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Half-Yearly Examination - 2022

Time : 3.00 hrs.

ENGLISH

Max. Marks : 90

PART - I

20 x 1 = 20

I. Answer all the questions:

i) Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:1. The fight and all that followed are clearly etched in my memory.

- a) stretched out b) imprinted c) removed d) stayed

2.and therefore has no time to remember the mediocre.

- a) ordinary b) appreciation c) medication d) condition

3. ... and confidence in his inherent ability to shoulder the responsibilities.

- a) natural b) reasonable c) sensible d) inborn

ii) Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:4. I pulled myself together sufficiently to hand my card, nonchalantly to the clerk.

- a) coolly b) tensely c) disorderly d) hurriedly

5. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous song.

- a) interesting b) tiresome c) fragrant d) melodious

6. This has become a real frustration for me.

- a) shocker b) comedy c) disappointment d) satisfaction

7. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Polyglot'.

- a) a person of multiple talents b) a person of several shades c) One who is well versed in multiple languages d) One who is holding several posts

8. Choose the meaning of the foreign word 'faux pas'.

- a) Social blunder b) social crime c) comical act d) embarrassing situation

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation NRI.

- a) Non Regular Indian b) Non Resident Indian
c) Non Resident International d) Now residing Indian

10. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'lip read'.

- a) Noun+adjective b) verb +Noun c) Adjective+Noun d) Noun+verb

11. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the base word 'inherit'

- a) ful b) ness c) ive d) or

12. Form a compound word by adding a suitable word to 'spot'

- a) fine b) less c) clear d) watch

13. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.

Surya Kumar batted incredibly well, _____?

- a) don't he b) does he c) didn't he d) isn't he

14. Sherlock Holmes looks into the case now. (Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verb from the options given)

- a) Follows b) Avoids c) investigates d) reads

15. Fill in the blanks with the suitable semi modal verb.

We.....know well about the glories of our Tamilnadu history.

- a) used to b) dare c) ought to d) need to

16. Choose the correct meaning of the Idiomatic expression from the options given.Yazhini's new school environment is right up her alley.

- a) on the same street b) ideally suited to her interests. c) not to her liking d) a total disappointment

17. Choose the correct preposition for the following sentences:

I saw Preetha waving..... the crowd.

- a) in b) above c) over d) from

18. Choose the **clipped form** of the word 'University'
 a) Universe b) varsity c) versity d) variety
19. Fill in the blanks with the suitable **determiner**.
 of his songs are melodious.
 a) more b) many c) most d) one
20. Fill in the blanks with the suitable **tense form** of the verb.
 Mathi..... in the IT sector before he started a business of his own.
 a) Worked b) was working c) had worked d) works.

PART - II

II. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow (any 4):

4 x 2 = 8

21. *Most of all, I want to relearn
 How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror
 Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!*
 a) Whom does the poet want to relearn from?
 b) Mention the figure of speech used here.
22. *With all my heart I do admire
 Athletes who sweat for fun or hire,*
 a) Whom does the poet admire?
 b) For what reasons do the athletes sweat?
23. *I heard a thousand blended notes
 While in a Grove I sate reclined,*
 a) Where was the poet?
 b) What did he hear?
24. *'For he 's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity'*
 a) How is the cat described here?
 b) Explain: a monster of depravity?
25. *We are proud of the position we
 Hold; humble as we are"*
 a) What is the speaker proud of?
 b) Write out the words in alliteration?
26. *and there the antic sits,
 Scoffing his state and grinning at his pomp"*
 a) What mocks the ruler's power and pomp?
 b) What is the figure of speech used here?

SECTION-2

Answer any three questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Kaviya said to Manisha, "Have you completed your assignment"?
28. Naveen reached the airport. He saw his friends waiting for him. (Rewrite as a Complex sentence)
29. Who wrote this article? (Change the Voice)
30. If Ramya were the Head girl, the class would have been very quite. (Begin with 'Were')

PART - III SECTION-1

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "I am just glad as glad can be
 That I am not them, they are not me. "
32. And his footprints are not found in any file of Scotland Yard's.
33. "How can you say to me, I am a king? "

SECTION-2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.

2 x 3 = 6

34. Describe the author's grandmother.

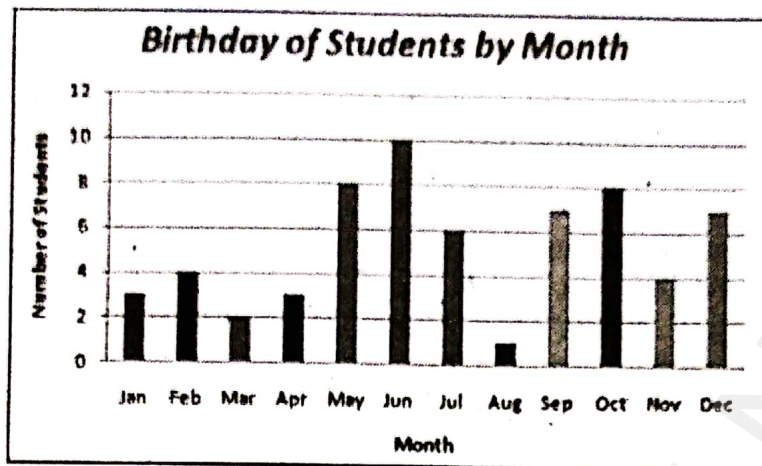
35. What is common about the 'angler' and the 'poet'?
36. How can a graduate give back to his/her society?

