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COMMON HALFYEARLY EXAMINATION- 2023

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Standard - XI

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Time : 3.00 hrs

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Marks: 90

20×1=20

I. Choose the correct Synonym for the underlined word from the options.

- 1) Her silver locks were scattered over her pale, puckered face.....
a) clear **b) wrinkled** c) young d) smooth
- 2) What was her vexation
a) irritation b) pleasure c) delight d) feeling
- 3) Unless you replenish it richly coming generations will find only an empty coffer
a) refill b) empty c) exhaust d) vacate

Choose the correct Antonym for the underlined word from the options.

- 4) That seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part
a) lenient b) casual c) attractive **d) logical**
- 5) A genuine mistake of such a kind would have been rectified at once
a) fake b) honest c) authentic d) original
- 6) Thankful as I am for the unique honour conferred on me by this institution
a) distinct b) exceptional c) special **d) common**
- 7) Choose the word from the options given below to form a compound word with shoe
a) lay b) lake **c) lace** d) lack
- 8) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word manage from the options.
a) un b) dis - **c) mis -** d) de-
- 9) Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word regular from the options.
a) ity - b) al c) ment d) ness
- 10) Choose the correct word to form a meaningful sentence from the two words
You should learn to _____ to the new situation. (adopt/adapt)
a) adapt
- 11) The manager of the team was involved in an illicit affair. (illicit/elicit)
a) illicit
- 12) Select the correct expansion of MRI
a) Magnetic Resonance Imaging b) Magnetic Reasoning Imaging
c) Magnetic Resonance Imaginary d) Magnetic Reactive Imaging
- 13) Choose the meaning of the idiom "in a nice pickle"
a) in a pleasant situation b) in a ease way
c) in a difficult situation d) in an amusing situation
- 14) Choose the clipped word for university from the options.
a) unity b) universe **c) varsity** d) city
- 15) Choose the blended form of bloatocrat
a) bloom+autocrat **b) bloated + aristocrat** c) bloat+autocrat d) bloated+rat
- 16) An entomologist is the one who studies _____
a) birds **b) insects** c) artifacts d) earthquakes
- 17) The Chief Minister visited the Governor.
(Replace the underlined word with the suitable phrasal verb from the options)
a) called off **b) called on** c) called in d) called out

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- 18) Choose the meaning of the foreign word "Sine die" from the options.
 a) advance the date b) fix a specific date
 c) postpone indefinitely d) every alternate day
- 19) By the time I entered the room the baby was already sleeping (sleep)
 (Use the suitable tense form of the verb given)
- 20) Choose the correct Question Tag from the options
 Let us go for a movie _____?
 a) shall we? b) should we? c) will we? d) do we?

II. a] Read the following poetic lines and answer any four sets:- $4 \times 2 = 8$

- i) Well, ego it might be pleased enough
 But zealous athletes play so rough
- 21) a) What pleases the ego? b) Why are athletes often rough during play?
 ii) 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
- 22) a) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?
 b) Mention the figure of speech used in the third line above
 iii) And 'tis my faith that every flower
 Enjoys the air it breathes...
- 23) a) What is the poet's faith? b) What trait of nature do we see here?
 iv) He's the bafflement of Scotland Yard, the Flying Squad's despair;
 For when they reach the scene of crime-Macavity is not there
- 24) a) What is Scotland Yard? b) Why does the flying squad feel disappointed?
 v) 'Macavity's a Mystery Cat; he's called the Hidden paw
- 25) a) Does the poet talk about the real cat?
 b) Why is he called the Hidden Paw?
 vi) We are proud of the position we
 Hold; humble as we are,
- 26) a) What is the speaker proud of?
 b) Pick out the alliterated words in the above lines.

b] Do as directed any Three:- $3 \times 2 = 6$

- 27) Raj said to Sugumar, "Please drop me at the railway station tonight". (into Indirect)
 28) Sundar told me that he would see me later. (into Direct)
 29) Who wrote this complaint? (Change the Voice)
 30) If I had enough money I would fly. (Begin with 'Had')

III. a] Explain any Two passages with reference to the context:- $2 \times 3 = 6$

- 31) He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore.
 32) Have I not reason to lament
 What Man has made of Man?
 33) There will be no thrice

b] Answer any Two short questions in two or three sentences:- $2 \times 3 = 6$

- 34) What should the youngsters aim in life after their graduation.
 35) What was the happiest time of the day for grandmother?
 36) Who are the citizens of "dreamland"? Why?

