

Class : 12

Register
Number**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023 - 24**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

PART - I

1. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20x1= 20
Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:
- We pass judgement upon ourselves and declare that we are Civilized or uncivilized.
a) Inexperienced b) Uneducated c) Cultured d) Uncultured
 - There was a grand finale of scattered plates and silver ware.
a) Begin b) Climax c) Debut d) Start
 - Father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be Sturdy.
a) Feeble b) Delicate c) Cherish d) Strong
- Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.
- Predicting the arrival of visitors.
a) Departure b) Journey c) Migration d) Perusal
 - Hillary scraped the ice off the gauges.
a) Brushed b) Swept c) Covered d) Raked
 - Maamanaar was sitting in splendour on his chair.
a) Simplicity b) Richness c) Carelessly d) Pomp
7. Choose the suitable meaning for the Idiom found in the following sentences.
He came to the office in a suit 'Once in a Blue moon'.
a) Very often b) Suddenly c) Very rarely d) Sometimes
8. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.
Judges sentenced him guilty.
a) SVOC b) SVCA c) SVOA d) SVAA
9. Choose the American English word for 'Timetable'
a) Plan b) Schedule c) Agenda d) Planner
10. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'Operate'.
a) in - b) re - c) un - d) co -
11. Choose the meaning of the Foreign word in the sentence.
The Supreme Court has ordered that 'Statusquo' Should be maintained with regard to the I.M.S
a) Stage of life b) Position of objects
c) The situation as it is now d) Reservation quota
12. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative. (Euphemism)
The school for blind is completely damaged by the flood.
a) Mentally challenged b) Handicapped
c) Unseeing d) Visually Impaired
13. Choose the tri Syllabic word.
a) Merchant b) Inform c) Charity d) Life
14. Substitute the Phrasal Verb in the sentence with a single word.
You must not go against the advice of your parents.
a) Follow b) Disobey c) Obey d) Continue
15. Choose the correct Expansion of the acronym AIR.
a) All India Railways b) All India Rivers
c) All India Radio d) All Indian Religious
16. Choose the unclipped form of 'Pant'
a) Elephant b) Pantry c) pantaloon d) Triumphant
17. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'Visiting Card'
a) Noun + Adj b) Verb + Adj c) Noun + Verb d) Gerund + Noun
18. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'Travelogue'
a) Travel Prologue b) Travellers + Catalogue
c) Travellers + dialogue d) Travel + Catalogue

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19. Add suitable question tag to the following statement.
Students should be allowed to use the library every day.
a) Should they b) Isn't it c) Shouldn't they d) Won't they?
20. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition.
I saw a helicopter fly ----- a lake.
a) Over b) into c) along d) from

PART - II
SECTION - 1

- Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following: **4x2=8**
21. *And you'll be there anon,
To see your flag bird flap his vans.*
(a) Who does 'You' refer to?
(b) Where did he hoist the flag?
22. *The growth of a frail flower in a path up
Has sometimes shattered and split a rock.*
a) What can split a rock.
b) Pick out the alliterated words.
23. *A rugged people and through soft degrees
Subdue them to the useful and the good.*
a) Who are rugged people?
b) Mention the figure of speech used in this line?
24. *"Mewling and Puking in the nurse's arms,
Then the whining school boy with his satchel".*
a) Who pukes in the nurse's arms?
b) What does 'Satchel' mean?
25. *And everytime the music rose, - before
Mine inner vision rose a form sublime.*
a) What kind of music is mentioned here?
b) What rose in the poetess's inner vision?
26. *How can this shameful tale be told?*
a) What is a Tale?
b) What was the shameful tale?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed. (Any three)

27. Change the following into Indirect Speech.
Uma : Why do you look so worried today?
Sara : My friend met with an accident.
28. He completed the work, he went home. (Change into Complex)
29. Change into Other Voice. The Project was completed by the Students.
30. Rewrite the sentence using 'if'.
You waste water. You will suffer.

PART - III (SECTION - 1)

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

31. The water lilies spring like snow enmassed.
32. To follow knowledge like a Sinking star.
Beyond the utmost bound of Human thought.
33. "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel
Seeking the bubble reputation.

SECTION - 2

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

34. Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?
35. Why does Dr. Barnard find suffering of children heart breaking?
36. Define Liberty as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.

SECTION - 3

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following questions.

37. Complete the proverbs. Choose the right word from the list.

a) _____ is the mother of Invention.

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| (i) Conversation | (ii) Necessity | (iii) Retention | (iv) Scarcity |
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b) The pen is mightier than the _____

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| (i) Dagger | (ii) Spear | (iii) Spade | (iv) Sword |
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c) _____ die many times, but the brave die only once.

