

Tamil Nadu

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Common Half Yearly Examination - 2023

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Time: 3 (3) Hours

Standard 12
ENGLISH
Part - I

Marks: 90

20x1=20

- Answer all the questions. Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes.

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- The boys shined shoes, hawked newspaper and ran errands.
a) odd jobs b) inactivity c) leisure d) relaxation
- The liberties of everybody must be curtailed.
a) lessened b) developed c) reduced d) diminished
- The best manner of making it is the subject of violent disputes.
a) agreement b) accord c) concord d) conflict

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- A lady walking down the middle of a street had no small peril to herself.
a) danger b) hazard c) safety d) risk
- The author and his friend went near the boys when their trade slackened.
a) reduced b) increased c) lowered d) went down
- suffering seems as cruelly prevalent in the world today.
a) praising b) rare c) common d) popular
- Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.
Eleventh hour preparation will not help the students.
a) till 11 P.M. b) at the last moment
c) much in advance d) late at night

- Choose the right word that can be placed after the word 'court' to form a compound word.
a) yard b) sheep c) ful d) heart

- Choose the suitable meaning for the phrasal verb in the following sentence on hearing the shocking news, the woman passed out.
a) trembled b) wailed c) perspired d) fainted

- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence

English is the Lingua Franca of many countries.

- Mother tongue
- Foreign language
- Unknown language
- common language

- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation ... UPS.

- Uninterrupted Power Supply
- Unending Power Supply
- Unilever Power Supply
- Uniform Penal Support

- Choose the trisyllabic word from the following

- initial
- command
- property
- enthusiastic

- Choose the clipped form of the word for 'perambulator'

- pram
- peram
- ramtor
- rambul

- Add a suitable question tag for the following sentence choosing from the options

The story tries to relate history to science

- is it?
- isn't it
- does it
- doesn't it

- Choose the meaning of the foreign word enroute

- returning
- on the way to
- on the shortcut road
- on the wrong route

- You not go to the market as I have brought vegetables (Use a semi modal)

- Choose the correct American English word for 'Time table'

- Period
- Schedule
- Programme
- agenda

- Choose the right plural form of the word 'memorandum'

- memorandum
- memoranda
- memerandum
- memerandam

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- 19) Choose the right combination of the blended word 'medicare'
- a) medicine + care
b) medical + care
c) medicinal + care
d) meditation + care
- 20) Identify the sentence pattern
I played football yesterday
- a) SVOC
b) SVAA
c) SVOA
d) SVCA

Part - II

Section - A

Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions (any four) 4x2=8

- 21) **This is my son, mine own Telemachus
To Whom I leave the sceptre and the isle
Well - loved of me**
- a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to in his absence?
b) Bring out the significance of the sceptre
- 22) **"Life is hard; be steel, be a rock"**
- a) How should one face life?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line
- 23) **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) Why id Napoleon's eyes become soft as a mother eaglet's eyes?
- 24) **You know, we French stormed Ratisbon
A mile or so away**
- a) Who does 'We' refer to?
b) Where is Ratisbon?
- 25) **'Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades'**
- a) Explain scudding drifts
b) What do you mean by 'Hyades'?
- 26) **We could do nothing, being sold"**
- a) Why couldn't they do anything?
b) Why did they feel helpless?

Section - B

Transform the following as directed (Any three) 3x2=6

- 27) Priya said, "I want to give my sister a present". (Into indirect speech)
- 28) Gayathri gave a set of pens to Mani (Change into the other voice)
- 29) I watched a fantastic movie (Change into complex sentence)
- 30) If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview (Begin with 'Had')

Part - III

Section - A

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context 2x3=6

- 31) How can this shameful tale be told?
- 32) 'I'm killed sire!, And, his chief beside,
Smiling the boy fell dead
- 33) I cannot rest from travel. I will drink Life to the lees:

Section - B

Answer any two of the following briefly: 2x3=6

- 34) Define Liberty as perceived by the author
- 35) What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?
- 36) What did Hillary do with his wet boots?

