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Tenkasi District Common Examinations  
Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2022



Standard - 11

LANGUAGE PART II - ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks: 90

- Instructions :**
1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
  2. Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

**PART - I**

**20 × 1 = 20**

**Answer all the questions.**

**Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.**

1. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face.....  
a) graceful                      b) fresh                      c) smoothed                      d) wrinkled
2. So common is it that I am always reluctant to trust.  
a) trust                      b) unwilling                      c) willing                      d) eager
3. I shall ..... only reiterate some of the cardinal principles.  
a) accept                      b) express                      c) repeat                      d) adopt

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

4. The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players.  
a) Required                      b) Obligatory                      c) Voluntary                      d) Compulsion
5. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic.  
a) rich                      b) wealthy                      c) poor                      d) luxurious
6. I fell into conversation with an attractive young lady in the next seat.  
a) captivating                      b) charming                      c) ravishing                      d) ugly
7. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the base word "class".  
a) - ion                      b) - mate                      c) - ity                      d) - al
8. Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones.  
The car skidded to a halt when I applied the \_\_\_\_\_. (brake / break)
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation PSTM.  
a) Person Studied in Tamil Medium                      b) Person Studied Through Magazine  
c) Public Studied in Tamil Medium                      d) Person Studied through Telugu Media
10. Choose the word that can be added after "basket" to form a Compound Word  
a) ball                      b) stick                      c) paper                      d) pen
11. Add a suitable prefix to the word "advantage" to form a new word  
a) mis                      b) dis                      c) ir                      d) in
12. Choose the clipped form of "aeroplane".  
a) aero                      b) air                      c) plane                      d) plan
13. Choose the right definition for the word "geologist".  
a) One who studies languages and their structure  
b) One who studies the matter that constitutes the earth  
c) One who studies diseases  
d) One who studies earthquakes
14. Choose the appropriate idiomatic expression for the underlined phrase.  
One man had been caught by the tide in Brittany and escaped by the skin of his teeth.  
a) a close escape                      b) a difficult trap  
c) a narrow escape                      d) a normal one
15. The meaning of the word "absenteeism" is  
a) exceptional courage when facing danger  
b) habitual failure to be present at work  
c) a brutal, barbarous act  
d) concern for your own interests and welfare
16. Choose the right plural word for "University"  
a) universitys                      b) universities                      c) universitiees                      d) universites
17. Choose the correct preposition.  
The government is taking steps to introduce Tamil Medium \_\_\_\_\_ medical education.  
a) under                      b) on                      c) into                      d) in
18. Fill in the blanks with the suitable article.  
Mary Kom was given \_\_\_\_\_ warm welcome at the airport.  
a) the                      b) an                      c) a                      d) None of the above

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19. Fill in the blanks with the suitable phrase.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ heavy rain, the match was cancelled.  
 a) Due to                      b) In spite of                      c) Despite                      d) In case of
20. Substitute the phrasal verb in the sentence with a single word.  
 Never **put-off** until tomorrow what you can do today.  
 a) continue                      b) finish                      c) halt                      d) postpone

**PART - II**  
**SECTION - I**

Answer any four of the following.

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the following.

4×2=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. **"The birds around me hopp'd and play'd  
 Their thoughts I can not measure"**  
 a) Identify the poem.  
 b) "I" refers to whom?
24. **Macavity's a Mystery cat: he's called  
 the Hidden Paw....**  
 a) Does the poet talk about the real cat?  
 b) Why is he called the Hidden Paw?
25. **We are proud of the position we  
 hold; humble as we are**  
 a) What is the speaker proud of?  
 b) Pick out the alliteration in these lines.
26. **"And tell sad stories the death of Kings"**  
 a) Pick out the alliterated words.  
 b) Who is the speaker?

**SECTION - II**

Answer any three of the following questions.

3×2=6

27. My friend said, "Which colour will you choose?" [Rewrite as a Reported Speech]  
 28. Raja tried his best, but he did not attain success. [Rewrite as a Complex Sentence]  
 29. If you were a King, you would know the difficulties. [Begin the sentence with "Were"]  
 30. Though my neighbour was an influential person, he refused to help me.  
 [Rewrite using "but" as a Conjunction]

**PART - III**  
**SECTION - I**

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

2×3=6

31. "I have learned to wear many faces Like dresses....."  
 32. Our pride springs from the way we live  
 33. "The birds around me hopp'd and play'd  
 Their thoughts I can not measure"

**SECTION - II**

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words. 2×3=6

34. Why did Mary Kom think she should not return empty-handed?  
 35. What is a tight corner?  
 36. What was the role of scholars and poets in olden days?

**SECTION - III**

Answer any three of the following.

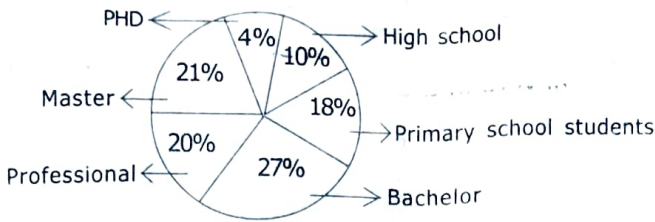
3×3=9

37. How do you prepare for giving an effective speech?  
 38. Study the following pie-chart which gives the details of "Students in a District" and answer the questions.

