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Time : 2.30 hrs.

# Half-Yearly Examination - 2022

## ENGLISH

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Max. Marks : 100

### PART - I

Note : i) Answer all the questions. ii) Choose the appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer

Choose the appropriate synonym for the underlined words.

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- He even gnawed at the dried pieces of eggshell.  
a) wanted b) chewed c) threw d) saw
- It is a 55 foot sailing vessel built indigenously in India.  
a) domestically b) spuriously c) globally d) unsafely
- Usually, when school began, there was a great bustle.  
a) happy b) silence c) collapsed d) commotion
- Choose the appropriate antonym for the underlined words
- The steps had ceased.  
a) crippled b) stopped c) continued d) surprised
- Technology is a boon to citizens with special needs.  
a) curse b) application c) wish d) bless
- The jeweller remarked that it was an antique.  
a) modern b) old c) ancient d) important
- Choose the correct plural form of knife from the following.  
a) knives b) knief c) knives d) knivees
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'nutrition'.  
a) dis b) il c) mis d) mal
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation IMF  
a) International Monetary Fund b) Internal Monetary Fund c) International Mutual Fund  
d) International Monetary Finance
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.  
Doing .....everyday in the morning keeps one healthy.  
a) warm up b) stretch out c) put on d) burn off
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word alarm to form a compound word.  
a) pass b) card c) clock d) glass
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate prepositional phrase.  
He didn't turn up.....his busy schedule.  
a) in spite of b) except for c) due to d) consequence of
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.  
If you.....(work) hard, you would have won the relay match.  
a) work b) will work c) had worked d) have worked
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.  
.....the boy had completed the work, he went out to play.  
a) While b) After c) Though d) But

### PART - II SECTION - 1

Answer any three of the following question in a sentence or two

3 x 2 = 6

- What made the young seagull go mad?
- Mention the special features of INSV Tarini?
- What did M. Hamel say about the French language?
- What were the instructions given by Holmes to Watson?

### SECTION - 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following

3 x 2 = 6

- My heart will keep the courage of the quest,  
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.  
a) What kind of quest does the poet seek here?  
b) What is the poet's hope?
- There's a family nobody likes to meet.  
They live, it is said, on Complaining Street  
a) Where does the family live?



- b) Why do you think the street is named as 'Complaining Street'?
21. Began to complain when he found that, at home, His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.
- a) Who does 'he' refer to?
- b) Why was his cupboard empty?
22. It is a very mysterious place, And inside you can tell it has a tone of space.
- a) What does 'It' refer to?
- b) Pick out the words that indicates the size of it.

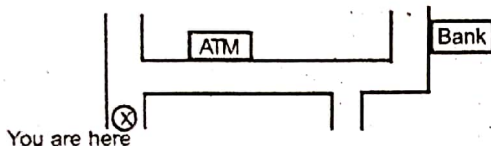
**SECTION - 3****3 x 2 = 6****Answer any three of the following**

23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice. They have asked me to pay the fine.
24. Change into indirect speech. "Do you know the symptoms?" asked Smith.
25. Punctuate the following sentence. the general is a woman yelled the soldiers.
26. Combine the following sentence into a simple sentence. The children saw the teacher and they stood up.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
- a) your / today / put on / new / since / is / birthday / dress / the
- b) first / his / made / he / fight / had

**SECTION - 4****1 x 2 = 2**

28. Answer the following question.

A stranger asks you to direct him to the bank. Give instructions to help him.

**PART - III SECTION - 1****Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.****2 x 5 = 10**

29. Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the house with reference to the lesson 'The Night the Ghost Got in'.
30. Man does change with time What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?
31. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.
32. How did Holmes trap Mr. Calverton Smith to confess the murder?

**SECTION - 2****Answer any two of the following.****2 x 5 = 10**

33. Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble Family' and their attitude towards other folks.
34. Where is the house located? Why is it a mysterious place?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

But remember, please, the Law by which we live,  
We are not built to comprehend a lie,  
We can neither love nor pity nor forgive,  
If you made a slip in handling us you die !

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
- b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
- c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the third line of the given stanza.
- d) Pick out the alliterating words in the first line.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
- She's a loness, don't mess with her.  
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster  
Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.  
She knows how to thaw you, saw you - so beware !

**SECTION - 3****Answer any one of the following.****1 x 5 = 5**

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
- i) He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.
- ii) Using his powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
- iii) He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.
- iv) Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.



- v) These spirits were obedient to Prospero and Ariel was the chief.
38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

As I rose to go, uncle Philip said "The rubies are valuable. They are in my safe at the trust company. Before you unlock the box, be very careful to read a letter which lies on top of it, and be sure not to shake the box. "I thought this odd. "Don't I come back. It won't hasten things. "He died that day next week, and was handsomely buried. The day after, his will was found, leaving me his heir. I opened his safe and found in it nothing but an iron box, evidently of his own making, for he was a skilled workman and very ingenious. The box was heavy and strong, about ten inches long, eight inches wide and ten inches high. I stood appalled, the key in my hand. Was it true? Was it a lie? I had spent all my savings on the funeral, and was poorer than ever.

