

**BE CONFIDENT ENGLISH GUIDE, RAMANATHAPURAM****RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT CELL : 9597292925**

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023

STD: XII

ENGLISH

MARK: 90

TIME: 3 HRS

**PART I (LEXICAL COMPETENCIES)**

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I. Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the underlined word from the options given:

1. Nicola was glaring at his younger brother in vexation.  
A) enjoyment      B) annoyance      C) comfort      D) convenience
2. There was a grand finale.  
A) opening      B) debut      C) initiation      D) climax
3. We donned our wind proof as our down clothing.  
A) took off      B) disrobed      C) sold out      D) put on

Choose the most appropriate antonyms for the underlined word from the options given:

4. It would be equally reasonable to put in pepper or salt.  
A) wise      B) logical      C) appropriate      D) unreasonable
5. There he was sitting splendour on his chair.  
A) magnificence      B) pomp      C) effluence      D) simplicity
6. A stout old lady was walking in the middle of a street.  
A) fat      B) bulky      C) plump      D) thin

Choose the correct options:

7. Choose the poly-syllabic word from the following:  
a. justifies      b. unadulterated      c. party      d. ago
8. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the given word "Cease – "  
a. –age      b. –less      c. –hood      d. –ness
9. Choose the singular form of the given word 'larvae'.  
a. Larva      b. larvaes      c. larvas      d. larveis
10. Select the correct expansion of the abbreviation "RRB".  
a. Railway Regional Board      b. Railway Recruitment Board  
c. Railway Recruiting Bureau      d. Railway Regional Bureau
11. Replace the British English word with American English word "wash basin".  
a. washer      b. basin      c. sink      d. sinker
12. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence:  
Talking business at dinner is a "faux pas" in France  
a) genuine      b) social blunder      c) summary      d) secret session

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13. Choose the clipped word for the given word 'cafeteria'.

- a. Cater                      b. café                      c. cairn                      d. cafetiere

14. Choose the right combination of the given blended word "Motel".

- a. Motor car + hotel      b. motor+hotel              c. motorway+hotel              d. motorist+hotel

15. The compound form for the word "Black board" is \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Adjective+noun              b. adverb+noun              c. preposition+noun              d.verb+noun

16. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom "in deep waters"

- a. Under the water              b. under the ocean              c. in trouble      d. wealthy condition

17. Replace the underlined word in the sentence below with a suitable phrasal verb:

He will not yield to pressure.

- a. Give out                      b. give away                      c. give in                      d. give off

18. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals:

I tried to climb up the tree, but I \_\_\_\_\_ not.

- a. can                      b. could                      c. will                      d. would

19. Choose the correct pattern for the given sentence:

She was watching the TV

- a. SVO                      b. SVC                      c. SVA                      d. ASV

20. Choose the correct preposition from the options:

The tea should be put straight \_\_\_\_\_ the kettle.

- a. over                      b. into                      c. on                      d. in

## PART II (POETRY & GRAMMAR)

I. Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any FOUR of the following: 4x2=8

21. The Marshal's in the market-place and you'll be there anon,  
to see your flag-bird his vans Where I, to heart's desire..."

- a. Where is the Marshal?              b. What does 'anon' refer to?

22. "Beneath it we played through years... sweet companions"

- a. Whom does "we" refer to?              b. Where did they play?

23. "All the world's a stage, and all men and women are players"

- a. What is the world compared to?              b. Mention the figure of speech.

24. "Experience is an arch"

- a. What is experience compared to?              b. Mention the figure of speech.

25. "And friendly allies drawing near on every leafy summer road"

- a. What is the meaning of "drawing near"?              b. Why did they come closer?

26. "Life is a soft loam; be gentle, go easy"

- a. Identify the figure of speech.              b. What is life compared to?

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Do as directed: (Answer any THREE)

3x2=6

27. Rewrite using "If" without changing the meaning:

Unless we appoint more people, the palace cannot be kept clean.

28. Change the voice: The President gave the Commander an award.

29. The culprit was caught. He was taken to the station. (Combine using "and then")

30. The manager said, "I will speak to you on Friday." (Change into indirect speech)

### PART III

Explain with reference to the context on any TWO of the following:

2x3=6

31. "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

32. "And shining morning face, creeping like snail"

33. How can this shameful tale be told

Answer any TWO of the following questions in one or two sentences each based on your understanding:

2x3=6

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the boys?

35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

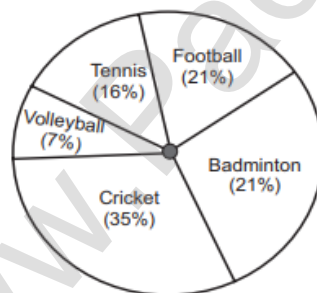
36. What was offered to Maamanaar by their mother?

