

HTM **HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023**
11 - Std **ENGLISH**

Time : 3.00 Hrs

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Marks : 90

PART - I**Answer all the questions.****20 X 1 = 20****Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the option given.**

- Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face.....
 (a) graceful (b) fresh (c) smoothed (d) wrinkled
 - It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder.
 (a) irritation (b) inability (c) inferiority (d) ability
 - we have to re-call the struggles of the past and realize the perils and possibilities.....
 (a) safeties (b) dangers (c) securities (d) certainty
- Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the option given.**
- The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players.
 (a) required (b) obligatory (c) voluntary (d) compulsion
 - The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic.
 (a) rich (b) wealthy (c) poor (d) luxurious
 - It was at this point that my wife looked at me with an expression of wonder – not anger or exasperation.
 (a) irritation (b) calmness (c) vexation (d) annoyance
 - Choose the clipped form of "**Demonstration**".
 (a) Demon (b) Monster (c) Demo (d) Station
 - Choose the right definition for the given term "**Pathologist**".
 (a) one who studies diseases (b) one who studies insects
 (c) one who studies earthquake (d) one who studies birds
 - Choose the meaning of the idiom "**Back to the wall**".
 (a) In serious difficulty (b) abandoning one who is in difficulty
 (c) try any method to overcome a crisis (d) sign of something going wrong
 - Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence:
 Talking business at dinner is a "**faux pas**" in France
 (a) genuine (b) social blunder (c) summary (d) secret session
 - Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "**toll**".
 (a) Plaza (b) late (c) proof (d) wheel
 - Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "**audible**".
 (a) in (b) re (c) un (d) de
 - Choose the expanded form of "**GST**". (a) Goods and Service Trade
 (b) Goods and Savings Term (c) Goods and Service Tax (d) Good Social Tax
 - Choose the Tri-syllabic word.**
 (a) grandmother (b) tourist (c) photographer (d) lesson
 - Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word - **accident**.
 (a) _ment (b) _able (c) _al (d) _ic
 - Replace the underlined word choosing the most appropriate phrasal verb. The meeting will continue in your absence.
 (a) carry on (b) carry out (c) carry off (d) carry in
 - Choose the unclipped form of '**mark**'.
 (a) remark (b) market (c) demarcate (d) marks

18. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrase. He played his illness.
 (a) in case of (b) in spite of (c) in the event of (d) with regards to
19. Choose the most appropriate question tag for the following sentence. Cities are increasingly becoming urbanised?
 (a) don't they (b) do they (c) aren't they (d) are they
20. Complete the following sentence choosing the most appropriate modal verb.
 Bharath like to meet the celebrity.
 (a) will (b) can (c) would (d) may.

PART-II SECTION -A

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

21. *If this belief from heaven be sent,
 If such be Nature's holy plan.*
 (a) What is the figure of speech implied in this line. (b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?
22. *For he's a fiend in feline shape,
 a monster of depravity.*
 (a) Identify the poem and the poet. (b) Explain the phrase 'monster of depravity'.
23. *"A life that knows no kneeling and bending
 We are proud and feel so tall"*
 (a) What kind of a life, does the poet talk about? (b) Pick out the alliterated words.
24. *"And nothing can we call our own but death
 And that small model of the barren earth"*
 (a) Pick out the rhyming words in these lines. (b) What is the small model of the barren earth?
25. *'But now they only laugh with their teeth,
 While their ice-block-cold eyes...'*
 (a) Who are 'they'?
 (b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
26. *With all my heart I do admire
 Athletes who sweat for fun or hire* (a) Whom does the poet admire?
 (b) For what reason do the athletes sweat?

b) Do as Directed: (Answer any three out of four)

3 x 2 = 6

27. Rewrite the following dialogue in reported form.
 Taj : Where are you going now?
 Harsha : I am going to the library. Are you coming with me?
28. Rewrite the following sentence in its passive form. Kaleel wrote a letter to the editor.
29. Combine the sentences using 'if'.
 Ragavi did not come yesterday. She was ill.
30. Transform the following into a complex sentence. Balaji was too tired to work.

