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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION- 2023**11th std****English-Answer Key****14.12.2023****Part-I****I. Vocabulary****Synonyms**

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| 1. frivolous | - c) without sense |
| 2. preferred | - b) liked |
| 3. perseverance | - a) steadfastness |

Antonyms

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| 4. protests | x b) agree |
| 5. reluctant | x b) willing |
| 6. inferior | x a) superior |
| 7. internet | - c) international + network |
| 8. cynology | - d) study of dogs |
| 9. tight corners | - b) difficult situation |
| 10. spinning wheel | - b) Gerund + Noun |
| 11. Lift | - a) elevator |
| 12. active | - a) in - inactive |
| 13. d) so | |
| 14. accidental death | -c) collateral damage |
| 15. dictum | -c) dicta |
| 16. take care | - d) look after |
| 17. c) from | |
| 18. a) ought to | |
| 19. b) does he ? | |
| 20. a) photograph | |

Part-II**II. Appreciation**

21. a) The poet's faith is that every flower enjoys its life.
b) Lines Written In Early Spring ; William Wordsworth
22. a) Now the poet has realised that he has only a fake laughter. But he wants to give real laughter. So he wants to relearn how to laugh.
b) Simile
23. a) Macavity would make a fakir to stare of his powers.
b) Personification
- 24.a) cringing means excessively humble.
b) Everest is not the Only Peak ; Kulothungan
25. a) The poet admire the players for their heroic deeds.
b) The rhyming words are : feeds, deeds.
- 26.a) Honour is common to all.
b) Alliteration: no one
needs

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Grammar

27. Prabhu said to Adhira, “When do you come from your native town?”
28. **Let** the door not **be** slammed.
29. **Were** I a rich man, I would help the poor.
30. Radhira writes the letter **but/yet/still** she forgets to post it.

Part-III

31. Reference :

These lines are taken from the poem ‘Once Upon a Time’ written by Gabriel Okara, a Nigerian poet.

Context :

The poet painfully says that people change their faces according to the situation.

Explanation :

In this poem he says that in the olden days people had real human values and in the modern world people have only fake human values. In the modern world people’s laughter, handshakes and pleasantries are fake, not real. The poet also follows this now but he wants to be as real as he was in the past.

Comment:

Don’t trust everything you see, even salt looks like sugar.

32. Reference:

This line is taken from ‘Macavity-The Mysterious Cat’ written by T.S. Eliot.

Context :

The poet says about the Mysterious qualities of a shrewd vile cat.

Explanation:

He describes a notorious cat which cannot be arrested by the police. Macavity has its own way of escaping from the place of crime. He always has an alibi when he commits a crime. Alibi means a claim that one was elsewhere when a crime was committed. Macavity is good to provide an alibi and has some more alibies in store.

Comment :

The Macavity is a demon in the shape of a cat and it is full of evil qualities.

33. Reference:

This line is taken from the poem ‘Everest is not the Only Peak’ written by Prof.Kulaindaisamy.

Context :

The poet says that every attempt to move forward is as good as reaching a great peak.

Explanation:

Prof. V. C. Kulandaisamy, known as Kulothunagan was an eminent technologist and a man of letters. In his poem ‘Everest is not the Only Peak’ he enumerates why an ordinary man’s achievement should also be appreciated and accounted. . Everest may be the tallest peak but there are other peaks also. Those who try to reach those peaks without stopping their attempt should also be praised. Climbing Everest is not the only achievement; even climbing a small hillock is also an achievement. Every small action has a success behind it. It does not matter what height we reach in the society; one who does not bend before others to gain favours will be respected as a king.

Comment :

A bright day of a person starts when he buried his dark thoughts.

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34. Mary was Lucky:

The Indian team was the last to arrive in Pennsylvania. They had to go straight to the sporting arena. She found that she did not have any match on that day. So she was lucky to take some rest.

35. Plight of the Baby :

The baby was taken out in a perambulator by its father. On his way home he wanted to get into a store. So he left the pram outside and entered the store. After finishing his work he came out through another door and went back home forgetting the child. The mother happened to come on that way and was shocked to see the abandoned baby. She pushed the pram home thinking that the father would be worried about the missing baby. But when he came home he asked her what she had for lunch. He totally forgot about the baby.

36. Giving back to society:

A graduate should realise that his higher education comes from the revenues collected from the common man. So the graduate should bring meaning to the life of common man. He/she has to bring hope and comfort into the afflicted people.