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3×3=9

c] Answer any Three:-

- 37) Describe the process of wrapping a Christmas gift.
- 38) Write an email to your uncle thanking him for the gift that he had sent from abroad.
- 39) Expand the following headlines.
 - i) Heavy rain lash Chennai
 - ii) Plastic carry bags banned in T.N
 - iii) India fails to perform in the Finals.
- 40) Complete the proverbs choosing the correct words given.
 - i) Every cloud has a _____ lining. (golden/blackish/silver)
 - ii) Time and _____ waits for none. (tide/chance/place)
 - iii) _____ begun is half done. (Well/Half/Full)

IV. Answer all question choosing any one from each:-

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- 41) Answer in a para of about 150 words on
 - a) How do universities mould students apart from imparting academic education.

[or]
 - b) Why was Mary Kom named the "Queen of Boxing" and "Magnificent Mary"?
- 42) Answer in a para of about 150 words on
 - a) What are the mysterious ways in which Macavity acts?

[or]
 - b) Explain the things the poet has learnt when he grew into an adult and his regrets.
- 43) Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - a) Miss. Meadows upset - letter from fiance - gloomy - restless - tax students - thinking of the letter - Basil no idea of marrying her - bad mood reflected in class - girls sense her change make them drag a lament - Girl from Wyatt, the Headmistress - telegram from Basil - Forget about the letter - written in crazy mood - new gift - mood changes - happy - girls new bubbling song - Girls saved.

[or]
 - b) Philip in an empty carriage bound to Brill Manor - Young man, Bertie son of Saltpen Jago - needs three pounds - Philip promise to lend - Slether by questions about the crest - Bertie's reply - Mother's letter had a greyhound - Bertie say - Jago crest Sletherby suspect foul play - Mother's hair dark brown - but Saltpen - a blonde - Meet Claude People. K.C - Door panel of car - both crests - Saltpen altered hair style - realised Bertie not lied.

44) Write a summary or make notes of the following:-

Since time memorial, Mahabalipuram has been always a city of fame, a seat of religion, learning and an important port of an ancient world. It is located in the Kanchipuram District of TamilNadu and is home to several architectural monuments built between the 7th and the 9th century. Mahabalipuram was at the height of its splendour and glory during the reign of Narasimhavarman who played an important role in building the many magnificent temples. The shore temple at Mahabalipuram is a world heritage site as classified by UNESCO and is believed to be the only existing temple amongst the seven shore temples that were originally constructed. Constructed during the 7th century by Narasimhavarman, the temple bears exquisite designs and carvings

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and is supposed to be the fore runner of Dravidian architecture. Arjuna's penance is a rock structure carved to resemble a whale and was built by Raja Narasimha the first Krishna Mandaham is one of the largest mandabams and is dedicated to Lord Krishna, the mentor and guide of the Pandavas. Varaha Mandabam lies beside Arjuna penance and is dedicated to Lord Vishnu's Varaha incarnation. Mahabalipuram is well connected to other cities in India. The Chennai airport is located 60km from Mahabalipuram. (The city is also well connected by road to Chennai, Kanchipuram and Pondicherry.)

- 45) a) Write a letter to an eminent writer inviting him to be the Chief Guest of your school's English literary Meet. [or]
 b) Write a letter to your friend sharing your experience of a movie you watched of late.

- 46) a) Spot the errors and rewrite the following sentences correctly.

- i) The colour of the curtains are very bright.
- ii) My mother rarely goes out without an umbrella, doesn't she?
- iii) This is a hardly nut to crack.
- iv) He works at an University of Madras.
- v) I prefer coffee than tea.

[or]

- b) Identify each of the following sentences with the respective fields given below:-

- i) An astronaut has to undergo vigorous training to go to space.
- ii) The gallstones have to be removed by the laparoscopic operation.
- iii) Hockey is our National game.
- iv) Rice contains more carbohydrates.
- v) Michael Jackson is known as the king of Pop.
(Music/Medicine/Sports/Space/Nutrition)

- 47) a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

The word 'victory' is generally associated with war and calls up visions of battles in our minds, bloodshed and conquest by force, and we think of war as a glorious thing because of its famous victories and splendid triumphs. But when we think of the achievements of great men - statesmen, scholars, social reformers, scientists, philanthropists, explorers, discoverers and honest workers for the betterment of the human race and the progress and civilization of the world, we realize that the victories of peace are even more glorious than the victories of war.

- i) What do we realize when we think of the achievements of great men?
- ii) What is 'Victory' usually associated with?
- iii) What works for the betterment of the human race?
- iv) Who is a philanthropist?
- v) Pick out the words from the passage

- i) Synonym of understand
- ii) Antonym of illiterate. [or]

- b) Write a para on "Following Traffic Rules".

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