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Time : 3.00 hrs.

Half Yearly Examination - 2023

ENGLISH

PART - I

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Max. Marks : 90

Answer all the questions.

20 x 1 = 20

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

- I felt I could not bear to intrude.
a) interfere b) trespass c) incur d) disinter
- because he had a malignant tumour.
a) mild b) harmful c) massive d) missive
- When I entered his house, there he was sitting in splendour on his chair.
a) cheap b) simple c) magnificence d) ordinary

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

- The best manner of making tea is the subject of violent disputes.
a) rough b) gentle c) severe d) harsh
- We made frequent changes of lead.
a) rare b) special c) strange d) gradual
- The liberties of everybody must be curtailed.
a) increased b) reduced c) covered d) uncovered
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
It's time to bid adieu to all of you gathered here.
a) salute b) welcome c) goodbye d) ovation
- Choose the correct expansion of the acronyms "TOEFL"
a) Testing of energy fuel and liquid d) Test of engineering for fundamental learning.
c) Testing of education for foreign learners d) Test of English as a foreign language.
- Choose the appropriate combination for the compound word "butter milk"
a) adverb + adjective b) noun + noun c) adjective + noun d) adverb + verb
- Add a suitable prefix to the root word "..... polite".
a) Im b) non c) un d) anti
- Replace the underlined word choosing the most appropriate phrasal verb.
Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
a) continue b) finish c) halt d) postpone
- Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.
He reached home late.
a) ASVO b) SVCA c) SVOC d) SVOA
- Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.
The results are "round the corner".
a) very near b) to wait for the situation to become clear c) to think carefully d) to do a lot of little jobs
- Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition.
The boy jumped..... a narrow stream
a) under b) on c) near d) into
- Choose the poly-syllabic word
a) agriculture b) school c) today d) elephant
- Choose the correct plural form of "knife".
a) Knives b) knives c) knife d) knife
- Choose the right combination for the blended word "Travelogue".

- a) travels + longue b) transport + catalogue c) travel + catalogue d) trans + logue
18. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.
The culprit was sent to jail.
a) secret place b) hidden place c) thief house d) correctional facility.
19. Choose the right definition for the given term "theophobia".
a) fear of light b) fear of God c) fear of devil d) fear of rain
20. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.
You can complete this project in a week.
a) can you? b) can't you? c) don't they? d) don't he?

PART - II / SECTION - 1

4 x 2 = 8

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

21. "Life is hard ; be steel ; be a rock."
a) How should one face life?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
22. "A gray baboon sits statue - like alone.
Watching the sunrise.
a) What is a baboon?
b) Mention the figure of speech used in the above lines.
23. A film the mother - eagle's eye.
When her bruised eagle breathes
a) Who is compared to the mother eagle here?
b) Explain the comparison?
24. All through the summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the lay
a) Who does 'we' refer to?
b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
25. "All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players ;
They have their exits and their entrances.
a) Explain - 'exit' and 'entrance'.
b) Pick out the alliterated words from the last line.
26. This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle-well-loved of me.
a) To whom does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to in his absence?
b) Bring out the significance of "Sceptre".

SECTION - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Report the following dialogue.
Manager : Have you brought all your certificates?
Uma : yes sir, you can verify them
28. If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview (begin with "had")
29. Anu has completed the course (change the voice)
30. As my uncle was not willing to help me, I had to apply for a loan from the bank. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)

PART - III SECTION - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context

2 x 3 = 6

31. Is second childishness and mere oblivion ;
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything
32. Then off there flung in smiling joy,
And held himself erect
33. "I will maintain until my death"

