

# B COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

Standard - XII  
ENGLISH  
Part I

Time: 3.00 hrs

Marks:90

20x1=20

Answer all the questions

Choose the correct Synonyms for the underlined words from the options given :

- Nicola was glaring at his young brother in Vexation.  
a) approval      b) appreciation      c) annoyance      d) admiration
- Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be Sturdy.  
a) weak      b) Strong      c) tall      d) good
- Seeing your ear pulled up by his insolence of office, fell that your liberty has been outraged.  
a) Calmness      b) rudeness      c) Closeness      d) attraction

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- There he was sitting in Splendour on his chair.  
a) Magnificence      b) Pomp      c) effulgence      d) Simplicity
- One does not feel wise, braver or more optimistic.  
a) opportunistic      b) cheerful      c) realistic      d) pessimistic
- China tea has virtues, which are not be despised.  
a) hated      b) liked      c) loath      d) averted
- Choose the correct compound word for the combination "Clear Cut".  
a) Adjective + Verb      b) Gerund + Verb      c) Noun + noun      d) Noun + Verb
- Choose the correct expansion of "GDP".  
a) Gross Domestic Product      b) Great demand for Purchase  
c) Gross Domestic Purchase      d) Great Domestic Purchase
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence. English is the lingua Franca of many countries.  
a) Mother language      b) Foreign language  
c) unknown language      d) Common language
- Choose the right Combination of the blended word "biopic".  
a) biography + pic      b) biograph + picture  
c) bio + pic      d) biographical + picture
- Choose the Clipped form of the word "influenza".  
a) in flu      b) influence      c) fluenza      d) Flu
- Choose the correct plural form of "calf".  
a) Calis      b) Calve      c) Calves      d) Calfs
- Choose the correct American English word for "Queue".  
a) Way      b) Path      c) line      d) Follower
- Replace the underlined word with its "Polite" form Raghav was unemployed.  
a) retired      b) No job      c) Between jobs      d) unpaid
- Form a derivative by adding right prefix to the word "legal".  
a) it      b) re      c) im      d) in
- Fill in the blanks with a Suitable preposition.  
He is leaving \_\_\_\_\_ Chennai tonight.  
a) under      b) for      c) Since      d) of
- Form a new word by adding a Suitable Suffix to the root word 'radical'.  
a) ... ous      b) ... ment      c) ...ly      d) ... ish

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18. Identify the correct sentence pattern of the following India won the match.  
 a) SVC b) SVO c) SVA d) ASV
19. Choose the di-syllabic word.  
 a) unleashing b) futility c) mushroom d) battered
20. Choose the correct "question tag" for the following Statement.  
 Raman was a great student.  
 a) Did he b) wasn't he c) was he d) doesn't he?

## Part II

## Section - A

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following questions:

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21. Our gates were Strong, our walls were thick,  
 So Smooth and high, no man could win  
 a) How Safe was the Castle?  
 b) What was the firm belief of the Soldiers?
22. "Life is hard, be Steel ; be a rock"  
 a) How should one face life?  
 b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line?
23. "A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound  
 No other tree could live".  
 a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?  
 b) What quality of tree is highlighted here?
24. Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel  
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail.  
 Un willingly to School.  
 a) Which Stage of life is being referred to hereby the poet?  
 b) How does the boy go to School?
25. \_\_\_\_\_ for my purpose hold,  
 To sail beyond the Sunset, and the baths  
 Of all the Western Stars, until I die.  
 a) What was "Ulysses" purpose in life?  
 b) What does the word "baths" mean here?
26. A film the mother eagle's eye  
 When her bruished eaglet breathes  
 a) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above line?  
 b) What is the alliterated word above line?

## Section B

Do as directed. (Any three)

3x2=6

27. Raja said to me, "I was very ill last week, but I am better now" (Change into indirect speech)
28. If you should need my help, just call me. (Begin with "should")
29. Very few boys in the class are as tall as Ravi (Change into Superlative degree)
30. Sibi is a very intelligent student, and so she stands first in the Class.  
 (Change into Complex Sentence)

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Part III  
Section A

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

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31. "Then off there slung in Smiling joy, And held himself erect"  
32. "Jealous in honour, Sudden and quick in quarrel".  
33. "The Wizenod Warder let them through".

2x3=6

Section B

Answer any two of the following questions.

34. What happened in the grand finale?  
35. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jawbo?  
36. What is liberty according to A.G. Gardiner?

Section C

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following:

37. Fill in the blank with the correct proverbs.  
i) Prevention is better than \_\_\_\_\_ (a) Sure b) cure d) for  
ii) \_\_\_\_\_ before you leap. (a) And b) Look c) See  
iii) All that glitters is not \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Silver b) gold c) bold
38. Describe the process of preparing fruit Salad.  
39. Write a dialogue of at least 6 utterances between a student and a teacher.  
40. You are Raja. Draft an email to your friend inquiring about her Studies.

