

RASI ENGLISH GUIDE**XI ENGLISH – HALF YEARLY MODEL QUESTION PAPER – 1**

Std: XI

PART – 1

Total Marks: 90

Subject: English

Time: 3 Hours

Answer all the questions.

20x1=20

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. A continuous stream of men and women endowed with the spirit of service has been carrying on the crusade successfully.

a) removed b) gifted c) entry d) deputed

2. My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation.

a) suitable b) incomplete c) isolation d) security

3. The media christened me the Queen of Boxing and magnificent Mary.

a) shouted b) named c) kept d) added

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. -----, with a gradual crescendo to which I had been safely contributing.

a) sudden b) fast c. fantasy d. reality

5. We have eschewed monarchy and autocracy and have inaugurated the era of democracy.

a) blamed b) accepted c) delighted d) repeated

6. Her happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed with frivolous rebukes.

a) serious b) praise c) funny d) decent

7. Choose the correct di -syllabic word.

a) bound b) advantages c) reality d) basket

8. Choose the expanded form of 'NEET'.

a) National Entrance Cum Eligibility Exam b) National Eligibility Cum Entrance Exam

c) National Entrance Cum Eligible Exam d) National Enter Cum Eligibility Exam

9. Choose the word that can be placed after 'eye' to form a compound word.

a) long b) born c) free d) lashes

10. Choose the right combination of the blended word 'hitech'.

a) highest+technics b) higher+technical c) high+technics d) high+technology

11. Choose the meaning of the foreign word "resume".

a) summary b) close relationship c) good understanding d) without a date being fixed

12. Choose the right definition for the given term "linguist"

a) one who studies body parts b) one who studies languages and their structure

c) one who studies plants d) one who studies insects

13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence given below with a single word.

I cannot put up with his behavior any more.

a) express b) estimate c) tolerate d) look after

14. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'rare'.

a) let b) ous c) ment d) ly

15. Add suitable question tag to the following sentence. They left Chennai last week, _____?

a) did they b) does they c) didn't they d) do they

16. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition. I have a present ----- you.

a) for b) on c) in d) of

17. The plural form of 'Bacterium' is _____

a) bacteriumes b) bacteria c) bacterias d) bacteriums

18. Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun. The man ----- conveyed the message is a stranger.

a) which b) that c) why d) who

19. Choose the clipped form of the word 'Perambulator'.

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- a) bulator b) ram c) pram d) peram

20. Choose the correct sentence pattern.

I bought a new car yesterday.

- a) SVIODO b) SVCA c) SVAA d) SVOA

PART II - SECTION A

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following questions. (4x2=8)

21. *"But that's gone, son*

Now they shake hands without hearts"

a. What is gone according to the speaker? b. How did the people laugh in olden days?

22. *"One infant grows up and becomes a jockey*

Another plays basketball or hockey"

a. Who is a jockey?

b. Pick out the rhyming words?

23. *"I heard a thousand blended notes*

While in a grove I sat reclined"

a. What is meant by 'thousand blended notes'?

b. Where was the poet sitting?

24. *"Macavity's a Mystery cat: he's called the hidden paw".*

a. Does the poet talk about a real cat?

b. Why is he called the hidden paw?

25. *"He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore*

We bow before competence and merit"

a. Who is adored as a king? b. Mention the figure of speech in the first line?

26. *"Our lands, our lives, and all, are Bolingbroke's"*

a. Who is Bolingbroke?

b. Pick out the words in alliteration.

SECTION – 2

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. The doctor said to the patient, "Take two pills three times a day". (Change into Indirect speech)

28. If I were the Headmaster, I would appoint you as a teacher. (Begin the sentence with 'Were')

29. Change into passive voice of the following sentence:

He closed the window.

30. He was sick and so he was absent. (Change into a Simple sentence)

PART – III

SECTION – 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2x3=6

31. *"Now they shake their hands without their hearts"*

32. *"He sways his head from side to side*

With movements like a snake"

33. *"Honour is a property common to all."*

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following.

2x3=6

34. Describe the author's grandmother.

35. What is a tight corner? What happens when one finds oneself in a tight corner?

36. Why are universities necessary for a society?

PART – III

SECTION – 1

Answer any three of the following.

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37. Describe the process of preparing a fruit salad.

38. Write a notice about the inauguration of a Laughter club in your school.

39. Complete each of the following proverbs with the right option.

- Strike while the iron is ----- . (hot, cool, wit)
- Don't judge a book by its ----- . (words, cover, pages)
- can't be choosers. (beggars, neighbours, friends)

40. Expand the Headlines.

- World leaders meet at Geneva.
- ATM without security guard to close.
- Free NEET classes to begin soon for all students.

PART – IV

Answer the following.

7x5=35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

a) How did the grandmother spend the last few hours of her life?

