

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

Standard - XI
ENGLISH

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Marks: 90

Time: 3.00 hrs.

PART - I

20×1=20

I. Answer all questions:

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:

- She said her morning prayer in a Monotonous sing - song.
a) Interesting b) Continuous c) Changing d) boring
 - The coaches lauded me on the silver win.
a) appreciated b) gifted c) criticized d) rebuked
 - The toilers did not enjoy this privilege.
a) kings b) bosses c) leaders d) workers
- Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:
- Her happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed with frivolous rebukes.
a) serious b) harmless c) funny d) decent
 - The moral giants remember to take their medicine regularly.
a) Evoke b) remind c) forget d) recall
 - _____ that Even people with robust optimism will be discouraged.
a) hope b) pessimism c) confidence d) Postive view
 - Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word 'tidy'
a) ir b) in c) dis d) un
 - Choose the correct Expansion of the abbreviation 'ECG'
a) Emergency Cardiogram b) Electric Cardio Gram
c) Electro Cardio Gram d) Electrical Card Gram
 - Choose the word from the given options to form a compound word with 'Eye'
a) lashes b) Knob c) gate d) Wheel
 - Choose the appropriate meaning of the idiom 'In a nice pickle'.
a) In a pleasant situation b) In a confused situation
c) in a ease way d) in a difficult situation
 - Replace the Underlined word with a Phrasal verb:
The Meeting was postponed due to bad weather.
a) put off b) put it c) put up d) put on
 - Choose the right definition for the word "Pathologist"
a) studies birds b) studies diseases c) studies Insects d) studies earthquakes
 - Form a derivative for the underlined word:
Mom told me to arrange the table.
a) full b) ment c) ity d) ness
 - Fill in the blank with a suitable word:
a) Cut your _____ according to your cloth. (coat / quote)
 - Choose the clipped form of the word 'demarcate'
a) demo b) demar c) Mark d) cate
 - Fill in the blank with a suitable Modal verb:
Students _____ submit their note books tomorrow without fail.
a) can b) must c) may d) will
 - Fill in the blanks with a suitable Preposition :
She kept the book _____ the table.
a) on b) in c) of d) at

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18. Choose the appropriate question Tag for the following sentences:

Sita is a good singer, _____?

a) wasn't she

b) Is she

c) did she

d) Isn't she?

19. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense form :

If I _____ a bird, I would fly high.

a) am

b) was

c) had been

d) were

20. Fill in the blanks with the suitable phrase:

_____ heavy rain, the match was cancelled.

a) Due to

b) In spite of

c) Despite of

d) In case of

PART - II

SECTION - 1

Answer any four of the following:

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow: $4 \times 2 = 8$

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) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?

b) Mention the figure of speech used here?

22. When official dom demands,

Is there a doctor in the stands:

a) Why are doctors called from the stands by the Sponsors?

b) Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines.

23. 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'?

24. 'It must have been Macavity'! but he is a mile away.

a) What is Macavity blamed for?

b) Where is he?

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) What is the figure of speech used here?

26. Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles

Like a fixed protrait smile

a) What do you mean by "Cock tail face"?

b) Mention the figure of speech.

SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following questions :

$3 \times 2 = 6$

27. Report the following Dialogue:

Arun : What type of movies do you like?

Vanitha : I like horror movies.

28. Raju tried his best yet he did not succeed.

(Rewrite as complex sentence)

29. I am writing a letter now.

(Change into Passive Voice)

30. If I were the Prime Minister, I would have implement special schemes.

(Begin with 'Were')

A letter is being written by me. ~~then~~
Though he tried his best, he didn't succeed

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b) 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 features - III - treats Leacock - takes photo in animation - ask to come on Saturday Leacock goes - disappointed - does not resemble him - accuses and leave in tears.

44. **Write a summary (or) make notes of the following passage:**

Dolphins are wonderful creatures. They are very intelligent social animals. Among all marine creature dolphins of these the bottle nose dolphins with their lovable. A broad smile are very trainable. They are usually used as performers. They amaze spectators with their acts and graceful leaps. They are also capable of mimicking the sounds of few human words. Dolphin babies are particularly curious about children and went to get closer with there, to swim along side. Mother dolphins, keep an eye on the babies in case they get too Excited - driving, racing and playing games. It is believed that Dolphins bring good fortune to sailors around the world.