SECTION-3

Answer any three of the following.

3 × 3 = 9

37. Study the following pie chart showing the birthdays of the students month wise and answer the questions.



- a) In which month most number of students celebrate their birthdays?
- b) What are the two months that have equal number of birthdays?
- c) Which is the month that features least number of birthdays?
38. Prepare a notice informing the students about the Spell bee competition in your school for Class 11 students. Give suitable details and instructions to the students.
39. Describe the process of arranging a birthday party.
40. Complete each of the following proverbs with the right option.
- a) A journey of thousand miles starts with a single..... (idea, step, walk)
- b) Hitch your wagon to the.... sky, stars, heights)
- c) As is the King, so are the (Subjects, people, citizens)

PART - IV

Answer the following:

7 × 5 = 35

41. a) Why was Mary Kom named the 'Queen of Boxing'? Or
b) Explain how E. V. Lucas got out of the tight corner that he was in.
42. a) How does the poet Gabriel Okara criticise the modern life? Or
b) What are the causes for King Richard's grief?
43. Write a paragraph of 150 words by developing the following hints.
- a) Two friends-made a pact-meet after twenty years-Bob arrived-speak with the policeman on beat-tall man comes-claims to be Jimmy Wells-walk together a while-light -Bob realise-not his friend-Actually-policeman in plain clothes-arrest Bob-wanted criminal-policeman on beat-Jimmy Wells-hesitate to arrest friend- sent another policeman. (OR)
- b) Narrator -wants photograph—visits a studio-photographer did not like-narrator's face- comments on his face-finally clicks -asks the narrator to come on Saturday-the narrator shocked to find-changes in the photo-gets angry-calls it -worthless-leaves in tears.
44. Write a summary (or) make notes of the following passage.
- "Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary "
- Reading serves as a basic building block for learning. In daily life, the need to read things such as street signs etc, etc proves that reading is also an important life skill. It strengthens the brain and improves memory. It improves concentration. When done regularly, it develops the ability to devote longer periods of time. It improves a child's vocabulary and Language skills. They can learn about sentence structures and also improve their writing skills. It strengthens analytical skills. It takes the children to a world

beyond their own doors. They learn about different cultures and societies outside their own experiences. Reading fosters self confidence and Independence. It ensures the growth of a confident child. It also reduces stress and offers fun, entertainment and relaxation. At his/her own pace the child can engage in an activity that is rewarding in itself. Mysore king Tippu Sultan is said to have asked his father a library as his marriage gift. Though we may not match his love for books, we should never allow the thirst for reading die in us.

Reading is like dreaming, with our eyes open. So read, read and read a lot to have a pleasant present and a fabulous future.

45. (a) Write a letter to your uncle about the 'Kalai Thiruvizha' events of your school. (OR)
b) Write a letter to the District Science Officer seeking permission for a school visit to the Regional Science centre, Coimbatore.
46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.
a) If I were a bird, I will fly in the sky happily.
b) Priyadharsan is finest sportsman in the class.
c) The three sisters shared the property between themselves.
d) Sitting on the shore and he watches the waves jumping high.
e) Though Sasi was tired, yet she wrote the test. Or
(b) Fill in the blanks as instructed:
a) We can..... you well from.....itself.(hear/here)
b) We.... (play) football, when the guests arrived. (Use the appropriate tense form of the verb)
c) You.... take a balanced diet. (Use an appropriate modal verb)
d) Be punctual.... you will be fined.
(Use a suitable link word)

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

Ever wondered how you got your fathers' twinkling eyes and your mother's dimpled smile? That's all due to the presence of an amazing molecule inside your body called DNA. When we grow, our cells also grow along with different organs in our body. The blueprint for that growth lies in our DNA. DNA is an abbreviation of 'Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid' and it is present in the nucleus of every cell in our body. It is this DNA that ensures that an elephant baby is not born looking like a horse, or a hen doesn't hatch a duckling. Our DNA is formed even before we enter the world. In all living beings the DNA is formed with the creation of a foetus. Each parent gives half of their genes to create a new living being. This means that your DNA would already have informed when you were the size of a bean inside your mother's womb. DNA stores information about our genes and species. It also has a set up specific instructions for each type of cell. If you fall and scratch yourself, your body automatically heals itself after a while. This is because the new cells that form follow the instructions of the DNA to replicate themselves and heal only that specific portion of that body. Since 1953, technology to study DNA has improved dramatically. This development has contributed largely to the study of evolution and how the human race was born. By studying DNA among various people in the world, scientists have found that the human race originated from a few people in Africa who moved to different parts of the world. It has also helped us to trace our relations to the other living beings on the planet. Another area that DNA has contributed to is crime detection. Investigators can identify victims and criminals alike using blood, hair, dental records.

Questions:

- How does one get his/her parents' physical features?
- What does DNA stand for?
- When is our DNA formed?
- The study of DNA enabled the scientists to find that the..... (Complete the statement)
- Can we identify the criminal with the help of DNA? (OR)
b) Build a dialogue with a minimum of 5 exchanges between a student and his/her father about his/her future Higher course of studies,