

RASI ENGLISH GUIDE**XII ENGLISH – HALF YEARLY MODEL QUESTION PAPER – 1**

Std: XII

PART – 1

Total Marks: 90

Subject: English

Time: 3 Hours

Answer all the questions.

20x1=20

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.1. There is some subsidiary.

a. major b. crucial c. vital d. supplementary

2. If used sparingly, the newly found cylinders could get us down to south.

a. lavishly b. extravagantly c. economically d. sufficiently

3. The tents flapped and shook under the perpetual South Col gale.

a. transitory b. makeshift c. never ending d. rare

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.4. We cramponed along our tracks spurred by the urgency of diminishing oxygen.

a. aroused b. animated c. propelled d. calmed

5. I have to accommodate my liberty to other's liberties.

a. adjust b. hinder c. fit in with d. give up

6. We can't appreciate light, if we haven't known darkness.

a. adore b. condemn c. admire d. like

7. Choose the meaning of the foreign word "bon mot".

a. goodbye b. social behaviour c. clever remark d. without a date being fixed

8. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'ISRO'.

a. International Satellite Research Organisation b. Indian Space Research Organisation

c. Indian Social Reforms Organisation d. Indian Southern Railways Organisation

9. Choose the correct compound word that can be placed after the word "table".

a. Run b. walk c. tennis d. role

10. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom "under a cloud".

a. to view with suspicion b. very near c. to wait for d. to make sb relaxed

11. Choose the correct American English word for "tap".

a. tube b. hose c. faucet d. pipe

12. Choose the clipped form of the word "influenza".

a. influ b. flu c. fluenza d. flues

13. Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence: All the world is a stage.

a. SVC b. SVA c. SVIDO d. SVO

14. Lawmakers ----- not be law- breakers. (Use a modal verb)

a. may b. could c. should d. might

15. Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word "lucky".

a. on b. in c. im d. un

16. Choose the appropriate Question tag. Let's go to library , ----- ?

a. shall we b. shan't we c. will we d. does we

17. Choose the correct plural form of "museum".

a. musea b. museums c. museum d. mus

18. Choose the polite alternative for the underlined word in the sentence given below.*The culprit was sent to jail.*

a. house of correction b. lavatory c. comfort station d. economical

19. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition phrase: The lawyer argued _____ his client.

a. by dint of b. in favour of c. on account of d. because of

20. Fill in the blank with the appropriate relative pronoun.*This is the playground _____ Asian games was conducted last year.*

a. where b. whom c. which d. when

PART II - SECTION A

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following questions. (4x2=8)

21. "A foothold there, no clever trick
Could take us dead or quick,
Only a bird could have got in".

a. What was challenging?

b. Who can enter the castle?

22. "Like a huge python, winding round and round
The rugged trunk, intended deep with scars"

a. What did the trunk have on it?

b. Identify the poetic device employed here.

23. "Then a whining school boy with his satchel
And shining morning face creeping like snail
Unwilling to go to school".

a. Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?

b. What are the characteristics of the stage?

24. "He works his work, I mine"

a. Whom does the term 'He' refer to?

b. What is the work of Ulysses?

25. "Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy,
And this too might serve him"

a. Why does the poet suggest to take life easy?

b. Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

26. "Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind"

a. Whose action is described here?

b. What is meant by prone brow?

SECTION B

Do as directed (Any three)

(3x2=6)

27. Geetha says, "I am working in a school." (Change into Indirect speech)

28. If you are late once again, you will lose your job. (Begin with 'should')

29. Where had you kept the book? (Change it into another voice)

30. The mountain was steep but he was able to climb it. (Change it into complex sentence)

PART III - SECTION A

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

(2x3=6)

31. "I will maintain until my death"

32. "Unto thy honor, Tree beloved of those
Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose".

33. "Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed"

SECTION B

Answer any two of the following briefly.

(2x3=6)

34. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopa.

