

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

12 - Std

ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 Hrs

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Marks : 90

## Part- I (20 Marks)

Answer all the questions :-

20 X 1 = 20

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences :-

- They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.  
a) hearty                      b) speechless                      c) shameless                      d) innocent.
- Nor can I see any nobility in the crying.  
a) loyalty    b) capability    c) accuracy    d) decency
- ..... he is symbol not of tyranny but of liberty.  
a) irony                      b) tiresome                      c) idealism                      d) despotism

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

- Nicola answered seriously.    a) carefully    b) cautiously    c) hastily    d) casually.
- Not the flat, shallow type .....    a) narrow    b) wide    c) deep    d) direct
- There he was sitting in splendor on his chair.  
a) simplicity    b) richness    c) grandeur    d) beautiful

- Choose the correct prefix that can be placed before the word 'patient'.  
a) in                      b) im                      c) ir                      d) dis

- Our teacher always acts ..... her students (Fill in the blanks with correct prepositional phrase)

a) in favour of                      b) due to                      c) in case of                      d) instead of

- Choose the right combination for the blended word 'fibrous tissue'.  
a) fibrous + tissue    b) fibr + tissue    c) fibre - tissue    d) fibre + tissu.
- Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.

Don't commit this mistake again, .....?    a) do you    b) will you    c) do I    d) will I

- Choose the right meaning for the underline idiom in the following sentence. Each member of the team had all their 'ducks in a row'.  
a) to be cautions  
b) to be well written    c) to bewell organized    d) to be well understood

- Choose the meaning of the word 'Genetics'

a) study of beauty    b) study of money and coins    c) study of building    d) study of genes

- Fill in the blanks choosing the correct preposition.

My brother will meet me ..... Friday morning.    a) at    b) in    c) on    d) since

- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'butter' to form a compound word  
a) store                      b) milk                      c) step                      d) over

- Fill in the suitable determiner.

a) .....of my students have become doctors.    a) many    b) any    c) some    d) more

- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'GPS'.

a) Global Permanent System                      b) Good Positioning System  
c) Global Positioning System                      d) Global Placement Scheme

- Choose the penta- syllabic word.

a) Initial    b) Commander    c) Property    d) Enthusiastic

- Choose the correct American English word for 'pull over'.

a) eraser    b) faucet                      c) vest    d) sweater

19. Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.

I presented him a kingly crown thrice

- a) SVOA ✓ b) SVDOIOA c) SVIDOIA d) SVCA

20. Choose the clipped form of 'spectacles'.

- a) spec b) specs c) spect d) tacles

**PART - II (14 marks) Section - 1**

a) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets:- 4X2=8

21. "All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players".

- a) What is the world compared to?  
b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

22. "A foothold there, no clever trick  
could take us dead or quick  
only a bird could have got in

- a) What was challenging?  
b) Pick out the rhyming words.

23. "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 poetic device in the above line.

24. "Legs wide, arms locked behind"

- a) What is meant by prone brow? b) Whose action is described here?

25. "The giant wears the scarf, and the flowers are hung in crimson  
clusters all the bough among!"

- a) Who is the giant here? b) Why is the scarf colourful?

26. "Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'

Gleams that untravelled world, whose margin fades For ever and  
forever when I move".

- a) What is the experience compared to?  
b) How do the lines convey that the experience is endless?

**Section - 2**

b) Do as directed. Answer any three questions:-

3 X 2 = 6

27. Gowtham said to me, "I was very ill last week, but I am better now". (Change into indirect speech)

28. Prizes were being given by the chief guest. (Change into the other voice)

29. If Mary had an umbrella, she would give it to me. (Being with 'Had')

30. Though Ravi is a celebrity, he mingles easily with everyone. (Rewrite as a Compound)

**PART - III (21 Marks) Section - 1**

a) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context :- 2 X 3 = 6

31. Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed.

32. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech,

33. To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

**Section - 2**

b) Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words :-

34. What made the boys work so hard?

2 X 3 = 6

35. What were the problems the trolley driver suffered from?

36. Why did Maamanaar hand over the chair to the villagers to retain it?

**Section - 3**

c) Answer any three of the following:-

3 X 3 = 9

37. Describe the process of "Preparing a cup of coffee".

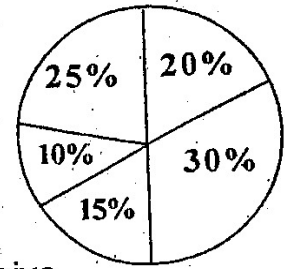
38. Complete the proverbs. i) Out of sight, out of ..... (place, memory, mind)

- (i) .....lies in the eye of the beholder. (*Happiness, Beauty, Wonder*)  
 (ii) Always put your best ..... forward. (*foot, eyes, fingers*)

39.

