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**Tenkasi District Common Examinations**  
**Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2022**



**Standard 12**

**ENGLISH**

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks: 90

**PART - I**

**20×1=20**

**Choose the synonyms of the underlined word in the following sentences:**

- 1) One is liable to put in too much milk.  
a) likely                      b) responsible                      c) eager                      d) certain
- 2) Liberty is not a personal affair but a social contract.  
a) concern                      b) commitment                      c) allotment                      d) connection
- 3) The trolley was commandeered by an intrepid crew.  
a) gallant                      b) timid                      c) happy                      d) sad

**Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words from the options given:**

- 4) We have a whole kingdom in which we rule be ridiculous.  
a) comical                      b) senseless                      c) sensible                      d) absurd
- 5) China tea has virtues which are not to be despised.  
a) disliked                      b) hated                      c) liked                      d) accepted
- 6) I imagined that our destinations would be humble.  
a) weak                      b) yielding                      c) mild                      d) proud

7) **Choose the right expansion of NOC:**

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

8) **Choose the clipped form of the word 'demonstration':**

- a) demon                      b) demo                      c) station                      d) demons

9) **Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun:**

This is the town \_\_\_\_\_ I spent my childhood.

- a) where                      b) which                      c) whom                      d) who

10) **Choose the correct question tag for the following:**

Everybody welcomed the project \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) do they?                      b) don't they?                      c) did they?                      d) didn't they?

11) **Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following:**

We are meeting on Sunday.

- a) SVO                      b) SVC                      c) SVA                      d) SVOC

12) **Choose the compound word that can be placed before the word 'power':**

- a) house                      b) head                      c) dog                      d) horse

13) **Write the American English word for the underlined word in the following sentence:**

Please stand in 'queue'.

- a) line                      b) order                      c) row                      d) mob

14) **Choose the correct plural form of 'datum':**

- a) date                      b) datae                      c) data                      d) deta

15) I \_\_\_\_\_ drink tea when I was young. (**Use a semi modal verb**)

- a) used to                      b) could                      c) ought to                      d) dare

16) **Choose the blended form of 'motel':**

- a) motor car + hotel                      b) motor way + hotel
- c) motor + hotel                      d) motorist + hotel

17) **Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'appear':**

- a) ly                      b) ity                      c) ous                      d) ance

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18) Choose the correct **preposition** for the following:

The shop is open \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.

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

19) Choose the **trisyllabic word**:

- a) stupid                      b) astrology                      c) caution                      d) entertain

20) Choose the meaning of the **foreign word** in the given sentence:

It is time to bid 'adieu' to all of you here.

- a) goodbye                      b) salute                      c) welcome                      d) ovation

**PART - II**  
**SECTION - A**

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

- 21) **All through the summer at ease we lay**  
a) Who does 'we' refer to?  
b) How did the soldiers spend the summer?
- 22) **Life is hard, be steel, be a rock**  
a) How should one face life?  
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
- 23) **A gray baboon its statue like alone.**  
**Watching the sunrise.**  
a) What is a baboon?  
b) Mention the figure of speech used in the above lines.
- 24) **This is my son, mine our Telemachus**  
**To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle**  
a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to in his absence?  
b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'?
- 25) **"You're wounded" 'Nay' his soldier's pride**  
**Touched to the quick, he said.**  
a) Why did the boy contradict Napoleon's words?  
b) Why was his pride touched?
- 26) **All the world's a stage**  
**And all the men and women merely players**  
**They have their exits and their entrances.**  
a) Explain - 'exit' and 'entrance'.  
b) Pick out the alliterated words from the last line.

**SECTION - 2**

Do as directed: (any three)

3×2=6

27) Report the dialogue:

**Suji** : Could I open an account here?**Manager** : Sure, Get the application form and fill it up.

28) If I had a car, I would drop you.

**[Begin with 'Had']**

29) Kalai is watering the plants.

**[Change the voice]**

30) He reached Chennai and he phoned me.

**[Change into complex sentence]**



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**PART - III**  
**SECTION - A**

2×3=6

**Answer any two: [ERC]**

- 31) Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed.
- 32) They seemed no threat live at all.
- 33) Jealons in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel.

