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Time : 3.00 hrs.

Half Yearly Examination - 2023

ENGLISH

PART - I

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Max. Marks 100

(20 x 1 = 20)

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

- I took away from this championship was the conviction that I could take on any boxer
a) belief b) disbelief c) assurance d) satisfaction
- Realise the perils and possibilities.
a) fact b) safety c) guarded d) danger
- He realized that a career of rectitude sometimes has rewards
a) distrust b) integrity c) gratitude d) honesty

Choose the most appropriate Antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences

- The thought was almost revolting.
a) pleasing b) terrible c) horrible d) disgusting
- Absent - mindedness of this kind seems to me all but a virtue.
a) honour b) goal c) noble d) vice
- They have inaugurated the era of democracy
a) introduced b) begun c) started d) ended
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the root word 'secure'
a) un- b) en- c) dis- d) in-

Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'homesick'

- a) noun + adjective b) adverb + adjective c) noun + noun
d) adverb + verb

9. Choose the best option that is the expansion of the abbreviation 'BBC'

- a) British Broadcasting Corporation b) Big Bazaar Corporation
c) Business Briefing Content d) Busy Bee Company

10. Choose the clipped form of the word 'University'

- a) univer b) sity c) versity d) varsity

11. Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence _____ you book in advance, you cannot

- a) Unless b) If c) Although d) Otherwise

12. Choose the correct British English equivalent for the American English word 'Vacation'

- a) Weekend b) Holiday c) Tour d) Leave

13. Choose the correct preposition for the following sentence :

The prayer session will be held _____ Fridays.

- a) at b) on c) with d) of

14. Choose the word with the correct spelling

- a) dysentery b) separate c) secretary d) foreign

15. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb. The teacher did not tolerate his behavior

- a) turn off b) cut off c) give up d) put up with

16. Replace the underlined word with a polite form of expression

Slow learners are to be taught with more care and attention

- a) bright b) unwilling learners c) hyper active d) late bloomers

17. Choose the disyllabic word from the given option

- a) music b) queue c) examination d) educate

18. _____ is one who treats kidney diseases
 a) neonatologist b) neurologist c) nephrologist d) pulmonologist
19. Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the sentence given below
 The public exam is nearing and the student are getting cold feet.
 a) hopeful b) relaxed c) nervous d) peaceful
20. Add a suitable question tag for the following sentence
 Meena is not a lawyer. _____?
 a) isn't she b) isn't it c) was she d) is she

PART - B
 SECTION - I

(4 x 1)

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

21. Honour is a property, common to all
 In dignity and pride no one need to be poor
 a) Who are considered rich? b) What is their asset?
22. But the least motion which they made it seem'd a thrill of pleasure.
 a) What does "they" refer to?
 b) Write the words in alliteration
23. With all my heart I do admire
 Athletes who sweat for fun or hire
 a) Whom does the poet admire?
 b) For what reasons do the athletes sweat?
24. And I have learned too
 To laugh with only my teeth

And shake hands without my heart

- a) Who is speaking to whom?
 b) What did the speaker learn?

25. And 'tis my faith that every flower
 Enjoys that air it breathes....

- a) What is the poet's faith?
 b) What trait of nature do we see here?

26. Macavity's a Mystery Cat : he's called the Hidden Paw

- a) Does the poet talk about a real cat?
 b) Why is he called the Hidden Paw?

SECTION - 2

(3 x 2 =)

Answer any three of the following

27. If ~~he had~~ had permission, I would have visited the site. (Begin with 'Had')
28. The selection committee was praising her friend (Change into passive voice)
29. As ~~he was~~ adamant, he lost his peace of mind (Change into a compound sentence)
30. He said to her, "I waited for your arrival". (Change into indirect speech)

PART - III

Answer any Seven of the following :

(2 x 3 =)

31. Explain any two of the following with reference to context
 In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
 Bring sad thoughts to the mind.
32. I have learned to wear many faces I
 Like dresses....

33. We deem it our duty and mission in life
To bless and praise the deserving ones.

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words

34. Why are Universities necessary for a society?
35. What made the dogs follow the grandmother after school hours?
36. Why did the narrator visit Christie's?

