

## 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:

- then as trade Slackened, we went over.  
a) increased      b) reduced      c) slipped down      d) walk slowly
- Suffering ennobles you - makes you a better person.  
a) Cripples      b) Signifies      c) mocks      d) dignifies
- and no more humps to to tantalize us with hopes of success.  
a) shake      b) revitalize      c) tease      d) promote

Choose the correct Antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- The liberties of everybody must be curtailed.  
a) increased      b) reduced      c) cut short      d) provided
- He had returned to the hospital because he had a malignant tumour.  
a) benign      b) maintained      c) make - over      d) harmful
- Predicting the arrival of visitors  
a) journey      b) departure      c) migration      d) perusal
- Add a suitable question tag.**  
Akila is not a Lawyer, ----?  
a) isn't she      b) isn't it      c) is she      d) is it.
- Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "head".  
a) light      b) phone      c) ache      d) set
- Choose the clipped form of "Signature".**  
a) sign      b) signoraware      c) nature      d) signa
- Choose the blended form of wireless and fidelity.**  
a) wirel      b) wirefi      c) wi - fi      d) lessfidelity
- Choose the right definition for the given term "autophobia".  
a) fear of water      b) fear of beign alone      c) fear of auto      d) fear of reading books
- Choose the meaning of the idiom "at the eleventh hour".**  
a) at the last moment      b) at 11 O' clock  
c) comfortable      d) very expensive

13. **Replace the underlined word choosing the most appropriate phrasal verb.**

Please wait for sometime.

- a) hold back      b) hold on      c) keep on      d) look back

14. **Complete it with correct phrase.**

He played football ---- the rain.

- a) instead of      b) because of      c) incase of      d) inspite of

15. An interview is nothing but a vivo voce

- a) an eyewash      b) a spoken examination      c) a vivid description      d) a variety of questions

16. Choose the correct combination for the compound word "turning point"

- a) Noun + Noun      b) Noun + Verb      c) Verb + Noun      d) Gerund + Noun

17. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the rootword "agree"

- a) un      b) dis      c) ment      d) ir

18. Choose the expanded form of MRB  
a) Medical Recruitment Board                      b) Market Rate Budget  
c) Magnetic Resonance for body                  d) Middle Range Batsman
19. Choose the Monosyllabic word.  
a) ignore                      b) rebukes                      c) Sieve                      d) awkward
20. Choose the Polite alternative word for "unemployed".  
a) Not employed      b) domestic career      c) between jobs      d) waiting for a job

PART - II

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

4x2=8

21. *All though the summer at ease we lay  
And daily from the turret wall*  
(a) Who does 'we' refer to?  
(b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days??

22. *Seeking the bubble reputation*  
a) Explain 'bubble reputation'.  
b) Identify the poetic device employed here?

23. *Little remains : but every hour is saved  
From that eternal silence, something more  
A bringer of new things*  
a) What does the term 'Little remains' convey?  
b) Pick out the words in alliteration?

24. *A gray baboon sits statue - like alone*  
a) What is a baboon?  
b) Identify the figure of speech used here?

25. *A film the mother - eagle's eye  
when her bruised eaglet breathes*  
a) Who is compared to the mother eagle?  
b) Explain the comparison?

26. *Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong  
and final decisions and made in silent rooms*  
a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being? How?  
b) Where are the final decisions taken?

(ii) Answer any three of the following questions.

3x2=6

27. Raj said to Sukumar, "Please drop me at the station tonight". (Change into indirect speech)
28. If I were an angel, I would fly. (Begin with 'were')
29. Prizes were being given by the Chief guest. (Change the voice)
30. The word is so difficult that I cannot Pronounce it. (Change into compound sentence)

PART - III (SECTION - 1)

Answer any seven of the following.

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

2x3=6

31. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,  
So smooth and high, no man could win".
32. Is second childishness and mere oblivion;  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything".
33. "Then he may understand Shakespeare  
and the Wright brother,s Pasteur Pavlov,  
Michael Faraday and free imaginations".

