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**COMMON HALFYEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022 - 23**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

**ENGLISH**

[Max. Marks : 90

Part - I

1. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20×1= 20

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

1. One is liable to put in too much milk.  
a) likely                      b) certain                      c) eager                      d) forced
2. If you can't, they accept their fate.  
a) right                      b) condition                      c) destiny                      d) loss
3. Anna would say with an impudent smile.  
a) innocent                      b) fake                      c) disrespectful                      d) charming

Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.

4. I imagined that our destinations would be some humble dwellings.  
a) Modest                      b) meek                      c) Poor                      d) grand
5. Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.  
a) rare                      b) predominant                      c) rampant                      d) ubiquitous
6. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.  
a) rebellion                      b) Chaos                      c) lawfulness                      d) disaster
7. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'reason'.  
a) al                      b) able                      c) ion                      d) er
8. Form a phrase with the pair of nouns - muscle + pain  
a) Muscular pain                      b) Muscus pain                      c) Musculous pain                      d) Musculary pain

9. Choose the meaning of the underlined idiom in the sentence.

There is a chemist round the corner.

- a) in the ground                      b) near the circle                      c) within reach                      d) quite far

10. Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate phrasal verb.

The Police ----- matter seriously

- a) looks in                      b) looks into                      c) looks after                      d) looks on
11. Choose the word from the option that can be placed before the word - head to form a compound word.
- a) master                      b) fore                      c) ache                      d) phone

12. Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun.

God helps those --- help themselves.

- a) whom                      b) whose                      c) who                      d) that

13. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.

Character is influenced by surrounding, -----?

- a) is it                      b) isn't they                      c) isn't it                      d) is they

14. Choose the suitable meaning of the idiom found in the following sentence.

He is the only 'black sheep' in a family of well - educated members.

- a) exceptional                      b) Person with a bad reputation
- c) perfect person                      d) money - minded person

15. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.

Though the watch was very cheap, it goes quite well

- a) depreciated                      b) heavily priced                      c) inferior                      d) economical

16. Substitute the underlined British english word with the Americal English word.

There is a long queue at the counter.

- a) cue                      b) line                      c) rope                      d) bay

17. Choose the correct spelling of the word from the options given below.

- a) Secretry                      b) secretary                      c) Secretary                      d) Secratory

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18. Complete the sentence with the most appropriate article.  
Kishore is ---- eldest of his family.  
a) an                      b) the                      c) No article needed
19. Choose the clipped word for "bridegroom".  
a) bride                      b) groom                      c) bridge                      d) room
20. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate prepositional phrase.  
----- rain, take an Umbrella.  
a) Instead of                      b) inspite of                      c) according to                      d) incase of

## PART - II

## SECTION - 1

4x2=8

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

21. *Our gates were strong, our walls were thick  
So smooth and high. no man could win*  
a) Identify the speaker?  
b) Why cannot the enemy easily enter the castle?
22. *The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung  
In Crimson clusters all the bough among!*  
a) Pick out the alliterating words?  
b) Why is the Scarf colourful?
23. *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?
24. *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?
25. *They have their exits and their entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts.*  
a) What does the poet mean by the terms 'exits and entrances'?  
b) How many parts does a man play in his time?
26. *Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong  
And the final decisions are made in silent rooms*  
a) What is the advice of the father here?  
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

## SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x2=6

27. Rewrite the following dialogue in reported form.  
Selva : Where are you going?  
Nikesh : I am going to the railway station.
28. Change the voice of the following sentence.  
How do you know my uncle?
29. Change into a compound sentence.  
Though he started late, he completed the work soon.
30. Rewrite the following sentence using 'If' without changing the meaning.  
Unless you study well, you cannot score more marks.

## PART - III (SECTION - 1)

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

2x3=6

31. Our only enemy was gold  
32. And then the lover,  
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad  
Made to his mistress' eyebrow.



33. "You're wounded! "Nay", his soldier's pride  
Touched to the quick, he said:

## SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each.

2x3=6

34. When did Hillary feel a sense of freedom and well being?  
35. What was the profound lesson Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?  
36. How would 'liberty' cause universal chaos?

## SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. The circle graph below shows the results of a survey of hobbies of school students. Write three interpretations based on the graph.



