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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

Std - XII

ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 Hours

Part - I

Marks: 90

Answer all the questions. Write the correct answer along with the corresponding option codes.
Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words:
20 x 1 = 20

1. I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
a) suffering b) frustration c) confusion d) pride
2. under the spout to catch the stray leaves.
a) fresh b) loose c) gathered d) harmful
3. Nicola and Jacopo were childish enough in many ways quite artless.
a) strange b) innocent c) gentle d) wicked

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words:

4. Tenzing collapsed at the top like a giant fish.
a) refreshed b) felledown c) gave way d) fainted
5. A stout old lady was walking with her basket in the middle of a street.
a) fat b) bulky c) plump d) thin
6. Maamanaar was unmatched.
a) inferior b) incomparable c) excellent d) supreme
7. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the given word "pop" to form a compound word.
a) blast b) corn c) turn d) head

8. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the underlined word and complete the sentence.

- The soil lost is (fertile) due to excessive sprinkling of pesticides.
a) -ity b) -ness c) -able d) -ment

9. Fill in the blank with a suitable phrasal verb.
Prajeeth is a placement in Australia.

- a) Longing on b) Longing to c) Longing for d) Longing of

10. Choose the right meaning of the idiom "have the whip hand".

- a) to be influential b) to be the most powerful
c) power of the powerless d) highly strong

11. Fill in the blank with correct preposition:

The shop is open midnight.

- a) above b) with c) until d) of

12. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence:
I am not as smart as you are,?

- a) aren't I? b) are I? c) am I? d) amn't I?

13. Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.
"Meenu is a doctor in London"

- a) SVCA b) SVAA c) SVIODO d) SVOC

14. Choose the correct clipped word for 'signature'.

- a) sign b) signa c) nature d) ture

15. Choose the correct combination of the compound word 'Public speaking'.

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

16. Choose the expansion for the abbreviation NOC from the options given:

- a) National Optical Company
b) Name Of the Company
c) No Objection Certificate
d) Nation Oriented Company

17. Choose the correct definition for the given term
..... is one who studies atmosphere, weather and climate.
a) geologist b) seismologist c) meteorologist d) archaeologist
18. Substitute with polite alternative.
"This watch is very cheap".
a) low b) inferior c) economical d) depreciate
19. Choose the tetra syllabic word.
a) expression b) energetic c) merchant d) father
20. Choose the correct option and complete the sentence.
Neither Lekha nor Leela been selected.
a) has b) have c) will d) shall

Part - II

Section - A

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

21. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces found
No other tree could live.
a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
b) How does the poet describe the creeper?
22. Let him have lazy days seeking his deeper motives.
Let him seek deep for where he is born natural.
a) Why does the poet advise his son to have lazy days?
b) Identify the figure of speech used in the above lines.
23. When I am gone, He works his work I mine
There lies the port, the vessel puffs her sail.
a) Where does the speaker plan to go?
b) Identify the figure of speech used in the second line.
24. "Jealous in honour; sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation"
a) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
b) What are the distinguishing features of this stage?
25. for my purpose holds.
To said 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?
26. Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong
and the final decisions are made in silent rooms.
a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being? How?
b) Identify the figure of speech used in the above lines.

Section - B

Do as directed.

Answer any three of the following questions:

$3 \times 2 = 6$

27. She said that she would be using the car that night. (Change into Direct speech)
28. May mother is knitting the sweaters. (Change the voice)
29. Unless you go for a walk regularly, you cannot reduce your weight.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'If' without changing the meaning of the sentence)
30. Ram did not know Hindi, so he wanted a translator (Rewrite as a complex sentence)

Part - III

Section - A

Explain any two of the following questions with reference to the context: $2 \times 3 = 6$

31. Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.

33. And one man in his time plays many parts.

Section - B

- Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words: $2 \times 3 = 6$
34. How does Dr. Barnard know that boy who played the trolley's driver?
35. How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it?
36. Why did the driver not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys?

Section - C

Answer any three of the following:

$3 \times 3 = 9$

37. Describe the process of lemonade.
38. Build a dialogue of atleast five utterances between a doctor and a patient having head ache and fever.
39. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.
- a) went / we / a / on / year / trip / to / last / Kanyakumari
- b) go / in / at / seven o'clock / I / up / morning / the
- c) take / will / a / the / off / plane / few / minutes / in
40. The following graph depicts the result of a survey conducted among 120 students of class XII of a certain school. Study the graph and answer the questions based on it.

