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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

Standard - XII
ENGLISHReg.No.

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Marks: 90

Time: 3.00 hrs.

PART - I

20×1=20

I. Answer all questions:

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words from the options:

1. As we made the rounds, my interest was provoked by their demeanour. (DEMEANOUR)
a) appearance and behaviour b) amble c) sloth d) annihilation
2. I had eleven broken ribs and a perforated lung.
a) aspirated b) damaged with holes c) enlarged d) swollen
3. A few people from the house of bereavement stood outside.
a) rejoice b) celebration. c) grief d) war

Choose the most suitable antonyms of the underlined words from the options:

4. One does not feel wise, braver or optimistic
a) opportunistic b) cheerful c) realistic d) pessimistic
5. From here, the ridge narrowed to a knife - edge.
a) broadened b) contracted c) decreased d) reduced
6. The end of such liberty would be universal Chaos.
a) Confusion b) orderliness c) disorder d) commotion
7. Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning from the options.
How can anyone make both ends meet with Just Rs. 2,000/- a month?
a) join both ends b) arrange for a party c) manage with the money d) account for the meeting
8. Replace the underlined words with the euphemistic expression:
Slow learners are to be taken care of additionally.
a) unwilling learners b) bright c) late bloomers d) hyper active
9. Choose the word that can be placed before the word brow from the options to form a compound word.
a) brown b) eye c) hair d) thick
10. Choose correct American English word for British English word Time Table
a) plan b) agenda c) schedule d) planner
11. Fill in the blanks with the suitable phrasal preposition choosing from the options:
Our teacher always acts _____ her students.
a) on account of b) in favour of c) inspite of d) instead of
12. Choose the suitable linker from the options to fill the blank:
_____ she can drive she prefers to travel by bus.
a) Although b) Because c) If d) Unless
13. Fill in the blank choosing the right word from two.
Dr. Abdul Kalam was an _____ (eminent/imminent) scientist.
14. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb from the option.
The fire was extinguished by the fire service staff.
a) put up b) put in c) put out d) put off
15. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'bit'.
a) biotic + digit b) billion + digit c) binary + bitt d) binary + digit
16. Choose the unclipped form of pants
a) elephants b) pantry c) pantaloons d) triumphant
17. Form a word by adding suitable suffix to the word "fertile"
a) - ity b) -ness c) -able d) -ment

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18. Choose the best option that is the expansion of the abbreviation ATM
 a) Automatic Teller Machine b) Automated Teller Machine
 c) Automatic Typing Machine d) Automated Teller Man
19. Choose the suitable question tag and complete the sentence:
 She rarely comes to the company _____?
 a) does she? b) doesn't she c) don't she? d) will she?
20. Identify the sentence pattern of the following from the options:
 I have the same dagger.
 a) SVO b) SVIODO c) SVC d) SVAC

PART - II

II. a] Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets: $4 \times 2 = 8$

21. We could do nothing being sold
 a) Why couldn't they do anything?
 b) Why did they feel helpless.
22. The giant wears the scarf and flowers are hung
 a) Who is the giant here?
 b) What is the figure of speech used here?
23. Then the whining school - boy, with his satchel
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail
 a) How does the boy walk to school?
 b) What is the figure of speech used in the second line?
24. This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
 To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle
 Well - loved of me
 a) To whom does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to in his absence?
 b) Bring out the significance of 'Sceptre'.
25. Tell him time as a stuff can be wasted
 Tell him to be a fool ever so often
 a) Why does the poet suggest that time can be wasted?
 b) Identify the figure of speech used.
26. A film the mother - eagle's eye
 When her bruised eaglet breathes
 a) Who is compared to the mother eagle here?
 b) Explain the comparison?
 b] Do as directed any three of the following : $3 \times 2 = 6$
27. Report the following dialogue:
 Priya : Where are you going?
 Vijay : I'm going to the railway station to receive my uncle.
28. Our television is being repaired now. (**Change the voice**)
29. If you had listened to me you would have passed. (**Begin with had**)
30. This is not the way to answer. (**Change into complex**)

PART - III

III. a] Explain any two passages with reference to the context : $2 \times 3 = 6$

31. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech.
32. Is second childishness and mere oblivion;
 Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything
33. He will be lonely enough
 to have time for the work

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b) Answer any two of the following questions in two or three sentences:

2×3=6

34. What made the boys work so hard?
 35. How was the unattended trolley put to use?
 36. What does the 'rule of the road' mean?

c) Answer any three of the following:

3×3=9

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the correct word from the options:

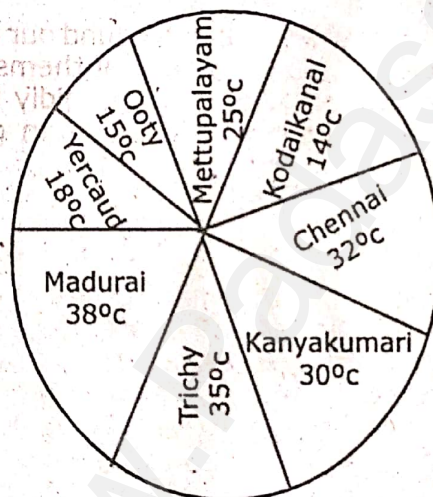
- i) _____ is the mother of invention.
 a) conversation b) Necessity c) Retention
 ii) Don't count your chicks before they are _____.
 a) matured b) hatched c) grown
 iii) Doubt is the key to _____.
 a) knowledge b) deeds c) words.

38. Describe the process of making apple juice.

39. Rearrange the following words into meaningful sentences:

- a) the dictionary of /impossible is /only to be / fools / found in / a word.
 b) is on / Gas cylinders/ constant hike/Liquid Petroleum/ the cost of
 c) problems / to challenges / seek out / and convert them / we must

40. Study the pie-chart given and answer the question choosing the right answer from the options:

Temperatures of various places in Tamil Nadu.

- a) Which is the coolest place in Tamil Nadu?
 i) Ooty ii) Yercaud iii) Kodaikanal
 b) Which place has the second highest temperature?
 i) Madurai ii) Trichy iii) Chennai
 c) Which places are hotter than Chennai?
 i) Madurai and Trichy ii) Kanyakumari and Trichy iii) Trichy and Mettupalayam

PART - IV

Answer the following:

7×5=35

41. a) Write a paragraph of about 150 words:
 On the character sketch of Nicola and Jacopo. (OR)
 b) Give an account of the journey of Hillary and Tenzing to South Col from 28,000 feet.

42. a) Describe the various stages of a man's life as pictured by William Shakespeare. (OR)

b) How does the poet advise his son who is at threshold of manhood.

43. **Develop the following hints into a few short paras and give a title:**

a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - young merchant - sets out to fair - against wife's warning stays in an inn - next morning sets off - gets arrested - supposed to have killed the merchant - sent to - Siberia - spends the time reading and praying - gains respect. Makar comes there - seems to know Aksionov - his behaviour makes Aksionov suspect - finally - learns - Makar had murdered - the Merchant Aksionov Forgives Makar - order of release arrive - Aksionov is dead. (OR)

b) Ausable a secret agent - fat and sloppy - not a romantic figure - came to Paris from Boston twenty years ago - presence of mind - no losing heart in difficult situation - face Max with Pistol - cool not panic - cooked up story of Balcony - Max nervous about police - Dominate Max - no fight - no shooting - Fowler impressed by Ausable's intelligence and presence of mind.

44. *Make summary of the following:*

To match the best cities across the world the Govt. of India initiated's smart cities' to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people. The agenda under smart city promises to resolve urban sustainability problems. Urban forests provide a range of important ecosystem services that are critical for sustainability of cities. Urban forestry which is defined more as 'Management of Trees' contributes to the physiological, sociological and economic well-being of the society.

Mangroves, lakes, grasslands and forests in and around our cities, act as sponges that absorb the air and noise pollution and they present themselves as our cultural and recreational hotspots. However, these spots are rapidly being reclaimed and replaced in the name of development. Presence of Urban green has shown to increase the economic value of the place.

(OR)

b) Write a paragraph on the importance of good health.

45. a) Write a letter to your friend about your recent tour to kodaikanal. (OR)

b) Write a letter to Sub-Inspector of police complaining the theft of your bike.

46. a) *Read the following, spot the error and rewrite the sentences correctly:*

i) Mithra as well as her daughters enjoy singing.

ii) Though she is weak but she is active.

iii) I met in an accident.

iv) One of the boy has got the first prize.

v) I have seen Taj Mahal in 1999.

(OR)

b) *Match the following sentences with suitable field given below:*

i) Tannery ordered to be closed.

ii) Gold prices hiked.

iii) Madurai farmers turning tech experts.

iv) Measles to be eliminated by South East Asian Countries by 2025.

v) Indian weight lifters bag awards.

[Economy, Agriculture, Health, Sports, Environment]

47. a) Write a dialogue between a doctor and a patient using atleast five responses each. (OR)

b) *Develop the hints into a story of 150 words:*

Farmer in a village - had a hen - Golden egg everyday - became rich - led a ful life - became greedy - novel idea - all eggs at the same time - killed the hen - no eggs disappointed.