Part - III

Answer any seven of the following: Section-1

7 x 3 = 21

Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context:

31. *In that sweet mood
 when pleasant thoughts
 Bring sad thoughts to
 the mind.*
32. *I have learned to wear my faces
 Like dresses ...*

33. *Our lands, our lives, and all, are Bolingbroke's,
And nothing can we call our own but death;*

Section-2

Answer any two of the following questions briefly:

34. Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
35. What is a tight corner? What happens when one finds oneself in a tight corner?
36. When does human memory work with less than its usual capacity?

Section-3

Answer any three of the following: (any three out of four)

37. Re-arrange the shuffled words and frame into meaningful sentences.
i) them/ being/ is/ a house /constructed/ by ii) the door/ not/ slammed/ be/ let.
iii) saw/ entering/ I/ somebody/neighbour's house/ my.
38. Extend the conversation with three more exchanges .
Seema : Could I get something to eat immediately?
Waiter : Yes Ma'am. We have hot idlies.
39. Describe the process of making lime juice.
40. Prepare a notice informing XI students about the inauguration of Literary Club at your school.

Part – IV

Answer the following:

7 × 5 = 35

41. a) Why was Mary Kom named the "Queen of Boxing". (OR)
b) Bring out the pun in the title "The Accidental tourist".
42. a) Do you think the poet wants to say that man is unhappy because he has lost his link with nature and forgotten how to enjoy nature or because man is cruel to other men? (OR)
b) Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity.
43. **Answer in paragraph of about 150 words ,develop the following hints.**
a) Philip Slethery- Politician – Brill manor- meet- Mrs. Saltpenjago- London- Re-Election- young man – Bestie- needed three pounds- mistken- fraud- Jago crest- demillion- Seeing is Believing". (OR) b) Jack and Jill- happy married couple- Villa New Hampstead- Aunt Jane visits- much surprised- furniture- Lovely house- instalment basis-Aunt Jane cannot believe- Jack explains borrow Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation Aunt Jane- Leaves house- On foot- gives cheque- They try – own baby.
44. **Write a summary or Make notes of the following passage.**

There are basically two types of auctions: ascending-bid auctions and descending-bid auctions. Ascending-bid auctions start out with a low bid for an object. The price of the object is gradually raised until only one bidder remains. By contrast, descending-bid auctions start out with a high bid and the price is progressively lowered until a customer expresses a willingness to purchase the object. Both procedures have a number of variants. For example, in some types of auctions a professional auctioneer declares the suggested bids. In other types of auctions, however, the customers make their own bids. Another variant, used at places such as eBay or Yahoo Auction, is called a "buyout option". A high price for an item is declared. Anyone willing to pay that price is guaranteed a purchase. This variant seems to appeal consumers who dislike uncertainty: for a fixed price they are guaranteed an object. "Buyout options" are most commonly used if the seller has a stock of several copies of the same item.

Both ascending-bid and descending-bid auctions can be conducted in either open or closed formats. In open formats, all participants know what exactly how much an

object is going for. For example, at many Japanese fish markets, wholesalers gather around the fish to be purchased and raise their hands as the auctioneer names progressively higher prices. In closed auctions, participants are unaware of how much other participants are willing to pay for an object. For example, a case in which participants used sealed envelopes to place their bids on a piece of real estate represents this type of auction. Though open auctions generally yield higher prices, closed formats are sometimes preferred in situations in which the privacy of the prospective buyers is considered paramount or the need to document precisely how much each party bid is high.

45. a) Read the following advertisement and respond to it with a resume / bio-data / CV considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified:
[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]

WANTED

English Teacher - Post Graduate with computer knowledge, and good communication skills. Minimum 2 Years of Experience is mandatory.

Apply to : Post Box No : 1998 C/o. The Hindu. Chennai - 02.

