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Virudhunagar District
Common Half Yearly Examination - 2023

Standard 12

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

Time: 3.00 Hours

Instructions: i) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall supervisor immediately.
ii) Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

20x1=20

Answer all the questions:

Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer

Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences

- 1) Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life.
a) good b) great c) dignity d) honour
- 2) These two children had given me a profound lesson
a) mild b) slight c) moderate d) great
- 3) A few people from the house of bereavement stood outside.
a) Rejoice b) celebration c) grief d) War

Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences

- 4) The best manner of making a tea is the subject of violent disputes
a) rough b) gentle c) severe d) harsh
- 5) Far away across the clouds the great bulk Kanchenjunga loomed on the horizon.
a) emerged b) loosened c) appeared d) vanished
- 6) The end of such liberty would be universal chaos.
a) custom b) systematic c) confusion d) orderliness
- 7) **Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb**
His request was rejected by the manager
a) turned in b) turned out c) turned down d) turned up
- 8) **Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word 'animate'**
a) de - b) un - c) in - d) mis -
- 9) **Fill in the blanks with the most suitable prepositional phrase.**
..... Kiran, Rajesh may attend a programme.
a) In favour of b) in regard to c) instead of d) in case of
- 10) **Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.**
My father seldom shouts at me,?
a) doesn't he b) did he c) does he d) isn't he
- 11) **Choose the suitable meaning for the idioms found in the following sentence**
Each member of the team had all their ducks in a row.
a) at a short distance b) to be well organized
c) wait for a situation to become clear d) at the last moment
- 12) **Choose the correct combination of the word "wide spread"**
a) noun + adjective b) adjective + noun
c) adjective + adjective d) adjective + verb
- 13) **Choose the correct combination for the blended word "Yelp"**
a) Yellow pages + help b) yellow + help
c) Yellow wood + help d) yellowware + help
- 14) **Replace the underlined word with the polite form of expression**
Sheela has a second hand car.
a) pre-sold b) pre-owned c) pre-buy d) pre-paid
- 15) **Choose the correct American English word for "Barrister"**
a) columnist b) druggist c) attorney d) mailman
- 16) **Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentences**
He often played in the ground
a) SAVA b) SVA c) SAVO d) SVAA
- 17) **Choose the best option for the expansion of the abbreviation 'OMR'**
a) Option Mark Recognition b) Optical Mark Recognition
c) Optical Mark Record d) Option Mark Recognition

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- 18) Choose the clipped form of "Public house"
 a) Pub b) Public c) house d) pub house
- 19) Choose the right definition for the given term "Pulmonologist"
 a) One who studies disease b) One who treats kidney disease
 c) one who specializes in lung problem d) one who treats stomach disorder
- 20) Fill in the blank with a suitable relative pronoun for the following sentence
 Students speaks English fluently will easily get jobs
 a) Whose b) Who c) Whom d) Which

PART - II

Section - A

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets: 4x2=8

- 21) "**We could do nothing, being sold.**"
 a) Why couldn't they do anything?
 b) Why did they feel helpless?
- 22) "**But not because of its Magnificence
 Dear is the casuarina to my soul**"
 a) How does the poet hold the casuarinas tree?
 b) Whose soul is referred in the above line?
- 23) "**They have their exits and their entrances
 And one man in his time plays many parts**"
 a) What does that poet mean by term "exits and entrances"?
 b) What is the figure of speech used here?
- 24) "**That ever with a frolic welcome took
 The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed**"
 a) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?
 b) What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?
- 25) "**Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy.
 And this too might serve him**"
 a) Why does the poet suggest to take life easy?
 b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
- 26) "**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?

Section - B

Do as directed:

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

- 27) Sandeep said to John, " would you like to watch a movie with me"? (**Change the direct speech into reported form**)
- 28) Don't insult the poor and weak. (**Change into other Voice form**)
- 29) If she had attended the interview she would have been selected. (**Begin with 'Had'**)
- 30) Sibi is a very intelligent student. (**Change into complex sentence**)

Part - III

Section - A

Answer any two of the following with reference to the context:

2x3=6

- 31) "It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech"
 32) "He will be lonely enough to have time for the work".
 33) "Im killed, Sire!" And , his Chief beside,
 Smiling, the boy fell dead.