Questions :

1. What should he do before unlock the box?
2. Who was the heir to uncle Philip's property?
3. What was inside the safe?
4. How was the box?
5. Why was Tom became very poor?

#### SECTION - 4

Answer any four of the following.

4 x 5 = 20

39. Mobile Galaxy - Smart phones - accessories - SIM cards - Recharge - Free Power banks on Mobile purchase - No.1. TollGate, Trichy.
40. You are Ajeet, living in a remote village in Tirunelveli. You participated in a health camp organised by your school. You were surprised to observe that most of the residents were unaware of health and hygiene. As a concerned citizen, write a letter to the editor stating the need to organise such campus focusing on the importance of health and hygiene.
40. You are the Secretary of Park Circus Residents Welfare Association. Write a notice to inform the residents of your colony of a Meditation program under the guidance of Dr. P. Ranjit with a view to understanding the self better. The program is exclusively for the residents. It will be conducted on the second Saturday of the following month from 7.00 a.m to 9.00 a.m at the children's park nearby.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Pollution is a major issue in India. Anything added into the environment that results in producing harmful or poisonous effect on living things is called pollution. It is one of the considerable issues for the whole world. It is a kind of impurity in natural environment that is harmful for all the living beings on earth. Pollution whether it is air, land, noise or water always has adverse effects. India is the world's largest consumer of fuel wood, agricultural waste and biomass for energy purposes, which releases millions of tonnes of pollutants into the air every year. Vehicle emissions, another source of air pollution, get worsened by fuel adulteration and poor fuel combustion efficiencies from traffic congestion. Factories pollute air through fossil fuel emissions. These emissions include carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. Air pollution is the main cause for the monsoon to be delayed. Air pollution is the major cause for several health hazards. It damages vegetation and animal life too.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

- a) An earth goes round the sun.
- b) India is one of the developing country in the world.
- c) We bought some furnitures yesterday.
- d) My teachers made me to speak English fluently.
- e) Though he is poor but he is honest.

#### SECTION - 5

45. Quote from memory.

From : A labour.....

To : .....and understand.

1 x 5 = 5



## PART - IV

2 x 8 = 16

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

a) Dr. Ashok entrusts his pet bird Dr. Krishnan children excited of his entry it can speak 21 languages Zigzag sleep endlessly with heavysnore no peace at home - Mrs. Krishnan not happy shouts and asks for solutions Dr. Krishnan writes to Ashok finding solution no reply Dr. Krishnan - takes Zigzag to clinic - turn of event Zigzag takes care of - the orderliness clinic - very quiet all surprises Zigzag commands - Dr. Krishnan happy finds secret Zigzag must be engaged if not he - sleeps family is happy with his presence. (OR) b) Little hero of Halland - Peter - dike - his father - opened the canal for ship - his mother sent - cakes to his friend - Peter went on the way back home-saw a little hole-on the dike - close it with his finger throughout the cold night - next morning - a farmer - reused him.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

Preethi Srinivasan is a former cricketer from Tamil Nadu who played domestic cricket in the 1990's. At the age of eight, she was the youngest girl to play in the State cricket team. At the age of 17, she captained the Tamil Nadu women's under 19 cricket team in a national tournament in 1997, and registered its only victory every. She was also a state level gold winner in 50 m breaststroke swimming event. But the following year, she suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident in Puducherry that left her quadriplegic. her own trauma inspired to create SourFree, a foundation that aims to help Indian youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries, and how suitable precautions can help them out. Instead of the term 'differently abled', SoulFree employs the term 'positively-abled' for those suffering from a disability. She is active in social life and earned many honours too. In 2018, she received the Kalpana Chawala Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise.

**Questions.**

1. What is the achievement of Preethi Srinivasan at the age of seventeen?
2. What had happened to her in an accident?
3. What is the aim of soulFree foundation?
4. How is she honored in 2018?

48. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

I lay in sorrow, in deep distress ;  
My grief a proud man heard ;  
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,  
But not a kindly word

My sorrow passed - I paid him back  
The gold he gave to me,  
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks  
And blessed his charity.

I lay in want, and grief and pain,  
A poor man passed my way,  
He bound my head, he gave me bread,  
He watched me night and day.

How shall I pay him back again  
For all he did to me?  
Oh, gold is great, but greater far  
Is heavenly sympathy.

**Questions :**

1. What did the proud man give to the poet?
2. How did the poet react to the proud man?
3. What did the poor man help the poet?
4. What is greater according to the poet?