

HALF YEARLY COMMON EXAMINATION - 2022

12 - STD

ENGLISH

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TIME : 3.15 HRS

MARKS : 90

- Instructions :** 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
2. Use Blue or Black pen to write and underline.

PART I (LEXICAL COMPETENCIES - 20 MARKS)

- I. Answer all the questions:** **20 X 1 = 20**
Choose the correct synonyms for the italicized words from the options given:
- There is also the **mysterious** social etiquette surrounding the teapot....
a) comprehensible b) incomprehensible c) vague d) unclear
 -and set the tray on the table, **deftly** uncorked the bottle, and left the room.
a) skillfully b) carelessly c) carefully d) legibly
 - A reasonable **consideration** for the rights or feelings of others is the foundation of social conduct.
a) thought b) scrutiny c) regarding d) relating
- Choose the correct Antonyms for the italicized words from the options given:
- Work is **scarce** in Verona.
a) Abundant b) meager c) little d) few
 - In those days, they didn't have **sophisticated** surgery.
a) modern b) primitive c) advanced d) none of these
 - People - children and adults arrived in **hordes** to see the chair.
a) crowd b) groups c) treasure d) single
 - Choose the correct British English word for the American English word '**primary school**'.
a) Kinder Garden school b) Play school c) Elementary school d) Kids School
 - Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word '**wing**' to form a compound word.
a) bus b) fees c) boy d) youth
 - Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word '**equal**'.
a) Ir- b) dis- c) il- d) un-
 - Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.**
'Mona Lisa' is Leonardo Da Vinci's **magnum opus**. a) An amazing feat
b) an extraordinary effort c) a wonderful achievement d) a great artist work
 - Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.
Radhika is **down-to-earth** woman.
a) Practical b) theoretical c) religious d) unique
 - Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative. (Euphemism)**
Many people are **homeless**.
a) On the streets b) vagrant c) destitute d) all of these
 - Choose the mono syllabic word.**
a) agriculture b) today c) school d) elephant
 - Substitute the phrasal verb in the sentence with a single word.**
You should **go through** the instructions carefully before you fill in the form.
a) study b) read c) listen d) watch

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15. **Add suitable question tag to the following statement.**
I have three sets of books,?
a) Haven't I b) do I c) don't I d) have I
16. **Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'snow drop'.**
a) Adjective + Adverb b) Noun + verb c) Verb + Adjective d) Noun + Adjective
17. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate Prepositional Phrase.**
You should study wellmany obstacles.
a) On account of b) instead of c) due to d) in spite of
18. **Fill in the blank with suitable preposition:**
The sun fadeda stir of mist.
a) upon b) behind c) to d) among
19. **What is the singular form of fungi?**
a) funguae b) fungus c) fungal d) fungae
20. **Fill in the blanks with the suitable Modal Auxiliary.**
Thounot steal.
a) Can b) shalt c) have to d) would

PART II (POETRY & GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCIES – 14 MARKS)

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 X 2 = 14)

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following:

21. *And the enemy half a mile away*
They seemed no threat to us at all.
a) Where were the enemies? b) Whom does 'they' refer to? (4 X 2 = 8)
22. *The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung*
In crimson clusters all the bough among!
a) Who is the giant? b) Write out the words of consonance in the second line.
23. *Then the whining school boy, with his satchel*
And shining morning face, creeping like a snake unwillingly to school.
a) What is satchel? b) Mention the figure of speech employed in the second line.
24. *To follow knowledge like a sinking star*
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought.
a) Identify the name of the poem and poet.
b) Mention the poetic device used in the first line.
25. *Tell him to be alone often and get at himself*
And above all tell himself no lies about himself
a) Whom does 'him' refer to?
b) What is the poetic device employed in the above lines?
26. *You know, we French stormed Ratisbon*
a) Name the nation mentioned here.
b) What is the poetic device used by the poet?

Do as directed : (Any three)

27. **Change the following sentence into indirect speech:** (3 X 2 = 6)
The Principal said, " Young students must think about the ways to control the use of plastic band in the school campus".
28. **Change into other voice.**
Rose smells sweet.
29. **Rewrite the sentence using 'If'.**
Don't waste water. You will suffer.