Section - B

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words: 2x3=6

- 34) What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?

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- 35) How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?
 36) How would 'liberty' cause universal chaos?

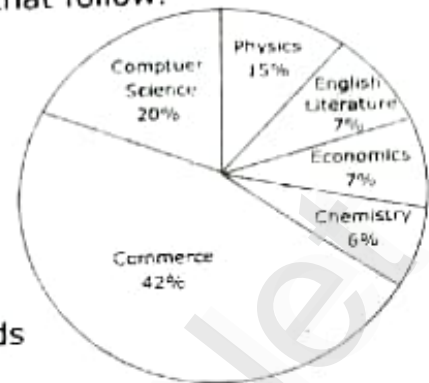
Section - C

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following:

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

- a) What is the difference in percentage between the admission to physics and English Literature?
 b) Which group has recorded the second highest number of admissions?
 c) Which is the least sought after course?



38) Complete the proverb

- i) Burn't child fire
 a) likes b) hates c) dreads
 ii) Cruelty deserves no
 a) enemy b) mercy c) friend
 iii) An empty purse frightens away
 a) friends b) wife c) children

40) Build a dialogue between a vegetable vendor and a customer.

39) How will you organize a birthday party in your house

Part - IV

7x5=35

Answer the following:

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

- a) These two children had given me a profound lesson 'Elucidate'.

(OR)

- b) Write the character sketches of Maamannaar and Pedanna

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

- a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain

(OR)

- b) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventure?

43) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.

- a) Aksiono - wealthy merchant - Vladimir - happy family - a joyful person - living in his own style - wife loved - bad dreams - stopped from going to the fair - aksionov - met a merchant - murder happened - Aksionov in jail - wife suspected - unable to tolerate - only god save his life.

(OR)

- b) Lord Weston - pompous and vain - expressed displeasure - for Roger's request - discovered a piece of paper - some one affected by his judgement - both Weston and Roger took measures - appointment to visit garden - absent mindedness - crux of the play.

44) a) Makes notes for the following passage.

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 mother who do not smoke. Bronchitis and pneumonia are serious illness common in babies born to parents who 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 that actually poison the body. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in lack of judgement and retracts, 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 drinking so much of alcohol that it damages their health completely. They suffer from disease such as cancer and ulcers more frequently than people who do not use alcohol.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on "Need for moral Education in schools".

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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 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 in your enquiry: duration of the course, fee structure, scholarships, hostel facilities and placement details.

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

- i) We bought a lot of furnitures
- ii) Neither Pranav nor Krishna are intelligent
- iii) Ramesh is senior than venkat
- iv) The dog jumped in the well.
- v) Nobody knows why was he killed.

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- i) Help me out this boat before it sinks. There was a of cotton missing (**bale, bail**)
- ii) If you (speak) more slowly, he might have understood you. (**Use a suitable tense form**)
- iii) I buy a packet of milk. (**Use a quasi modal**)
- iv) you book in advance. You cannot witness the show. (**Use an appropriate linker**)

- 47) a) **Develop the hints:**

Big cotton - merchant - owned a factory - many employees - one day a heap of cotton stolen - no clue - merchant's secretary assured to find out - asked him to host dinner - invite all workers - merchant agreed - middle of feast secretary suddenly shouted - cotton sticking to hair of thieves - the guilty duster their heads - tired to clear - caught - in the trap - punished.

(OR)

- b) **Read the following poem and answer the following.**

I hate that drum's discordant sound
 Parading round, and round and round;
 To thoughtless youth it pleasure yields.
 And lures from cities and from fields
 Sell their liberty for charms
 of twadry lace, and glittering arms.
 And when ambitions voice commands
 To march, and fight, and fall, in foreign lands
 I hate that drum's discordant sound
 Parading round, and round, and round
 To me it talks of ravag'd plains
 And burning town's and ruin'd swains
 And all that misery's hand bestows,
 To fill the catalogue of human woes.

Questions:

- 1) What does the poet hate?
- 2) To whom does it give pleasure?
- 3) For what they fell their liberty?
- 4) What does the voice of ambitions command?
- 5) Why does the poet hate the sound?