Answer any THREE of the following questions on your own:

3x3=9

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

Favourite sports of students



a) Which is the most favourite game of the students?

b) Name the game preferred by the least number of students?

c) Which two games have equal number of students?

38. Write a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between a student and a cultural secretary.

39. Describe the process of preparing onion raita.

40. Complete the proverbs using the word given below.

a) Brevity is the \_\_\_\_\_ of wit. (base, soul, root)

b) \_\_\_\_\_ alone triumphs. (Truth, God, Love)

c) A man is known by the \_\_\_\_\_ he keeps. (company, neighbour, relatives)

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## PART IV

7X5=35

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

a. Justify the title of 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. 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 is the role of the young soldier in the victory of the French at Ratisbon?

43. Write a paragraph in about 150 words by developing the hints given below:

a. Children- anxious- arrival of the Sun- bullying- girl- expecting something- Venus- once in seven years- Margot- Children target Margot- closed in closet- sun appeared- children reacted- long awaited event- the end.

OR

b. Aksinov- merchant – go to fair – wife pleads – met another merchant – check into an inn – murder – blood stained knife – Siberia – Makar – digs the tunnel – Aksinov dies- in peace – Moral.

44. Write a summary (or) make notes of the following passage.

The great advantage of early rising from bed is the good start it gives us in our day's work a good beginning. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are no sounds or other distractions so that work done at that time is generally well done.

The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time, to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before he goes to bed.

45. Respond to an ad calling for applications for a PG teacher in English include your C.C. [Write XXXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]

OR

Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the hazards of using mobile phones.

46. A) Spot the error and correct them:

- a. I had my evening meals in a restaurant.
- b. Either shyam or Ram have to pay the fine.
- c. Sixty miles are a long distance.
- d. Mithra as well as her daughters enjoy singing.
- e. Though he is rich but he is simple.

OR

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**B) Fill in the blanks as instructed:**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Kiran, Rajesh may attend the function. (Use a phrasal preposition)
- b. If Raj had been a sculptor, he \_\_\_\_\_ (make) beautiful idols. (Use the correct tense form)
- c. This is the boy \_\_\_\_\_ won the race. (Use a relative pronoun)
- d. Fill in the blanks with the suitable words given in the brackets:  
Johnson is \_\_\_\_\_ and he can solve any \_\_\_\_\_ problem. (industrial\industrious)

47. Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below.

(Literature, Media, Education, Politics, Weather,)

- Computer education is introduced in schools.
- Shakespeare wrote a number of plays.
- Due to heavy rain the match was cancelled.
- The film was not released due to a stay order.
- The ruling party has lost the election.

(or)

**Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words :**

Street theatre in India is a well established ancient art form. Despite the advent of modern means of entertainment, street theatre has been propogating social reforms and political issues. Unlike in olden days, its performance is no longer restricted to villages. Today small groups of performers would stage performances to mobilise public opinion or to help to create or raise awarens over issues of particular public importance.

Themes on AIDS awarens and domestic violence are some of the areas highlighted by the street theatre troupes. Unlike in regular drama, the human body becomes the main tool in which, dialogues, songs and slogans are extensively used.

Questions :

- What is street theatre?
- What has street theatre been propogating?
- What does the 'Street theatre' highlight?
- Why do small groups of performers stage?
- How do they differ from regular dramas?

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**(RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT)****+ 2 ENGLISH – HALF YEARLY – DEC 2023****DATE : 14.12.2023 ENGLISH – SCORING KEY****ANSWERS WRITTEN ONLY IN BLACK OR BLUE SHOULD BE EVALUATED**

<b>PART – I</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Answer all the questions:</b>	<b>20 x 1 = 20</b>
	<b>Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given.</b>	
<b>01</b>	<b>(b) annoyance</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>02</b>	<b>(d) climax</b>	
<b>03</b>	<b>(d) put on</b>	
	<b>Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.</b>	
<b>04</b>	<b>(d) unreasonable</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>05</b>	<b>(d) simplicity</b>	
<b>06</b>	<b>(d) thin</b>	
<b>07</b>	<b>(b) unadulterated</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>(b) less</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>09</b>	<b>(a) larva</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>(b) Railway Recruitment Board</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>(c) sink</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>(b) social blunder</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>(b) cafe</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>(c) motorway + hotel</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>(a) adjective + noun</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>(c) in trouble</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>(c) give in</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>(b) could</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>(a) SVO</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>(b) into</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>

