

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

Std - XII

ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

Part - I

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all the questions.

Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer:

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

1. Nicola was glancing at his young brother in vexation
 a) annoyance b) admiration c) assurance d) approval
2. The trolley was commandeered by an intrepid crew of the two.
 a) shy b) bold c) honourable d) cultured
3. The end of such liberty would be universal chaos
 a) orderliners b) harmony c) confusion d) systematic

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

4. One does not feel optimistic after drinking it
 a) positive b) hopeful c) pessimistic d) excited
5. We reached our tent on its crazy platform at 2 pm
 a) balanced b) unbalanced c) unstable d) distracted
6. There he was sitting in splendour on his chair.
 a) magnificence b) pomp c) effulgence d) simplicity
7. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'modem'.
 a) Modulator+demo b) Modulator+demodulator
 c) Module + demo d) Module + demodulator
8. Fill in the blank with a suitable relative pronoun.
 This is the town I spend my childhood.
 a) which b) where c) whom d) who
9. Choose the tri syllabic word
 a) property b) command c) initial d) calf
10. Choose the clipped word for 'Gymnasium'.
 a) gym b) nasium c) gum d) museum
11. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'CLAT'.
 a) Common Legal Admission Test b) Common Law Admissable Test
 c) Common Law Admission Test d) Common Loss Admission Test
12. Write the American English word for the underlined word in the following sentence:
 Students went to a picnic on a holiday.
 a) Vacation b) voyage c) journey d) break
13. Choose the correct plural form of 'erratum'.
 a) erratums b) errata c) erratae d) erratus
14. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom 'in deep waters'.
 a) Under the water b) Under the ocean c) Under the river d) in trouble
15. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.
 Karthik completed his work.....
 a) Didn't he? b) Did he? c) Doesn't he? d) Does he?

16. 'Linguistics' is the study of
 a) Lunatics b) Law c) Lizards d) language
17. Choose the polite alternative word for the underlined word in the following sentence:
 This fridge is 'cheap'.
 a) low b) economical c) inferior d) duplicate
18. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence.
 She bid 'adieu' to all of her friends.
 a) salute b) welcome c) good bye d) ovalion
19. Identify the sentence pattern
 My mother keeps the house clean.
 a) SVIDO b) SVOA c) SVAA d) SVOC
20. Choose the suitable phrasal verb for the underlined word in the sentence.
 My plea was totally rejected.
 a) turned off b) turned down c) turned in d) turned away

Part - II

Section - A

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following questions:
 $4 \times 2 = 8$

21. Then the whining school boy with his satchel
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail
 a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
 b) Identify the figure of speech in the above lines.
22. The giant wears the scarf and flowers are hung
 In crimson cluster all the bough among
 a) Who is the giant here?
 b) Mention the figure of speech employed here.
23. All through 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?
24. For my purpose hold
 To said beyond the sunset and the baths
 a) What was Ulysses purpose in life?
 b) What does the word 'baths' mean here?
25. Life is hard, be steel, be a rock
 a) How should one face life?
 b) Identify the figure of speech in the above lines.
26. You know, we French stormed Ratisbon
 a) Where is Ratisbon?
 b) Who stormed the city of Ratisbon?

Section - B

Do as directed.

$3 \times 2 = 6$

Answer any three of the following questions:

27. Report the dialogue:

Vasanthi : What type of movies do you like?

Vidya : I like comedy movies.

28. Inspite of his illness, he attended the meeting. (Change into a complex sentence)

29. If I were a lion, I would be the king of Forest. (Begin the sentence with 'Were')

30. Honey is sweeter than sugar. (Change into positive)

Part - III
Section - A

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. Then off there flung in smiling joy and held himself erect.
32. And for and near Kokilar hail the day
And to their pastures wend our sleepy cows.
33. Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel
Seeking the bubble reputation.

Section - B

2 x 3 = 6

Answer any two of the following briefly:

34. Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?
35. What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?
36. Why did Hillary become clumsy fingered and slow moving?

Section - C

3 x 3 = 9

Answer any three of the following:

37. Describe the process of preparing fruit salad.
38. Write a dialogue of atleast 6 utterances between a student and a teacher.
39. Complete the proverbs.
 - a) Actions speak louder than
 - b) Still waters run
 - c) A stitch in time saves

(Nine, words, deep)

40. You are the cultural secretary of ABC school. Draft a notice inviting the students to participate in the music competition.

Part - IV

Answer the following. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following of about 150 words:

7 x 5 = 35

41. a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A nice cup of tea". (OR)
b) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.
42. a) How safe was the castle? How was it conquered? (OR)
b) The young soldier matched his emperor in courage and patriotism. Elucidate your answer.

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.
a) Ivan Dmitrich - merchant - Russia - decides - business venture - wife - bad dream - Ivan disregards - meets - another merchant - travel together - retrieve separately - stopped by police - sentenced - Siberia - new prisoners came - discloser the fact - maker admits Aksionov dies. (OR)

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. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:

From the moment we are born, we cannot live alone. We stand in continual need of assistance from all around us for body and soul and spirit. We need clothes that other men make, houses which other men build, food which other men produce. We have to get our livelihood by working for others, while others get their livelihood in return by

working for us. As children we need our parents to be our comforters and to take care of others. We cannot exist a day without our fellowmen. We require teachers to educate us. We require laws made by other men who died hundreds of years before we were born to secure to us our rights and properties to secure to our comforts in our station and we need friends to comfort us in sorrow and to share our joy.

45. Read the following advertisement and respond to it with a bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.

(Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address)

WANTED

Male / Female Secretary. Candidate should be a graduate with software knowledge and good communication skills in English.

Apply to : Box No. 55164

C/o. The Hindu, Chennai - 02

(OR)

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the TNPSC Examination.

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

- One of my uncle lives in Canada.
- Neither Suresh nor Ramesh are intelligent.
- I can speak English beside French.
- They described about the scenery.
- We bought a lot of furnitures.

(OR)

- You are not to talk in the library. (aloud / allowed)
- I (meet) my friends in Chennai, next week. (Use the suitable tense form)
- In the army, soldiers obey their officers. (Use a modal verb)
- I to play tennis, when I was in Chennai. (Use a semimodal)

47. Develop the hints into a story of 150 words:

Once a bee - fell into a pond - pigeon flew past - dropped a leaf - bee climbed on leaf - escaped - a hunter - aimed at pigeon - the bee stung - lost his aim - pigeon escaped.

(OR)

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

1. Nation building refers to the process of engaging all the citizens in the development of the nation. There are three key elements that contribute towards the progress of the nation. They are education, employment and empowerment. Majority of youths in our country are uneducated. So illiteracy is one of the biggest problems of our nation. 3. Providing employment opportunities to the unemployed and under employed youths of the nation is very important. Lack of employment opportunities can lead to social unrest. Youth constitutes major portion of the total national population. Around 60 percent population of India is youth. 5

Questions:

- What is meant by National building?
- What are the elements that contribute for the progress of a nation?
- What is the biggest problem of our nation?
- What lead to social unrest?
- What is the total percentage of youth in our country?