30. Mahatma Gandhi stood for Ahimsa. The whole world knows it.
(Combine the sentences using 'that')

PART III

Answer any seven of the following :

(7 X 3 = 21)

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

31. Is second childishness and mere oblivion
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything. (2 X 3 = 6)
32. Unto thy honor, tree beloved of those
Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose
33. Yet learning something out of every folly
Hoping to repeat none of the cheap follies.

Answer any two of the following in about 50 words.

(2 X 3 = 6)

34. How were Nicola and Jacopo useful to the narrator?
35. What was offered to Mammanar by Amma?
36. What was the profound lesson Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

Answer any three of the following:

(3 X 3 = 9)

37. Rearrange the following words into a proper meaningful order:
- become / my / is / a collector / dream to
 - eight years / to win / it / took / the world cup.
 - divine / to forgive / is
38. Describe the process of cleaning water tank.
39. Write a dialogue between two friends who talk about preparing for Board Examination March 2023.
40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:
- The proof of the pudding is in the(washing, preparing, eating)
 - A bad workman always blames his(materials, tools, weapons).
 - In the land of the blind, the one eyed man is(king, prince, duke)

PART IV

Answer the following :

(7 X 5 = 35)

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

- Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".
- Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the narrator's house before and after the arrival of the chair.

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

- Shakespeare has skillfully brought out the parallels between the life of man and actors on stage. Elaborate this statement with reference to the poem.
- Napoleon was a great source of inspiration to his army. Justify.

43. Write a paragraph in about 150 words by developing the following hints.

Aksinov - Vladimir - trip to a fair - wife tried to stop - meets a merchant - stays in an inn - police arrested - murder charge - no mercy - sent to Siberia - grew old - inmates respected - met Makar - found out the truth - Semiyonich admitted his crime - Aksinov forgave - died in the prison. (OR)

Life on Venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children - nine years old - forgotten the sun - appeared once in seven years - Margot from Earth - came five years before - children hated her - locked her in a room - sun came - only for two hours - rained again - 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:**

My memories of the first time I saw Kung Fu Panda in 2008, as a schoolgoer, is of being stunned by its deeply felt understanding of human emotions and the humor that caught you unawares. The story of an ordinary panda dreaming to fight evil alongside the luminaries of martial arts not only showed many children like me the power to dream, but also made a larger point, which in hindsight, assumes great significance; a good story sustains itself. Only later I would realize the importance, even need, for the most appropriate medium to execute the vision of a great story. It is in this context animation becomes all – encompassing in its power to move hearts and engage with the larger questions of the day. For Kung Fu Panda's director, Mark Osborne, however, it was the release of Spider Man : Into the Spider – verse 10 years later that marked an iconic moment for animation.

45. Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience to Simla. **(OR)**
Recently you ordered a hand bag through online shopping, and it has not arrived. But you got the message through phone that the bag has been delivered. Write a letter to the company complaining that you have not yet received your bag by furnishing the details about the order you made and ask the company to resend it or to repay the amount you have paid.

46. **i) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.**

- The student told the teacher that he did not brought the class work note.
- The patient is now free of danger.
- He took up gymnastic when he was seven years old.
- We speak the English.
- A group of travelers are travelling towards Karnataka. **(OR)**

ii) Fill in the blanks suitably:

- There is ashop in the.....boat in the harbor. **(stationery, stationary)**
-she can drive, she travels by bus. **(Use a suitable linker)**
- The judge sentenced the man to eight years in prison because he(rob) a bank. **(Use the proper tense form of 'read')**
- My grandmothertell me bed time tales when I was young. **(Use a Quasi Modal Auxiliary)**

47. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (5)**

The great Indian epic Valmiki Ramayana, written in Sanskrit, dates back to the 7th to 4th centuries BCE. Belonging to the itihasa genre, the story of Rama, his wife Sita, brother Lakshmana, the Simian general Hanuman, and the evil king Ravana of Lanka is a familiar one with most children in India and South Asia, though not perhaps with the new generation.

QUESTIONS:

- In which language was Ramayana written?
- Expand BCE.
- Who is Hanuman?
- When was Valmiki Ramayana written?
- Which foreign nation is mentioned in the passage? **(OR)**

Develop the hints into a story of 150 words:

Farmer in a village – had a hen – golden egg – farmer became rich – by selling golden eggs – greedy – thought to get all eggs at a time – killed the hen – found no eggs.