<b>PART - II</b>		
<b>SECTION - 1</b>		
	<b>Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.</b>	<b>4 x 2 = 8</b>
21	(a) market place (b) soon	<b>1 Mark</b> <b>1 Mark</b>
22	(a) The poet Toru Dutt and her siblings and friends (b) They played under the tree	<b>1 Mark</b> <b>1 Mark</b>
23	(a) stage (b) metaphor	<b>1 Mark</b> <b>1 Mark</b>
24	(a) Ulysses compares his experience to an arch (b) metaphor	<b>1 Mark</b> <b>1 Mark</b>
25	(a) coming closer (b) Their allies were coming to help them	<b>1 Mark</b> <b>1 Mark</b>
26	(a) metaphor (b) soft loam	<b>1 Mark</b> <b>1 Mark</b>
<b>SECTION - 2</b>		
	<b>Answer any three questions.</b>	<b>3 x 2 = 6</b>
27	If we do not appoint more people, the palace cannot be kept clean. \ If we appoint more people, the palace can be kept clean.	<b>2 Marks</b>
28	The commander was given an award by the President. / An award was given to the commander by the President.	<b>2 Marks</b>
29	The culprit was caught and then he was taken to the station.	<b>2 Marks</b>
30	The manager said that he would speak to me on Friday.	<b>2 Marks</b>
<b>PART - III</b>		
<b>Section - 1</b>		
(i)	<b>Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.</b>	<b>2 x 3 = 6</b>
	<b>Name of the poem</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
	<b>Name of the poet</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
31	Poem : Ulysses Poet : Alfred Lord Tennyson	
32	Poem : All the world's a stage Poet : William Shakespeare	
33	Poem : The castle Poet : Edwin Muir	

<b>SECTION - 2</b>		
	<b>Answer any two of the following in not more than 30 words.</b>	<b>2 x 3 = 6</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>During the summer days, the little boys shined shoes, sold fruits and hawked newspapers. They conducted tourists round the town and ran errands.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>The profound lesson Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys was that the business of living is joy in the real sense of the word, not just something for pleasure, amusement and recreation. The business of living is the celebration of being alive and what we have lost is not important, but what is important is what we have left.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Buttermilk seasoned with asafoetida was offered to Maamanaar by their mother.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>SECTION - 3</b>		
	<b>Answer any three of the following.</b>	<b>3 x 3 = 9</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Pie chart</b> a) cricket b) volley ball c) Football and Badminton	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Dialogue writing. (student and cultural secretary)</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Describe the process of preparing onion raita.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Complete the proverbs.</b> a) soul b) truth c) company	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>PART - IV</b>		
	<b>Answer the following:</b>	<b>7 x 5 = 35</b>
<b>41</b>	➤ <b>Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%)</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	➤ <b>Exceptionally good paragraph</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
<b>or</b>	➤ <b>Correct answer with all points with no mistakes</b>	<b>4 Marks</b>
<b>(b)</b>	➤ <b>Correct answer with a few mistakes</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Answer with a few points</b>	<b>2 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Answer with a few points and many mistakes</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>





46	<p><b>i) <u>Spot the errors and correct them.</u></b></p> <p>a) I had my evening <u>meal</u> in a restaurant.</p> <p>b) Either Shyam or Ram <u>has to</u> pay the fine.</p> <p>c) sixty miles <u>is</u> a ling distance.</p> <p>d) Mithra as well as her daughters <u>enjoys</u> singing.</p> <p>e) <u>Though</u> he is rich, he is simple / He is rich <u>but</u> he is simple.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(or)</b></p> <p>a) instead of</p> <p>b) would have made</p> <p>c) who</p> <p>d) industrious, industrial</p>	<p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>2 Marks</b></p>
47.	<p><b><u>Identify the field.</u></b></p> <p>a) a) Education</p> <p>b) literature</p> <p>c) weather</p> <p>d) media</p> <p>e) politics</p>	<p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p> <p><b>1 Mark</b></p>

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| b) | <b><u>Comprehension passage.</u></b>   |        |
| a) | Street theatre is a well established ancient art form.   | 1 Mark |
| b) | Street theatre has been propagating social reforms and political issues.   | 1 Mark |
| c) | Street theatre highlights themes on AIDS awareness and domestic violence.  | 1 Mark |
| d) | Today small group of performers would stage performances to mobilise public opinion or to help to create or awareness over issues of particular public importance. | 1 Mark |
| e) | The human body becomes the main tool in which dialogues, songs and slogans are extensively used. Thus it differs from regular forms.                               | 1 Mark |

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