

Half yearly Examinations-December 2023

12th Std

English Answer Key

14.12.2023

Part-I

Synonyms:

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| 1. brisk | - c) active |
| 2. cripples | - d) disabilities |
| 3. stray | - a) loose |

Antonyms:

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| 4. advent | x c) departure |
| 5. commandeered | x a) abandoned |
| 6. unexplored | x d) explored |
| 7. RAW | - a) Research and analysis wing |
| 8. milchcow | - d) Adjective + Noun |
| 9. moped | - a) motor + pedal |
| 10. laboratory | - b) lab |
| 11. Pedanna | - b) elder brother |
| 12. bending over backwards | - d) trying hard |
| 13. b) whose | |
| 14. c) in | |
| 15. a craze for establishing banks | - d) bancomania |
| 16. d) disaster + ous | - disastrous |
| 17. c) did he? | |
| 18. a) SVA | |
| 19. put up with | - d) tolerate |
| 20. b) hypocrites | |

Part-II

Appreciation

- 21.a) The castle was overthrown.
b) The rhyme scheme is abaa
- 22.a) The soldier is ready to quarrel. Here 'quarrel' means argument. He is ready to sacrifice his life for fame.
b) 'Bubble reputation' refers to glory that is short lived like a bubble.
- 23.a) The tree is so strong that it bears the tight hold of the creeper.
b) Casuarina is referred to in the above lines.
- 24.a) Ulysses has a strong and determined mind to travel. He will not be frightened of any difficult situation on the way.
b) ere noble
end note
- 25.a) One should face life by being like a rock.
b) Metaphor.
- 26.a) Lannes is army leader.
b) let waver
leaders wall

Grammar

27. Grandmother wished her grandson that God might bless him.
 28. **You are requested to** complete the assignment in time./ **Let** the assignment **be** completed in time.
 29. **Had** I known about your behaviour.....
 30. India has won the 9 row matches **but** it was defeated in the finals.

Part-III**ERC**

31. **I'm killed Sire ! And his chief beside
 Smiling the boy dead.**

Reference :

These lines are taken from the poem 'Incident of the French Camp' written by Robert Browning.

Context :

The poet emphasises the pride of the young soldier.

Explanation :

The young soldier was severely wounded. In spite of it, he rode fast and approached Napoleon to give the news of victory. The young soldier kept his lips compressed to prevent the flow of blood from his mouth. He exclaimed with pride that French had conquered Ratisbon. Hearing the news, Napoleon became extremely happy. But his eyes softened when he saw that the soldier was severely wounded. The soldier felt proud to say that he was killed and fell dead with a smile.

Comment :

The poet highlights devotion, sacrifice and heroic death of the soldier.

32. **Unto thy honor, Tree, beloved of those**

Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose

Reference :

This line is taken from 'Our Casuarina Tree' written by Toru Dutt.

Context:

The poetess consecrates the memory of the Casuarina tree to her loved ones.

Explanation :

The poet feels that the tree is dear to her not for its gallant appearance but for the nostalgic memories of her happy childhood that it brings to her. The poet wishes to consecrate the tree's memory and importance for the sake of those who are now dead - and looks ahead to death, hoping that the tree should be spared from obscurity.

Comment:

A smile happens in a flash, but its memory can last a lifetime.

33. **Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel**

Seeking the bubble reputation.

Reference :

These lines are from 'All the World's a Stage' which is an extract from Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'

Context:

The poet compares human life to a drama stage and describes, classifying it into seven stages.

Explanation :

In this extract Shakespeare says that the world is a stage. Man plays many roles on the stage. These lines explain the fourth stage i.e. of a soldier. In this stage he takes great care of honour and reputation. He is quick to get into any argument. He tries to get reputation which is as short lived as a bubble.

Comment:

The poet signifies the life cycle and highlights the philosophy of life.

Prose Question & Answer

34. The girl was Lucia, 20 years old. She wore a pretty lace jacket. Her eyes were soft and tender. She resembled the two boys. She was being treated for tuberculosis.
35. Out of 125 million children born every year, 12 million are unlikely to reach the age of one and another six million die before the age of five.
36. The author defines liberty as a social contract. It is an accommodation of interests.

37. Jumbled Words

- a) The Election Commission held a meeting with all the political parties on Electoral Reforms.
 b) North east monsoon season is the major period of rain fall activity over south Peninsula.
 c) Our Headmaster is an able administrator and guide.