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## STUDENTS IN A DISTRICT



## Questions:

- Which category of students are more in the district?
- Are there Ph.D. Candidates?
- What is the percentage of students in primary level?

## 39. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.

- Waste not, \_\_\_\_\_ not. (fight, want, earn)
- Time and \_\_\_\_\_ wait for no man. (tide, chance, place)
- Every cloud has a \_\_\_\_\_ lining (golden, silver, blackish)

## 40. Rearrange words and phrases to make meaningful sentences.

- Water level / remains / in Papanasam Dam / at 86.25 feet.
- The Reserve Bank's / on Thursday / held a meeting / Monetary Policy Committee
- has cleared / Pragganandhaa / by his Indian Oil Colleague B. Adhiban / a tough test.

## PART - IV

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

7×5=35

- The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Explain. (OR)
  - Explain how the narrator got out of the tight corner that he was in.
- Explain the things the poet has learnt when he grew into an adult, in the poem, "Once upon a time". (OR)
  - What are the qualities the speaker wishes to nourish and what is his mission in the poem, "Everest is not the only Peak"?

## 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 Jimmy Wells – Bob realised – not his friend – policeman in plainclothes – arrested Bob, a noted criminal – policeman on beat – real Jimmy Wells – hesitated to arrest friend – sent another with a note. (OR)
- Narrator – wants – a photographer visits a studio – photographer acts – too smart – gives directions – Comments on the face – features of his face finally – clicks – picture narrator – goes Saturday – to get his photograph – shocked face changed – gets angry – remarks on photographer's attitude – leaves – studio – with a heavy heart.

## 44. Write a summary (or) makes notes of the following passage.

Looking at the modern children, one striking difference between the childhood that the previous generation had and the one that this generation has is the lack of Indian or native games. In the 1970's people used to play a variety of indoor and outdoor games that were the games of this soil. Now a days almost all children play games like cricket, tennis and football. Nobody is playing games like Kabaddi, Goli, Ghilli or Indoor games like the Dhaayakattam, Paramapadham, Pallanguzhi, Paandi or Aadupuliattam. These games have a rich culture and heritage value and were tools of passing on some ancestral knowledge or the other. They also sharpened our observational and math skills unlike the hit and run games of the west that are uni-dimensional and strengthen only hand-eye coordination. Traditional Games were not just games, they were designed in such a way that one can develop lot of skills like logical thinking, building strategy, concentration, basic mathematics, aiming and a lot more. Now a days we develop these skills by paying money to centres that conduct personal development courses. Traditional Games act as learning aids. They teach us many things while playing, like to learn to win and lose, develop sensory skills, count, add, improve motor skills, identify colour, improve hand-eye coordination and finally to have fun, either by playing the game or watching a game being played. The values that we achieve by playing these games are more when compared to the games that we play now a days. Some of the values that we gain are that they are environment friendly, we get a chance to learn about our culture and history, and an important thing is, it is suitable for all ages, so they increase the interaction between generations. Many modern games played around the world have their origin in these traditional games which is a pride to our Country's culture.

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45. a) Read the following advertisement and prepare a Bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions mentioned.

(Write xxx for the name and YYY for the address)

**Female IELTS Teachers Required**

Postgraduates in English with a minimum of 3 years experience

Must be bold and Confident

Good salary, transport and food allowance provided

Apply to:

ARV Institute of Languages  
149 B, Bose Road, Coimbatore.  
Ph: 98400xxxxx  
Email: arvbe@ymail.com

(OR)

b) Write Conversations on the following situation.

Between two friends about the importance of reading newspapers.

46. i) Read the following sentences and spot the error in them and correct them.

- I met an European.
- Mathematics are my favourite subject.
- She is my cousin sister.
- As she was sick, but she could not attend the meeting.
- I have two brother-in-laws.

(OR)

ii) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- The \_\_\_ dancer turned \_\_\_ after the final performance. (**weary/wiry**)
- The teacher gave \_\_\_ student a separate topic for the assignment. (**Use an appropriate determiner**)
- Was it worth waiting \_\_\_? (**Use correct preposition**)
- Ravithra \_\_\_ (do) like sports. (**Write the correct Verb**)
- Science Fiction \_\_\_ be defined as the branch of literature. (**Fill in the blanks using "Modal Verb"**)

47. i) Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below.

- The CPU is not functioning properly.
- Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over South Tamil Nadu.
- Of the 38 districts, 10 did not report any covid case.
- The UGC has written all the institutions, calling for applications for the mentorship scheme.
- Virat Kohli was nominated for ICC Player - of - the - Month award for October. (**Education, Computer, Weather, Sports, Health**)

(OR)

ii) Read the following passage and answer the question in your own words.

Discipline is the most essential virtue in children. It is a complex quality. It shapes the mind of a citizen to religious, social and economic patterns. At young age, we do not realize the value of discipline. Children merely long for unlimited freedom, without understanding the meaning of discipline. An athlete disciplines himself and keeps himself fit. He refrains from Smoking, Observes good food habits and keeps good health. Punctuality becomes the enjoyment of athletics. Discipline increases the human energy and implies control, resistance and adjustment. Our energy is saved and made vital for a good output.

**Questions:**

- Which is the most essential virtue?
- What does discipline shape?
- What do children long for?
- What are the qualities of an athlete?
- Explain the result of discipline.

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