

COMMON HALFYEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023					Reg. No.	1	2	B	1	0	1	0
XII - LANGUAGE - PART - II - ENGLISH												
Time Allowed : 3.00 Hrs.						Maximum Marks : 90						

Part - I

Answer all the questions.

20 × 1 = 20

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

- She led me through a cool, tiled Vestibule into the hospital.
a) outlet b) lobby c) door d) band room
- Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.
a) rare b) abnormal c) common d) irregular
- The liberties of everybody must be curtailed.
a) increased b) reduced c) unlimited d) raised

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

- She was a very frail girl.
a) strong b) brilliant c) wealthy d) modern
- You will ever want to ruin your tea by sweetening it again.
a) damage b) destroy c) create d) spoil
- A few days before the rare, his shoulder and arm were amputated.
a) removed b) joined c) treated d) touched
- Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'honey-sweet'.
a) adjective + adverb b) adverb + noun
c) noun + adjective d) noun + verb
- Choose the correct expansion of MNC.
a) Mobile Network Corporation b) Multi National Corporation
c) Multi News Confederation d) Multi Nationalised Companies
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
The hardcore criminal is good at creating alibi.
a) fabricating an evidence towards an innocent
b) destroying all the evidences at the place of crime
c) escaping from the police network
d) false record of his presence elsewhere at the time of record
- Choose the correct combination for the blended word 'cyborg'.
a) cybernetri + organisation b) cybernetri + organism
c) cybernetri + organ d) cybernetri + org
- Choose the clipped form of 'Perambulator'.
a) Pram b) Peram c) ramtor d) rambul
- The study of principles of beauty is _____.
a) numismatics b) aesthetics c) phonetics d) Linguistics
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'circle'.
a) de _____ b) hyper _____ c) en _____ d) re _____
- Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun.
Ram _____ house we live in, is an engineer.
a) whom b) which c) who d) whose
- Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition.
There was a fight _____ my brother and sister.
a) with b) on c) between d) among
- Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.
The lessons are quite interesting _____.
a) isn't it b) aren't they c) are they d) is it
- Choose the suitable meaning of the idiom found in the following sentence.
The things in his room were always 'at sixes and sevens'.
a) either in six or seven b) in complete disorder
c) neatly kept d) at the earliest

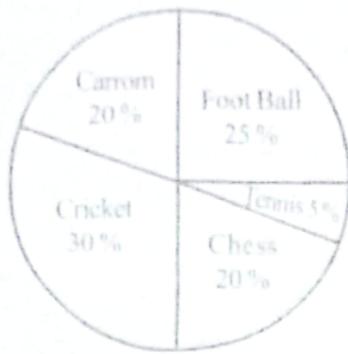
Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3 × 3 = 9

37. Study the pie chart and answer the questions that follow

Favourite Sports of Students



Questions.

- Which is the most favourite game of the students?
- Name the game preferred by the least number of students.
- Which two games have equal number of students?

38. Prepare an exam checklist for a students appearing for the public exam.

39. Complete the proverbs by choosing the right words.

- A _____ lights others and consumes itself. (matchstick, candle, torch)
- Doubt is the key to _____. (knowledge, wisdom, invention)
- Out of sight, out of _____. (place, memory, mind)

40. Rearrange the jumbled sentence

- went / we / a / on / year / trip / to / last / Kanyakumari
- get / in / at / seven o'clock / I / up / morning / the
- take / will / a / the / off / plane / few / minutes / in

Part - IV

Answer the following questions.

7 × 5 = 35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".

(OR)

- Write character sketches of Maamanaar and Pedanna.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a Stage"

43. Write the paragraph in about 150 words by developing.

- Ivan Dimitrich Aksionov - merchant in Vladimir - prone to drinking - goes to fair on business - meets another merchant - retire separately - stopped by the police - charged of murder and robbery - sentenced and sent to Siberia - 26 years in jail - new prisoner Maker Semyonich - admits his crime - Aksionov dies.

(OR)

- Group of school children - planet Venus raining for seven years - predicted sun - for two hours - children in activity - Margot thin girl - not mingling - children locked her in a closet - Sun appeared - children played - rain clouds appeared - unlocked the closet - Margot came out - power of sun.

44. Write a summary or Make notes of the following passage.

- The aim of education is the overall development of the personality of man. It means the development of not only the mind but also the body. Games keep the body fit. Swami Vivekananda was of the view that only a healthy mind can realize God. But a healthy mind can dwell only in a healthy body. For keeping a body healthy, games are indispensable. For this reason Swami Vivekananda has advised that all young men and women should play games. People who have developed the habit of playing games regularly can maintain good health. Games help to build a muscular body. They include sound sleep which is a sign of good health.

Therefore games are food for the body as knowledge is food for the mind. In fact, all work no play make Jark a dull boy Everybody likes games because these keep them physically fit and mentally alert.

Games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. They instill in us the spirit of adventure. They enable us to face dangerous boldly. When a person play games, his blood circulation increases and his digestive system improves. He does not fall prey to any disease. Games inculcate in us the spirit of sportsmanship. They also teach us courage and perseverance. Games foster the qualities of fair play. Good players maintain equanimity in the event of victory or defeat. (OR)

- b) Write a paragraph about "My dream house".
45. a) **Read the following advertisement and respond to it with a resume / bio-data / CV considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.**

[Write xxxx for your name and yyyy for your address]

WANTED - CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR
B.Sc., Nursing with minimum 3 years experience.
Apply within a week.
INDIRA COLLEGE OF NURSING No. 84, Poonthamallee High Road, Chennai - 600 054.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your friend Raja to ask her, if she could spend her Pongal holidays with you.
46. a) **Read the following sentences, Spot the error and rewrite the sentences correctly.**

- i) No sooner did the actor enter the stage, when the audience shouted in excitement.
ii) Let's change the curtains today, Can we?
iii) Though he is ill, but he attends the class.
iv) It has been raining from morning.
v) Sheela is junior than me. (OR)

- b) i) I can't _____ the heat if I walk on _____ foot. (bare, bear)
ii) All citizens _____ obey the laws of the land. (use suitable modal auxiliary)
iii) I _____ drink coffee, when I was young. (use a semi modal verb)
iv) If I were a lion, I _____ (live) in a forest. (use the correct tense form)
47. a) **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

In order to make progress in life, one should work hard. Hard work pays one should not be afraid of failures. Failures are the stepping stones to success. Abraham Lincoln contested for the membership of the Senate four times but he was defeated every time. In 1858, he contested for the United States Senate against Douglas. It was also a failure. But Lincoln was certain that "Step after step, the ladder is ascended". He contested for the topmost post of the country. He was made fun of, as a "third rate country lawyer" and a maker of clumsy jokes. The election was more exciting than usual and Lincoln was chosen the President of The United States for the term 1861 to 1865.

Questions :

- i) What were the failures met by Lincoln in his life?
ii) Who won the 1858 elections for the United States Senate?
iii) How did Lincoln's opponents ridicule him during the election campaign?
iv) What is the topmost post of the United States? When was Lincoln elected for the post.
v) Mention the proverb which bears testimony to Lincoln's perseverance. (OR)

- b) Write a dialogue between vegetable vendor and a customer with atleast five exchanges.