38. The Process of Installing a Computer.

Keep the computer parts on a flat surface.
 Plug the Monitor and CPU in the UPS
 Connect the Keyboard and Mouse to the CPU.
 Connect Monitor to the CPU with a cable.
 Check if all the parts are connected.
 Turn on the UPS, CPU and the Monitor.

39. E-mail

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| From : natpu@gmail.com |
| To : friendsforever@mail.com |
| CC : poweroffriendship@gmail.com |
| Subject: My aim in life |
| Dear xxx, <p style="text-align: center;">Hope you are doing well. I am happy to contact you through this mail and share some of my academic activities. In continuation of our discussion earlier this week, I have decided to pursue MBBS and serve the society, further I started the preparation for NEET. I will discuss when we meet next time.</p> <p>Regards. Natpu</p> |

40 Match Proverbs with meanings:

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| a) Manners maketh a man | - be perfect and respect others |
| b) Reading makes a man perfect | - try to read as much as possible |
| c) Haste makes waste. | - never rush up |

- 42.a) **Poem** : Incident of the French camp
Poet : Robert Browning
Theme : Devotion, Sacrifice, Patriotism and Heroic death.

"The Army is true nobility of our country"

During the attack of the French army at Ratisbon, Napoleon was defending Ratisbon with determination. He was standing on a mound near the battle field. He had his neck out-thrust with legs wide and arms locked behind. It shows that he was standing majestically though he thought that his plans might fall to earth. Outwardly he did not show any sign of worry or desperation. When the young soldier announced the happy news of victory, his eyes became bright. His plans soared up like fire. Presently his eyes softened when he saw that the soldier was severely wounded. Like a caring mother eagle watching her bruised eaglet he asked the soldier if he was wounded. His posture and action proved that he was august and awe-inspiring. No doubt he was a great source of inspiration to his army.

" We live by chance, we love by choice, we kill by profession"

- 42.b) **Poem** : All The World's A Stage
Poet : William Shakespeare
Theme: Man plays seven roles in the life of drama.

"You live only once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

Shakespeare considers the whole world a stage where men and women are only actors. They enter the stage when they are born and exit when they die. Every man, during his life time, plays seven roles based on age. In the first stage, as an infant, he is wholly dependent on the mother or a nurse. Later, emerging as a school child, he slings his bag over his shoulder and creeps most reluctantly to school. His third stage is that of a lover, busy composing sad ballads for his beloved and yearns for her attention. In the fourth stage, he is aggressive and ambitious and seeks reputation in all that he does. He promises solemnly to guard his country and becomes a soldier. As he grows older, with maturity and wisdom, he becomes a fair judge. During this stage, he is firm and serious. In the sixth stage, he is seen with loose pantaloons and spectacles. His manly voice changes into a childish treble. The last scene of all is his second childhood. Slowly, he loses his faculties of sight, hearing, smell and taste and exits the world.

"Not how long but how well you have lived is the main thing ..."

- 43.a) **Title** : The Midnight Visitor
Author : Robert Arthur
Theme : The clever tricks of a spy to trap another spy.

"Presence of mind overtakes presence of peril"

Ausable was a spy and Fowler, a young writer came to visit him. Fowler was surprised to see a secret agent Ausable, who was too fat to be a secret agent. Ausable told him that he was going to get an important paper for which many men had risked their lives. When both of them reached Ausable's room, Fowler was scared to see a man standing in the room. Max, who was tall and thin, was holding an automatic pistol in his hand. He had entered his room by using a key to take the report concerning a new missile. Ausable sensing the danger, fabricated a story about the non-existent balcony which Max believed to be true. Ausable complained that it was due to the balcony that somebody had entered his room the second time. After sometime there was a knocking at the door. Ausable again befooled Max by saying that it was the police man who wanted to come inside to provide him protection. Max wanted to run away to avoid the police and jumped to his death into that non-existent balcony.

"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change".

- 43.b) **Title** : Life of Pi
Author : Yann Martel
Theme: Ordeals and Adventures on a lifeboat.

“Live your life by a compass , not a clock.”

