

# HALF YEARLY COMMON EXAMINATION - 2022

## 11 - STD

## ENGLISH

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TIME : 3.15 HRS

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 pen to write and underline.

### PART I (LEXICAL COMPETENCIES - 20 MARKS)

I. Answer all the questions:

20 X 1 = 20

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

- Some came and *perched* on her legs.  
a) Seated      b) flew      c) slept      d) tested
- Memories prevent them from remembering to do such small *prosaic* things.....  
a) Bright      b) glow      c) dull      d) dumb
- .....hope unto the *despondent* and a new life unto everyone.  
a) Pleased      b) frustrated      c) relaxed      d) hopeless

Choose the correct Antonyms for the italicized words from the options given:

- The other Indian boxers also performed *exceptionally* well.  
a) Irregularly      b) usually      c) unusually      d) abnormally
- But the photographer had *ceased* to listen.  
a) Seized      b) stopped      c) resumed      d) started
- I am *confident* that you are being sent into the wide world.  
a) Trust      b) hopeful      c) desperate      d) diffident
- Select the correct expansion of "IIM"  
a) Indian Institute of Management      b) International Institute of Management  
c) Italian Institute of Management      d) Indian Institutional Management
- Choose the suitable option not to pair it with the word 'school' to form a compound word.  
a) bus      b) fees      c) boy      d) youth
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'legitimate'  
a) Ir-      b) dis-      c) il-      d) un-

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.

My father built a *bungalow*.

- a) House in Bengal style      b) flat      c) thatched house      d) tiled house
11. Choose the unclipped form of the word 'perk'  
a) Perkins      b) perquisites      c) jeggins      d) Park

12. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative (Euphemism) I was born in a *rich* family.

- a) Healthy      b) well off      c) low income level      d) frugal

13. Fill in the blank with a suitable relative pronoun:

We had our college reunion dinner in the sea food restaurant, .....is now closed.      a) Who      b) which      c) what      d) when

14. Substitute the phrasal verb in the sentence with a single word.

The racing car *blew up* after it crashed to the fence.

- a) Expanded      b) explored      c) exploded      d) evinced

15. Add suitable question tag to the following statement.

Frog and toad are good friends,.....?

- a) Does it      b) doesn't it      c) aren't they      d) don't they

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16. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'honey sweet'.  
 a) Adjective + Adverb                      b) Noun + Adverb  
 c) Verb + Adjective                        d) Noun + Adjective
17. **Replace the underlined word with a phrasal verb.**  
 You must **omit** eating non vegetarian food.  
 a) Cut in                      b) cut off                      c) cut out                      d) cut down
18. **Fill in the blank with suitable preposition:**  
 The teacher entered .....the classroom.  
 a) In                      b) into                      c) to                      d) no preposition required
19. **Fill in the blank with suitable prepositional phrase:**  
 .....rain, the first T20 match against Newzealand was cancelled.  
 a) In spite of    b) on account of    c) despite    d) with reference to
20. **Fill in the blanks with the suitable Modal Auxiliary.**  
 You .....memorize all the formulae to solve problems.  
 a) Can                      b) may                      c) have to                      d) would

**PART II (POETRY & GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCIES - 14 MARKS)**

**Answer any seven of the following:**

**( 7 X 2 = 14)**

**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following:**

**(4 X 2 =8)**

21. *I want to be what I used to be  
When I was like you.*  
 a) What does the poet wish for?  
 b) Mention the figure of speech employed in the above lines.
22. *They do not ever in their dealings  
Consider one another's feelings.*  
 a) Who does 'they' refer to?                      b) Write out the rhyming words.
23. *Have I not reason to lament  
What Man has made of Man?*  
 a) What is the reason for the poet's lament?  
 b) What is the poetic device employed in the second line?
24. *And they say that all the cats whose wicked deeds are widely known  
(I might mention Mungojerrie, I might mention Griddlebone)*  
 a) Identify the name of the poem and poet.  
 b) Bring out the allusion used in the second line.
25. *We are proud of the position we  
Hold; humble as we are*  
 a) What is the speaker proud of?  
 b) Pick out the words of consonance in the above lines.
26. *He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore  
We bow before competence and merit*  
 a) Who is adored as a king?  
 b) Mention the figure of speech used in the first line.

**Do as directed : (Any three).**

**3 X 2 = 6**

27. **Change the following sentence into indirect speech:**  
 Prabhu said to Kiran, "Where did you go and what did you see?"
28. **Change into other voice.**  
 I will always remember you.
29. **Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.**  
 If I had known you were ill, I would have visited you at the hospital.
30. **Lions which are small are called cubs. (into simple)**



**PART III****Answer any seven of the following :****(7 X 3 = 21)****Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:**31. *I am just glad as glad can be* **(2 X 3 = 6)***That I am not them, that they are not me.*32. *The birds around me hopp'd and play'd*

33. In dignity and pride no one needs to be poor

**Answer any two of the following in about 50 words. (2 X 3 = 6)**

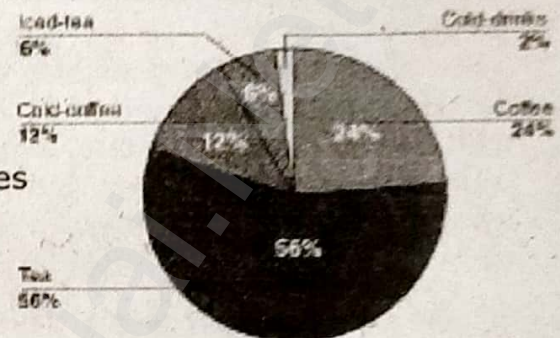
34. How did grandmother react when the narrator returned from abroad?

