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Time : 3.00 hrs.

Half-Yearly Examination - 2022

ENGLISH

PART - I

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Max. Marks : 90

Answer all the questions.

20 x 1 = 20

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- The author didn't want to intrude into their happy family party. (a) trespass (b) enquire (c) take part (d) admit
- The trolley was commandeered by an intrepid crew of two. (a) timid (b) happy (c) daring (d) sad
- Fortuitously, a guest visited our house one day. (a) unluckily (b) luckily (c) unfavourably (d) boldly

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

- Milk that is too creamy always gives tea a sickly taste. (a) dull (b) healthy (c) poorly (d) feeble
- The tents flapped and shook under the perpetual south col gale. (a) flutter (b) hang (c) still (d) move
- We must value everyone's liberty. (a) likeness (b) subjugation (c) independence (d) rights
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
Raju identified the man who assaulted him. (a) dis- (b) in- (c) en- (d) un-

- Choose the correct word and complete the sentence.

During the _____ of King Karikala, there used to be heavy rains. (a) reign (b) reins (c) rein (d) rain

- Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.

Mercury will not dissolve in any liquid. (a) break down (b) break up (c) break in (d) break out

- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'life' to form a compound word.

(a) save (b) race (c) time (d) lite

- What is the pattern of the given sentence.

He is a lecturer with a lot of experience. (a) SVAA (b) SVOA (c) SVAC (d) SVCA

- Fill in the blanks choosing the correct prepositional phrase.

I went all over the place _____ my lost key.

(a) in order to (b) in search of (c) with a view to (d) to search

- Replace the underlined word with its polite form.

Some of the youth are still unemployed. (a) jobless (b) artless (c) out of job (d) between jobs

- Choose the correct American English word for 'prison'.

(a) cell (b) jail (c) penitentiary (d) hoosegow

- Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the underlined word.

Obey the rules of the road.

(a) -ence (b) -ance (c) -ion (d) -less

- Choose the sentence using an appropriate linker.

You can take my car _____ you don't cause damage to it. (a) in the event of (b) or else (c) provided that (d) rather

- Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.

Radhika never comes late to the office. _____? (a) Doesn't she? (b) Do she? (c) Didn't she (d) Does she?

- Fill in the blanks with the blanks with the right verb.

I think Suresh _____ for Chennai tomorrow morning. (a) will be leaving (b) will leave (c) will have left (d) leaves

- Choose the correct combination of the compound word 'wintry landscape'

(a) Noun + Adjective (b) Verb + Noun (c) Adjective + Noun (d) Noun + Noun

- Choose the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.

(a) skillfully (b) skilfully (c) skillfully (d) skillfill

PART - II SECTION - 1

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

4 x 2 = 8

- We could do nothing, being sold

(a) Why couldn't they do anything?

(b) Why did they feel helpless?

- And then the lover,

Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad

Made to his mistress' eyebrow.

(a) What does the lover do for his mistress?

(b) What is the poetic device used in the second line?

- for my purpose holds

To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths

Of all the western stars, until I die.

(a) What was Ulysses purpose in life?

(b) How long would his venture last?

- Tell him time as a stuff can be wasted.

Tell him to be a fool every so often

(a) Why does the poet suggest that time can be wasted?

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

- A film the mother-eagle's eye

When her bruised eaglet breathes.

(a) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines?

(b) Explain the comparison.

- But not because of its magnificence

Dear is the Casuarina to my soul:

Beneath it we have played; though years may roll

(a) What makes the tree dear to the poet?

(b) What is the poet unable to forget despite the passage of years?

Do as directed.

SECTION - 2

Answer any three questions.

3 x 2 = 6

- Ramesh said to his mother, "How can I study if you are quarrelling with dad all the time?" (Change into Indirect speech)

28. Farmers will have grown a lot of rice in Tanjore. (Change the voice)
 29. If Tanya didn't refer to the answer key, she would not know the answer. (Rewrite using 'unless' without changing the meaning of the sentence)
 30. His friend arrived. He was very pleased. (Combine into a single sentence)

PART – III
SECTION – 1

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech
 32. To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield
 33. 'I'm killed, Sire!' And, his Chief beside,
 Smiling, the boy fell dead.

SECTION – 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.

2 x 3 = 6

34. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.
 35. Why did Maamannaar hand over the chair to the villagers to retain it?
 36. What is the foundation of social conduct?