SECTION - 2

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

2 x 3 = 6

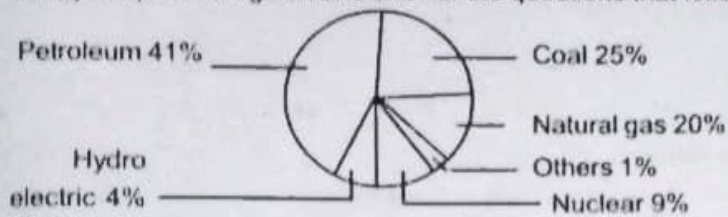
34. Why does the author advise removing cream from the milk?
35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?
36. What was grandmother's suggestion of wood? Why?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following

3 x 3 = 9

37. Study the pie chart given and answer the questions that follow.



- a) Which source of energy is highly used?
- b) Which two source of energy have least difference in its usage.
- c) Which source of energy utilisation must be increased?
38. Write a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a students and a teacher.
39. Describe the process of preparing butter milk for four persons.
40. Complete the proverbs.
- a)was not built in a day. (India/Rome/Italy)
- b) Speech is silver, silence is.....(gold/strength/power)
- c) A bad workman quarrels with his.....(fortune/time/tools)

PART - IV

Answer the following

7 x 5 = 35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- a) "These two children had given me a profound lesson..." Elucidate. (OR)
- b) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- a) What are the poet's reminiscences of the Casuarina tree? (OR)
- b) Napoleon was a great source of inspiration to his army, Justify.
43. Write a paragraph in about 150 words by developing the following hints.
- a) Aksionov - Vladimir - trip to fair - wife tries to stop - meets a merchant - stays in an inn - police arrested - murder charge - no mercy - sent to Siberia grew old - inmates respected - met Makar - found out the truth - Semiyonich admitted his crime - Aksionov forgave - died in the prison. (OR)
- b) Ausable - Spy - never looked like - fat sloppy - Fowler - writer - enter room - Max - gun trotting for documents Fowler thrilled - Ausable spins story - balcony - Max believes. there is balcony - knock on door - Ausable says - it is police - Max panicked jumps out - dies. Waiter comes with drink - Ausable - presence of mind.
44. Write a summary or Make Notes of the following passage :
- My memories of the first time I saw Kung Fu Panda in 2008, as a school goer, is of being stunned by its deeply felt understanding of human emotions and the humour that caught you unawares. The story of an ordinary panda dreaming to fight evil alongside the luminaries of martial arts not only showed many children like me the power to dream, but also

made a larger point, which in hindsight, assumes great significance ; a good story sustains itself. Only later I would realize the importance, even need, for the most appropriate medium to execute the vision of a great story. It is in this context animation becomes all-encompassing in its power to move hearts and engage with the larger questions of the day. For Kung Fu Panda's director, Mark Osborne, however, it was the release of Spider Man : Into the Spider - verse 10 years later that marked an iconic moment for animation.

45. a) Write a letter to the Sub-Inspector of police complaining the theft of your Bicycle. (OR)
b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on the advantages and disadvantages of plastic.

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

- i) One of my brother is rich.
- ii) Raju was senior than Arun in college.
- iii) Speakers after speaker came on the stage.
- iv) You can also considers paramedical careers.
- v) She bought an useful gadget. (OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) He told us a.....about a donkey's(tail/tale)
- ii)God bless you. (use a modal verb)
- iii)(help) you, if I had time. (Use a suitable tense form)
- iv)(shop) is my favourite hobby. (Use the gerundial form of the verb in a sentence)

47. a) Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below.

- i) She applied for the visa to go to America.
 - ii) Manual data processing involves use of papers at each stage.
 - iii) The yield of cash crop is increasing due to rain.
 - iv) He is an expert in using pedagogical methods.
 - v) Primary market is concerned with issue of new shares.
- (Education, agriculture, travel, commerce, computer) (OR)

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words :

The earth is losing its forests. Trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspaper and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rain forests are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

Questions :

- i) What is the major reason for the destruction of forests?
- ii) Mention any two uses of trees.
- iii) What is that happens every single minute?
- iv) How much of the earth's surface is covered by trees?
- v) Pick out the words from the passage that mean the same as :
i) cut - ii) wood -