

## HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

STANDARD - XI

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Time : 3.00 Hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks : 90

PART - I

I. Answer all the questions:

20 X 1 = 20

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. As for my grandmother being young and pretty, the thought was almost revolting.  
a) acceptable                      b) detectable                      c) adorable                      d) objectionable
2. The ordinary man seldom, some matters ..... the memory works with less than its usual perfection.  
a) expected                      b) accepted                      c) ruled out                      d) denied
3. 'I always have catastrophes, when I travel'.  
a) disaster                      b) fortune                      c) prosperity                      d) success
4. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.  
We had to persuade her to stop to avoid over-straining.  
a) convince                      b) induce                      c) prevent                      d) lead
5. So you will understand, when I tell you how much I ache to be suave .....  
a) impolite                      b) uncultured                      c) unsophisticated                      d) a, b, c
6. The coaches consoled me and lauded me on the silver win.  
a) praised                      b) persuaded                      c) criticized                      d) congratulated
7. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'kind'.  
a) -ster                      b) -ness                      c) -or                      d) -ous
8. Choose the word that can be added after 'rain' to form a compound word.  
a) dreaming                      b) less                      c) fall                      d) book
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'MCI'.  
a) Meat Council of India                      b) Missing Council of India  
c) Mention Council of India                      d) Medical Council of India
10. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'remove'.  
a) -cracy                      b) -age                      c) -al                      d) -hood
11. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with a phrasal verb.  
The actor rehearsed his dialogues quickly before going to the stage.  
a) ran around                      b) ran away                      c) ran up                      d) ran over
12. Choose the right meaning of the idiomatic expression in the sentence below.  
The hotel staff bend over backwards to make the visit of the dignitaries a memorable one.  
a) tried to please                      b) make every effort                      c) carried the bags                      d) was hospitable
13. Choose the meaning of the idiom 'hit the sack'.  
a) briefly                      b) go to sleep                      c) in trouble                      d) very clearly
14. Replace the phrasal verb in the sentence with the suitable single word:  
Nobody could quarrel with your conclusion.  
a) support                      b) accept                      c) appreciate                      d) oppose
15. Fill in the blank with the appropriate determiner.  
Did \_\_\_\_\_ see you while you were coming here?  
a) someone                      b) anyone                      c) no one                      d) anything

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16. Add a suitable question tag to the following statement.

Ashok won a gold for India, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- a) did he                      b) does he                      c) didn't he                      d) can't he

17. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.

Was it worth waiting \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- a) up                      b) for                      c) off                      d) on

18. \_\_\_\_\_ is the study of dog training.

- a) Oology                      b) Cynology                      c) Ichthyology                      d) Ecology

19. Fill in the blank with the appropriate determiner.

The teacher had \_\_\_\_\_ idea about the problem.

- a) this                      b) that                      c) any                      d) no

20. Fill in the blank with a suitable option.

I have a friend \_\_\_\_\_ cat is annoying.

- a) whose                      b) that                      c) which                      d) wo

## PART - II

## Section - 1

Answer any four of the following.

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four (4) of the following:  $4 \times 2 = 8$ 

21. "Feel at home," "Come again"

They say .....

- a) Who are 'they'?                      b) Do 'they really mean it'?

22. Well, ego it might be pleased enough  
But zealous athletes play so rough

- a) What pleases the ego?                      b) Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines.

23. If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan.

- a) What does 'heaven' refer to?                      b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?

24. "There never was a Cat of such deceitfulness and suavity"

- a) Which cat is being talked of here?                      b) How is he different from the rest?

25. "We are proud of the position we  
Hold; humble as we are"

- a) What is the speaker proud of?                      b) How is the speaker both humble and proud?

26. "Comes at the lost, and with a little pin  
Bores through his castle wall, and farewell king!"

- a) How is the castle pierced?                      b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.

## Section - 2

Answer any three of the following questions:

27. Report the following dialogue:

Meena : What will you have, coffee or tea?

Malar : I will take tea

Meena : Can I add sugar?