**SECTION - B**

2×3=6

**Answer any two of the following questions:**

- 34) Define liberty as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.
- 35) Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopa.
- 36) Does George Orwell like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.

**SECTION - C**

3×3=9

**Answer any three of the following:**37) **Expand the following headlines:**

- a) Onion price goes up.
  - b) Arun Zeitly passes away.
  - c) Plastic carry bags banned in shops.
- 38) Write a dialogue of atleast 3 questions and 3 answers between a H.M and a student.
- 39) Describe the process of preparing omelette.
- 40) **Complete the proverbs:**
- a) \_\_\_\_\_ was not built in a day. (India, Rome, Italy)
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ makes a man. (Money, Power, Manners)
  - c) An idle mind is a \_\_\_\_\_ workshop. (god, angel, devil)

**PART - IV**

7×5=35

**Answer the following:**

- 41) **Answer in a paragraph any one of the following:**
- a) Summarise George Orwells distinitive ideas in 'A Nice Cup of Tea'.
- (OR)**
- b) Describe the feelings of Edmund Hillay and Tenzing as they reached the top of the summit.
- 42) **Answer in a paragraph any one of the following:**
- a) Describe the capture of the castle.
- (OR)**
- b) Describe how sandburg guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life.
- 43) **Write a paragraph developing the following hints: (any one)**
- a) Iran Dmitrich - Merchant - Russia - decides - business venture - wife - bad dream - meets another merchant - retrieve separately - stopped by police, sentenced - Siberia - new prisoners came - discloses the fact - Makar admits - Aksunov dies.
- (OR)**
- b) Ausable - secret agent - important paper - Fowler thrilled - Max - Pistol - fabricated slony - balcony - knocking heard - befooled Max - jumps - died.
- 44) **Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:**
- With the invention of televisions, many forms of entertainments have been replaced. Lively programs like television serials and world news, have removed from us the need to read books or papers to listen to radios or even

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to watch movies. Indeed the television brings the world into our house. Hence by staying at home and pressing some buttons world happenings are immediately presented before us. Children nowadays develop faster in language, owing to the early exposure to television programs. At such tender age, it would be difficult for them to read books or papers. Thus television programs are a good source of learning for them. Owing a television is also extremely beneficial to working parents who are usually too busy or tired to take their kids out for entertainments. Surrounded by the comforts of their home, the family can have a chance to get together and watch their favourite television programs. Of course we should not be too carried away by the advantages of the television and overlooks its negative points.

- 45) a) Write a letter to the Manager, AZ company, Surat requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on the topic: Is Science a boon or a curse?

- 46) a) Spot the errors:

- a) One of my teachers are rich.  
 b) Ramesh is senior than Balaji.  
 c) Either Balu or Ram have to pay the fine.  
 d) My father is a MLA.  
 e) Though he is ill but he is present.

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(OR)

- b) Do as directed:

- a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) shares in that company, if I had some money.  
 (use a suitable tense form)  
 b) I have no \_\_\_\_\_ (piece / peace) of mind.  
 (use the appropriate word)  
 c) How \_\_\_\_\_ you ask me such a question?  
 (use a semi-modal verb)  
 d) He \_\_\_\_\_ (threw / through) the book out of the window.  
 (use the appropriate word)  
 e) It \_\_\_\_\_ rain, take an umbrella.  
 (use the apt modal)

- 47) a) Develop the following hints into a story:

Birbal - courtiers jealous of him - ask Akbar to test - one courtier questioned him - how more crows in Agra - a weeks time given - Akbar seen in terrace - after a week - replied - as fairs in the courtier's head - Akbar laughs.

(OR)

- b) Identify each of the following sentence with the field in the list given below:

- a) The ozone layer protects us from UV rays.  
 b) FORTRAN language is commonly used in multinational Companies.  
 c) Add coriander leaves for flavour in the end.  
 d) We came to know of Mr. Peter's demise.  
 e) Take these milk regularly.  
 (media, computer, medicine, environment, cooking)