SECTION – 3

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Write a slogan on each of the following topics.
 (a) Rain water harvesting (b) Avoiding usage of plastic (c) Clean campus
 38. Describe the process involved in binding a book.
 39. Build a dialogue between two friends regarding future studies with a minimum of 3 exchanges.
 40. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.
 (a) to forgive / is / divine / is / human / to err (b) friends / makes / time / enemies / the worst
 (c) the broth / cooks / too many / spoil

PART – IV

Answer the following.

7 x 5 = 35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 (a) Describe the 'Grand Prix' at Cape Town's Red Cross Children's Hospital. (OR)
 (b) "My right to swing my fist ends, where your nose begins." Elucidate with reference to, 'On the Rule of the Road'.
 42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 (a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain. (OR)
 (b) What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?
 43. (a) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints.
 Water – basic amenity – life – Pi – surrounded – water – pacific – ocean – not a drop – to drink – water – plays – motivating – life of Pi – surrounded by – tiger – hyena – deadly sharks – raging storm – added fuel – fire – Pi – knew – thirst – a drawn – out affair – goes – in search of water – really surprised – a whole stack of water cans – mix of – fear hope – surprise – thrill – gratitude took a can – drank – liquid life – filled with joy – strength – supplies – came – muscles – drinking water – noble bliss – water is the elixir of life – true. (OR)
 (b) Life on Venus – other planet – raining for seven years – school children – nine years old – forgotten the sun – appeared once in 7 years – Margot from Earth – came five years before – children hated her – locked her in a room – sun came – only for two hours – rained again – unlocked the door – let Margot out – missed the chance.
 44. (a) Make summary of the following passage.
 Common sense use of paper, if practiced by a majority of people, will save immense forests from needless cutting. Use paper carefully if, in writing, you use both sides of the paper, you reduce waste by 50 percent. Old envelopes, old bills, etc. make good memo paper. Do not discard a memo sheet until it is full. Don't burn discarded paper. Better to have it converted to pulp and composting it. Be thoughtful about paper. Be conscious of how much you throw away that could be put to other uses. You can save eight to ten trees per year if you see that all reusable paper is returned for recycling. Stack newspapers in bundles and save them for return to the paper and pulp industries. Look for those products which contain the most reused paper. Some products feature completely recycled paper. Encourage recycling by buying such products. A ton of paper saved or recycled saves seventeen trees – your family uses that much or more each year. (OR)
 (b) Write a paragraph on the topic "The value of books".
 45. (a) Write a letter to the station master requesting reservation of seats for a party of students and teachers going on an excursion. (OR)
 (b) You are going to appear for the Board Examination next month. Write a letter to your father telling him how you hope to fare in the examination.
 46. (i) He did not say word. (ii) She switched on flash light. (iii) A monstrous terror ceased him.
 (iv) After the grammar, we had a lesson of writing. (v) He rush into the bedroom to hide. (OR)
 (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
 (i) _____ has fled the _____ dream! (withered / wither) (ii) My father _____ walk ten kilometers casually during his childhood.
 (Fill in the blank with a Quasi-modal verb) (iii) Scientists predict that by 2050, man _____ on Mars. (land)
 (Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb)
 (iv) A worker _____ is punctual is sincere. (Use an appropriate relative pronoun)
 47. (a) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.
 Foolish young man – walks in a city – a penguin follows him – he asks policeman's advice – tells him to take it to zoo – next day the policeman find together – enquires – replies – see in the zoo yesterday – today going to museum. (OR)
 (a) Read the passage and answer the questions given below.
 Why you may wonder, should spiders be our friends? Because they destroy so many insects and insects include some of the greatest enemies of human race. Insects would make it possible for us to live in the world; they would devour all our crops and kill our flocks and herds, if it were not for the protection we get from insect-eating animals. We owe a lot to the birds and beasts that eat insects but all of them put together kill only a fraction of the number destroyed by spiders. Moreover, unlike some of the other insect-eaters, spiders never do the least harm to us, or our belongings. Spiders are not insects, as many people think; nor even nearly related to them. One can tell the difference almost at a glance, for a spider always has eight legs and an insect never more than six. How many spiders are engaged in this work on our behalf? One authority on spiders made a census of the spiders in a grass field and he estimated that there were more than 22,50,000 in one acre. It has been estimated that the weight of all the insects destroyed by spiders in Britain in one year would be greater than the total weight of all the human beings in the country.

Questions: (i) How are spiders useful to us? (ii) What is the difference between spiders and other insect-eating birds and beasts? (iii) How can we tell the difference between a spider and an insect? (iv) What was the finding of the counting of spiders in a grass field in Britain? (v) Find the words from the passage which mean the following:

(a) Official counting of all the people in a country. (b) Quick look.