

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

CLASS : XII

ENGLISH

Reg No

TIME : 3 00 Hrs.

TOTAL MARKS : 70

PART - I

1. Answer all the questions.

20x1=20

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

- My interest was provoked by their remarkable demeanour.
a) victim b) behaviour c) activity d) combination
- They did not have sophisticated heart surgery.
a) luxurious b) perfect c) well-advanced d) poor
- Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy.
a) weak b) strong c) tall d) good

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- They are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
a) enough b) suffocative c) inadequate d) submissive
- The cargo was hoisted up onto the ship.
a) lowered b) raised c) highered d) fixed
- Seeing your car pulled up by his insolence.
a) roughness b) rudeness c) respect d) calmness
- Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'inbox'.
a) Noun+Noun b) Preposition+Noun c) Verb+Noun d) Preposition+Verb
- Choose the expanded form of "CIA".
a) Central International Agency b) Central Intelligence Agency
c) Central Indian Agency d) Central Institutional Agency
- Choose the clipped form of the word 'handkerchief'.
a) chief b) hand c) kerchief d) handher
- Choose the right combination of the blended word 'Spork'.
a) Spoon+port b) Spoon+cork c) Spill+cork d) Spoon+fork
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word, "It's time to bid adieu".
a) salute b) also known as c) good bye d) welcome
- Choose the right definition for the term. 'Linguistics' is the study of _____.
a) languages b) nations c) lunatics d) diseases
- Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.
The war broke out between two countries.
a) ended suddenly b) spread over c) started suddenly d) stopped
- Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'familiar ____'.
a) _ise b) -ing c) -let d) -ful
- Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.
They presented him a car.
a) SVO b) SVIDO c) SVOC d) SVA
- Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
They see the dangerous animal _____ the window.
a) over b) above c) through d) within

17. Choose the suitable meaning for the underlined idiom.
Eleventh hour preparation will not help the students.
 a) late night b) at the last moment c) till 11p.m d) eleven hours
18. Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun.
 The horse _____ won the race has a beautiful mane.
 a) which b) where c) whom d) who
19. Choose the suitable question tag. Let's go to temple, _____?
 a) can we b) won't us c) shall we d) don't we
20. Choose the polite alternative for the underlined word.
 There was an old man in the queue.
 a) senior b) old person c) senior man d) senior citizen

PART – II (SECTION – I)

Answer any four of the following.

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

4x2:

21. "Like a huge python, winding round and round"
 a) What looks like a python? b) Mention the poetic device used here.
22. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick
 So smooth and high, no man could win"
 a) How safe was the castle? b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
23. "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
 Seeking the bubble reputation"
 a) Which stage is referred here? b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
24. "Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades
 Vext the dim sea : I am become a name"
 a) What is meant by 'Vext'? b) what is meant by 'Hyades'?
25. "A film the mother eagle's eye
 When her bruised eaglet breathes"
 a) Who is compared to the mother eagle? b) Pick out the alliteration words
26. "Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong
 And the final decisions are made in silent rooms"
 a) How would being alone help the boy? b) Where are the final decisions taken?

SECTION – 2

Answer any three questions.

27. Who discovered America? (Change into other voice)
28. I like tea. I prefer coffee. (Combine the sentences using 'Though')
29. The manager said to me, "What can I do for you?" (Change into indirect speech)
30. If I were you, I would accept the offer. (Begin the sentence with 'were')

3x

PART – III (Section – 1)

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

31. "Dear is the Casuarina to my soul"
32. "They have their exits and their entrances;
 And one man in his life time plays many parts".
33. "He will be lonely enough
 To have time for the work."

2x

Section -2

Answer any two of the following.

2x3=6

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
 35. What were the problems the trolley driver suffered from?
 36. Define 'liberty' as perceived by the author.

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Build a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a salesman and a customer at an electronic shop.
 38. Prepare an exam check list for a student appearing for the public exam.
 39. Write a message to your friend inviting him to a festival in your village.
 40. Complete the proverbs.
 a) _____ is better than cure. (Prevention/Preposition/Determination)
 b) _____ is the soul of wit. (Sincerity/Comedy/Brevity)
 c) An idle brain is the _____'s workshop. (god/devil/friend)

PART - IV

Answer the following.

7x5=35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 a) Summarise George Orwell's golden rules in "A Nice Cup of Tea".
 (OR)
 b) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chai.
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.
 a) Describe the capture of the castle.
 (OR)
 b) The young soldier matched Napoleon in courage and patriotism. Elucidate.
43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.
 a) Ausable – secret agent – spoke French and German – Fowler the romantic writer – a man with pistol – Max a criminal – new missiles – balcony below the window – knocking the door – police – dropped to the balcony – waiter entered.
 (OR)
 b) Robert Baldwin an honest man – fraud in a bank -Gresham arrested – pressurized Baldwin – to false statement – offered huge bribe – Baldwin refused – family members tempted – ashamed of good – stood for justice -Gresham confessed – Baldwin rewarded.
44. a) Make notes or summarize the following passage.
 Languages are different kinds – spoken language, written language, sign language, code language, body language, Braille or language of the blind, and the more recent ones being the machine language and the computer language. Many languages have a long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among those, whose languages are centuries old. The number of languages used in verbal communication is extremely large. It is said that there are 3500 identified languages throughout the world. Although this is true of spoken languages, the number of written languages is much lower, with one estimate placing it at more than 500. Within a language there are sub languages that are called dialects. A dialect is a form of speech peculiar to a district, class or people. It is a subordinate variety of a language with distinguishable vocabulary, pronunciation or idioms.

45. a) You are a school pupil leader. Write a letter to the manager of a Salem steel plant requesting his permission to visit the factory.

(OR)

b) Write a paragraph on "The Value of Grandparents".

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

- i) Though he is ill but he attends the call.
- ii) Two and two make four.
- iii) I love gymnastic.
- iv) He aims for state rank.
- v) If you heat ice, It will melt.

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- i) I can't _____ the heat if I walk on _____ foot. (bare/bear)
- ii) You _____ not lose any more weight. (Use semi-modal verb)
- iii) The world _____ avoid war. (Use a modal verb)
- iv) After the bell _____ (ring), the students left the school. (Use a suitable tense form)

47. a) Identify each of the following sentences with fields given below.

- i) Australia won the ICC world cup-2023.
- ii) I like the paintings of Ravivarma.
- iii) India is democratic country.
- iv) Modern methods of cultivation are introduced.
- v) The flight was cancelled owing to fog.

(weather, politics, economics, art, sports, health, agriculture)

(OR)

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

Helen Keller is renowned for defying all odds to accomplish great things despite deaf and blind. After an illness in her childhood robbed her of her ability to see and hear, Helen was miraculously taught how to communicate by her instructor Anne Sullivan. She went on to become the first deaf and blind person to earn a bachelor's degree and during her years at college published her famous autobiography "The story of My Life". As an author she published 12 books apart from writing numerous articles. She co-founded Helen Keller international in 1915 and worked for the American Foundation for the Blind for more than 40 years. An inspiration to millions of people around the world, Helen Keller received numerous awards and honors including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Legion of Honour.

Questions:

- a) Who was the instructor of Helen Keller?
- b) What is the famous autobiography of Helen Keller?
- c) How many books did Helen Keller publish as an author?
- d) Where was Helen Keller born?
- e) Name at least two awards received by Helen Keller?