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Half-Yearly Examination - 2023

Marks : 90

Time : 3.00 Hrs.

ENGLISH

PART - I

(20 x 1 = 20)

I. Answer all the questions.

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences:

1. Then as trade slackened we went over. a) increased b) prospered c) reduced d) continued
2. There was a grand finale. a) opening b) debut c) initiation d) climax
3. I have to accommodate my liberty to their liberties. a) hinder b) hamper c) fit in with d) reject

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:

4. He suffered severe third-degree burns on the upper part of his body.
a) strict b) harsh c) mild d) serious
5. Tenzing collapsed at the top like a giant fish. a) refreshed b) fell down c) gave way d) fainted
6. The end of such liberty would be universal chaos
a) confusion b) orderliness c) disorder d) commotion
7. Choose the clipped form of the word for university. a) varsity b) versity c) universe d) sity
8. Choose the blended form of webinar
a) website + seminar b) web + seminar c) webs + minar d) web + seminary
9. Choose the right definition of the given term claustrophobia
a) fear of books b) fear of closed spaces c) fear of noise d) fear of men

10. Choose the meaning of the idiom.

Life is not a bed of roses.

- a) luxurious style b) bed with a lot of flowers c) rigid life d) comfortable place or position
11. Choose the correct phrasal verb.
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield. a) give away b) give in c) give out d) give off
12. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
Rajan arrives in the same type of attire, sans a shirt. a) donates b) presents c) with d) without
13. Identify the correct combination of the word "sun light".
a) Adjectives + verb b) gerund + verb c) Adverb + noun d) Noun + noun
14. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'pod'. a) un b) tri c) in d) de
15. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation BPO.
a) Bank Process Outsourcing b) Better Process Outsourcing c) Business Process Outsourcing
d) Big Process Outsourcing

16. Choose the monosyllabic word from the given options. a) Senses b) Queue c) Logical d) Charity

17. Choose the most appropriate tag for the following sentence.

She can play chess. _____?

- a) Can she? b) Can't she? c) Did she? d) Will she?
18. Choose the correct American English word.

Bonnet a) Sonnet b) Hood c) Couplet d) Boot

19. Complete the following sentences with the most appropriate preposition.

A stout old lady was walking _____ her basket. a) across b) after c) with d) from

20. Choose the correct substitute word for the underlined word below:
The culprit was put into jail. a) Prison b) Cell c) Confinement d) Correctional facility.

PART - II

SECTION - 1

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines.

(4x2=8)

21. "With our arms and provender load
on load."
a) Who is the poet? b) What do you mean by provender?
22. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among!"
a) Who is the giant here? b) Why is the scarf colourful?
23. "Then the whining school boy with his satchel"
a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet? b) What do you mean by 'Satchel'?
24. "Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind"
a) Whose action is described here? b) What is meant by prone brow?
25. "Life is hard; be steel, be rock".
a) How should one face life? b) Identify the figure of speech.
26. "This is my son, mine own Telemachus".
a) Who is Telemachus? b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.

SECTION - 2

Do as Directed:

Answer any three questions.

(3x2=6)

27. Sameera said "I am going to the market now".
[Change into indirect speech]
28. Ravi must work hard. Otherwise he will not secure high marks.
[Combine the sentences using 'if' clause]
29. He works hard and so he comes up in the life.
[Change into 'complex' sentence]
30. They have made a film based on this novel.
[Change the voice]

PART - III

SECTION - 1

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

(2x3=6)

31. Dear is the casuarina to my soul.
32. He works his work, I mine.
33. Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy.

SECTION - 2

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

(2x3=6)

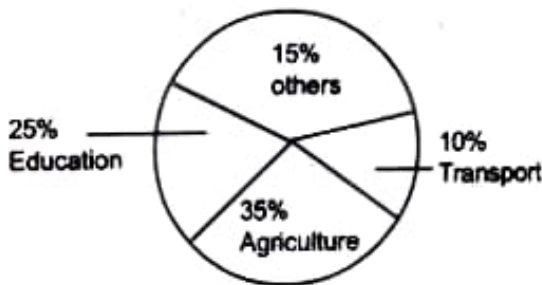
34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
 35. What does the traffic policeman symbolize?
 36. What did Hillary find in a tiny hollow?

SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following:

(3x3=9)

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list:
 a) _____ is believing.
 i) writing ii) seeing iii) planning
 b) _____ water run deep.
 i) still ii) flowing iii) stagnant
 c) Out of sight is out of _____
 i) heart b) mind c) brain
38. Describe the process of making a 'bread sandwich'.
39. Write a dialogue between a teacher and a student about Kalai Illakiya Thiruvizha.
40. Budget allocation of a state.



Questions:

- a) What percentage of fund is allocated for education?
 b) Which sector gets the highest fund allocation?
 c) How much is allotted for transport?

PART - IV

Answer the following:

(7x5=35)

41. a) Adversity bring out the best as well as the worst in people. Elucidate this statement with reference to the story, 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'. (OR)
 b) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.
42. What is 'Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? (OR)
 The poet immortalizes the tree. – Elucidate.
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about **150 words** by developing the hints.
- a) Ivan Dmitrich – merchant – Russia – decides business venture – wife – bad dream – Ivan disregards – meets another merchant – travel together – retrieve separately – stopped by police – sentenced – Siberia new prisoners came – discloses the fact – Makar admits – Aksionov dies. (OR)
 b) School children – in venus – appearance of the Sun predicted – once in seven years – only one hour – Margot – remembers sun – other students bully her – lock in a closet – enjoy the sun – pleasant experience – re-enter the tunnel – release Margot – they regret.

44. a) Write a summary of the following passage:

No study of English can be completed without a reference dictionary of idioms. A very useful and easily available reference material is the Collins Dictionary of English idioms. This dictionary contains clearly explained meanings of over three thousand common English idioms. To make the meaning even clearer and to show you how the idioms can be used, each idiom is provided with a suitable sample sentence. In this dictionary, the emphasis is on 'true' idioms. These are expressions whose meanings cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain. The dictionary also provides a great many variations in the way these idioms are used. The main emphasis, however, is on providing an understanding of the meaning of the idioms, rather than attempting to be a complete guide to idiomatic usage. (OR)

b) Write a paragraph on 'The Need for Moral Education in Schools'.

45. a) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone. (OR)

b) Write a letter to your friend about excursion to Delhi.

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

- i) She made me to cry.
- ii) We bought a lot of furnitures.
- iii) Oxygen is more heavier than hydrogen.
- iv) Ravi has been ill from last Friday.
- v) Beside Tennis, I play Cricket.

(OR)

Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) I had no _____. My friend gave me a _____ of advice. (peace/piece)
 - ii) If I were you, I _____ not insult the elders. (Use a modal verb)
 - iii) _____ (sing) is my favourite hobby. (Use the gerundial form of the verb)
 - iv) I _____ drink coffee, when I was young. (Use a semi modal verb)
47. a) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.

Once a bee – fell into a pond – a pigeon flew past – dropped a leaf – bee climbed on leaf – escaped – a hunter – aimed at pigeon – the bee stung – lost his aim – pigeon escaped.

(OR)

b) Read the following passage and answer the question given below :

The Mettur dam is a large dam in India built in 1934. It was constructed on a gorge, where the river Kaveri enters the plains. The dam is one of the oldest in India. It provides irrigation facilities to a part of Salem, the length of Erode, Namakkal, Karur, Trichy and Tanjore. The Mettur Hydro Electric Power Project is also quite large. The dam, the park, power stations and hills make Mettur a tourist attraction.

Questions:

- i) What is gorge? _____
a) town b) village c) valley d) church
- ii) What are the district which get irrigation from the dam?
- iii) Is the Mettur Dam a place of tourist attraction?
- iv) When was Mettur Dam built?
- v) Which river is enters the plains?