

HMD

12 - Std

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

ENGLISH

Time : 3.15 hrs

Marks : 90

PART-I (20x1=20)

- I) **A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences.**
- They were doing brisk business in the public square. 3 x 1 = 3
 a) indolent b) dull c) active d) lethargic
 - Of the rest, many will end up with mental or physical cripples.
 a) able bodied b) rare presents c) perfect health d) disabilities
 - Little dangling baskets under the spout to catch the stray leaves.
 a) loose b) harmful c) gathered d) none of these
- B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences.** 3 x 1 = 3
- The advent of brain machine interfaces is certain to blur the boundary between humans and machines.
 a) danger b) drawback c) departure d) arrival
 - The trolley was commandeered by the two boys
 a) abandoned b) snatched c) hijacked d) smuggled
 - He was unexplored.
 a) expedited b) expelled c) explained d) explored
- C) Answer all the questions.** 14 x 1 = 14
- Choose the correct expansion of RAW.**
 a) Research and Analysis Wing b) Research and Analyses Wing
 c) Review and Analysis Wing d) Review and Analyses Wing
 - Choose the correct combination for the compound word "milchcow" .**
 (a) Gerund + Verb (b) Noun + Verb
 (c) Adverb + Verb (d) Adjective + Noun
 - Choose the right combination for the blended word "moped" .**
 (a) Motor + Pedal (b) Moto + Pedal (c) Mot + Pedal (d) Moto + Ped
 - Choose the clipped word for "laboratory" .**
 (a) labo (b) lab (c) labio (d) boratory
 - Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence :
Pedanna opened the door.**
 (a) brother (b) elder brother (c) younger brother (d) stranger.
 - Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence :
 Raga was sick of bending over backwards to entertain her cousins.**
 (a) doing yoga (b) doing physical exercises
 (c) doing gymnastics (d) trying hard
 - Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun.**
 I have a frienddog is very cute.
 (a) who (b) whose (c) whom (d) which
 - Complete the sentence choosing the correct Preposition.**
 I heard the news the radio.
 (a) on (b) to (c) in (d) with
 - A craze for establishing banks is known as**
 (a) monotonist (b) islomania (c) barbarian (d) bancomania
 - Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "disaster" .**
 (a) -ment (b) -ish (c) -ly (d) -ous

17. Add a suitable question tag to the following sentence.
He never met anyone,
- (a) didn't he (b) won't he (c) did he (d) doesn't he
18. Identify the correct sentence pattern of the following.
The children speak courteously. (a) SVA (b) SVOC (c) SVOA (d) ASVA
19. Substitute the phrasal verb in the sentence with a single word.
It is really difficult to put up with a short tempered person.
- (a) oppose (b) accept (c) deny (d) tolerate
20. Choose the rightly spelt word:
(a) hippocrites (b) hypocrites (c) hipcrites (d) pocrites

PART-II

- II. Answer any seven of the following : 7x 2= 14
- (i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following:
21. "Oh then our maze of tunneled stone
Grew thin and treacherous as air
The Castle was lost without a groan
The famous citadel overthrown
a) What happened to the castle? b) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza?
22. "Then a soldier
Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the Cannon's mouth"
(a) What is the soldier ready to do? (b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
23. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.
(a) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
(b) Which tree is referred to here ?
24. Death closes all; but something ere the end
Some work of noble note, may yet be done
Not unbecoming men that strove with Gods.
a) The above lines convey the undying spirits of Ulysses. Explain.
b) Pick out the words of alliteration in the above lines.
25. Life is hard; be steel; be a rock
a) How should one face life? b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
26. Let once my army - leader Lannes
Waver at yonder wall.
a) Who is Lannes? b) Write out the alliterated words.
- (ii) Do as directed. (any three)
27. Grandmother said to her grandson, "May God bless you" (*into indirect speech*)
28. Kindly complete the assignment in time. (*into other voice*)
29. If I had known about your behavior sooner, I would have dismissed him immediately.
(Begin with "Had")
30. Though India has won the 9 row matches, it was defeated in the finals.
(Transform into a compound sentence)

PART-III

- III. Answer any seven of the following : 7x 3= 21
- (i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. 2x 3= 6
31. "I'm killed Sire!" And his chief beside
Smiling the boy fell dead.

32. "Unto thy honor Tree, beloved of those
Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose"
33. "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel
Seeking the bubble reputation"

(ii) Answer any two of the following briefly.