Section - 3

(3 × 3 = 9)

Answer any three of the following.

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	512	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. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word form the list
- a) _____ is the best policy
i) sincerity ii) Honesty iii) Sharing
- b) The pen is mightier than the _____
i) sword ii) dagger iii) spear
- c) _____ is next to godliness
i) Prayer ii) Tidiness iii) Cleanliness

39. You are Prakash / Priya, the president of your school English Club. Draft a notice about "Essay Writing Competition" display on your school notice board.

40. Describe the process of removing grease stains on your dress.

PART - IV

(7 × 5 = 35)

Answer the following

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words
a) Write a character sketch of the author's grandma
(OR)
b) Narrate the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner, by his own folly.
42. a) The poet does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. How does he justify his view?
(OR)
b) In what way is every hillock similar to Everest.
43. a) Many patients wait – dentist's clinic – tensed – tooth – being extracted – the arrival of the dentist – Joe, the first patient – called in – the nurse goes – with hammer – reaction – other visitors – go – away – fear – was to open tool box.
(OR)
b) Stephen Leacock – visits a photo studio – for photograph – the photographer – unpleasant comments – takes a long time – Leacock gets angry – the photographer – takes photo in animation – asks to come on Saturday – Leacock goes – disappointed – does not resemble him – accuses and leaves.
44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.
The Ostrich is the biggest bird in the world with a height of upto 8 feet and weight of as much as 300 pounds. The male Ostrich is taller than a human and out weights most of us. The Ostrich cannot fly but it is the fastest runner among birds.

2 pounds. Ostriches roam the grassy plains of Africa in groups. The African ostrich has just two toes soft the heavy bird sinking into the soft sand.
The humming bird is the smallest of all birds. The bird eats tiny insects and sucks nectar from flowers like a bee. humming bird's tongue is like a jung thin tube. It sticks out from the end of its beak. Using this tongue the bird can up nectar and it looks as if it had a straw in its mouth.

45. a) Write a letter to a sports company ordering some sports items for the Physical Education Department of your school.
(OR)
b) Respond to the following advertisement considering yourself fulfilling the condition specified

Wanted

Wanted male receptionist – graduate with computer knowledge / good fluency in English with minimum 3 years of experience.

Apply to :

Post box No. 2339
C/o. The Hindu
Chennai – 600 002.

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

i) Although his mother tongue is Tamil but he always speaks in English.

ii) He gave me a lot of advices

iii) He is a M.Sc. student

iv) One of the minister walked out

v) The students discussed about the NEET exam.

(OR)

- b) Do as directed

i) They had dates for ____ in the ____ (desert / dessert)

ii) _____ God bless you (Use a modal verb)

iii) They always _____ (believe) in the existence of God (use the correct tense form of the verb)

iv) _____ there is a will, there is a way (use a suitable link word)

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The word photography is derived from two Greek words which together mean 'to draw by light'. Producing a photograph is simply obtaining the image of an object by the action of light on a prepared sensitive surface. Taking a photograph

with a modern camera is a comparatively simple process compared with that which produced some of the early photographs, still to be seen, for instance, in family albums. The early camera was large and cumbersome to handle and when assembled in position, had to be carefully focused on the object a lengthy operation. With the early hand operated cameras the exposure was made by removing a lens cover and counting the length of the exposure in seconds. There was also the tedious task of loading and of preparing a sensitive glass for which the photographer had to carry with him a portable dark room or a large plate changing box. Now the same operation consists simply of breaking the seal on a carton and loading, in daylight, a roll of film which provides sufficient and light sensitive material for eight to thirty six exposures according to the type of camera used.

i) Trace the origin and meaning of the word 'photography'

ii) What were the difficulties faced by people operating the camera in early days?

iii) How was the exposure made in the early hand-operated cameras?

iv) Why did the photographer of earlier days carry a portable dark room with him?

v) How is the light-sensitive material obtained in modern days?

(OR)

- b) Write a dialogue with a minimum of five exchanges between two friends planning for higher studies.