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| (i) Fools | (ii) Cowards | (iii) Greatmen | (iv) Scholars |
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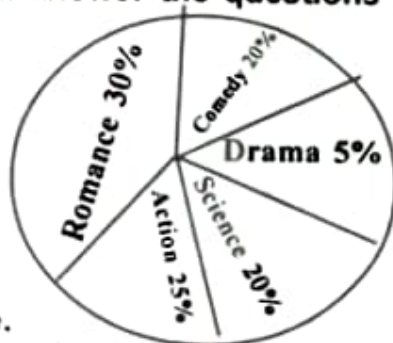
38. Write a dialogue between a Father and his son regarding Higher studies. Write three more exchanges.

Father : Well! What marks have you got?

Son : I have got 95% Dad.

39. Describe the process of making Lemon Tea.

40. Study the pie - chart and answer the questions that follow.



Favourite type of movie.

- What are the two types of movies liked by equal percentage of people?
- Which type of movie is preferred by most number of people?
- Which types is least enjoyed and favoured by people?

PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph in about 150 words.

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41. a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "Nice Cup of Tea".

(OR)

b) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.

42. a) Describe the various stages of a man's life pictured in the poem "All the world's A Stage".

(OR)

b) Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood to face the Challenges of Life.

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

a) Conflict - story - Margot - nine years old girl - moved venus - Planet - constant rain - sun - briefly - refuses - neglected - by children - five years ago - ohio - sun came - locked - incloset - finally - comes out

(OR)

b) Pi - Survives - a shipwreck - life with various animals - in the boat - waterplays - a vital role - named after - swimming pool - Pi's - relationship with water in the life boat - finds - drinking water.

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

Sparrows are found in many parts of the world and they are of several kinds. The one that is best known to us is the house sparrow. But there is also the hedge - sparrow that makes its nest in Hedges and Bushes. A noisy bird, the house sparrow has its own song mainly made up of a series of Calls and Twitters. It makes its nest in a hole or some niche in the house. This nest is no more than an arrangement, not a very tidy one, of paper and straw which may be lined with wool and hair. The hedge sparrow is more slender than the house sparrow. It is brown, Black and Bluish grey in colour. It too sings, often a warbling song. Like the house sparrow it hops on the ground and makes its own untidy nest. Sparrows eat seeds of many different kinds. But much more than seeds, they feed on insects. They lay eggs which number three to six at one time.

(OR)

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- b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words. My ambition in Life.
 45. a) Write a letter to your Aunt Stating how much you miss her after returning to your house and How much you enjoyed there.

(OR)

- b) Respond to the following Advertisement.
 Write XXX for your name and YYY for your Address.

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 ACCOUNTS OFFICER.**

The applicant should be an experienced graduate either male or female - Apply with full Bio - date to Box no - 106, C/O THE HINDU, Chennai - 8

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

- (a) You will not pass unless you don't work hard.
 (b) Fifty Thousand Rupees are high salary.
 (c) She went back to home.
 (d) Cauvery is a river.
 (e) We have received no informations.

(OR)

- (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- (a) In Japan even ----- stores are not ----- for they float on boats.
 (Fill in the blanks with Stationary / Stationery)
 (b) You ----- not write on the wall. (Use a modal verb)
 (c) Water ----- (boil) at 100°C temperature. (Use the given verb in suitable form)
 (d) The movie is about a leader ----- led the freedom struggle of his nation.
 (Use a relative pronoun)

47. Expand the following outlines into a complete story and supply a suitable title.

A king - thinks - ill - really not - doctors - plan - advise king - sleep one night - wear the shirt - a happy man - messengers - search - no use - atleast - see - a beggar - lying under a tree - singing happily - ask his shirt - beggar laughs - no shirt to wear - tell king - what they saw - heard - king understands - wealth - cannot make one happy.

(OR)

Read the following passage and answer in your own words the questions given below.

Some people think that the aim of education is merely to give Knowledge. These people want students to read books and do nothing else, but add to their Knowledge. Others believe that Knowledge alone is not enough; Only that which enables a man to earn his living can be called Education. Such people think that bread is more important than anything else. Still others believe that Education should aim solely at making Good Citizen and Good Patriots. As a matter of fact, education should aim at all these three things together. It should give men Knowledge, make them Self reliant and able to serve others. Education should not produce Citizens who, while they love their own freedom take away the freedom of others. It should produce men who love their own country but do not want to harm other countries.

Questions:

- (i) What do some people think to be the aim of Education?
 (ii) What do others think about it? Why?
 (iii) What do still others think?
 (iv) What is the True aim of Education?
 v) What kind of Citizens should education produce?