37.

Notice

Christ The King Boys Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Kumbakonam

Inter-School Competitions

Elocution

14th December 2023

This is to inform all the students of Class XI and XII that a inter-school Elocution competition, will be held at 9.00 a.m. on 2nd January 2024, in the school auditorium as a part of our Annual Day Celebrations. Willing students are informed to enrol your names with Mr. Jayaprakash/ English Teacher. For any type of query, please contact the under-signed.

(Sd/-)

Principal

38.

The Process of Making Tea

- Boil two glasses of water in a vessel.
- Add two tea-spoons of tea leaves and ½ a cup of milk.
- Cover the vessel with a lid.
- Filter the tea and pour in cups.
- Add 2 teaspoons of sugar and stir it.
- Serve hot.

39. Message:

2 p.m.

15 December.

Hi dad,

Your friend Mr. Srikanth, from Salem, called this morning, to inform you that he has come to Kumbakonam and will meet you this evening at 5 pm..

-Ragavan

40. Proverbs

- a) life
- b) end
- c) beggars

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Part-IV

- 41. a)** Title : The Portrait of a Lady
 Author : Khushwant Singh
 Theme : Orthodox grandmother's bonding with grandson.

The love of a family is life's greatest blessings.

This short story 'The Portrait of a Lady' was written by the famous Indian writer Kushwant Singh. The grandmother was an old lady with wrinkled skin. She walked around the house in clean white dress. Every morning she recited her prayer thinking that the author would listen and learn the prayer by heart. When she accompanied him to school she carried some stale chapattis for the stray dogs. While the children inside the temple learnt alphabet and prayer, she sat inside and read the scriptures. When she went to city she was not happy to know that in the city school they did not teach about God. She was not interested in the music class too. When he joined the University he was given a separate room. She spent most her time with the spinning wheel reciting her prayers, When she embraced him at the railway station he could hear her reciting prayers. One evening a change came over her. She did not pray. Next day she fell ill. She lay peacefully in bed praying with her beads. In a short time she died.

"A grandmother is both a sword and a shield".

- b).** Title : The Convocation Address
 Author : Dr.C.N. Arignar Annadurai
 Theme : The role of Universities and responsibilities of students.

"Education is our greatest asset."

Dr. C. N. Annadurai gave the convocation address at Annamalai University on November 18, 1967. In this address he enumerates the importance of universities and their part to play in the social development. The students who get graduated from universities receive not only academic education but also information which mould them for their life. They are trimmed and trained to do their prominent role in the society. What is given in universities like philosophy, politics and ethics is meant for him. Apart from this, universities are the storehouse of knowledge and the developing ground of wisdom and service. More and more individuals are getting trained to take up the responsibilities to develop the society in democracy. They are moulded to obtain a decent living. They are made to realise that money is not the only objective of education. They ought to give back to society what they receive from it. Their education is possible from the revenues collected from the common man. So they are moulded to give hope and comfort to the afflicted.

"Graduation is not the end, it's the beginning"

- 42. a)** Poem : Confessions of a Born Spectator
 Poet : Ogden Nash
 Theme : A spectator can be as enthusiastic as athlete or player

"The trainer is more enthusiastic than the performer / player".

In the poem 'Confessions of a Born Spectator,' Ogden Nash talks about how people choose different sports in their lives or decide to become athletes. While admiring the talents of the athletes and sportsmen, the poet confesses that he is neither a sportsman nor an athlete. As a spectator he watches the rough games of the players. When a player runs to get his point the opponent will try to knock him down. He may fall to the ground and break his backbone. Then he will become invalid in this world. So he does not want to become an athlete.

"Be sportive as an athlete".

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- b) **Poem** : Macavity - The Mystery Cat
Poet : T. S. Eliot
Theme : Mysterious qualities of a shrewd vile cat.

"The Mystery of life isn't a problem to solve but a reality to experience"

T.S Eliot was an essayist, critic, playwright and poet of twentieth century. T.S Eliot, in his poem 'Macavity – The Mystery Cat' describes the mysterious qualities of a cat of villainous character. Macavity is a tall and thin cat who is always up to some crime. He is too clever to leave any evidence of his guilt. He is an enigma to every detective agency in the world including Scotland Yard and Flying Squad who are specialized in investigating crime. His brows are deeply lined as a result of continuous planning of crime. Macavity has sunken eyes and "his head is highly domed".. He spends his time plotting for his criminal acts. The poem accuses Macavity of misbehaviour, such as stealing milk, but also holds him responsible for major crimes. He is referred to as a "fiend in feline shape". He has been suspected of vandalism, theft, cheating at cards, and spying.

