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**HALF YEARLY EXAM - DECEMBER 2022****LANGUAGE - PART II - ENGLISH****Standard : 12****Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours****Register No.: .....****Maximum Marks : 90****PART - I****Answer all the questions.****20X1=20****Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.**

- One is liable to put in too much milk.  
a. unlikely                      b. likely                      c. eager                      d. certain
- Of course, everything is so difficult now, food so scarce and dear.  
a. insufficient                      b. abundant                      c. tasty                      d. scrumptious
- I have a fancy for dyeing my hair.  
a. confusion                      b. risk                      c. desire                      d. worker

**Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.**

- ... and no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success.  
a. tease                      b. punish                      c. taunt                      d. assist
- I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.  
a. pain                      b. suffering                      c. joy                      d. annoyance
- It wouldn't be sturdy.  
a. weak                      b. strong                      c. short                      d. fat
- Choose the correct prefix that can be added before the word 'approve'.  
a. mis                      b. dis                      c. in                      d. im
- Choose the right definition for the given term 'feminism'.  
a. a doctrine that advocates equal rights for women                      b. a doctrine that advocates equal rights for men  
c. a doctrine that advocates equal rights for transgender                      d. a doctrine that advocates equal rights for all
- Choose the correct meaning of the idiom 'have all your ducks in a row'.  
a. very near                      b. well organized                      c. do little jobs                      d. more relaxed
- Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate phrasal verb. Come what may, I will \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
a. stand up                      b. stand for                      c. stand by                      d. stand in
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'partly' to form a compound word.  
a. fall                      b. way                      c. full                      d. ending
- Choose the expanded form of the abbreviation 'NCC'.  
a. National College Corps                      b. North Card Code  
c. Naval Cadet Corporation                      d. National Cadet Corps
- Fill in the blank with a suitable article. I met \_\_\_\_\_ Americans at the restaurant.  
a. some                      b. an                      c. a                      d. the
- Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence.  
Shakespeare was a prolific writer during the Elizabethan Age.  
a. SVCA                      b. SVOCA                      c. SVAA                      d. SVIDOEA
- Choose the suitable preposition to fill in the blank. Our nation is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its glorious culture.  
a. to                      b. over                      c. by                      d. for
- Choose the correct combination for the blended word 'moped'.  
a. motor + petrol                      b. motto + pedal                      c. mobile + pad                      d. motor + pedal

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17. Choose the correct American English word for 'pullover'.
- a. sweater                      b. jeans                      c. windscreen                      d. pavement
18. Replace the underlined word with its polite form of expression.  
Subsidies are given to the poor.
- a. differently abled    b. economically backward    c. senior citizen    d. economically advanced
19. Choose the correct question tag for the following sentence.  
Both sisters have left for Canada, \_\_\_\_\_?
- a. hasn't she?                      b. aren't they?                      c. haven't they                      d. has she?
20. Choose the word with the correct spelling.
- a. lieing                      b. lying                      c. lyeing                      d. liyeing

**PART - II SECTION - 1****Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets. 4x2=8**

21. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,  
So smooth and high, no man could win
- a. How safe was the castle?                      b. What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
22. "Fear, trembling Hope, and Death, the skeleton,  
And Time the shadow", and though weak the verse
- a. What does the poet convey through the expression 'Fear, trembling Hope'?
- b. Identify the poetic device used in the lines.
23. Then a soldier,  
full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,
- a. Which stage of life is referred to here?                      b. Identify the figure of speech.
24. That ever with a frolic welcome took  
The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed
- a. What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?                      b. What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?
25. .... Free imaginations  
Bringing changes into a world resenting change"
- a. How does free imagination help the world?                      b. Identify the figure of speech.
26. A film the mother-eagle's eye  
When her bruised eaglet breathes
- a. Who is compared to the mother eagle?                      b. Pick out the words in alliteration.

**SECTION - 2****Do as Directed. Answer any three questions.****3x2=6**

27. The teacher said to the students, "I shall take you to the museum tomorrow". (Change into the indirect speech.)
28. How did you do the experiment? (Change into the other voice)
29. Please tell me what the time is. (Rewrite as a simple sentence)
30. If he had played well, he would have won the match. (Begin with 'Had')

**PART - III SECTION - I****Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.****2x3=6**

31. Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed
32. I'm killed, Sire! And, his Chief beside  
Smiling, the boy fell dead
33. I will maintain until my death

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

34. Why should tea be directly added to the pot?
35. What did Edmund Hillary do to escape the large overhanging ice cornices?
36. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