Malar : No, I am diabetic

 $3 \times 2 = 6$

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28. The reason for his absence is not clear. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)  
 29. He worked hard in order to get more marks. (Rewrite as a complex sentence)  
 30. She sings well. She will get the prize. (Combine using 'if')

## PART - III

## Section - 1

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

2 X 3 = 6

31. "But now they only laugh with their teeth"  
 32. "I heard a thousand blended notes  
 While in a grove I sate reclined"  
 33. "He who does not stoop, is a king we adore,  
 We bow before competence and merit".

## Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each:

2 X 3 = 6

34. Describe author's grandmother.  
 35. What are our memories filled with?  
 36. How would staying away from liquid mischief benefit Bryson?

## Section - 3

Answer any three of the following questions:

3 X 3 = 9

37. Write an e-mail to the Commissioner of the Corporation complaining about the sanitary conditions of the streets in your locality.  
 38. Prepare a notice announcing suspension of water supply in a residential apartment complex on account of maintenance work. Give suitable details and instructions to the residents.  
 39. Build a dialogue of minimum five utterances between Raju and Inspector of Police.  
 40. Write an article in about 150 words on 'Child Labour'.

## PART - IV

Answer the following questions:

7 X 5 = 35

Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words:

41. Give an account of the author's relationship with his grandmother.

(OR)

Name the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner, by his own folly.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.

How does Ogden Nash try to explain that he is very happy being a mere spectator?

(OR)

How does King Richard explain the power of Death to his followers through his monologue?

43. Answer the paragraph in about 150 words by developing the following hints:

Philip Sletherby - travelling by train - a companion - want three pounds - Bertie's statement - Sletherby's doubt - through Bertie - a fraud - came to know through KC - Bertie did not lie - sorry for his mistake. (OR)

Jack and Jill - things in installments - Aunt Jane visited - preached - ease and comfort of buying - first baby in installment.

44. Write a summary (or) make notes of the following passage:

Family is where we all belong to and from where our identity comes from. A person is valued based on his family and upbringing. Family is a bond, a long lasting relationship that holds a bond with each other. There are many values that one has to learn to get the family bonding in the right manner. Bonding does not happen overnight. It forms with every second, every minute that you spend with your loved ones. The understanding, the acceptance, the belonging and the security all enclosed together is how a family bond is formed. A close family bond is like a safe harbour, where we feel secure and where we trust that we have someone always there to whom we could turn to when we need them most. It is through a family that we learn the values of love, trust, hope, belief, culture, morals. A strong foundation for any individual comes from supportive family.

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45. Write a letter to the Postmaster of your village, informing him/her of your change of address.

(OR)

You are Vinotha/Vinith. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her for your sister's marriage.

46. Read the following sentences, spot the error in them and correct them.

- 1) We enjoy the cricket.
- 2) She is down by cold.
- 3) Much water go waste.
- 4) This is one of the best book.
- 5) It rain tomorrow.

(OR)

Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ little girl did not realise how her hair got so \_\_\_\_\_ (knotty / naughty)
- 2) Children \_\_\_\_\_ be energetic the whole day. (Use semi-modal verb)
- 3) When I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out, I saw a stranger entering my neighbour's house.

(Use the correct verb form)

- 4) If you \_\_\_\_\_ (waste) water you will suffer. (Fill in the blank with a conditional clause)

47. Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

The pearl is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels. It is the one gem that is not dug up from a mine in the earth. It is grown in the shell of an oyster. The oyster does not make the pearl for the purpose of adorning the necks of women. It makes it only as a means of self-protection. To protect itself from the object like a grain of sand, the oyster begins to cover the object with a thick fluid which is secreted in its own body. When this layer hardens, an irritation begins and another layer is added.

**Questions:**

- 1) Which is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels?
- 2) What is unique about that jewel?
- 3) Where is it grown?
- 4) Why is the pearl made?
- 5) How does the Oyster protect itself?

(OR)

Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:

- 1) I went to Kolkata by Coromandel Express.
  - 2) The monitor plays the menu.
  - 3) Faith in God helps one to lead a peaceful life.
  - 4) India is marching towards 0% illiteracy.
  - 5) Owing to recession, value of shares came down.
- (Commerce, Education, Travel, Computer, Religion)

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