

KALJAKURICHI - D.T

Class : 12

Register
Number**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023 - 24**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

Part - I

- I. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20x1= 20
Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:
- We watched for a few moments, then as trade Slackened we went over.
a) Improved b) Reduced c) Continued d) Loosened
 - And seeing your car pulled up by his Insolence of Office.
a) Bravery b) Laziness c) Rudeness d) Misuse
 - His shoulder and arm were Amputated.
a) Expand b) Extend c) Develop d) Cut off
- Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.
- He greeted me with his usual smile and banter
a) Repartee b) Small Talk c) Flattery d) Chit Chat
 - Not the flat, shallow type.
a) Narrow b) Wide c) Deep d) Direct
 - The snow was dangerous but they persisted in their efforts to bent a trail up it.
a) Ceased b) Endured c) Persevere d) Continued
 - Replace the Underlined word with a suitable Phrasal Verb
The Enemies stopped the water supply to the City.
a) broke in b) Cut off c) Put out d) Let in
 - Choose the appropriate Expansion of the Acronym 'PAN'
a) Personal Aggregate Number b) Postal Account Number
c) Permanent Account Number d) Private Authentic Number
 - Form a new word by adding a suitable Suffix to the root word 'Clever'
a) ness b) ity c) ize d) ship
 - Fill in the blank with suitable Preposition.
Lakshmi was very popular ----- her classmates.
a) for b) among c) to d) between
 - Choose the appropriate Question tag and Complete the sentence.
We rarely visit our native town, -----?
a) do we b) didn't we c) don't we d) did we
 - Replace the underlined Idiom with its suitable meaning.
Baldwen let his name rest under a cloud.
a) Sleep in the shade b) Analyse deeply
c) View with suspicion d) Understand beyond doubt
 - Choose the right Plural form of the word 'Son - in - law'.
a) Son - in - laws b) Sons - in - law c) Son - ins - law d) Sons - in - laws
 - Choose the right combination for the blended word 'Alphanumeric'
a) Alpha + numeric b) Alphabetic + numeric
c) Alpha + numerical d) Alphabetic + numerical
 - Choose the correct American English word for 'Pavement'
a) pedestal b) Scaffold c) Pavilion d) Sidewalk

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16. Replace the underlined word with a Polite form of expression.
Rajani has a second hand car.
a) Pre - owned b) used c) owned d) utilised
17. Choose the appropriate syllabification for the given word 'Magazine'
a) Mag - a - zi - ne b) Maga - zine c) Ma - ga - zine d) Ma - ga - zi - ne
18. Choose the clipped form of the word 'University'
a) Universe b) Versity c) Unity d) Varsity
19. Identify the correct combination of the word 'Show cause'
a) Noun + Noun b) Verb + Noun c) Verb + Verb d) Noun + Verb
20. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.
a) Ecstasy b) acheive c) Secretery d) Millennium

PART - II

SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets.

4x2=8

21. *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?

22. *You know, we french stormed Ratisbon.*

- a) Who took the City of Ratisbon by storm?
b) Identify the figure of speech.

23. *..... for my purpose holds*

*To sail beyond the the sunset, and the baths
of all the western stars, until I die.*

- a) What was ulysses' purpose in Life?
b) How long would his venture last?

24. *Our only enemy was gold.*

- a) Who was the real enemy?
b) Identify the figure of speech.

25. *Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong*

And the final decisions are made in silent rooms.

- a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being?
b) Where are the final decisions taken?

26. *They have their exists and their entrances*

And one man in his time plays many parts

- a) What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' mean?
b) Pick out the words in Alliteration.

SECTION - 2

Do as directed (Any three)

27. The principal said, "I will speak to you on Friday". (Change into Indirect Speech) 3x2=6
28. Let the door not be opened (Change the voice)
29. If I had come earlier, I would have met my grandfather. (Begin with 'Had')
30. This is not the way to answer. (Rewrite as a Complex Sentence)

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PART - III (SECTION - 1)

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

2x3=6

31. Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed.
32. Our Captain was brave and we were true..
33. Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel, seeking the bubble reputation.

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following briefly.

2x3=6

34. Define 'Liberty' as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.
35. Mention the countries in which tea is a part of Civilization.
36. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. Write a notice about the Inauguration of a Laughter club in your School.
38. Describe the process of obtaining a demand draft from a bank.
39. Rearrange the following Jumbled sentence correctly.
 - a) Time / a / nine / stitch / saves / in
 - b) Rupees / lunch / to buy / it / twenty / costs
 - c) the / eye / beauty / is / the / beholder / of / in
40. Complete the Proverbs Choose the right word from the list.

- a) Kindness begets -----
 - a) Justice
 - b) Love
 - c) Kindness
- b) An ----- brain is the devils workshop.
 - a) Idle
 - b) Evil
 - c) Empty
- c) Don't judge a book by its -----
 - a) Articles
 - b) Cover
 - c) Content

PART - IV

Answer the following:

Answer the following in a paragraph in about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) What message is conveyed through 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. a) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures. (OR)
b) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, When she sees the Casuarina Tree.
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.
 - a) Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - lives with family - goes to Nizhny fair - meets a merchant - friend during travel - stays in an - leaves - inn - before daybreak - gets arrested - innocent prisoner accused of murder - spends 26 years in prison meets Makar - Aksionov saves Maka - Makar feels guilty - confesses his crime - Aksionov forgives criminal - dies peacefully.

