

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

CLASS: XI

ENGLISH

Reg.No 11108

Time : 3.00 Hours

MAX MARKS : 90

## PART - I

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the words underline in the following sentences. 20x1=20

1. He remembers the dates of goods vintages .  
 a) ages                      b) Prime                      c) Unimportant                      d) inferior
2. He could hear a smothered noise form his friend.  
 a) loud                      b) Suppressed                      c) weird                      d) Strong
3. .... Came raining down in a fluttery cascade.  
 a) ascend                      b) disorder                      c) Waterbrook                      d) Water fall

Choose the most appropriate antonyms

4. She had been old and wrinkled for twenty years.  
 a) wizened                      b) folded                      c) Smooth                      d) Criss cross
5. Was even hopeful of winning the gold?  
 a) Confident                      b) Valuable                      c) desperate                      d) anticipative
6. There he was sitting splendour on chair.  
 a) dejection                      b) simplicity                      c) Sharme                      d) laziness
7. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the baseword "tidy".  
 a) ir                      b) dis                      c) im                      d) un
8. The expansion of the abbreviation 'LAN'.  
 a) Local Area Net                      b) Local Area Network  
 c) Locality Area Network                      d) Location Area Network
9. Choose the appropriate Linker.  
 He asked me to wait ..... he returned.  
 a) as                      b) Who                      c) through                      d) untill / till

10. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition

A Child places his toys ..... a blanket.

- a) in                      b) under                      c) at                      d) to
11. 'Ability ' is a ..... syllabic word.  
 a) di                      b) tri                      c) tetra                      d) Penta
12. Replace the underlined idiom with its meaning  
 It is raining on and off for the past two days.  
 a) normally                      b) Violently                      c) Continuously                      d) intermitterntly
13. Choose the correct question tag for the following suntana No one can predict the future.....?  
 a) Can they                      b) Can't they                      c) Can you                      d) Should you
14. Choose the clipped from of 'alchemist'.  
 a) alchemy                      b) Chemistry                      c) mist                      d) Chemist
15. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'Kitchen garden'.  
 a) Adverb+Noun                      b) Verb+Noun                      c) Noun+Noun                      d) Prepostion + Noun
16. Replace the British English word with its equivalent in American English  
 We got stuck in the 'lift'.  
 a) raise up                      b) Stair case                      c) elevator                      d) upstairs

17. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.  
There are many rich families in the town.  
a) Well - Maintained      b) Well-to-do      c) Well-acquainted      d) Well-established
18. Choose the wrongly spelt word.  
a) dangerous      b) primary      c) independent      d) refrigerator
19. Choose the correct singular form of 'Photos'.  
a) Photoes      b) Photose      c) Photoies      d) Photo
20. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence.  
Rain delayed the India versus Australia match yesterday.  
a) different      b) against      c) altered      d) Similar

### PART - II SECTION - 1

Answer any four of the following.

4x2 = 8

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow.

21. "Defeat we repel, courage our fort"  
a) Who does 'we' refer to?      b) How do we react to defeat?
22. "You may seek him in the basement,  
you may look up in the air -  
But I tell you once and once again,  
Macavity's not there !"  
a) Where can you find Macavity?      b) Will macavity remain in the same place?
23. "Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of Man?"  
a) What does "Lament " mean?      b) Identify the figure of speech in the 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
24. "Athlete, I'll drink to you  
or eat with you,  
or anything except compete with you"  
a) with whom did the poet want to drink or eat? why?      b) Does the poet want to compete with the athlete?
25. "Legs wide, arms locked behind  
As if to balance the prone brow"  
a) Find out the words in alliteration.      b) Whose action is described here?
26. "For some three suns to store and hoard myself  
And this gray spirit yearning in desire"  
To follow knowledge....."  
a) Explain "three Suns"      b) What does Ulysses yearn for?

### SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x2=6

27. Report the following dialogue.  
Teacher : Why are you late?  
Divya : I Missed the bus  
28. My purse has been stolen.  
(Change the Voice)  
29. If you were a king, you would know the difficulties. (Rewrite using 'Were')  
30. Unless you do these exercises regularly, you will not recover.  
(Rewrite as a compound sentence)
- 25) But now only laugh with teeth  
only laugh eyes block cold eyes  
i) Explain eyes block cold eyes  
ii) who own bag*
- i) what reason is given*

**PART - III SECTION - 1****Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.****2x3 = 6**

31. "Our lands, our lives, and all, are Bolingbroke's".

32. "How can this shameful tale be told?"

33. "But believe me my son

I want to be what I used to be"

**SECTION - 2****Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.****2x3= 6**

34. Why did Mary Kom think that she should not return empty-handed?

35. Describe the grandfather as seen in portrait?

36. What was the role of Scholars and poets in olden days?

**SECTION - 3****Answer any three of the following.****3x3 = 9**

37. Prepare a notice to be displayed on the notice board of your school sports day

38. Describe the process of preparing tea.

39. Complete the proverbs with the suitable word given.

a) Waste not, ..... not.

b) ..... waters run deep.

c) one ..... doesn't make a garland.

(Still, flower, want)

40. Expand the news headlines in a sentence each.

a) M.B.A classes to begin in the October.

b) Rajasthan Govt. poll officer suspended.

c) 20 People killed as two buses collide.

**PART - IV****Answer the following.****7x5 = 35****41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years - Explain. (OR)

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

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

a) How does the poet establish the Victory of common-sense over ego in the poem -

"Confessions of a Born Spectator".

b) Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity.

**43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing hints.**

a) Aksionov - Viladimir - bade good bye-wife had a bad dream - changed with murdering a merchant - driven to siberia - Makar semyonich confessed - Aksionov was already dead - order for his release".

**(OR)**

b) Philip Sletherby - politician - Brillmanor - meet - Mrs. Saltpen Jago - London - Re-election - young man Bestie - Needed three pounds - Mistaken - fraud-jago crest-demilion- " Seeing in believing"

**44. a. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.**

Stress is a part of every life. There are many instances when stress can be helpful. A fire alarm is intended to cause the stress that alerts you to avoid danger. The stress created by a deadline to finish the assignment on time. But when experienced in excess, stress has the opposite effect. It can harm our emotional and physical health and limit our ability to function at home, in school and within our relationships. To manage stress by learning and practicing specific stress reduction strategies.

(OR)

**b. Write a paragraph on "the impact of computers in the modern world"**

**45. a) Write a letter to the Inspector of Police reporting a theft in your home.**

(OR)

b) Respond to the Advertisement. Prepare a curriculum vitae for the post of Accountant, preferably a graduate with 3 years experience.

**46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.**

- i) Either Raju or Gopi are efficient.
- ii) Kaveri is the most beautiful river to Tamilnadu.
- iii) She met the concerned officer.
- iv) one of the opponents are already missing.
- v) My older brother is living abroad.

(OR)

**b) Fill in the blanks suitably.**

- i) The fire - service ..... endanger their ..... safety, during their operations.  
(Personal, Personnel)
- ii) I ..... play cricket, when I was a student. (Fill in the blanks with a semi-modal Verb).
- iii) We ..... a wonderful film at the cinema last night.  
(Fill in the blank with the right tense form)
- iv) ..... his poverty, he donated his best. (Suitable phrase preposition)

**47. a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions**

India is unique in the system of joint Hindu families. A joint Hindu family comprises of father, mother, sons, daughters and grand children. They hold the property jointly. They do the business under the control of the head of the family. These families have been in occupations like agriculture, handicrafts, small industries etc. Their business unit are known as joint family business. This system is followed in India. The System of Joint Hindu family came into existence by the existence of the operation of Hindu Law. There will not be any disagreement among the members. The firm is owned by the members of the family who have inherited their ancestral property. The head of the family is known as "KARTA".

**Questions:**

- i. Who are the members of a joint Hindu family?
- ii. When did the Joint Hindu family come into existence?
- iii. How is the head of the family called?
- iv. What do you mean by the term 'ancestral property'?
- v. What are the occupations mentioned in the passage?

(OR)

b) Frame a dialogue between two friends discussing and analysing a movie they recently watched.

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