

## COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

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## ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 hrs.

Marks: 90

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## Part - I

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

- We choose conventional or odd.  
a) abnormal      b) traditional      c) normal      d) cultural
- As I heaved hard on the rope, Tenzing wriggled his way up the crack.  
a) raised      b) lived      c) heard      d) looked
- You will find a new lines of sketchy instructions.  
a) unclear      b) clear      c) vague      d) bright

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

- He glanced at us hopefully  
a) positively      b) confidently      c) arguingly      d) desperately
- They didn't have sophisticated heart surgery.  
a) primitive      b) cheap      c) strong      d) enough
- A few people from the house of bereavement came.  
a) mourning      b) grief      c) cheerful      d) sorrowfulness
- Replace the British English word with American English word in the following sentence.

My friend has lost his wallet

- a) cashcard      b) bill board      c) purse      d) hand bag

- Choose the right combination of the blended word edutainment  
a) education + attainment      b) education + entertainment  
c) educator + attainment      d) educator + entertainment
- Pick out the **correct polite alternative** from the options given for the underlined word.  
The post of peon is vacant here.  
a) attender      b) office boy      c) waiter      d) office assistant
- Choose the right definition for the word Hydrophobia  
a) fear of water      b) fear of stars      c) fear of sunlight      d) fear of fish
- Pick out the right term for the given phrase, "One who studies the disorder of nerves"  
a) technologist      b) neurologist      c) odontologist      d) morphologist
- Choose the correct **sentence pattern** for the given sentence.  
My sister gave me a gift yesterday.  
a) ASVOA      b) ASVOC      c) SVIDOEA      d) SVIDOC
- Fill in the blanks with **suitable relative pronoun**.  
Rameshwaram is the place \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam was born.  
a) when      b) which      c) whom      d) where
- Choose the suitable article and fill in the blanks.  
We reached there late by \_\_\_\_\_ hour.  
a) a      b) the      c) at      d) an
- Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb given in the brackets by choosing the correct option.  
Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ when the earthquake hit the small town. (sleep)  
a) sleep      b) was sleeping      c) slept      d) had been sleeping
- Complete the following sentence by using the correct preposition from the words given in brackets.  
The boy jumped \_\_\_\_\_ a narrow stream.  
a) into      b) with      c) between      d) over



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17. Choose the appropriate linker from within the brackets and complete the sentence.  
 As (As / If) I got up early, I managed to reach school on time.
18. Pick out and write the Tri-syllabic word from the following.  
 a) quietly                      b) possessive                      c) broadcast                      d) house
19. Identify the correct combination of the following compound word - 'Grandmother'  
 a) noun + noun                      b) adverb + verb                      c) adjective + noun                      d) noun + adjective
20. Complete the following sentence using the appropriate determiner from the words in brackets.  
 Only \_\_\_\_\_ people can afford to buy a flat in Chennai.  
 a) a few                      b) few                      c) all                      d) many

## Part - II Section - 1

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

4 x 2 = 8

21. A foothold there, no clever trick  
 Could take us dead or quick,  
 Only a bird could have got it.  
 a) What was challenging?  
 b) Which aspect of the castle's strength is conveyed by the above lines?
22. The giant wears the scarf, and the flowers are hung  
 In crimson clusters all the bough among!  
 a) Who is the giant here?                      b) Why is the giant colourful?
23. Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel  
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail  
 Unwillingly to school.  
 a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?  
 b) How does the boy go to school?
24. \_\_\_\_\_ for my purpose holds  
 To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths  
 Of all the western stars, until I die.  
 a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life?                      b) How long would his venture last?
25. Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong  
 and the final decisions are made in silent rooms.  
 a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being?  
 b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
26. A film the mother-eagle's eye  
 When her bruised eaglet breathes  
 a) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines?  
 b) Find out and write the alliteration words in the given lines.

## Section - 2

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions.

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27. My mother says to me, "You can go swimming today" (change into indirect speech)
28. By whom will the new stadium be built. (change into other voice)
29. Besides being a singer, Sudhiksha is also a dancer. (rewrite as a complex sentence)
30. I would not perform well unless I prepared well.  
 (rewrite the sentence using 'if' without changing the meaning)

## Part - III Section - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2 x 3 = 6

31. He works his work, I mine.
32. Our only enemy was gold
33. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech,  
 That haply to the unknown land my reach.



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## Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each.  $2 \times 3 = 6$

34. What roles did the duo take up? Where?
35. Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking to in the cubicle.
36. How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it?

## Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

 $3 \times 3 = 9$ 

## 37. Unscramble the sentences

- a) rupees / lunch / to buy / it / twenty / costs
- b) become / my / is / a doctor / dream / to
- c) as / a / I / collector / want / to see / you

## 38. Expand the headlines.

- a) Onion price goes up
- b) Third day rain also hit Thirunelveli
- c) Plastic carry bags banned in shops

## 39. Draft an e-mail to the following instruction.

You are Bhavan / Pavi, the president of the "Water Harvesting Force" of your school. Draft an e-mail to collector of your district about the innovative steps you have taken to harvest rainwater in your campus.

## 40. Identify each of the following sentences with the field given within the brackets.

- a) Too much intake of spicy food leads to acidity.
  - b) The inflation rate is under control.
  - c) Vistwa went to England on a tourist visa.
- (Accountancy, Travel, Politics, Nutrition and dietetics)

## Part - IV

Answer the following

 $7 \times 5 = 35$ 

## 41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

- a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea" (OR)
- b) Describe the experiences of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the top of the summit.

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

- a) Shakespeare has skilfully brought out the parallels between the life of man and the actors on stage. Elaborate this statement with reference to the poem.

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- b) Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of mankind, to face the challenges of life.

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

- a) Ivan Dmitrich - merchant - Russia - decides business - venture - wife - bad dream - Ivan disregards - meets another merchant - travel together - retrieve separately - stopped by police - sentenced - Siberia - new prisoners came - discloses the fact - Makar admits - Aksionov dies. (OR)

- b) Robert Baldwin - an honest man - fraud in a bank - Gresham arrested - pressurised Baldwin - to falsely declared - offered huge bribe - Baldwin refused - family members tempted - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - Gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded

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

Since time immemorial, Mahabalipuram has been always a city whose fame has spread far and wide as a seat of religion, learning and an important port in the ancient world. It is located in the Kanchipuram district of Tamilnadu and is home to several architectural monuments built between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Mahabalipuram was at the height of its splendour and glory during the reign of Narasimha Varman 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 sore temples that were originally constructed. Constructed during the 7<sup>th</sup> century by



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Narasimha Varman the temple bears exquisite designs and carvings 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 Mandapam is one of the largest mandapams and is dedicated to Lord Krishna, the mentor and guide to the Pandavas. Varaha Mandapam lies beside the 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 60 km from Mahabalipuram. The city is also well connected by road to Chennai, Kanchipuram and Pondicherry.

45. a) Write a letter to the Postmaster of your area complaining about the irregular delivery of your letter. (OR)
- b) Read the following advertisement and prepare a Bio-data considering yourself, fulfilling the conditions specified. (Write XXX for your name and YYY for your address)

**Wanted**  
Male Receptionist - Graduate with computer knowledge /  
Good fluency in English / Minimum 3 years experience  
Apply to  
Post Box No. 2339  
c/o. The Hindu, Chennai - 600002

46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.
- Neither Ramiya is a singer nor a dancer.
  - No sooner did the power resume, when the children screamed in joy.
  - My friend can type as fast as I.
  - Henry is the most strongest of all the players in the team.
  - Though Arun did not do the mistake but he was punished. (OR)
- b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
- I can't \_\_\_\_\_ the heat, if I go on \_\_\_\_\_ foot. (bare / bear)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ you excuse me For a moment. (use a modal verb)
  - You \_\_\_\_\_ not lose any more weight. You are already slim. (use a semi modal verb)
  - My brother already \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a bike recently. (use a proper tense)

7. a) Build a conversation for the following situation with a minimum of five exchanges:

'A salesman and a customer at an electronic shop' (OR)

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

Kabaddi is a contact team sport that originated in Tamilnadu. It is the national sport of Bangladesh. Kabaddi is played between two teams of seven players. The objective of the game is for a single player on offence referred to as 'raider' to run into the opposing team's half of a court, tag out as many of their defenders as possible and return to their own half of the court-all without being tackled by the defenders. Points are scored for each player tagged by the raider, while the opposite team earns a point for stopping the raider. Players are taken out of the game, if they are tagged or tackled but can be revived for each point scored by their team from a tag or tackle. The raider should hold his breath and utter the words like "kabaddi "Kabbadi", "bututu, hutoto", "chadu kudu" etc., while the opponents try to catch him. If he stops uttering those words, he is considered out.

**Questions :**

- Kabaddi is the National sport of Bangladesh.
- Kabaddi is played between two teams of seven players.
- How does a raider score points for his team?
- When does a raider concede a point to the opponent team?
- Can a player be revived when he/she is out of the game?

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