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Section - C

1x3=9

Answer any three of the following:

- 37) You are the president of your school students' council. Prepare a notice to be displayed on the notice board of your school undermining about an inter school dance competition.
- 38) Frame a dialogue with a minimum of five exchanges for the given situation. Between two friends, discussing the selection of the course after XII std.
- 39) Describe a process of making mixed fruit salad
- 40) **Complete the proverbs**
(Sword, silver, poverty)
a) Every cloud has a lining
b) is the mother of crime
c) Pen is mightier than the

Part - IV

Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 100 - 150 words: 7x5=35

- 41) a) Summarise the distinctive ideas of George Orwell in the essay '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 chair.

- 42) a) The poet immortalizes the tree. Elucidate

(OR)

- b) Napoleon was a great source of inspiration to his army. Justify.

- 43) **Write a paragraph by developing the following hints:**

Pi-in Pacific - on life boat - Tiger Richard Parker - on board - no food water sleep - three days - search - thirst over powered fear - found cans of water - came back life and senses - Parker helped - survive for 227 days - Pi left Parker - a jungle - reunited with his family

(OR)

Conflict - story - Margot - nine years old - girl - moved Venus - planet - constant rain - sun - briefly - comes - refuses - to play - neglected - by children - real crime - memory - five years ago - remembered - ohio - too years old - sun came - memory - being human - locked - in closet - finally - comes out.

- 44) **Write a summary or make notes of the following passage. Give a title**

The use of tobacco can also seriously impair the user's health. It can lead to cancer, heart attack, strokes and chronic lung disease. Babies born to mothers who smoke are often smaller and less healthy than babies born to mothers who do not smoke, Bronchitis and pneumonia are serious illnesses common in babies born to parents who do not smoke.

Babies whose parents smoke also have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease after they become adults.

We know that alcoholic beverages actually poison the body. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in lack of judgement and restraint slurred speech staggering and clumsiness. Larger amount of alcohol can produce drowsiness, stupor and even death. People who become addicted to alcoholic beverages are called alcoholics. They drink so much of alcohol that it damages their health completely. They suffer from diseases such as cancer and ulcers more frequently than people who do not use alcohol.

(OR)

Write a paragraph on the topic 'Mobile Phones - a Boon or Bane.'

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- 45) a) Write an application for the post of personal secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following details. Educational qualification, experience, various other qualifications required for the post.

(OR)

- b) You have chosen computer science in the Higher Secondary Course. Write a letter to your friend giving reasons for your choice.

- 46) 1) **Spot the errors and correct them**

- Ram is inferior than Sam
- He gave me a ten rupees note
- Though he came late but he was allowed
- Many a student were awarded at the function
- One of my uncle lives in Canada

(OR)

- 2) **Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

- I like to meet you in person and discuss the matter.
(Use a modal verb)
- I (Play) basket ball when he came.
(Use the correct tense form of the verb)
- All citizens obey the laws of land (use a modal verb)
- The protruding (root/route) of the tree objected ourway
(Use the appropriate word)
- My grandmother tell me bedtime stories, When I was young
(Use a Semi-modal verb)

- 47) a) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

Kabaddi is a contact team sport that originated in Tamil Nadu. 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 a '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 opposing 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, Kabaddi" hututu hututu, Chadu Kudu, etc, while the opponents try to catch him. If he stops uttering those words, he is considered out.

- Kabaddi is a national sport of
- Kabaddi is played between two teams of 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?

(OR)

- b) **Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.**

A Wealthy old lady - suddenly loses eyesight - calls an eye specialist - doctor demands exorbitant fees - lady agrees to pay if cured - doctor starts treatment - steals antique decorative pieces - one by one - treatment ends - lady's vision restored - doctor demands fees - lady refuses to pay - doctor knocks the doors of court - seeks justice - judge enquires lady - lady explains - not completely cured - cannot see antique items - kept in showcase - judge understands - gives verdict - lady's favour - arrests doctor for cheating.