Part IV

7x5=35

Answer the following:

41. Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A nice cup of tea".

(OR)

Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the Chair.

42. The poet immortalizes the tree. Elucidate.

(OR)

Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the thresh hold of manhood, to Face the challenges of life.

43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

Ivan Dmitritch - 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 Makar Semyomich - admits his Crime Aksionov dies.

(or)

All summer in a day - Venus - Sun appears - Seven years - Small stories - Poems - her parents - margot - other children teased - no games - ohio - USA. School shower rooms - her parents - earth - Children hated her - locked in the room teacher arrives - Sun Coming out - flaming bronze - Cheeks like a warm iron - play hide and Seek - a few Cold drops - faces - unlock the door - Margot out.

44. Write a Summary or make notes of the following passage

The aim of education is to enable the human personality to grow to its full stature. We have a body, a mind and a spirit, Accordingly, education aims at our physical, intellectual, Spiritual and Moral development. Games are a means of keeping the body healthy and fit. Physical fitness and freedom from all kinds of ailments are the desire and ambition of every human being. Indeed good health is the first condition of happiness in life. Those

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who play games generally maintain good health. Games are an excellent means of bodily exercise. Whether it is sophisticated games like hockey, football and tennis or Simple games like Kabbadi, they provide the much needed exercise to the body and thus keep the body healthy and strong. Players always have a better appetite and a better digestion than those who play no games or do exercises. Games not only make the body healthy and strong, but also make it muscular.

45. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him / her on having been selected for the Semi - finals of a State - level hockey tournament.

(or)

Write a letter to the Editor of a news paper about the menace caused by rash driving of bike and car racers in the city.

46. Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- One of my sister is rich.
- Rahim was Senior than Abdul in College.
- She bought an useful Jagget.
- She made me to cry.
- Though she was weak, but she studied well.

(or)

Fill in the blanks appropriately

- They \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ more money. (earn / yearn)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ like to meet you in person and discuss the matter.  
(Fill in the blank with a modal verb)
- The boy \_\_\_\_\_ got the first prize is my brother.  
(use an appropriate relative pronoun)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ not violate the traffic rules at any cost.  
(use a semi - modal verb)

47. I Match the following with suitable fields.

- Simile is a figure of speech.
- The NSS Volunteers organized the function.
- The flight was cancelled due to fog.
- India is ready to launch a new Satellite.
- The Paddy that he cultivates is superior in growth.  
(Weather, Space, Agriculture, Social Service, Literature)

(OR)

Write a dialogue of at least 10 utterances between a customer and a Bank Manager.

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**PART – I**

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS: 20\*1=20**

**I Choose the correct Synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:**

1.	c) annoyance
2.	b) strong
3.	b) rudeness
4.	d) simplicity
5.	d) pessimistic
6.	b) liked
7.	a) adverb + verb
8.	a) Gross Domestic Product
9.	d) common language
10.	d) biographical + picture
11.	d) flu
12.	c) calves
13.	c) line
14.	c) between jobs
15.	Il-legal
16.	b) for
17.	c) ...ly
18.	b) SVO
19.	c) mushroom d) battered
20.	b) wasn't he

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following questions: 4\*=8

- 21.a) The castle gates were strong and the walls were thick.  
b) The soldiers firmly believed that no one could enter into the strong and well protected castle.
22. a) One should face life like rock and steel.  
b) Metaphor
23. a) The Casuarina  
b) Gallant and Brave
24. a) Second Stage  
b) The boy goes to school like snail.
25. a) Ulysses purpose in life to sail far away beyond the horizon of the unknown world until he dies.  
b) “baths” – outer ocean or river that the Greeks believed to surround the flat earth.
26. a) Napoleon's action  
b) Bruised – Breathes

**SEC – B**

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27. Raja asked me that he had been very ill previous week, but he was better than.
28. Should you need my help, just call me.
29. Ravi is one the tallest boys in the class.
30. As Sibi is a intelligent student, she stands first in the class.

**PART – III**

**SEC – A**

**EXPLAIN ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT:**

31. Incident of the French camp / Robert Browning
32. All the world's a stage / William Shakespeare
33. The Castle / Edwin Muir

## SEC – C

37. i) b) cure ii) b) look iii) b) gold

46. READ THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES SPOT THE ERRORS AND CORRECT THEM

- a) One of my sisters s is rich.
- b) Rahim was senior to Abdul in college.
- c) She bought a useful Jagget.
- d) She made me cry.
- e) Though she was weak, she studied well.  
(or) She was weak but she studied well.

FILL IN THE BLANKS APPROPRIATELY

- a) yearn, earn
- b) would
- c) who
- d) should/ must

47. MATCH THE FOLLOWING SUITABLE FIELDS.

- a) Literature
- b) Social service
- c) Weather
- d) Space
- e) Agriculture

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