(OR) b) Write a paragraph in about 200 words on "My ambition in life "

- 46 a) i) The doctor advised his patient to take out the — of cigarette. He had in his — and throw it in the dust bin. (*Pocket/Packet*)
ii) If we had time, we — (*Visit*) the exhibition. (*Use the correct tense form of the verb*)
iii) The sisters — meet every day, when they lived in the same town.
(*Fill in the blanks with suitable semi-modal verb*)
iv) Don't talk — you are eating. (*Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction*) (OR)

b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- i) Neither of the boys are guilty. ii) Balaji is junior than me.
iii) Our teacher gives us a lot of advices. iv) The quality of the mangoes were good.
v) The tourists took much photos during their trip.

- 47 a) Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

*Some people are like caterpillars,
Some people are like butterflies.
People who are insecure.
People who think they are fat.
People who think they are ugly.
People who are scared of their flaws.
Are the caterpillars.
People who have accepted that
no matter how hard you try,
You will never be perfect.
People who are positive.*

*People who are dreamers.
People who believe anything can happen as
long as you try.
Are the butterflies.
The good thing about caterpillars is that
they always
Turn into a beautiful butterfly.
You will soon turn into a person who
Is able to accept that they are who they are.
You will be a bit shaky at first.
But with more confidence
You will fly high.*

- Questions :** 1) What are the people like?
2) What do the people who are butterflies, believe?
3) What is the good thing about caterpillars?
4) How will you fly high?

- 5) Write the synonyms from the passage for the given words: frightened (OR)
b) Frame a dialogue with a minimum of ten exchanges for the given situation: Between two players after their team lose a match very narrowly.

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XI - ENGLISH.

HALF YEARLY EXAM ANSWERS
KEY - 2023

[Tiruvannamalai dist]

<u>PART-I</u>		
①	d) Wrinkled	② d) ability
④	c) voluntary	⑤ c) poor
7)	c) Demo	③ b) dangers
8)	a) one who studies diseases	⑥ b) calmless
9)	a) In serious difficulty	
10)	b) social blunder	
11)	b) late (printed mistake that gate)	
12)	a) in	
13)	c) Goods and Service Tax	
14)	a) grandmother	
15)	c) -al	
16)	a) carry on	
17)	c) demarcate	
18)	b) In spite of	
19)	c) aren't they	
20)	c) would.	

Part - II
Section - A

- 21) a) Personification
b) The poet calls it holy because Nature is God's work from heaven.
- 22) a) Poem: - ^{The} Mystery Cat
Poet: - T. S. Eliot
b) Monster of depravity means giant of moral corruption.
- 23) a) Poet talks about we should not kneel or bend down before anyone.
b) Knows, Kneeling
- 24) a) death, earth
b) Small model of the barren earth is perishable human body.
- 25) a) Modern people.
b) Metaphor
- 26) a) Athletes
b) Athletes sweat for money (or) pleasure.

Section - B

- 27) Taj asked Harsha where she was going then and Harsha replied that she was going to the library moreover Harsha asked if/whether she was coming with her.

Part - III

- 31) Poem! - Lines written in the Early Spring
Poet! - William Wordsworth.
- 32) Poem! - Once upon a time
Poet! - Gabriel Okara.
- 33) Poem! - The Hollow Crown.
Poet! - William Shakespeare.

Section-3

- 34) i) A house is being constructed by them
ii) Let the door not be slammed.
iii) I saw somebody entering my neighbour's house.
- 46) a) Fill in the blanks!-
i) Packet, pocket
ii) would
iii) used to
iv) while
- b) Spot the errors!-
i) Neither of the boys is guilty
ii) Balaji is junior to me
iii) Our teacher gives us a lot of advice -
iv) The quality of the mangoes was good.
v) The tourists took many photos during their trip.

- 47) a)
- 1) caterpillars, butterflies
 - 2) people who believe anything can happen as long as you try.
 - 3) Turn into a beautiful butterfly
 - 4) with more confidence.
 - 5) scared.

28) A letter was written by Kaleel.

29) If Ragavi had come yesterday, she would have ^{not} been ill.

30) Balaji is so tired that he cannot work.

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