(OR)

 - b) Children in venus - long for the sun - Margot exception seen sun five years ago - has come from the Earth other children - seven years ago cannot recall the sun - all await excitedly - sun is predicted - to come out that day - they seize Margot - lock her up in the closet - run out - enjoy sunshine - an hour - drops of rain - dismayed - taken inside - starts raining heavily again - remember Margot - open the closet let her out.

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44. a) Summarize the following passage in about 100 words.

It is easy to say, "Enlarge your Vocabulary", first you may enter upon the privileges of cultivated women and secondly, that you may be able to tell the truth easily and accurately. But it is another and more difficult matter to prescribe the means by which this is to be done. Every girl must to a large degree, work out her own method. The reading of the best Books and Conversation with cultivated folk - both helps to the free use of words. The dictionary is the best friend for your task. Never allow a strange word to pass unchallenged Usually it is wise to look at it up at the moment. If that is impossible it must be written firmly on the memory and traced at the first opportunity. It is good to encourage the habit of dawdling a little over the dictionary. It is the only place where dawdling reaps a harvest by learning two new words 2 day thoroughly, you can ensure a large vocabulary before you reach middle age. (OR)

b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the topic. "The Importance of Good Health".

45. a) Write a letter to your friend sharing your views on Climate Changes.

(OR)

b) 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.

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

- All the furnitures has been remodelled.
- My friends and I were sitting in a Cafe and to talk.
- This is the most least mark I have ever scored.
- Ramya has taken half day leave.
- Though he worked hard but he failed.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- The Children remained ----- for ----- sometime. (Quiet / Quite)
- How ----- you ask me such a question. (Use a Semi - modal verb)
- Everyone ----- (Sleep) when the Earthquake hit the small town.

(Use the correct Tense form of the verb)

(d) It started raining ----- we could not play. (Use a suitable link word)

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

The Vatican is the World's smallest country which became Independent on 1929. It occupies 109 acres in the Italian Capital Rome. It has been the Spiritual and Administrative centre of the Roman Catholic Church. At the heart of the Vatican is St. Peter's Basilica, The world's largest Christian Church inside the Vatican Palace are the living quarters of the pope and the offices where the officials work. The Palace includes Chapels, a library and Museums, Vatican City state has its own small 'army' of soldiers called the Swiss Guard, Who maintain order and protect the pope about 1000 people live here. All the people here are Christians and they speak Italian.

Questions:

- What is the specially of the Vatican?
- Describe the Location of the Vatican City.
- What is St. Peter's Basilica? Where is it?
- What can one see in the Palace?
- What Language do the people of Vatican Speak?

(OR)

- b) Write an article of 150 words for your school magazine to create an awareness of the Dangers posed by Indiscriminate use of Plastic.

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STD: XII

ENGLISH – ANSWER KEY

MARKS: 90

PART - 1

Answer all the questions.

20x1=20

I.

1. b) Reduced
2. c) Rudeness
3. d) Cut off

4. c) Flattery
5. c) Deep
6. a) Ceased
7. b) Cut off
8. c) Permanent Account Number
9. a) ness
10. b) among
11. a) do we
12. c) view in suspicion
13. b) Sons – in - law
14. b) Alphabetic + numeric
15. d) Sidewalk
16. a) Pre - owned
17. c) Ma – ga - zine
18. d) varsity
19. b) Verb + Noun
20. d) Millennium

**PART – II
SECTION- 1**

21.(a) Casuarina tree is the giant here.

(b) The scarf is colourful because the tight embrace of the creeper has caused the crimson colour on its outer skin.

22. (a) The French army took the city of Ratisbon by storm.

(b) Synecdoche

23. (a) Ulysses proposes to sail beyond sunset and baths. His goal is not death but is in death. He seeks life in death. Ordinary mortals can't reach 'Happy isles' or baths while they are alive. Ulysses wants to find direct evidence of spiritual reality after death. He wants to venture into the unknown.

(b) His venture would last until he confronts his death.

24. (a) The gold which was got as a bribe by the warder was the real enemy.

(b) Personification.

25. (a) Yes, solitude helps the strong person to be creative. Solitude helps even a strong human being to introspect and analyze his own mistakes.

(b) In silent rooms, final decisions are taken.

26. (a) 'Entrances' means life. 'Exits means death.

(b) man- many , play - parts**SECTION - 2**

27. The Principal said that he would speak to me on Friday.

28. Don't open the door.

29. Had I come earlier, I would have met my grandfather.

30. This is not the way in which you should answer.

PART – III

31. Reference: These lines are taken from Poem – "A Father To His Son", Poet – "Carl August Sandburg".

Context:

Explanation:

32. Reference: These lines are taken from Poem – “The Castle”, Poet – “Edwin Muir”.

Context: . .

Explanation:

33. Reference: These lines are from the poem “All The World’s A Stage” written by William Shakespeare.

Context:

Explanation:

39.

- a) A stitch in time saves nine.
- b) It costs rupees twenty to buy lunch.
- c) The beauty is in the eye of beholder.

40. (c) Kindness

- (a) Idle
- (c) Cover

PART – IV

46.

- (i) ~~furnitures~~ - furniture
- (ii) in café ~~and~~ to talk - in café to talk
- (iii) ~~most~~
- (iv) half a day
- (v) Though or but

OR

(b)

- i) Quite, Quite
- ii) dare
- iii) was sleeping
- iv) so

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