SECTION - 2

ii) Answer any two of the following briefly.

2x3=6

34. The boys did not spend much on clothes and food. Why?  
 35. What happened when the doctor couple were crossing the street?  
 36. "Curtailment of Private liberty is done to establish social order" Do you agree?

iii) Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. Study the following table and answer the questions given below.

Mark scored by different students.

Student	Maths	English	Physics	Chemistry	Tamil
Bharat	90	92	89	91	90
Abhi	100	88	87	98	92
Charu	80	74	71	69	71
Thara	85	58	62	67	73
Selvi	75	76	75	78	78
Ganga	69	71	70	69	71
Fathima	56	56	60	61	62

Questions:

1. Who scored the highest marks in Maths?  
 2. Who got the least marks in English?  
 3. In which subject did Charu score the highest?  
 4. What is the difference of marks scored by Abhi and Selvi in Physics?  
 5. What is the total marks scored by Bharat?  
 38. Build a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between two friends on the use of mobile phones.  
 39. Describe the process of opening an account in a bank.  
 40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.  
 a. A stitch in time saves -----  
 b. ---- are deceptive.  
 c. Make ---- while the sun shines.  
 (appearances, nine, hay, day)

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PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) Summarise Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".  
 b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay "On the Rule of the Road"?  
 42. a) Describe the various stage of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a stage".  
 b) Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life.  
 43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.  
 a) Aksionov - merchant in vladimir - goes to fair - meets another merchant - charged of murder - imprisoned - sent to siberia - 26 years in prison - hair turned grey - called 'saint' new prisoner - admits his crime - Aksionov dies.

OR

- b) Ausable - spy - never looked like - fat - sloppy fowler - writer - enter room - max - gun trotting - documents - Fowler thrilled - Ausable spins story - about balcony - knock on door - it is police - panicked - jumped out - dies - presence of mind.

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

The great advantage of early rising from bed is the good start, it gives us in your day's work a good beginning. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are no sounds or other distractions so that work done at that time is generally well done. The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with full of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time, to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before he goes to bed.

45. a) Read the following advertisement and prepare a Biodata considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.

**Wanted .**

Male Receptionist graduate with Computer Knowledge  
Good fluency in English / Minimum 3 years of experience  
Apply with your Biodata to : ABC, Pvt.Ltd,  
No.15, Gandhi Raod, Chennai - 600 005.

OR

- b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on "Role of Media in democracy".

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.

- (i) Though she is weak, but she is active.
- (ii) Sixy miles are a long distance.
- (iii) Clara was punished from her father.
- (iv) If you worked hard, you will pass.
- (v) She doesn't like coffee, doesn't it?

OR

- (b) Fill in the blanks Suitably.

- (i) The most ---- Scientist in the world has been warning about the ---- danger of nuclear war.  
(imminent, eminent)
- (ii) I ---- like to have a cup of coffeee (Use a modal verb)
- (iii) We ---- (See) a wonderful film at the cinema last night. (suitable form of verb)
- (iv) This is ---- it must be done. (Use a suitable link word)

47. Develop the following hints into a story.

A rich farmer - lot of land - two sons - happy life - sons grown - younger son unhappy - asked his share - got it - sold them all - fell into bad ways - became poor - understand his mistake returned to family.

OR

Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

The Mettur dam is a large dam in India built in 1934. It was constructed on a gorge, where the river Kaveri enters the plains. The dam is one of the oldest in India. It provides irrigation facilities to a part of salem, the length of Erode, Namakkal, Karur, Trichy and Thanjavur. The Mettur Hydro Electric power project is also quite large. The dam, the park, power stations and hills make Mettur a tourist attraction.

- i) What is a Gorge?
- ii) What are the districts which get irrigation from the dam?
- iii) Is the Mettur Dam a place of tourist attraction?
- iv) When was the Mettur Dam built?
- v) Say True or False.

Coal is used to generate Hydro Electric Power.

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