2x 3 = 6

34. Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking to in the cubicle?
35. Detail the statistics Dr. Barnard had provided in his speech?
36. Define Liberty as perceived by the author.

(iii) Answer any three of the following :

3x 3 = 9

37. **Re-arrange the shuffled words to make meaningful sentence.**
- (a) Electoral reforms / held / parties on / The Election Commission / a meeting with / all Political
- (b) Over South Peninsula/North -east monsoon/ rainfall activity/ the major period of/ season is
- (c) and guide / administrator/able/is an/Our Headmaster
38. Describe the process of installing a computer.
39. Draft an e mail to your friend stating your aim of becoming doctor.
40. **Match the proverbs with their meanings:**

Proverbs	Meanings
i. Manners maketh a Man	a. Try to read as much as possible.
ii. Reading makes a man perfect	b. Never rush up.
iii. Haste makes waste	c. be perfect and respect others

PART-IV

IV. Answer any seven of the following : 7x 5 = 35

41. **Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words.**
- (a) Summarize George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice cup of Tea".
- (b) Narrate the story "The Chair" in your own words.
42. **Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words .**
- (a) Napoleon was a great source of inspiration to his army. Justify.
- (b) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a stage".

43. **Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words .**
- Ausable was secret agent - Fowler was a crime writer - sensitive document - stared by Pistol - a criminal spy - countenance of a fox - new missiles - explained about the balcony - sudden knocking at the door - impressed by Ausable's cleverness.

(OR)

Pi was scared - Presence of Richard Parker - sedation and sea sickness - thirty overpowered the fear - found cans of water - brought him peace, purpose and wholeness later.

44. **Write a summary or Make notes of the following passage .**
- Guyana is a small country situated in the northern coast of South America, on the Atlantic Ocean. People of Indian ancestry form nearly 50% of its population, the rest are local Amerindians, and people of European and Chinese descent. Christopher Columbus is believed to have discovered Guyana in 1498. The Dutch Landed there in the Late 16th century and the local Amerindians welcomed them as trading Partners. But the Dutch became permanent settlers and began ruling the country. Britain took over the country in 1796, and ceded the country with Great Britain and named it British Guyana in 1831. In 1834, slavery was abolished, and thousands of indentured

labourers were brought from India, Portugal and China to replace the slaves working in sugarcane plantations. Two ships from Calcutta carried the Indians. The *Whit* sailed with 249 people on 13th January 1838 and arrived in Guyana on 5th May. The *Hesperus* left 6 days later with 165 passengers and arrived in Guyana late on the night of 5th May. Today the country's population is nearly 8,00,000 in an area of 214969 sq.km. The average population density for Guyana is less than Four Persons per sq.km.

45. You wish to become a pilot. Write a letter to a college enquiring about the details of the pilot training course offered by the college. Include the following details: duration of the course, fee structure, scholarships, hostel facilities and placement details.

(or)

Write a paragraph on " My Hobby".

46. **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them :**

- He is one hour late.
- Oxygen is more heavier than Hydrogen.
- The little boy wore a red colour shirt.
- There is a stadium near your school, isn't it?
- The match was called of. (or)

Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- He had no _____ of mind till his friend gave him a _____ of advice. (Piece / Peace) (2)
- Malini _____go to temple on Fridays , when she was young (Semi-modal) (1)
- _____rain, they continued to play the match. (Linker/ phrase) (1)
- The milkman _____(knock) the door at the moment. (Use the verb in the correct form) (1)

47. **Construct a dialogue with a minimum of five exchanges between father and son about the uses of the internet. (or)**

Read the following passage and answer in your own words

The earth is losing its forests. Presently, 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 newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rainforest are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber. Another way that man is destroying the world's forests is by burning them down. In the Amazon, for example, rainforests are being burnt down at a rate of 20 hectares a minutes. (The main reason of burning down the rainforests is to clear the land for farming.) Farmers in rainforests countries are often poor and cannot afford to buy land. Instead, these farmers clear rainforest land to raise their animals or grow their crops. Because tropical rainforest soil is so poor in nutrients, farmers cannot reuse the same land year after year. In the following years, farmers just clear more land, destroying the forest piece by piece. Already (more than 30 tropical country have reached a critical level of forest destruction) and one-time exporters of timber such as Nigeria, and Thailand now have to import timber for their domestic needs.

Questions:

- What is the major reason for the destruction of forests?
- Mention any two uses of trees.
- Why do some people burn down the rainforests?
- How many tropical countries have reached a critical level of forest destruction?
- From where do Nigeria and Thailand get timber for their domestic needs?