When Pi is 16, his father decides to close the zoo and move his family to Canada, and sell the zoo animals to ensure a good future for his children. They book passage with their animals (to be sold in North America) on a Japanese freighter named the Tsimtsum. One night, the ship encounters a heavy storm and begins to sink while Pi is on deck marveling at the storm. He tries to find his family, but a crew member throws him into a lifeboat; from the rough sea, he watches helplessly as the ship sinks, killing his family and its crew. After the storm, Pi finds himself in the lifeboat with an injured zebra, and is joined by an orangutan, named Orange Juice. A spotted hyena emerges from the tarp. Pi finds only limited food and water on the boat. He builds a small raft of flotation devices so that he can stay at a safe distance from the tiger. His strength of mind pushes him to live to find a way for the bad situation. Looking around he finds everything negative. But he does not lose heart. Now his main problem is to find water to quench his thirst. He is confident that if he works towards finding water he will be successful. He is moving from one end to another in the lifeboat to find out water. At last he sees the shining water cans. Then he realises that he has enough water for more than 100 days. At last he joins his family and the tiger goes inside a forest.

“Adventures start where plans end.”

44. Summary / Note Making

Rough Copy:

Guyana

Columbus discovered Guyana in South America. Fifty percentage of the population of it are people of Indian ancestry. Chinese and Europeans are the rest. The Americans welcomed the Dutch as trading partners. George Town is the capital and a sea port. The country’s economy is based on sugar, rice, cotton and livestock. Dr.Cheddi Jegan became its first premier. Rohan Babulal and Sreedath Ramphal are famous Guyanese of Indian origin.

Fair Copy:

Guyana

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Total Number of words in the passage : 143

Rough Copy : 69

Fair Copy : 43

45.a)

ENQUIRY LETTER

Date :

Place : YYY.

From

XXX, (Name)
12 – III cross street,
NSK Township,
YYY. (Place)

To

Dean of Studies,
VST College of Technology,
NH Main Road,
YYY. (Place)

Sir,

Sub: Pilot training course - details requested- reg.

I have completed BE in Aeronautical Engineering. Now I am interested in pursuing a course in Pilot Training. I am happy to know that you have a training centre in your college. I would like to know the following details about the course.

- * Duration of the course
- * Fees structure
- * Any scholarship available. If so, what are the requirements?
- * Hostel facilities
- * Placement details

May I request you to send me the details as early as possible?

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

XX

Address on the envelope:

To

Dean of Studies,
VST College of Technology,
NH Main Road,
YYY. (place)

45.b) **Paragraph on My Hobby**

My favourite hobby is watching TV. Whenever I have free time, I love watching Television. It never obstructs my studies. Hobbies help us to expand our knowledge, and it teaches us several things. First, I like to finish all my school homework and then start watching TV. This lightens my mood and sparks up the excitement inside me, as it increases my curiosity about the world. Watching different useful stuff on TV enhances my knowledge horizons and gives me lots of joy.

It is a good habit because watching TV escorts a lot of knowledge in various fields. There are several channels on TV, which represent worldwide affairs. I watch the news and I like channels, such as animal planet, discovery channel or another informative channel. These channels increase my curiosity and encourage me to learn about different aspects of life.

I interestingly watch a cartoon network that provides me with creative and new ideas to make cartoons and arts. Some of my favourite comics are Mr Bean, Tom and Jerry, Scooby-Doo and many more. Many art-themed cartoons, like The Pink Panther and SpongeBob, inspire me to draw them. Primarily, the artworks of comics attract me and inspire me to decorate my scrapbooks with their figures.

46. a) He is **an** one hour late.

b) Oxygen is **heavier** than hydrogen

c) The little boy wore a **red** shirt.

d) Isn't **there**?

e) Called **off**

Or

b) peace/piece

used to

Inspite of/despite

is knocking

47.a) **Dialogue Writing**

Son : Daddy, yesterday itself my validity expired.

Father : What of it?

Son : Daddy, what do you mean? I am not able to use my mobile.

Father : That's good only. Why do you make much ado about nothing?

Son : I couldn't grasp your view.

Father : Your half yearly exams have started, you know?

Son : For that only I am asking. Sometimes I may refer.....

Father : No. No. it is "net". That will trap you. And you will lose your track and go astray.

Son : Ok Daddy... If I need any such, give me your mobile, I will return after referring.

Father : That's a nice idea. Study now.

Son : Ok Daddy.

47.b) **Passage Comprehension:**

a. **Timber harvesting** is the major reason for the destruction of forests.

b. Building houses, making furniture, making paper (pulp).

c. Rainforests are burnt **to clear the land for farming**.

d. **More than 30** tropical countries have reached the level of forest destruction.

e. Nigeria and Thailand get timber from **foreign countries**.