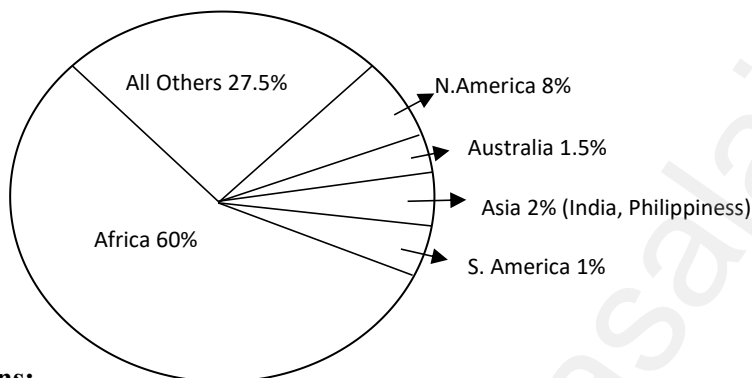
**SECTION - 3**

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Describe the process of cleaning a flask.
38. Complete the following proverbs by choosing the best option.
  - a. Make \_\_\_\_\_ while the sun shines. (hay / dry / clothes)
  - b. Too many cooks \_\_\_\_\_ the broth. (prepare / spoil / taste)
  - c. A \_\_\_\_\_ in hand is worth two in the bush. (cat / dog / bird)
39. Study the pie-chart given below and answer the questions.

**Gold Production of the World**



**Questions:**

- a. What does the pie-chart stand for?
- b. What are the Asian countries which produce gold?
- c. Which continent does produce more gold?
40. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.
  - a. be / won't / it / trouble / any
  - b. full / the / he / in / mechanic / confidence / had
  - c. not / liberty / a / is / affair / personal

**PART - V**

Answer the following.

7x5=35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
  - a. Write a character sketch of Nicola and Jacopo. (OR)
  - b. Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
  - a. How does nature communicate with the poet? (OR)
  - b. What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures?
43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.
  - a. Life of Pi – fantasy adventure – describes – incredible experience of Pi in the Pacific Ocean – Pi's journey to Canada on a ship – with family and some zoo animals – the ship wrecked – Pi escaped in a lifeboat – tiger, orangutan, zebra and hyena – present in the lifeboat – hyena killed orangutan and zebra – tiger killed hyena – at the end – Pi left with the tiger – it gave Pi the will to live.  
(OR)

b. Children in Venus - long for the sun - Margot exception - seen sun five years ago - has come from the Earth - other children - seven years ago - cannot recall the sun - all await excitedly - sun

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is predicted - to come out that day - they seize Margot - lock her up in the closet - run out - enjoy sunshine - an hour - drops of rain - dismayed - taken inside - starts raining - remember Margot - open the closet - let her out.

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

A man may usually be known by the books he reads as well as by the company he keeps. For there is a companionship of books may be among the best of friends. It is the same today that it always was, and it will never change. It is the most patient and cheerful of companions. It does not turn its back upon us in times of adversity or distress. It always receives us with the same kindness; amusing and instructing us in youth and comforting and consoling us in age. Men often discover their affinity to each other by the mutual love they have for a book-just as two persons, sometimes discover a friend by the admiration which both entertain - for the third. There is an old proverb "Love me, love my dog". But there is more wisdom in this: "Love me, love my book". The book is a truer and higher bond of union. Men can think, feel and sympathise with each other through their favourite author. They live in him together and he in them.

**b. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the topic 'A Day without Mobile Phone'.**

45. a. Write a letter to a college enquiring about the details of the pilot training course offered by the college. (OR)  
b. Write a letter to your cousin inviting him to celebrate the New Year with you.

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

- One of the cookie is missing.
- My grandfather is well-known in the village for his nobel deeds.
- This is the most least mark I have ever scored.
- Despite of his poverty and setbacks, she was able to launch her dream career.
- No sooner did the power resume when the children screamed in joy. (OR)

**b. Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

- Yusuf \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the movies once in a while. (Use the correct tense form of the verb)
- My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ visit this temple when he was young. (Fill in with a semi modal)
- She had to \_\_\_\_\_ out her papers before she \_\_\_\_\_ help from the clerk. (sought / sort)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I got up early, I managed to reach school on time. (Use an appropriate linker)

**47. a. Develop the following hints into a story of 150 words.**

Manager of a firm - advertised for - a night watchman - applicants interviewed - manager - not satisfied - one applicant - Raju - sat in a corner - patiently waiting - his turn came - manager questioned - about his health - suffering from sleeplessness - replied Raju - manager - happy - appointed Raju. (OR)

**b. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

Rabindranath Tagore, the Bengali poet, is one of the greatest writers of India. He was born in a rich, Bengali family in Calcutta. His father's name was Devendranath Tagore. Tagore was interested in writing stories and poems since his childhood. As an adult he wrote many novels, plays, poems and short stories. He received the Nobel Prize for his book Gitanjali, which is a collection of poems. Rabindranath Tagore founded a school called 'Shanti Niketan' and a university called 'Vishwabharathi'. His Gitanjali created our national anthem. His song 'Golden Bengal' is the national anthem of Bangladesh.

**Questions:**

- Where was Rabindranath Tagore born?
- What did Tagore found?
- Did Tagore start writing poems since his childhood?
- Who created the national anthem of Bangladesh?
- Which work did bring Tagore the Nobel Prize?

*Best Wishes*

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