

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

Standard XII

ENGLISH

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Time: 3.00 hours

Part - I

Marks: 90

I. Answer all the questions.

Choose the correct Synonyms for the underlined words from the options given: 20 x 1 = 20

- Nicola was glaring at his younger brother in vexation.
a) enjoyment b) annoyance c) comfort d) convenience
- One is liable to put in too much milk.
a) likely b) certain c) eager d) unlikely
- Anna would say with an impudent smile.
a) innocent b) fake c) disrespectful d) decent

Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- He had full confidence in the mechanic.
a) trust b) defence c) reliance d) acceptance
- We made frequent changes of lead.
a) rare b) special c) strange d) gradual
- A stout old lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in great confusion.
a) weakness b) fatigue c) bafflement d) clarity
- Choose the correct combination for the compound word "Cat Walking".
a) noun + adjective b) adverb + noun
c) noun + gerund d) verb + noun
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation CCTV.
a) Charged Channel Television b) Closed Channel Television
c) Closed Circuit Television d) Checked Circuit Television
- Choose the right combination for the blended word 'edutainment'.
a) education + department b) education + entertainment
c) educational + entertainment d) educate + entertain
- Choose the clipped form of 'Perambulator'.
a) Pram b) Peram c) Pambulat d) Peramb
- Choose the right definition for the study of principles of beauty.
a) numismatics b) aesthetics c) phonetics d) linguistics
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'wind' to form a compound word.
a) cool b) chill c) screen d) breeze
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word and complete the sentence.
It is rather and expensive compliment.
a) non- b) un- c) in- d) dis-
- Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.
Afsar will meet me _____ Friday morning.
a) in b) on c) at d) of
- Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
I am a teacher, _____?
a) am not I b) aren't I c) don't I d) am I
- Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.
Eleventh hour preparation will not help the students.
a) till 11 pm b) at the last moment
c) much in advance d) late at night
- Substitute The underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.
How long have you been unemployed?
a) unsighted b) waiting time c) between jobs d) without earning

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18. Choose the mono-syllabic word.
a) ago b) boast c) demon d) unit
19. Choose the suitable meaning for the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence.
War broke out on 15th September.
a) **started** suddenly b) spread all over
c) ended suddenly d) damaged entirely
20. Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.
_____ he looks feeble, he is strong.
a) But b) As c) Though d) Because

Part - II**II. Answer any seven of the following :****Section - I**

4 x 2 = 8

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

21. "Legs wide, arms locked behind
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind"
a) Whose action is described here? b) What is his state of mind?
22. "All through the summer at ease we lay
And daily from the turret wall
We watch the mowers in the hay"
a) Who does 'we' refer to? b) Pick out the rhyming words.
23. "The Giant wears the scarf, and flowers
In crimson cluster all the bough among"
a) Who is the giant here? b) Mention the figure of speech employed here.
24. "Then the whinning school boy with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school"
a) What is the meaning of 'satchel'?
b) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?
25. "This is my son, mine own Telemachus
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle
Well-loved of me"
a) Who is Telemachus? b) Bring out the significance of 'sceptre'.
26. "..... free imaginations
Bringing changes into a world resenting change"
a) How does free imagination help the world? b) Identify the figure of speech.

Section - II

3 x 2 = 6

ii) Do as directed : (any three)

27. Report the following dialogue.
Maya : What are you searching for?
Usha : I am searching for my English note book.
28. Please, open the door (change the voice)
29. As my brother was sick, he could not attend the class. (change into compound sentence)
30. No other profession is as noble as teaching. (change into comparative degree)

Part - III**Section - I**

2 x 3 = 6

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

31. "The Chief's eye flashed, but presently
Softened itself, as sheathes"
32. "Our only enemy was gold"
33. "Sans teeth, Sans eyes, Sans taste, Sans everything"

Section - II

2 x 3 = 6

ii) Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each:

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
 35. What does Dr. Barnard compare this entertainment to?
 36. Define 'Liberty' as perceived by the author?

