

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

Standard XI

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ENGLISH

Part - I

Marks: 90

20 x 1 = 20

Time: 3:00 hours

I. Answer all the questions:

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given :

1. She was of pure white serenity.
a) shout b) enjoyed c) calm d) confusion
2. It is because of their antipathy that people forget to take medicines.
a) love b) hate c) dislike d) distress
3. The eminent scholars were asked to face problems confronting the masses.
a) opposing b) refusing c) hesitating d) demanding

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given :

4. When I got married everyone was doubtful.
a) hopeful b) hopeless c) certain d) denied
5. The thought made her weary.
a) energetic b) pleasing c) tried d) awesome
6. He dropped back abruptly.
a) suddenly b) quickly c) slowly d) softly
7. Identify the correct combination of the word 'upcoming'
a) noun + gerund b) noun + verb
c) preposition + gerund d) verb + gerund
8. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the base word 'associate'
a) __by b) __ment c) __ion d) __or
9. Choose the correct expansion of EMI
a) Equated Monthly Instalment b) Easy Monthly Instalment
c) Easy Monitored Instalment d) Equated Monitored Instalment
10. Choose the clipped word for 'demarkate'
a) market b) mark c) marcate d) marc
11. A person who is always hopeful is called
a) optimist b) pessimist c) realist d) teetotalter
12. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs.
The President _____ the prizes.
a) give away b) give out c) give up d) give in
13. Choose a suitable semi-modal verb.
You _____ not go to the office tomorrow.
a) need b) can c) dare d) will
14. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition.
He sat _____ me.
a) beside b) besides c) by d) to
15. Choose the correct question tag.
The sun sets in the West _____.
a) does it b) isn't it c) doesn't it d) do it
16. Choose the appropriate syllabification for the given words.
a) ex-pe-riment b) ex-peri-ment c) ex-pe-ri-ment d) experi-ment

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17. Choose the American English word for the underlined British English word.
Keep the dust bin clean.
a) waste box b) litter box c) waste can d) garbage can
18. Choose the correct relative pronoun.
The book _____ you gave me is lost.
a) which b) when c) where d) how
19. Fill in the blanks with suitable linker.
_____ you have an entry pass, you can get in.
a) unless b) if c) as d) because
20. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners.
Anand invited _____ (few / a few) friends for the birthday party.

Part - II

Section - 1

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

4 x 2 = 8

21. Show only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!
a) What does 'snake's bare fangs' mean?
b) What is the figure of speech mentioned in the line?
22. And reassure myself anew
That you are not me and I am not you
a) Why does the poet repeat the line?
b) Whom does he assure?
23. If this belief from heaven be sent ;
If such be Nature's holy plan
a) What does 'heaven' refer to?
b) What is the figure of speech implied in this line?
24. For he's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity
a) Who is the 'fiend' here?
b) Explain the phrase '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) Pick out the alliteration in these lines.
26. Taste grief, need friends - subjected thus
How can you say to me, 'I am a king'
a) Who needs friends?
b) Who does 'I' refers to?

Section - 2

Answer any three of the following :

3 x 2 = 6

27. Sundar said to me, "I'll see you later" (Change into indirect speech)
28. If you should need my help again, just give me a hug.
(Begin the sentence with 'should')
29. A house is being constructed by them. (change the voice)
30. Though she is weak, she works very hard. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)

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Part - III

2 x 3 = 6

Section - 1**Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.**

31. There was a time indeed
They used to shake hands with their hearts.
32. And his footprints or not found in any file of Scotland yard
33. He who does not stoop, is a king we adore
We bow before competence and merit.

2 x 3 = 6

Section - 2**Answer any two of the following briefly.**

34. How did the grandmother spend the last few hours of his life?
35. What is the commonest type of forgetfulness according to Lynd?
36. What did Mary Kom consider her greatest achievement? Why?

3 x 3 = 9

Section - 3**Answer any three of the following questions:**

37. How will you remove grease stains from a dress? Describe the process briefly.
38. Prepare a notice for class XI and XII students of your school informing them about a workshop on First Aid.

39. Expand the news headlines in a sentence each:

- a) US President to visit India in January.
- b) Committee to monitor new policy on education.
- c) India won the ODI series against New Zealand.

40. Complete the proverbs:

- 1) Speech is silver _____ is gold. (silence, screaming, arguing)
- 2) _____ words buy no barley. (bare, rare, fair)
- 3) _____ goes before a fall. (pride, anger, hunger)

Part - IV**Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words :**

7 x 5 = 35

41. a) Give an account of the author's relationship with his grandmother. (OR)
- b) How does Arignar Anna highlight the importance of giving back to the society?
42. a) The poet does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. How does he justify his view. (OR)
- b) The poem "Everest is not the only Peak" does not focus on the destination but the journey towards it. - Discuss.

43. Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints :

- a) 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 plain clothes - arrested Bob, a noted criminal - policeman on beat - real Jimmy wells - hesitated to arrest friend - sent another with a note.

(OR)

- b) Mis Meadows - music teacher - received letter - fiance - upset with message - affected her mood - reflected in class - called by Headmistress - gave a telegram - sender Basil - request to forget - message in letter - indicated reunion - Meadows turned happy - selected cheerful song - teach children.

(4)

44. **Write a summary or makes notes of the following passage.**

Our blood consists of three types of blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped. They are composed of an iron containing component called haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs each haemoglobin molecule picks up oxygen molecules and it supplies the oxygen to the body's tissues. Red blood cells also transport the carbon dioxide from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and they are few when compared with the red cells numbering only one every 700 red cells. They are the body's defenders. They are the soldiers that fight bacteria and other enemies. One kind, for instance, destroys dead cells. Other kinds produce antibodies against viruses. Some other eat up and digest blood clotting. When a blood vessel is cut, the platelets rush to the place. They stick to the edges of the wound, clump together and seal the hole. Each drop of blood has 15 million platelets and they have a life span of eight days.

45. Write a letter to the curator of the museum seeking permission for a school visit.

(OR)

Prepare a curriculum vitae for the post of manager in Jai & Co., Trichy.

46. **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.**

- The teacher told to his students to attend school regularly.
- We bought a lot of furnitures.
- Besides beating the boy and he booked a case.
- I saw an uniformed soldier hiding behind the wall.
- Usha is not only a writer but an orator.

(OR)

Fill in the blanks suitably :

- The stranger _____ for a few minutes before he _____ my house.
(passed / paused)
- I _____ (finish) my work, when I received your message.
- My niece _____ ask a number of questions, when she was a child.
(Fill in the blank with a semi modal verb)
- The girl _____ got first prize in my sister. (Use an appropriate relative pronoun)

47. **Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words :**

The earth is losing its forests. Trees cover about 30% of the earth's surface but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forest. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture and providing pulp for paper products such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rain forests are being felled every minute mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

Questions :

- What is the major reason for destruction of forests?
- Mention any two uses of trees.
- What is that happens every single minute?
- How much of the earth's surface is covered by trees?
- Pick out the words from the passage that means the same as (i) cut (ii) wood

(OR)

Write a dialogue between two friends about choosing a career.