Study the pie - chart and write three sentences based on your understanding.

Reading - 10%,  
 Internet - 25%,  
 Watching TV - 20%,  
 Outdoor games - 15%,  
 Mobile Phone - 30%



40.

- Rearrange the following sentences correctly.
- a) become / my / is / a doctor / dream / to  
 b) divine / is / to / forgive  
 c) eight years / to win / it / the world cup / took

### PART - IV ( 35 Marks)

7 X 5 = 35

41.

Answer the following :-

- a) Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona". (OR)  
 b) Write the character sketches of Maamannaar and Pedanna.

42.

Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words :-

- a) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures? (OR)  
 b) Describe the reminiscences of the poet when she sees the "Casuarina tree".

43.

Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words by developing the hints.

a) Pi - from Pudhucherry - stranded in life boat - left with a tiger - hyena - Pi's father - sedate a number of - animals - He also - sedated - Richard Parker - before - sinking of the ship. Very thirsty - look for water - close to tiger - overpowers - finds water cans - comes to life after drinking water - elixir of life - Pi returned to life learnt - tiger who scared him - brought peace - wholeness - after 227days -Pi reunites with family. (OR)

b) Life on the planet Venus - raining for seven years - sun appearing once in seven years - school children - nine year old - forgotten the sun - long for the sun -Margot from Earth - came to Venus five years ago - knew more about the sun - William and other children hated her - locked her in a room - sun came - children very happy - only for an hour - rain again - children remembered Margot -let Margot out.

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

Influenza, commonly known as "the flu", is an infectious disease caused by influenza viruses. Symptoms range from mild to severe and often include fever, runny nose, sore throat, muscle pain, headache, coughing, and fatigue. These symptoms begin from one to four days after exposure to the virus (typically two days) and last for about 2-8 days. Diarrhea and vomiting can occur, particularly in children. Influenza may progress to pneumonia, which can be caused by the virus or by a subsequent bacterial infection. Other complications of infection include acute respiratory distress syndrome, meningitis, encephalitis, and worsening of pre-existing health problems such as asthma and cardiovascular disease.

There are four types of influenza virus, termed influenza viruses A, B, C and D. Aquatic birds are the primary source of Influenza A virus (IAV), which is also widespread in various mammals, including humans and pigs. Influenza B virus (IBV) and Influenza C virus (ICV)

primarily infect humans, and Influenza D virus (IDV) is found in cattle and pigs. IAV and IBV circulate in humans and cause seasonal epidemics, and ICV causes a mild infection, primarily in children. IDV can infect humans but is not known to cause illness. In humans, influenza viruses are primarily transmitted through respiratory droplets produced from coughing and sneezing. Transmission through aerosols and intermediate objects and surface contaminated by the virus also occur.

45. a) Write a letter to the manager of Waves Furniture Company ordering furniture for a coaching centre. Include the following details : description of the furniture, number of pieces, mode of payment, time and delivery options. (OR)  
b) Write a letter to your sister sharing your experience on visiting a historical monument.

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

- a) Lets change the curtains today, can we?  
b) The English is a very popular language amongst South Indians.  
c) No sooner did the power resume than the children screamed in joy.  
d) I had my evening meals in a restaurant near my office.

- e) The teacher along with thirty students have come to the book fair. (OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:-

- i) We <sup>had</sup> ~~have~~ (watch) a wonderful film last night. (Use the correct tense form)  
ii) You <sup>need</sup> ~~need~~ help the needy (Use the semi - modal verb)  
iii) The thief tried to <sup>steal</sup> ~~steal~~ a bureau made of ..... (steel / steal)  
iv) If I were you, I <sup>accept</sup> ~~accept~~ (accept) this offer. (Write the correct verb form)

47. a) 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 - understood his mistake - returned to family. (OR)

- b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The greatest enemy of mankind, as people have discovered, is not Science, but war. Science merely reflects the Social forces by which it is surrounded. It is found that when there is peace, Science is constructive, when there is war, Science is perverted to destructive ends. The weapons which Science gives us don't necessarily create war, these make war increasingly more terrible. Until now it has brought us to the doorstep of doom. Our main problem, therefore, is not to curb Science but to stop war. This is a job in which everybody must participate including the Scientists. But the bomb of Hiroshima suddenly woke us to the fact that we have very little time. The hour is late and our work has scarcely begun. Now we are face to face with this urgent question: "Can education and tolerance, understanding and creative intelligence run fast enough to keep us abreast with our own mounting capacity to destroy?" This is the question which we will have to answer one way or the other in this generation. Science must help us in finding the answer, but ultimately the main decision lies within ourselves.

### Questions:-

- a) What is the real enemy of mankind? b) What does Science merely reflect?  
c) Does Science have destructive ends? d) What is our main problem?  
e) Which city mentioned in the passage was destroyed by war?