

COMMON HALFYEARLY EXAMINATION- 2023

B

Standard - XI

Time : 3.00 hrs

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Marks: 90

Part - I

Answer all the questions:-

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Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- 1) She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song
a) jarring b) boring c) piercing d) depressing
- 2) He had a vile meal during the summer
a) good b) gentle c) bad d) nice
- 3) And realize the perils and possibilities
a) Safety b) danger c) unsafe d) prevent

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- 4) I was presented with a traditional shawl
a) ancient b) modern c) cheap d) costly
- 5) He rammed his handkerchief in his mouth and disappeared
a) Vanish b) appeared c) lost d) hidden
- 6) Even people with optimism will be discouraged
a) hopeless b) hopeful c) pessimism d) confidence
- 7) Form a derivative by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'obey'
a) mis b) dis c) in d) over
- 8) Choose the right combination for the blended word 'heliport'
a) hell+port b) helicopter+airport
c) helicop+portal d) helicopters+porters
- 9) Choose the polite alternative for the word 'blind'
a) unsighted b) sightless c) visually challenged d) visual failure
- 10) Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition
My uncle will visit me _____ May. a) at b) in c) on d) by
- 11) Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt
a) Crescendo b) discrepancy c) Catastrophe d) absurdity
- 12) Add suitable question tag to the following sentence
The sun sets in the west _____?
a) does it b) isn't it c) doesn't it d) do it
- 13) Fill in the blanks with a suitable article
He is _____ honest man. a) an b) a c) the
- 14) Choose the word that can be placed before the word "drive" to form a compound word.
a) pen b) roll c) rash d) dash
- 15) Choose the British English word that can be equivalent for the American English word "Vacation".
a) Weekend b) Holiday c) Tour d) Leave
- 16) Fill in the blanks with suitable Phrase preposition
_____ the heavy rain, the match continued
a) In spite of b) due to c) in the event of d) in case of

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- 17) Replace the underline phrasal verb into a single word.
The Sub Inspector will look into the matter soon.
a) avoid b) examine c) accept d) reveal
- 18) Choose the mono syllabic word
a) looked b) about c) today d) success
- 19) Choose the correct expansion of BBC
a) British Busy Corporation b) British Broadcasting Corporation
c) British Broadcasting Committee d) British Broadcasting Co-operation
- 20) Fill in the blanks with the suitable modal verb.
We _____ help the poor.
a) can b) will c) must d) might

Part - II

Section - 1

4×2=8

Answer any four of the following:-

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

- 21) "With all my heart I do admire
Atheletes who sweat for fun or hire"
a) Whom does the poet admire? b) Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines
- 22) "He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore
We bow before competence and merit"
a) Whom do we adore? b) What is valued and respected?
- 23) "And his footprints are not found in any file of Scotland Yards".
a) Whose footprints do the police need? b) Pick out the words in alliteration?
- 24) "But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure"
a) Who are 'they'? b) What are they doing?
- 25) "Most of all, I want to relearn
How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror
Shows only my teeth like a Snake's bare fangs!"
a) Whom does the poet want to relearn from? b) Mention the figure of speech used here?
- 26) "Taste grief, need friends subjected thus. How can you say to me,
I am a King?
a) Who needs friends? b) Whom does 'I' refer to?"

Section - 2

3×2=6

Answer any three of the following questions:-

- 27) He did not study well. He did not pass in the examination.
(Combine the sentence using 'If' clause)
- 28) The librarian said to the students, "Speak Softly". (Rewrite as reported speech)
- 29) He played chess yesterday. (Rewrite the sentence using passive voice)
- 30) I met a man at the party. He is the Chairman of a computer firm.
(Combine into a single sentence)

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Part - III

Section - 1

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

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- 31) To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me run.
- 32) I have learned to wear many faces
Like dresses
- 33) We are proud of the position we hold
Humble as we are.

Section - 2

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

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- 34) Why did the clerk say that Bryson was not entitled to flyer miles?
- 35) What did Mary Kom consider her greatest achievement? Why?
- 36) What was the narrator's financial condition in the "Tight Corner"?

