

Class : 12

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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023 - 24

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours

ENGLISH
Part - I

[Max. Marks: 90]

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 for the underlined words from the options given.

20x1=20

1. The subject too was a little portly.
a) sacrifice b) stocky c) safe d) sarcastically
2. As I have hard on the rope, Tennisng wriggled his way up the crack.
a) walked b) waded c) strolled d) crawled
3. He is the symbol not of tyranny, but of liberty
a) democracy b) self rule c) autocracy d) autonomy
4. China tea has virtues, which are not to be despised
a) hated b) loath c) averted d) liked
5. He had returned to the hospital because he had a malignant tumor of the bone
a) serious b) big c) benign d) harmful
6. The end of such liberty would be universal chaos.
a) confusion b) orderliness c) disorder d) commotion
7. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
War broke out on 15th September
a) started suddenly b) spread all over c) ended suddenly d) damaged entirely
8. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'Court' to form a compound word.
a) yard b) file c) gate d) bail
9. Choose the expanded form of NEET
a) National Eligibility cum Entrance Test b) National Entrance cum Eligibility Technology
c) National Elementary Eligibility Test d) National Emission and Enlargement Test
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
The reason 'Tsunamis' were terrible
a) heavy flood b) huge soil erosion
c) large sea wave caused by earth quake d) large land slide
11. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.
When asked to reconsider his decision, he put his foot down
a) accepted b) refused c) felt happy d) grew angry
12. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'alphanumeric'
a) alpha + numeric b) alphabetic + numeric c) alp + numeric d) alphabetic + turmeric
13. Form a new word by adding a suitable derivative to the underlined word
Today I am certainly the most 'partial' judge in England
a) in b) es c) ed d) m
14. Choose the unclipped form of 'champ'
a) champagne b) champion c) champaign d) chamberlain
15. Fill in the blanks with suitable tense.
Ranjini Prem's family ----- in Chengalpet now
a) are b) am c) is d) was
16. Choose the correct syllabic word.
Choose the tri-syllabic word.
a) education b) envelop c) distinct d) firewood

17. Choose the polite alternative word for the underlined word in the following sentence
 Esigabathi has a second hand car.
 a) owner b) driver c) borrowed d) pre-owned
18. Fill in the blanks with suitable quasi modal
 We _____ hire some furniture for the Party.
 a) used to b) ought to c) will d) could
19. Choose the right definition for the given term -
Numismatics is the study of _____.
 a) numbers b) money and coins c) speech sounds d) lunatics
20. Choose the correct question tag for the following sentence.
 Ananya will never accept your proposal.
 a) does she b) will she c) is she d) doesn't she

PART - II
 SECTION - 1

Answer any four of the following questions:

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

21. *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) Explain the comparison.
22. ----- *Free imaginations*
Bringing changes into a world resenting change.
 a) How does free imagination help the world?
 b) Identify the figure of speech.
23. *One equal temper of heroic hearts,
 Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
 To strive ,to seek, to find, and not to yield.*
 a) Though made weak by time and fate, the hearts are heroic. Explain.
 b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.
24. *And then the justice,
 In fair round belly with good capon lin'd,
 With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
 Full of wise saws and modern instances;*
 a) Whom does justice refer to?
 b) What does he do to show his wisdom?
25. *A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
 No other tree could live.*
 a) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
 b) Why does Toru Dutt use the expression 'a creeper climbs'?
26. *We could do nothing, being sold.*
 a) Why could not they do anything ?
 b) Why did they feel helpless?

SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following questions:

27. Anu requested her brother to drop her at the airport that night.
 (Change into other speech)
28. The farmers usually harvest the mango fruits only in the month of May.
 (Change the voice)

29. This is not the way to answer
(Rewrite as a complex sentence)
30. If you should be interested, I could buy you a season ticket for the music festival
(Start with 'Should')
(Rewrite the sentence making an inversion)

PART - III

SECTION - 1

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

31. He will be lonely enough
to have time for the work
32. Then off there flung in smiling joy,
And held himself erect
33. Unto thy honor, Tree, beloved of those
Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose.