38. Build a conversation for the following situation with a minimum of three exchanges.  
**An interviewer and a candidate.**
39. Describe the process of cleaning a flask.
40. Complete the Proverbs using the words given.
- Where there is a ----, there is a way.
  - waters run deep.
  - Don't make a mountain out of a mole -----  
(Still, hill, will)

## PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph in about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) Describe the Journey of Edmund Hillary to the summit  
b) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".
42. Answer in a paragraph an any one of the following in about 150 words.
42. a) How safe was the castle and how was it captured?  
b) The young soldier matched his emperor in courage and patriotism. Elucidate.
43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.
- Pi - Stranded - Pacific - weakness - no food - water - sleep - finds Richard Parker - Searches water- find stacks of cans - drinking water - comes back to life - tames Parker - survives 227 days - lands safely.
  - Lord Weston - judge - discovers a piece of paper - Remember Caesar - Warning by enemies - assassination - closes doors and windows - takes precautionary steps - Mrs. Weston - calm and undisturbed - recollects - Caesar - a gardener - appointment - Westons's absentmindedness - crux.
44. a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.
- The White House is the home and office of the President of the United States. The White House is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. The White House and grounds cover just over 18 acres. The first President to live in the White House was John Adams. He moved into the White House in 1800. Now President Joe Biden lives in the White House. An Architect named James Hoban made the Plans for the White House. Hoban won a design contest held by Pierre Charles L'Enfant. L'Enfant was the main architect for the capital city of Washington, D.C. The White House was built between 1792 and 1800. It was built of limestone and Painted white. During the War

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of 1812, the British Army set fire to the White House. A myth emerged that during the rebuilding of the structure after the Burning of Washington, White paint was applied to mask the burn damage it had suffered. President James Madison moved out while the house was rebuilt. In 1817, James Monroe moved into the White House. At first, people called the building the "President's Palace". However, because kings and queens live in palaces, "President's Palace" was not a good name for the house. President Theodore Roosevelt gave the building the name it has today - The White House.

45. a) Write a letter to the manager of a furniture company ordering furniture for an academy.

OR

- b) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the problem of excessive use of social networking sites by youngsters.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite them correctly.

- (i) In spite of his poverty and setbacks, he was able to launch his dream carrier.
- (ii) The vegetables in the fridge are still fresh, aren't it?
- (iii) Sixty miles are a long distance.
- (iv) An ounce is least than a gallon.
- (v) Harish neither speaks Telugu or Tamil well.

OR

- (b) Fill in the blanks Suitably.

- (i) The ---- is on his way to the castle, but travelling at --- is very dangerous. (night / knight)
- (ii) How ---- you open my bag? (Use a quasi - modal)
- (iii) I am always the winner -----? (Question tag)
- (iv) If I were a spider, I ----- (weave) webs.

47. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India. It is the Principal agency responsible for Meteorological observations, weather forecasting and seismology. IMD is head quartered in Delhi and operates hundreds of observation stations across India and Antarctica. Regional offices are at Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Nagpur, Guwahati and New Delhi. In 1686, Edmond Halley published his treatise on the Indian summer monsoon, which he attributed to a seasonal reversal of winds due to the differential heating of the Asian landmass and the Indian Ocean. The first meteorological observatories were established in India by the British East India Company. These included the Calcutta Observatory in 1785, The Madras Observatory in 1796 and the Colaba Observatory in 1826. Several other observatories were established in India during the first half of the 19th century by various provincial governments. The Asiatic Society, founded in Calcutta in 1784 and in Bombay in 1804, promoted the study of meteorology in India. Henry Piddington published almost 40 papers dealing with tropical storms from Calcutta between 1835 and 1855 in the Journal of the Asiatic Society. He also coined the term Cyclone, meaning the coil of a snake.

- a) When did Halley publish his treatise?
- b) Who established the first meteorological observatory?
- c) Where are the regional offices of the IMD located?
- d) What is the contribution of Piddington to meteorological studies?
- e) Pick one word from the passage that means - hot and humid.

OR

Given below is the outline of a story. Complete the story in about 80-100 words.

Robert Bruce - defeated - hopeless situation - tempted to give up the struggle - chance up a spider - observes how the spider keeps trying to reach its web - nine times it fails to climb up the thread - succeeds in the tenth attempt - gets inspired - tries again and succeeds - reclaims his kingdom.