45. a) Write a letter of complaint to the Inspector of police about the theft of your new bicycle. (OR)

b) Write a letter to your cousin describing your school field trip,

46. a) **Read the following sentences, spot the error in their and correct them:**

- i) I saw many geoses in the park.
- ii) Ramu is one of the cleverest boy in our class.
- iii) She is my cousin sister.
- iv) Though he is rich but he leads a simple life.
- v) Anitha is a MA graduate in English.

(OR)

b) **Read the following passage sentences and classify them according to their fields.**

- i) The Moniter displays the Menu.
- ii) The hybrid variety of Paddy was a fallure.
- iii) There is no drop outs in school now.
- iv) Faith in God helps one to lead a peaceful life.
- v) Heavy rains claim six lives.

(Weather, Religion, Computer, Agriculture, Education)

47. a) **Read the following passage and write the questions in your own words:**

The Pearl is considered as one of the most beautiful Jewels. It is the one gem that is not dug up from a mine in the earth. It is grown in the shell of an Oyster. The Oyster does not make the pearl for the purpose of adorning the necks of women. It makes it only as a means of Self - Protection. To Protect itself from the object like a grain of sand, the Oyster begins to cover the object with a thick fluid which is secreted in its own body. When this layer hardens, an irritation begins and another layer is added.

Questions:

- a) Which is considered as one of the most beautiful Jewels?
- b) What is unique about the Jewel?
- c) Where is it grown?
- d) Why is the pearl made?
- e) How does the Oyster protect itself?
- b) Write a Dialogue with a Minimum of five Exchanges between a teacher and a student who has come late to school.

SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. "I have learned to wear many faces
Like dressess.
32. "They donot ever in their dealings
consider one another's feelings
33. And his foot prints are not found in any file of scotland yard's.

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words: 2x3=6

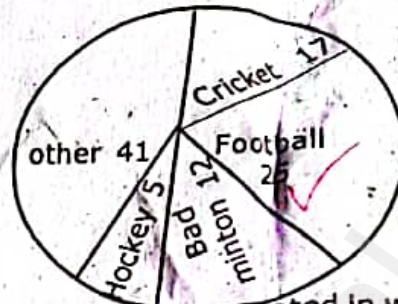
34. Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
35. What did Mary Kom Consider her greatest achievement? Why?
36. Why are Universities necessary for a society?

SECTION - 3

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following:

37. The Pie chart shows the number of students participating in various sports activities.
Total no.of students 100



- i) Maximum number of Students participated in which of the following sports?
a) Cricket b) Football c) Badminton d) Hockey
- ii) Total number of students took part in badminton, hockey and cricket is
a) 34 b) 32 c) 29 d) 30
- iii) Ratio of students who played football to hockey is
a) 2 : 3 b) 1 : 5 c) 5 : 1 d) 3 : 2
38. Describe the process opening a bank account.
39. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:
i) Every cloud has a _____ lining. (Silver / Golden / blackish)
ii) Time and _____ wait for no man. (tide / chance / place)
iii) Don't cast pearls before the _____ (witch / baron)
40. Prepare a notice about parents Teachers meeting to be held in our school. 7x5=35

PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

41. a) Give an account of author's relationship with his grandmother. (OR)
b) How does Anna Durai highlight the importance of giving to the society, in the lesson "The convocation Address".
42. a) How does Ogden Nash try to Explain that he is very happy being a mere spectator? (OR)
b) What are the qualities the speaker wishes to nourish and what is his mission in the poem, "Everest is not only the peak"?

Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints:

43. a) The dentist's clinic - many patients wait - tensed - tooth - to be Extracted - the arrival of the dentist - Joe, the first patient - called in - the nurse goes - with hammer - reaction of patients - loud sound of sawing and screeching - other patients fear - go away - Joe comes out - hammer, pliers to open tool box. (OR)