

11<sup>TH</sup> STANDARD  
MODEL PAPER  
ENGLISH  
COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAM

[Time allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum mark 90]

Part I

Answer **ALL** the questions

(20 x 1=20)

CHOOSE THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER:-

**SYNONYMS**

1]. We treated it like the **Fables** of the prophets of the prophets she used to tell us.

A). Hymns B). Songs C). Stores D). Stories

2]. I ate enough to **sate** my appetite.

A). Suppress. (B). Quench. (C). Increase. (D). Satisfy.

3]. I am no great **delinquent** in such matters.

A). Creator. (B). Offender. (C). Guardian. (D). Halfwit.

**ANTONYMS**

4]. There was no sound, but a curious **smothered** noise from my friend.

A). Suppressed. (B). Stifled (C). Expressed (D). Pleasure

5]. There are, it must be **admitted**, some matters.

A). Replied. (B). Denied. (C). Argued. (D). Accepted.

6]. Grandmother was always in **spotless** white.

A). Pure. (B). Dirty (C). Creased. (D). Pointless.

7). **Choose the clipped form of 'Alchemist'.**

(A). Alchemy. (B). Chemistry. (C). Chemist (D). Mist.

8]. **Choose the expanded form of "MHRD"**

A). Member of human resource department.

B). Ministry of Human resource Development.

C). Modern Housing Rural Development.

D). Metro Highways and Railways Department.

9]. **Choose the correct Idiomatic expression for underlined phrase**

**The two players is going to have a hand in the sports.**

A). In trouble. (B). To get Involved. (C). In trouble. (D). very Clearly

10]. **The meeting will continue in your absence.**

A). Carry on. (B). Carry out. (C). Carry off. (D). Carry in.

11. **Choose the correct meaning of the foreign word sans.**

A). Donates. (B). Presents. (C). With. (D). Without.

12]. **choose the correct combination of the compound word day dream.**

A). Noun+Adverb. (B). Noun+verb. (C). Adjective+verb.

(D). Adverb+Noun.

13]. **Choose the prefix "Mistakes are an essential part of education."**

A). un. (B). ir. (C). in. (D). il

14]. **Form a new word by adding suitable suffix accident.**

A). \_ment. (B). \_able. (C). \_al. (D). \_ic

15]. **Choose the Tri-syllabic word.**

A). Grandmother. (B). Tourist. (C). Photographer. (D). Lesson.

16]. **Complete the following sentence with most appropriate phrase.**

**“He played\_\_\_\_\_his illness”.**

A). in case of. (B). in spite of. (C). in event of. (D). with regards to.

17]. **Choose the correct Question tag for the given Question**

**“You are a student?\_\_\_\_\_”**

A). aren't you. (B). did you. (C). do you. (D). is you.

18]. **Complete the sentence by choosing the appropriate modal verb.**

**“Shiva\_\_\_\_\_like to meet the celebrity.”**

A).will. (B). can. (C). could. (D). May.

19]. **Choose the British English for the word “crib”.**

A). car. (B). cotton. (C). curtains. (D). cot.

20].**Fill in the blank with suitable relative pronoun.**

**“The books\_\_\_\_\_are bought are often not road.**

A). that. (B). What. (C). who .(D).whose.

## **PART-II**

### **SECTION-1**

**Read the given poetic lines and Answer any FOUR of the following:-**

**(4 x 2=8)**

21]. *If this belief from heaven be sent,*

*If such be a nature holy plan.*

A). Why does the poet call it 'holy'?

B). What is the figure of speech used in this line?

22]. *With all my heart I do admire*

*Athlete who sweat for fun or hire.*

A). Whom does the poet admire?

B). For what reason do athletes sweat?

23]. *And nothing can call our own but death*

*And that small model of the barren of earth?*

A). Pick out the rhyming words in these lines?

B). What is the small model of barren earth?

24]. *For he's a friend in feline shape, a monster if depravity.*

A). Identify the poem and the poet?

B). Explain the phrase monster of depravity

25]. *In dignity and pride no need to be poor*

*We all proud and feel so tall.*

A). What are the two things mentioned here as our strength?

B). Is the tone of the line positive or negative?

26]. *comes at the last and with a little pin*

*Bore through his castle wall, and farewell king!*

A). How is the castle pierced?

B). Pick out the alliterated words in the above lines.

## SECTION - 2

**Do as directed: (Answer any THREE) (3 X 2=6)**

27]. 'The teacher advised him not to read so fast'. (Change into direct speech).

28]. 'Dinner is being served in the blue room. The food is being eaten by everyone'. (Change to its active form).

29]. I am not a bird. I cannot fly. (Combine using 'if').

