 5**

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