

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

11th - Std.

NAMAKKAL DISTRICT
ENGLISH

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Time : 3.00 Hrs.

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Marks : 90

PART - I

- i. Answer all the questions. 20x1=20
 ii. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

- Grandmother fed sparrows longer and with frivolous rebukes.
 a. joy b. scoldings c. reform d. understanding
- Memories prevent them from remembering to do such small prosaic things.
 a. dull b. interesting c. beautiful d. perfect
- We, the Tamilians are inheritors of that rich legacy of Purananuru.
 a. emissaries b. predecessors c. successors d. repositories

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

- I'd heard of how expensive things were in America.
 a. extraordinary b. costly c. repulsive d. cheap
- But how near the surface and ready, even in the best of us, is worldly guile.
 a. deceit b. honesty c. hardship d. pleasure
- I tell you how much I ache to be suave.
 a. impolite b. painful c. successful d. soft
- Choose the clipped form of the word 'university'.
 a. univer b. sity c. versity d. varsity
- Select the correct expansion of 'LCD'.
 a. Liquid Clear Display b. Light Crystal Diagram
 c. Liquid Crystal Display d. Long Communal Display
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word manful to form a compound word.
 a. piece b. peace c. price d. size
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the root word 'obedient'.
 a. in b. dis c. ir d. un
- Choose the correct meaning of the foreign word 'resume'.
 a. spoken exam b. brief summary c. genuine d. relationship
- Choose the right combination of the blended word 'medicare'.
 a. medical + care b. media + care c. mediate + careful d. medicinal + carefree
- Choose the correct meaning of the underlined phrasal verb. I looked through the article.
 a. read slowly b. investigated c. read quickly d. memorized
- A linguist is one who studies _____.
 a. insects b. birds c. earth quake d. languages
- Choose the suitable preposition and fill in the blank. You should refer _____ a dictionary.
 a. to b. for c. over d. in
- Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner. _____ of the water overflowed from the tank.
 a. many b. most c. one d. a few

17. Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the sentence given below.
The public exam is nearing and the students are getting cold feet.
a. hopeful b. relaxed c. nervous d. peaceful
18. Add a suitable question tag for the following sentence. Sharmi is not a lawyer, _____
a. isn't she b. isn't it c. was she. d. is she
19. Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun. This is the house _____ I bought
a. which b. where c. what d. who
20. Choose the correct sentence pattern. My grandmother and I were good friends.
a. SVOCA b. SVC c. SVOA d. SVIODO

PART - II SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following. $4 \times 2 = 8$

21. But now they only laugh with their teeth
While their ice-block-cold eyes
a) Who are 'they'? b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
a) Modern people
b) Metaphor
22. If this belief from heaven be sent
If such be Nature's holy plan
a) What does 'heaven' refer to? b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?
a) God
b) because it is God's plan
23. With all my heart I do admire
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire
a) Whom does the poet admire? b) Why do the athletes sweat?
a) athletes
b) for fun or money
24. For he's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity
a) How is the cat described in this line? b) Pick the words in alliteration.
a) as a devil in cats'
b) fiend in felines
25. That rounds the mortal temples of a king
Keeps Death his court, and there the antic sits
a) What does the 'antic' mean here? b) Identify the figure of speech.
a) court jester
b) Personification
26. Honour is a property, common to all
In dignity and pride no one need to be poor
a) Who are considered rich? b) What is their asset?
a) The people who live with dignity
b) Honesty

SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following.

27. The old woman said to the boy, "Please help me." (Change into indirect speech)
The old woman requested the boy to help her. $3 \times 2 = 6$
28. ~~As~~ she is rich, she helps the poor. (Change into a Compound sentence)
She is rich and so she helps the poor.
29. ~~If you should~~ need any help, you can call me at any time. (Begin with 'Should')
Should you need any help, you can call me at any time.
30. The team was trained by the coach. (Change into the other voice)
The Coach trained the team.