"The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible"

43. a) **Title** : A Shot In The Dark
Author : Hector Hugh Munro (Saki)
Theme : Think twice before making a decision

Characters: Philip Sletherby-Politician Mrs.Saltpen Jago-A rich lady
 Claude People K C – friend of Sletherby Bertie-son

History is mostly guessing; the rest is prejudice.

Philip Sletherby was met by a club acquaintance at the platform who talked good about Mrs. Saltpen Jago. He met a stranger in the train who called himself as Bertie, second son of Mrs. Saltpen Jago. Bertie checked all his pockets multiple times for his purse but he was unable to find it. He asked a small help of 3 pounds from Philip Sletherby as he was his mother's friend. He told Philip Sletherby that as he was travelling to Brondquay for 3 days fishing, he would return home (Brill Manor) on Monday and then would return his 3 pounds. Philip Sletherby tried to confirm Bertie's crest with crest of Mrs. Saltpen Jago which not only mismatched but also Bertie was not able to tell the correct colour of his mother's hair. Thus Philip Sletherby was not convinced that Bertie was the real son of Mrs. Saltpen Jago and hence denied to help Bertie. Bertie got down furiously and later Philip Sletherby thought highly of himself that how he would discuss that incident with other guests in the dinner and would be appreciated for his shrewdness. This might increase his chances for being chosen as a Party Manager. **Think before you act, think twice before you speak.**

- 43 b) **Title** : With the Photographer
Author : Stephen Leacock
Theme : Experience with the professional photographer.

"Real beauty exists inside the heart, not over the face"

Stephen Leacock describes his experiences in a photo studio where he wanted to get his photograph taken. The photographer was a drooping man who looked like a scientist. Leacock waited for one hour and he was called inside. He kept the camera in the middle of the room and had a look at Leacock. He gave a serious look at him and said that his face was not good and Leacock accepted it. He came out of the camera and adjusted Leacock's head and hand. Even then he was not satisfied. He asked Leacock to open his mouth and then close it. He said that the ears were not good and gave lot of instructions which irritated Leacock. Then Leacock angrily said that he was living with his face so far and he loved it. As he was about to get up the photographer clicked and the photo was taken. When he went to the studio again to see the proof, he was shocked to see that many changes had been made to make the photo look better. Leacock came out of the studio angrily asking the photographer to keep the photo for him, as it was a worthless bauble.

"Love yourself, not your outer beauty"

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44. Summary Writing / Note making**45.a)****LETTER TO EDITOR**

Date : 14.12.23

Place : YYY.

From

XXX, (Name)

257, 2nd Cross Street,

Raja Pandiyan Nagar,

YYY. (Place)

To

The Editor,

The Hindu,

Chennai – 01.

Sir,

Sub : Need to wear seat belt while driving - highlighted - reg.

I would like to bring to attention the importance of seat belt while driving. Many drivers do not take this provision seriously though the car company has introduced many signals to use it. People have not understood the importance of the seat belt. The seat belt can save the life of the driver if the car meets with an accident.

Now-a-days the hi-end cars come with many balloons to save the life of people inside the car. The balloons will open only when the seat belt is worn. So it is high time that the people take it seriously and wear the belt as we don't live twice.

Please publish this letter in your letter to the editor column so that it will create awareness among the public.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

XXX

(Social Activist)

Address on the envelope

To

The Editor,

The Hindu,

Chennai – 01.

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45.b) Report Writing

46. i.

- a) I **have been living** here since 2010.
- b) Copper is **a** useful metal.
- c) **Though** I was rich, I kept quiet. / I was rich **yet** I kept quiet.
- d) Balu is junior **to** me.
- e) I need your **advice** in this matter.

ii.

- a) adopted ; adapted
- b) used to
- c) can
- d) If

47. Passage Comprehension:

- a) The passage is about ODI World Cup/ Cricket Tournament.
- b) The Big Final was held at Narendra Modi Stadium.
- c) India played 11 matches.
- d) 2023 World Cup Final recorded the most attended cricket tournament.
- e) Australia is the Champion of 2023 World Cup.