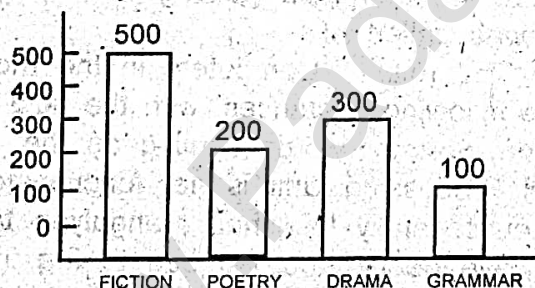
Section - 3

Answer any three of the following:-

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- 37) Write a notice about the inauguration of a Laughter Club in your school.
- 38) You are the Sports Captain of your school. Write a message to the Physical Director, requesting him to be present during the football team selection scheduled for tomorrow.
- 39) Describe the process of making lemonade.
- 40) Write 3 sentences about the given table.

Types of Books in a Library.



Part - IV

7×5=35

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- 41) a) Briefly describe the 'accidents' encountered on the flight by Beyson. [or]
b) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years - Explain.
- 42) a) 'Nature can nurture' Describe how this process happens in the poem 'Lines Written in the Early Spring'? [or]
b) What are the causes for King Richard's grief?
- 43) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints
a) The narrator - went - take photograph - photographer - made author wait - one hour - narrator angry - commenting - narrator's face - called Saturday - see proof-photograph - seeing narrator - shocked - silence - photographer - made changes - removing eyebrows - adjustments - mouth - narrator - frustrated - photograph - look-like him - left - studio photograph - worthless - bauble. [or]
b) A group - patients - wait - the dentist - Joe - patient - go - inside - nurse - brings-hammer - other - tools - all - other patients - afraid - tools - think - dentist - use - tools-
remove - tooth some - patients - leave clinic - out of fear - children - tell - their - tooth

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ache - drama - cut - school - Joe - comes out - well - He - says - tools used - open - Cabinet - finally - misunderstanding - cleared.

- 44) Read the following passage and make notes (or) write a summary:-

Ignorance is always bliss it is always folly to be wise. The whole world belongs to them. The wise look after themselves. They just enjoy their life. Their motto is "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die". They do not die tomorrow. The wise people die today. The fools enjoy for the whole week.

If a goat does not know of its death, it can enjoy while it lives. Happily a goat is not aware of the coming doom. A fool is that. He does not know. What is going to happen. He just does not care to know. A wise fellow knows to much. He worries himself to death. Knowledge is too heavy for him. A fool endures what he cannot cure. A wise men does not. He dies in an effort to cure himself. The very medicine becomes a malady for him.

- 45) a) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate marksheet of class XI. Which you lost while travelling. [or]
b) You had been to your Grandma's house during the summer holidays. You enjoyed your stay in her company. Write a letter to your Grandma stating how much you miss her after returning to your home.

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

- a) Hari is junior than me
b) Ramesh play throw ball
c) The little boy wore a red colour shirt.
d) The quality of the mangoes were good.
e) The match was called of

[or]

- b) Write a paragraph "The role of Computers in the modern World"?

- 47) a) Identify each of the following sentences, with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue.

- a) The Central Processing Unit is not functioning properly.
b) ISRO has successfully launched Mangalyan to Space
c) The fights have been cancelled due to fog in Jammu.
d) Sindhu clinched the championship title at the Asian Open
e) Peace Talks between the two nations is held at Russia.
(Weather, Space, Sports, Politics, Computer)

[or]

- b) Read the poem and answer the following questions:

"For oh," Say the children, we are weary
And we cannot run or leap
If we cared for any meadows, it were merely
To drop down in them and sleep
Our knees tremble sorely in the stooping
We fall upon our faces, trying to to
And underneath our heavy eyelids dropping
The reddest flower would look as pale as snow
Questions:-

- a) What do the children do all the day?
b) What do they cry for?
c) Whom does "we" refer to?
d) Give the meaning of "Stooping"?
e) What would they do if they saw any meadows?