35. What are the author's views on China tea?

36. What was Pedanna's suggestion to their father?

SECTION C**Answer any three of the following.****(3x3=9)**

37. Prepare a notice to be displayed on the notice-board of your school for the students of class 12, informing them about the inauguration of English Literary club in your school auditorium.
38. Write a dialogue between a father and his daughter about the advantages of the habit of reading newspaper.
39. Describe the process of installing a computer.
40. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.**
- a. One swallow does not make a _____ (winter, summer, spring)
- b. A goose quill is more dangerous than a _____ claw. (lion's, tiger's, peacock's)
- c. Curiosity killed _____. (the cat, the rat, the elephant)

PART IV**Answer the following.****(7x5=35)**

41. a) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

Or

- b) Describe the feelings of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the top of the Summit.

42. a) *Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel.* Explain this statement with reference to the poem, The castle.

Or

- b) What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?

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

a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov – lived – Vladimir – wife and children – trip – Nizhny Fair – wife – bad dream – not to start – local police – arrested Aksionov – charged with murder – petition – turned down – sent – mines of Siberia – grew old – frequently prayed to God – respected by inmates – gentle behaviour – one day – met – Makar Semyonich – Aksionov – found out the truth – Makar admitted – Aksionov – forgave – died in peace

Or

b) Ausable – detective- Fowler- met- write- book- on- Ausable- He- disappointed- with- common- looks- Ausable- rival- spy- Max- broke- Ausable's room- important- reports- Ausable- used- presence of mind- telling- false- balcony- story- waiter- knocked- door- Ausable – said- police- came -security- .out of fear- Max- jumped- non-existent- balcony.

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

The dictionary meaning of a robot is that it is an automatic apparatus or device that performs functions ordinarily ascribed to human beings or operates with what appears to be almost-human intelligence. It is interesting to observe that this meaning does not give a human shape to the robot. In order to dramatise the fact that the robot does the work of a human being, a human shape is given to the robot in science-fiction stories and movies. The human shape is irrelevant as far as the functions of the robot are concerned. The Robot Institute of America, which is an association of several robot manufacturers gives the following definition of an industrial robot. "An industrial robot is a reprogrammable, multifunctional manipulator designed to move material, parts, tools or specialised devices through variable programmed motions for the performance of a variety of tasks."

Or

- b) Write an article about the importance of IELTS.

45. a) Write an application for the post of Software Engineer to the CEO of a company. Include the following details: Educational qualification, experience, and various other qualifications required for the post.

Or

- b) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate mark sheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling.

46. a) Spot the error and correct it.

- a. Ravi has been ill from last Friday.
- b. Me and Ram are going to the railway station tonight.
- c. He came firstly in the classroom.
- d. Though he is rich but he is unhappy.
- e. John is capable to win the competition.

Or

b) Do as directed

- i. I ----- (talk) to my brother when the guests arrived (**Use a suitable tense form**)
- ii. The bugle is ----- in our school ----- . (**band,banned**)
- iii. My sister ----- dance well when she was in school. (**Use a semi-modal verb**)
- iv. Take the umbrella, ----- it rains(**Use a suitable linker**)

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Philosophy of Education is a label applied to the study of the purpose, process, nature and ideals of education. It can be considered a branch of both philosophy and education. Education can be defined as the teaching and learning of specific skills, and the imparting of knowledge, judgment and wisdom, and is something broader than the societal institution of education we often speak of. Many educationalists consider it a weak and woolly field, too far removed from the practical applications of the real world to be useful. But philosophers dating back to Plato and the Ancient Greeks have given the area much thought and emphasis, and there is little doubt that their work has helped shape the practice of education over the millennia.

Plato is the earliest important educational thinker, and education is an essential element in "The Republic" (his most important work on philosophy and political theory, written around 360 B.C.). In it, he advocates some rather extreme methods: removing children from their mothers' care and raising them as wards of the state, and differentiating children suitable to the various castes, the highest receiving the most education, so that they could act as guardians of the city and care for the less able. He believed that education should be holistic, including facts, skills, physical discipline, music and art.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is Philosophy of Education?
2. What is education?
3. Who helped to shape the practice of education?
4. What is the important work of Plato on philosophy and political theory?
5. Suggest a suitable title for the above given passage.

Or

- b) Build a conversation with a minimum of five exchanges between a student who wishes to open an account and a bank clerk.

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