

HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION – 2022

Std : XII

PART - II - ENGLISH

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 90

Instructions :

1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing .If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
Answer all the questions legibly.
Write the answers only with the question number.

Part I

Answer all the questions.

(20x1=20)

Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words from the options given.

1. She was eager to do so.
a) Interested b) uninterested c) disinterested d) shy
2. Because he had a malignant tumour.
a) hard b) harmful c) massive d) soft
3. A few people from the house of bereavement stood outside.
a) Betrothal b) pavement c) grief d) burial

Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words from the options given.

4. To those misguided people, I would say.
a) Criticized b) lauded c) discouraged d) guided
5. I dragged our oxygen sets.
a) pulled b) pushed c) dried d) detached
6. We have got liberty now.
a) independence b) laziness c) restriction d) lunacy
7. Choose the correct full form of the abbreviation MRI.
a) Magnetic Resonance Imaging b) Magnetic Resonance Imagery
c) Magnetic Reasoning Imaging d) Magnetic Reactive Imaging
8. Choose the correct meaning of the foreign word in the sentence- We can't endorse all views in toto.
a) totally b) tersely c) timidly d) terribly
9. Choose the appropriate combination for the compound word- buttermilk.
a) Noun+Verb b) Noun+Noun c) Verb+ Noun d) Adjective+ verb
10. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word ' respect'.
a)ir b) un c) dis d) in
11. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word in the following sentence.
Many students use holidays for fun.
a) vocation b) vacation c) avocation d) staycation
12. Replace the underlined word with its phrasal verb. The fire was extinguished.
a)put on b) put out c) put off d) put up
13. Choose the correct sentence pattern of the following sentence. A boy goes to school on foot.
a)SVOA b) SVIDO c) SVAA d) SVCA
14. Choose the suitable meaning of the idiom in the following sentence. Teaching is my cup of tea.
a) favourite drink b) favourite hobby c) favourite act d) tasty drink
15. Choose the correct di-syllabic word.
a) cat b) profile c) idea d) benefit

16. Choose the correct plural form of the word- crisis.
- a) crises b) crisis c) crises d) crisisis
17. Add a suitable question tag to the following sentence. I am always the winner, ?
- a) amn't I b) are I c) ain't I d) aren't I
18. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition in the following sentence.
Yuvashree has been playing badminton _____ 2014.
- a)With b) from c) in d) since
19. Replace the underlined word with its polite form. Deva is unemployed.
- a)among the jobs b) between the jobs c) over the jobs d) with the jobs
20. Choose the correct blended word of the words smoke+ fog.
- a)smokog b) smog c) smfog d) smog

PART-II SECTION -1

4x2=8

- i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets of those lines.
21. All through the summer at ease we lay And daily from the turret wall
- a)Whom does 'we' refer to?
b)What is the season mentioned here?
22. Where on all day gathered bird and bee
- a)Where are birds and bees gathered?
b)Pick out the words in alliteration.
3. Then the whining school -boy , with his satchel And shining morning face , creeping like snail
- a)Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
b)Mention the figure of speech used in the second line.
4. This is my son, mine own Telemachus, To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle
- a)Who is Telemachus?
b)Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
5. Life is a soft loam; be gentle ; go easy And this too might serve him.
- a)Why does the poet suggest to take life easy?
b)Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
6. You know, we French stormed Ratisbon.
- a)Whom does 'we' refer to?
b)What is Ratisbon?

SECTION-2

Answer any three of the following questions. Do as directed. (3x2 = 6)

The President gave the commander an award. (into passive voice)

If I had listened well, I would have understood many ideas easily. (Begin the sentence with 'Had')

Teaching is one of the noblest professions. (into positive degree)

Though my friends are helpful, they are lazy. (into a compound sentence)

Part - III Section - I

Answer any two of the following questions with reference to the context: (2X3=6)

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

"Dear is the Casuarina to my soul"

"Tell him too much money had killed men"

Section - II

Answer any two of the following questions not more than 30 words each: (2X3=6)

What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?