30]. Balaji was too tired to work. (Change into complex sentence).

## PART III

### SECTION – I

**Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context**  
**(2 X 3=6)**

- 31]. *I want to be what I used to be.*  
32]. *He's the bafflement of Scotland yard, the flying squads despair*  
33]. *How can you say me, I am a king?*

### SECTION II

**Answer any TWO of the following questions in not more than 30 words**  
**(2 X 3=6)**

- 34]. Why are universities necessary for society?  
35]. Give a few instances of Bryson's confused acts.  
36]. Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait?

### SECTION III

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

- 37]. Complete the proverbs using the words given below  
A). No man is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
B). \_\_\_\_\_ all, loose all.  
C). Waste not, \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
(covet, island, want)
- 38]. Write an e-mail by considering yourself as a principal and draft a mail to [dhoni@abcmail.com](mailto:dhoni@abcmail.com), inviting him for the annual sports day.
- 39]. Prepare a notice announcing suspension of water supply in a residential apartment complex on account of maintenance work. Give suitable details and instructions to the residents.
- 40]. Describe the process of making a pineapple cake.

**PART – IV**

**Answer the following paragraph in about 150 words:**

**(7 X 5=35)**

41].

(A). Explain Bill Bryson's travelling experience in the prose of "The Accidental tourist".

**(OR)**

(B). Elaborate the details that Robert Lynd told about forgetfulness.

42].

(A). Write the summary of the poem "the Hollow crown".

**(OR)**

(B). Elaborate the outline of the poem "Confessions of the born Spectator".

43].

(A). Give a detailed account of the story of Philip sletherby in the train.

**(OR)**

(B). Why is there a double negative in the title: The Never – Never Nest? Elucidate with reasons from from the play.

**44]. write a summary (OR) make notes of the following passage.**

Conversation is indeed the most easily teachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist to find a subject that interests you and your listeners. There are, for example, numberless hobbies to talk about other fellow's hobby rather your own. There in lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interest them and you will get reputation for good fellowship, charming wit, and a brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people so much as your interest in their interest. It is just as important to know what subjects to avoid and what subjects to select for good conversation. If

you don't want to be set down as a wet blanket or a bore, be careful to avoid certain unpleasant subjects. Avoid talking about yourself, unless you are asked to do so. People are interested in their own problems. The only one who willingly listens to such talk is the doctor, but he gets paid for it. To be a good conversationalist, you must know not only what

To say, but how also to say it. Be mentally quick and witty. But don't hurt others with your wit. Finally, try to avoid mannerism in your conversation. Don't bite your lips or click your tongue, or roll your eyes use your hands excessively as you speak. Don't be like that Frenchmen who said, "How can I talk if you hold my hand?"

**45]. (i). Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

The term plutocracy is generally used to describe these distinct concepts: one of a historical nature and one of a modern political nature. The former indicates the political control of the state by an oligarchy of wealthy. Examples of such plutocracies include the roman republic, some city-states in ancient Greece, the civilization of Carthage, the Italian city-states / merchant republic of Venice, Florence, Genoa, and pre-WWII Empire of Japan zaibastus. Before the equal voting rights movement managed to end it in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, many countries used a system where rich persons had more votes than poor. A factory owner may for instance have had 2000 votes while a worker had one or if they were very poor no right to vote at all. Even artificial persons such as companies had voting rights. Most western democrats permit partisan organization to raise funds for politicians, and political parties frequently accept significant donations from various individuals either directly or through corporations or advocacy groups.

**QUESTIONS :**

- I). How do political parties raise funds?
- II). Which word in the passage means "important".
- III). Name the plutocratic countries.
- IV). What is the historical nature of plutocracy?
- V). State whether the following statement is true or false.

The poor were denied the right to vote.

**ii). Read the following poem and answer the questions the follow.**

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!

When the sun is bright on the upland slopes;

When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass,

And the river flows like a stream of glass;

When the first the bird sings and the first bud opes,

And the faint perfume from its chalice steals,

I know what the caged bird bird feels!

**QUESTIONS :**

I). In line 4, the phrase “like a stream of glass” suggests the water is?

II). In line 5, the word ‘opes’ means.

III). What is the tone or the mood of poem?

IV). Suggest a suitable title for poem.

V). pick one word from the word from the poem which is opposite to ‘stink’.-

46].

(i). write a letter to your friend sharing your views on a block buster movie you watched recently.

**(OR)**

(i). Frame a dialogue with a minimum of ten exchanges for the given situation. Between two players after their team lose a match very narrowly.

47].

(i). write a news article on ‘Water conversation’.

**(OR)**

(ii). Write a paragraph on 'The person whom I admire the most' in about 150 words.

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