Section - 3

3 x 3 = 9

iii) Answer any three of the following :

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.
- a) _____ is the best teacher.
 i) opportunity ii) possibility iii) experience iv) defeat
- b) Make hay while the _____ shines.
 i) sun ii) moon iii) jupiter iv) star
- c) The pen is mightier than the _____.
 i) sword ii) dagger iii) spear iv) spade
38. Study the following table and write three sentences on your inference about the data. Average annual rainfall in the southern states of India in the year 2012.

S.No.	status of India	Average Rainfall (in mm)
1.	Tamilnadu & Pondicherry	1996
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3580
3.	Karnataka	5160
4.	Kerala	3055

39. Write a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a doctor and a patient.
 40. Describe the process of opening a bank account.

Part - IV

Answer the following :

7 x 5 = 35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words :
 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. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 a) What are the Poet's reminiscences of the Casuarina tree? (OR)
 b) What is the father's advice to his son when he is on the threshold of manhood?
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 discloses the fact - Makar admits - Aksionov dies. (OR)
 b) Life on Venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children - nine years old - forgotten the sun - appear 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. Read the following passage and make notes (OR) write a summary:

Languages are of different kinds - spoken language, written language, sign language, code language, body language, Braille or language of the blind and the more recent ones being the machine language and the computer language. Many languages have a long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among those, whose languages are centuries old. The number of languages used in verbal communication is extremely large. It is said that there are as many as 3500 identified languages throughout the world. Although this is true of the spoken languages, The number of written languages is much lower, with one estimate placing it at more

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than 500. Within the language, there are sub-languages that are called dialects. A *dialect* is a form of speech peculiar to a district, class or people. It is a subordinate variety of a language with distinguishable vocabulary, pronunciation or idioms.

45. a) **Respond to the following advertisement :**

Wanted
 Female Receptionist - Graduate with computer knowledge,
 Good fluency in English with minimum 3 years of experience
 Apply to : Post Box No. 2339
 C/o. The Hindu
 Chennai - 600002

b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on "**The benefits of Newspaper reading**"

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

- i) This sparrow is one of the most smallest bird I have seen.
- ii) Though he is ill, but he attends the class
- iii) I bought an useful gadget.
- iv) If they had contacted me, I would help them.
- v) Kumar as well as his friends have won the prize.

(OR)

b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately :**

- i) The protruding _____ of the tree obstructed our. (route / root)
- ii) My father _____ play football in his college days.

(Fill in the blank with a semi modal)

iii) Hurry up! The movie _____ (already begin)

Fill in the blank with the right tense form.

iv) This is the town _____ I spent my childhood. (use an appropriate relative pronoun)

47. a) **Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below :**

- i) Ooty is plastic free.
- ii) Cloning has proved that it is possible to replicate human beings.
- iii) An Indian is invited to referee the French Open.
- iv) The world will have to live with high oil prices and their negative impact on economic growth.
- v) The Committee discussed development of ideal teacher training curriculum. (Commerce, Science, Education, Sports, Environment, Religion, Social service)

(OR)

b) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :**

Discipline is the most essential virtue you should acquire when you are young. It is a complex quality. It shapes your mind to religious, social and economic patterns when you grow up to be an active citizen. At a young age, we do not realize the value of discipline. As children, we merely long for unlimited freedom, without understanding the meaning of discipline. An athlete disciplines himself and keeps himself fit. He refrains from smoking, observes good food habits and keeps good health. Discipline increases the human energy and implies control, resistance and adjustment. Our energy is saved and made vital for a good output.

Questions:

- i) The word 'essential' means
 - a) necessary
 - b) important
 - c) compulsory
- ii) How does discipline aid a citizen?
- iii) Why don't children want discipline?
- iv) Mention some ways in which an athlete maintains discipline.
- v) How is discipline beneficial to human beings?