Favourite dish	Number of students
Pizza	40
Burger	25
Dosa	10
Pasta	15
Biryani	30

- a) Which is the most favourite dish of the students?
- b) How many students have "dosa" as their favourite dish?
- c) What is the difference in the number of students who preferred Pizza to Burger?

Part - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

$7 \times 5 = 35$

41. a) Justify the title of the story "Two gentlemen of Verona".
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) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the casuarina tree.
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing in hints.
- a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - lived - Vladimir - wife and children - trip - Nizhny fair - wife - bad dream - not to start - local police - arrested Aksionov - charged with murder - petition - turned down - sent mines of Siberia - grew old - frequently prayed to God - respected by inmates - gently behaviour - met - Makar Semyonich - Aksionov - found out the truth - Makar admitted - Aksionov - foregave - died in peace. (OR)
- b) Children of venus - glimpse of the sun - after seven years - Margot stood apart - William - shoved and disliked - remembered - sun - four years - Ohio - children hated her - told her - a joke - locked in a closet - rain stopped - sun came out - children laughed - ran among trees - book of thunder - children trembled - one of them - remembered - looked at each other - unlocked closet door - only silence - let Margot out.
44. a) Make notes or summarise the following passage:
Today the sense of responsibility and the devotion to work is disappearing slowly among the younger generation. Student's agitation has become a common scene.

now-a-days. So it has become essential to prepare the youth for their prosperous future and for the stronger nation. With this view in mind, the centre has introduced the national service scheme in schools and colleges. A coordinator has been appointed for the conduct of the scheme. In every school and college a teacher is deputed in charge of it. Fifty students from higher secondary classes are admitted into the scheme. The aim of the scheme is to inculcate the qualities like leadership, cooperation, adjustability, discipline, team-spirit, a sense of responsibility and service mindedness. The scheme includes traffic regulation, helping the public, cleaning the surroundings, rural service, adult education etc. It conducts camp for ten days in rural area. It also conducts national integration camps to understand the culture of each state. Really this scheme shapes the youth into good and dutiful citizens. (OR)

b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the Topic Environmental Pollution.

45. a) Write a letter to the commissioner of the corporation complaining about the sanitary condition of the streets in your locality. (OR)

b) Write a letter to your friend informing him/her that you would visit her the following week and celebrate your birthday there.

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

i) After the complicated surgery, the patrint hoped of complete recovery.

ii) The vegetables in the fridge are still fresh, aren't it?

iii) Sixty miles are a long distance.

iv) My uncle is richest man in the village.

v) Ramesh is Senior than venkat. (OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately

i) The leader of the party was a (farmer / former)

ii) If I (be) the wind, I would travel everywhere. (Use the correct tense)

iii) My grandmother wake up early in the morning, when I was a child. (Use a Semi-modal)

iv) Everyone (sleep) when Tsunami hit the Coastal village in Japan, last night. (Use the correct form of the verb)

47. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

a) Fish have a wider field of vision than men. The interesting fact is that they can see both front and back, since their eyes are usually at the side of the head. But they cannot sleep as they have no eyelids. The largest "Tooth carp" has some interesting features. It has four eyes divided into upper and lower halves enabling it to see objects above the below the surface of water. But the most fascinating aspect is the "flat fish" which has both eyes on one side of its head-either on the right or on the left. The eye on oneside of the head moves to the other side as the fish grows. The left-eyed as well as the right-eyed fish rests on the blind side of the body. Most incredible! but true. Generally fish take oxygen from water, by means of gills. But 'lung fish' have lung - like structures that enable them to take oxygen from the air. In some cases, the small fish are eaten by the largest ones. This long chain of eating and being eaten is called 'Food chain'.

Questions:

i) What is the interesting fact about the vision of fish?

ii) In what ways are the four eyes helpful to the 'Tooth carp'?

iii) Mention the most fascinating features of 'flat fish'.

iv) How do the lung fish take in oxygen?

v) Explain 'Food chain'. (OR)

b) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.

Priya - domestic help - natural singer - often sings while at work - visitor noticed - made a video of her song - uploaded it - becomes viral - singing sensation overnight