PART - III SECTION - 1

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

$2 \times 3 = 6$

31. He always has an alibi, and one or two to spare → Mercy - The Mystery Cat
32. In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind → Lines written in Early Spring - Wordsworth
33. They do not ever in their dealings
Consider one another's feelings → Confessions of a bean spectator - Ogden Nash

SECTION - 2

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

34. How did the grandmother spend the last few hours of her life? → lay in bed, praying & telling her beads. $2 \times 3 = 6$
35. What kind of absent-mindedness is regarded as a virtue by Lynd? → Great personalities are making the best of life and no time to remember the medicines. $3 \times 3 = 9$ Such absent-mindedness is a virtue.
36. How can a graduate give back to his / her society? → in terms of service. Graduate should ^{take up socially} ^{serve for the poor} ^{bring credit to} ^{at leastness,}

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

37. Write a notice about the inauguration of English Literary Club in your school.
38. Expand the following news headlines in a sentence each.
- More employment opportunities needed for persons with disabilities.
 - Heavy rains lash Chennai.
 - NEET classes to begin on December 20th, 2022.
39. Describe the process of preparing fruit salad.
40. Complete the proverbs choosing the suitable words given in brackets.
- Cleanliness is next to _____ (godliness, perfection, beauty)
 - _____ is the best policy. (Mercy, Courage, Honesty)
 - There's no place like _____ (school, home, garden)

PART - IV

Answer the following.

$7 \times 5 = 35$

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

- Why was Mary Kom named the 'Queen of Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'? (OR)
- Narrate the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner, by his own folly.

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

- The poem 'Once upon a Time' is nothing but a criticism of modern life. Justify. (OR)
- In what way is every hillock similar to Everest?

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

- Two friends – made a pact – meet after twenty years – Bob arrived – spoke to policeman on beat – tall man came – claimed to be Jimmey Wells – Bob realized – not his friend – policeman in plainclothes – arrested the noted criminal Bob – Policeman on beat – real Jimmey Wells – hesitated to arrest friend – sent another with a note. (OR)
- Stephen Leacock – visits a photo studio – for photograph – the photographer – unpleasant comments – takes a long time – Leacock gets angry – the photographer – rude – comments on Leacock's feature – illtreats Leacock – takes photo in animation – asks to come on Saturday – Leacock goes – disappointed – does not resemble him – accuses and leaves in tears.

44. a. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

strokes and chronic lung disease. Babies born to mothers who smoke are often smaller and less healthy than babies born to mothers who do not smoke. Bronchitis and pneumonia are serious illnesses common in babies born to parents who smoke, but less common in babies born to parents who do not smoke. Babies whose parents smoke also have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease after they become adults. We also know that alcoholic beverages actually poison the body. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in

lack of judgement and restraint, slurred speech, staggering and clumsiness. Larger amount of alcohol can produce drowsiness, stupor and even death. People who become addicted to alcoholic beverages are called alcoholics. They drink so much of alcohol that it damages their health completely. They suffer from diseases such as cancer and ulcer more frequently than people who do not use alcohol. (OR)

b. Write a paragraph about the need for moral education in schools.

45. a. Write a letter to a sports company ordering some sports items for the Physical Education Department of your school. (OR)

b. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the need to wear seatbelts while driving.

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

i. The students discussed ~~about~~ the NEET exam.

ii. Neither Kavin nor Navin ~~are~~ intelligent. ~~is~~

iii. She is my cousin ~~sister~~.

iv. We bought some ~~furniture~~ last week.

v. Ganesh is ~~the~~ tallest boy in the class. (OR)

...discussed the NEET exam
... is intelligent...
... my cousin...
... furniture...
... the tallest boy...

b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

1. They had dates for dessert in the desert (desert / dessert)

2. A good teacher can/should/must make even boring lessons interesting. (Use suitable modal verb)

3. They always believe (believe) in the existence of God. (Use the correct tense form of the verb)

4. Where there is a will, there is a way. (Use a suitable link word)

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

Some insects are harmful to human beings. (The poison of the black widow spider causes unbearable pain. It stiffens the muscles of the abdomen and causes death to some of the victims.) Some kinds of mosquitoes carry germs that cause diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness. (The mosquitoes pick up the germs and pass them on to the people they bite.) (Flies play a part in spreading diseases like cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever.) All insects which carry germs and spread diseases live and breed only in dirty places. So we can prevent such diseases if we keep our houses free of dirt.

Questions:

i. How harmful is the bite of the black widow spider? It stiffens muscles. It causes pain & death.

ii. What are the diseases caused by mosquitoes? → malaria, yellow fever, sleeping sickness

iii. How do mosquitoes play a part in spreading diseases? → It picks up germs & passes onto the people.

iv. Why are flies harmful to us? → It spreads diseases like cholera, dysentery, typhoid

v. What is the necessity of keeping our surroundings clean? (Or) To prevent diseases, and

b) Build a dialogue with a minimum of five exchanges between two friends planning for higher studies.

Keep our houses free of dirt.

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Thank you.