35. Differentiate between physical and mental tight corner.

36. What was the role of scholars and poets in olden days?

**Answer any three of the following:****(3 X 3 = 9)**

37. Study the pie chart and answer the questions that follow:



- Questions :**
- What is the most favourite drink of people?
  - How many types of beverages are mentioned in the pie chart.
  - Cold coffee is as twice as .....

38. How will you manage if you have Madras eye? Write a minimum of three sentences in the form of instructions.

39. Draft an e mail to your friend inviting him for your family function.

**40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:**

- .....is better than precept. (Primitive, Practice, Prompt)
- Wise men .....causes and fools decide them. (adhere, obey, argue)
- Cruelty is the strength of the .....people. (righteous, virtuous, wicked)

**PART IV****Answer the following :****(7 X 5 = 35)**41. **Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words:**

- List out the achievements of Mary Kom in chronological order.
- How do universities mould students, besides imparting academic education to them?

42. **Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words:**

- How does Gabriel Okara criticize the modern life in his poem "Once Upon A Time"?
- Wordsworth immortalizes nature. Elucidate this statement with special reference to the poem "Lines written in Early Spring".

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

Leacock goes to a studio – the photographer dislikes the face of Leacock – passes several comments – Leacock gets irritated – photo taken – wants to see the proof – visits the studio again – the photo is edited – help of different processes – Leacock upsets over the changes – calls the photo worthless bauble – leaves in dismay.

**(OR)**

Philip Sletherby – Brill Manor – Bertie – requests to lend three pounds – enquired about the two crests – demi lion – greyhound courant – mother's hair – Sletherby refuses to give money – received by K.C. – gazes at the door panel of the car – altered hairstyle – mistaken identity



44. **Write a summary or Make Notes of the following passage:**

Every cell of our body tells its own story. A clump of long, striated cells responds to a regular electric pulse that makes our heartbeat. Our variously shaped muscles help us move. Cells that trap minerals make our bones. Our great cells partner with microbes and together they digest our food, giving us our 'gut feeling' or even the Monday morning blues. Each cell is incredible in its own way. They emerge from a singular source, but genes programme them to take different trajectories and life cycles. At any given moment, no matter what we may do, our cells are never at rest. They do a million things in sync with one another; breathing, digesting, circulating, cleaning, making and breaking components, and so on. A legion of scientists and medical practitioners dissect tissues and hunch over microscopes and find new cells. Our journey inward into our organs, tissues, and cells may have only just begun. They are, as Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee says, "life within life" in his new book, **The Song of the Cell**.

45. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the need to wear seat belts while driving. **(OR)** Consider yourself as Aaru / Abju. You have completed M.A. English Literature from a reputed college and B.Ed. too. Prepare Curriculum Vitae for the post of English teacher for a reputed CBSE school along with a letter of application.

46. **i) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.**

- With a full license you are allowed to drive other car.
- You are supposing to wear a uniform in school.
- The sweets were distributed between all the children.
- The children decided to surprise Miss.Monica on Teacher's day.
- Birds of feathers flock together. **(OR)**

**ii) Fill in the blanks suitably:**

- The farmer was ready to .....the pesticide through a ...(pour, pore)
- You may cash this cheque at .....bank. **(Use a proper determiner)**
- Please be quiet. I....(read) a story now. **(Use the proper tense form of 'read')**
- We .....take care of our aged parents. **(Use a Semi Modal Auxiliary)**

47. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (5)**

The poet laureate of football, Uruguay's Educardo Galeano, put up this sign on his door every four years : 'Closed for Soccer'. He then spent a month watching the World Cup and writing about it. His Soccer in Sun and Shadow is the greatest book. Among the Nobel Laureates who loved footballs and occasionally wrote about it, are Gabriel Marquez, Vargas Llosa, Albert Camus, Gunter Grass and Orhan Pamuk. Yet, football writing wasn't considered literary. Simon Kuper who has written some of the best once said books about football ranked 'even below self-help books sold in airports'.

- QUESTIONS:**
- What is the nationality of Educardo Galeano?
  - Name the book written by Galeano on football.
  - Who is Juan Villaro?
  - Name some of the Nobel Laureates who loved foot ball.
  - What was the comment of Simon Kuper on football books? **(OR)**

Construct a dialogue between two friends on the benefits of early rising.  
(Minimum five exchanges)