35. What happened to the visitor when he sat on the stool, at the narrator's house?
 36. Define 'liberty' as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.

Section – III

Answer any three of the following :

(3X3=9)

37. The following table contains information on the types of English and Tamil books borrowed from a lending library. Study the table and answer the questions based on it.

Types of Books Lent	English	Tamil
Plays	500	600
Historical Novels	625	641
Social Novels	612	816

- (a) How many English books have been lent totally?
 (b) Social novels are read the most in English and Tamil. Is this statement True or False?
 (c) On the whole, which type of books is read least?
38. Describe the process of preparing of butter milk for four persons.
 39. Build a dialogue with 3 exchanges between a customer and a Bank Manager.
 40. Rearrange the sentences to make a meaning one:
 (a) rupees / lunch / to buy / it / twenty / costs
 (b) She / find / keys / could / her / not
 (c) food / we / at / eat / junk / never / home.

Part – IV

Answer the following

(7X5=35)

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
 (a) Write the character sketch of Nicola and Jacopo.
 (OR)
 (b) What do infer from Gardiner's essay " On the Rule of the Road"?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
 (a) Describe how Sandburg guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life. (OR)
 (b) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem " All the World's a stage"
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
 44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage. There is an enemy beneath our feet. He recongnizes no national boundaries, no political parties everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy in the Earth Quake. The power of a quake is greater then anything man himself can produced.
 But today, scientists are diverting more of the efforts into finding some way to combat earth quakes and it is possible that at some time in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from it. An earth quakes strikes without warning. When it does, it power is immerse. If it strikes a modern city, it can take down buildings and cause death and injury. If the quake strikes the sea, the huge tidal waves sweep inland. If it strikes in mountain regions, avalanches roar down the valleys . There are three regions in the world where earthquakes are mostly likely to happen. Scientists call them earthquake zones. The first runs along the East coast of the Asia cbntinent North Africa. If you take a map of the world and mark on it the location of all the major earthquakes. In history, you will see that they have occurred somewhere in these

zones. So, it is possible for scientists to say where the earth quakes will strike, but they cannot say exactly when.

(OR)

(b) Write a paragraph on the 'Value of Time'.

45. (a) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him / her on having been selected for the Semi- Finals of a state – level hockey tournament.

(OR)

(b) Write a letter to EZ Company requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently. Include the following details: the problem, date of purchase, receipt number, model and warranty.

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

- (i) One of my sister is rich.
- (ii) Rahim was senior than Abdul in college.
- (iii) Speakers after speaker came on the stage.
- (iv) You can also considers paramedical careers.
- (v) She bought an useful gadget.

(OR)

(B) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- (i) They to more money. (earn / yearn)
- (ii) I like to meet you in person and discuss the matter.
(Fill in the blank with a modal verb)
- (iii) Hurry up! The movie (already begin).
(Fill in the blank with the right tense form)
- (iv) The boy got the first prize is my brother.
(Use an appropriate relative pronoun)

47. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: The Mettur dam is a large dam in India built in 1934. It was constructed on a gorge. Where the river Kaveri enters the plains. The dam of the oldest in India. It provides irrigation facilities to a part of Salem. The length of Erode, Namakkal, Karur, Tiruchirapalli and Thanjavur. The Mettur Hydro Electric Power Project is also quite large. The dam, the park, power stations and hills make Mettur a tourist attraction. Questions:

- (i) What is a gorge?
(a) town (b) village (c) valley (d) Church
- (ii) What are the districts which get irrigation from the dam?
- (iii) Is the Mettur Dam a place of tourist attraction?
- (iv) When was the Mettur dam built?

Say True or False:

Coal is used to generate Hydro Electric Power.

(OR)

(b) Explain the meaning of the Proverb: 'Blood is Thicker than Water'

All the Best