(Or)

b) How does Arignar Anna highlight the duties and responsibilities of graduates to the society?

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.

a) Explain the things that the poet has learnt when he grew to be an adult.

(Or)

b) Describe an account of Macavity as described by T.S. Eliot.

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

a) A group- patients- wait- the dentist- Joe- first- patient- go- inside- nurse- brings- hammer- other- tools- all- other patients- afraid- tools- think- dentist- use- tools- remove- tooth- some- patients- leave- clinic- out of fear- Children- tell- their- tooth ache- drama- cut- school- Joe- comes- out –well- He- says- tools- used- open- cabinet- Finally- misunderstanding- cleared

(Or)

b) Bob-Jimmy-close friends-Bob-eighteen-Jimmy-twenty-Bob-moved-West-fortune-Jimmy-stayed-New York-agreed-meet-after-twenty years-Bob- came –meet –Jimmy- same –place- Jimmy- cop- identified- Bob- criminal- Chicago- Jimmy- sent another- policeman- arrest- Bob.

44. a) Make notes or summarise the following passage.

How does television affect our lives? It can be very helpful to people who carefully choose the shows that they watch. Television can increase our knowledge of the outside world; there are high quality programmes that help us understand many fields of study, science, medicine, the different arts and so on. Moreover, television benefits very old people, who can't leave the house, as well as patients in hospitals. It also offers non-native speakers the advantage of daily informal language practice. They can increase their vocabulary and practise listening. On the other hand, there are several serious disadvantages of television. Of course, it provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend our free time, but in some countries people watch television for an average of six hours or more a day. Many children stare at the TV screen for more hours a day than they spend on anything else, including studying and sleeping. It's clear that TV has a powerful influence on their lives and that its influence is often negative. Recent studies show that after only thirty seconds of television viewing, a person's brain 'relaxes' the same way that it does just before the person falls asleep. Another disadvantage is that television often causes people to become dissatisfied with their own lives. Also many people get upset or depressed when they can't solve problems in real life as quickly as television actors seem to. Before a child is fourteen years old, he or she views eleven thousand murders on the TV. He or she begins to believe that there is nothing strange about fights, killings and other kinds of violence.

(Or)

b) Write a paragraph on the importance of Exercise in our daily life in about 150 words.

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45. a) Write a letter to the Newspaper Editor, highlighting the problems of heavy traffic jam near your school.

(Or)

b) Write a letter to the Collector of Chennai District expressing your wish to contribute some funds, you had collected for the victims of a recent flood in your city.

46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.

- i. I prefer blue than green.
- ii. The innings are good.
- iii. Ganges is a sacred river.
- iv. Despite being old yet he is active.
- v. Anita is a M.A. in English.

(Or)

b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- i) Nobody can say ----- there will be an improvement in the ----- . (*weather/whether*)
- ii) I ----- go to temple every Friday. (*Use semi-modal verb*)
- iii) When I entered the room, the baby ----- (sleep) soundly. (*Use a modal verb*)
- iv) ----- have an entry pass, you cannot get in. (*Use a suitable link word*)

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

The Trojan War is one of the most famous wars in history. It is well known for the 10-year duration, for the heroism of a number of legendary characters, and for the Trojan horse. What may not be familiar, however, is the story of how the war began.

According to Greek myth, the strife between the Trojans and the Greeks started at the wedding of Peleus, King of Thessaly, and Thetis, a sea nymph. All of the gods and goddesses had been invited to the wedding celebration in Troy except Eris, goddess of discord. She had been omitted from the guest list because her presence always embroiled mortals and immortals alike in conflict.

To take revenge on those who had slighted her, Eris decided to cause a skirmish. Into the middle of the banquet hall, she threw a golden apple marked "for the most beautiful." All of the goddesses began to haggle over who should possess it. The gods and goddesses reached a stalemate when the choice was narrowed to Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite. Someone was needed to settle the controversy by picking a winner. The job eventually fell to Paris, son of King Priam of Troy, who was said to be a good judge of beauty. Paris did not have an easy job. Each goddess, eager to win the golden apple, tried aggressively to bribe him.

Although Paris learned that Helen was married, he nevertheless accepted the hospitality of her husband, King Menelaus of Sparta. Therefore, Menelaus was outraged for a number of reasons when Paris departed, taking Helen and much of the king's wealth back to Troy. Menelaus collected his loyal forces and set sail for Troy to begin the war to reclaim Helen.

Questions:

- a) Which is one of the most famous wars in history?
- b) Who was not invited to the wedding celebration in Troy?
- c) Why was Eris omitted from the guest list to the wedding celebration?
- d) How did Eris decide to take revenge on those who had slighted her?
- e) Who collected his loyal forces and set sail for Troy to begin the war to reclaim Helen?

(Or)

b) Construct a dialogue between two friends discussing about the NEET Exam. (Minimum five exchanges)

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