2x3=6

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions:

34. Why does Dr. Barnard find suffering of children heartbreaking?
35. 'Curtalement of private liberty is done to establish social order' - Do you agree?
36. How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?

2x3=6

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following questions.:

37. Expand the following news Headlines:
- a) Onion price goes up
- b) Plastic carry bags banned in shops
- c) Heavy rain lashes Chennai.
38. Write an email to your uncle thanking him for the gift that he had sent from abroad
39. Rewrite the jumbled sentences.
- a) divine /is /to forgive
- b) rupees/ lunch/ to buy/ it/ twenty /coins
- c) become /my/ is/ a doctor /dream /to
40. Describing the process of preparing Bread Sandwich

3x3=9

PART - IV

Answer the following questions:

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- a) Civilization can only exist when the public collectively accepts constraints on its freedom of action - Explain. (OR)
- b) Summarize the distinctive ideas of George Orwell in the essay 'A Nice Cup of Tea'
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.
- a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain. (OR)
- b) How would the poet's advice help his son who is at the threshold of the manhood?
43. Write a paragraph in about 150 words by developing the hints.
- a) Ausable - secret agent - in his room - criminal enters - holds a pistol - Ausable turns anxious wants to save - important documents - spins a clever story - uses presence of mind - makes Max believe - presence of balcony - someone Knocks door - Ausable says - called police to safeguard papers - Max gets terrified - jumps out - gets killed. (OR)
- b) Baldwin - Gresham-honest and loyal - advice to close the bank - Gresham wants Baldwin to say three words - 'I don't remember offers bribe - friendship of 35 years - boys together work side by side - Baldwin pressurized - Baldwin refuses A complement worth 100 thousand dollars - Baldwin remains honest till the end.

7x5=35

44 Write a summary or make notes of the following passage

The Red cross is basically a Swiss organisation. In 1863 Jean Henri Dunant brought together a small group of Swiss citizens to provide humanitarian aid. Dunant saw the battle of Solferino and was horrified by the number of French and Austrian soldiers hurt and wounded in the battle. In 1862 he wrote a book asking government to set up an international organisation for treatment of the wounded. The next year, The Red cross was born. The idea caught on and more than a hundred years the Red cross has collected money, medicine, food, clothes and etc. and sent them to people in need. Today, over a hundred Red cross societies exist all over the world. The headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The organisation was awarded the Nobel peace prize twice in 1917, 1944 and 1963.

45 Letter Writing:

a) Write a letter to the headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate marksheet of class 12th which you lost while travelling

(OR)

b) You had been to your grandmother's house during summer holidays. You enjoyed your stay in her company. Write a letter to your grandma stating how much you miss her after returning to your home.

10 a) Identify the errors in each of the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

- She wants to continuing her studies abroad
- My eyes are sour.
- Rekha cooks like her mother does.
- The girl both won an award and a scholarship.
- She made me to cry.

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- Nobody can say ___ there will be an improvement in the ___ (weather/ whether)
- I ___ go to temple tomorrow (use modal verb)
- When I entered the room, the baby ___ (cry) loudly. (Use proper tense)
- ___ you have an entry pass, you cannot get in (use a suitable link word)

a) Read the following passage and write the questions in your own words.

The Pearl is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels. It is the one gem that is not dug up from the mine in the earth. It is grown in the shell of an Oyster. The Oyster does not make the pearl for the purpose of adorning the necks of women. It makes it only as a means of Self-Protection. To protect itself from the object like a grain of sand, the Oyster begins to cover the object with a thick fluid which is secreted in its own body. When this layer hardens, an iridation begins and another layer is added.

Questions:

- Which is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels?
- What is unique about the jewel?
- Where it is grown?
- Why is the pearl made?
- How does the Oyster protect itself?

(OR)

Write a paragraph on "USAGE OF INTERNET".