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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

12 - Std

ENGLISH

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Time : 3.00 hrs.

Marks :: 90

Part-1

1) Answer all the questions. Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes. Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the option given. 20 X 1 = 20

1. I follow my fancy and ask no man's permission
a) Plan b) Instinct c) Temper d) Desire
2. Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation.
a) Approval b) Appreciation c) Annoyance (d) Admiration
3. Anna would say with an impudent smile
a) Disrespectful b) Indifferent c) Ungrateful (d) Misleading

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

4. China tea has virtues, which are not to be despised
a) Hated b) Loath c) Averted (d) Liked
5. One does not feel wise, brave or more optimistic
a) Realistic b) Pessimistic c) Pragmatic d) Naturalistic
6. Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy
a) Pretty b) Weak c) Fashionable (d) Strong
7. Choose the clipped form of demonstration
a) Demon b) Demo c) Station (d) Demons
8. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.
Mano is a down to earth man
a) Difficult b) Practical c) Rare (d) Useful
9. Choose the word that can be placed after the word pop to form a compound word.
a) Turn b) Corn c) Head (d) Blast
10. Replace the underlined word with its polite form. Raghav submitted his resignation last week and is unemployed right now
a) Unpaid b) Retired c) On probation (d) Between jobs
11. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "lucky"
a) On b) in c) Co (d) Un
12. Choose the correct combination for the blended word
a) Electric+mail b) Electronic +mail
c) Electricity+gmail (d) Electrical+mail
13. Replace the British English word with its equivalent in American English.
Ramesh was standing in a queue
a) Straight b) Level c) Line (d) Order
14. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
He set off on a tour
a) Started b) Went c) Stopped (d) Refresh
15. Identify the correct combination of the word "Dining Table"
a) Gerund+Noun b) Noun+Noun c) Noun+Gerund d) Gerund + Gerund
16. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence.
"The birds are flying gracefully in the sky"
a) SVOA b) SVAA c) SVOC (d) SVCA

17. Fill in the blank with suitable "prepositional phrase".
He resigned his illness.
a) Despite of b) On top of c) By dint of (d) Owing to
18. Choose the "tri syllabic word"
a) Again b) Property c) Enthusiastic (d) busy
19. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence Let's get up early and do exercises ?
a) Shall we b) Can't we c) Shan't we (d) Can we?
20. Choose the unclipped form of teen.
a) Teendom b) Teenage c) teeny (d) teenhood

Part-II

Section - 1

II. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets:- 4X2=8

21. *Our gates were strong, our walls were thick, so smooth and high, no man could win*
a) How safe was the castle?
b) Why cannot the enemies easily enter the castle?
22. *The giant wears the scarf and flowers are hung In crimson clusters all the boughs among, Where on all day are gathered bird and bee*
a) Who is the giant here? b) Pick out the words in alliteration
23. *Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel and shining morning face.
Creeping like snail unwillingly to school*
a) Mention the figure of speech in the above lines.
b) What stage is mentioned in the above lines?
24. *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) Pick out the words in alliteration
b) Though made weak by time and fate, the hearts are heroic explain
25. *Life is hard; be steal; be a rock*
a) How should one face life?
b) Identify the 'Figure of the speech'.
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-2

Do as directed :-

3X2=6

Answer any three question:-

27. Kala said "I will be reading the new story book today". (Change into indirect speech)
28. Elephant is the biggest animal in Indian forests. (Change into comparative degree)
29. If I had gone earlier, I would have got the bus. (Begin with 'Had')
30. There was a tree in a village. It was a mango tree.
(Combine these two sentences into a single sentence)

Part-III Section - 1

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

2 X 3 = 6

31. *Huge like a python, winding round and round
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars.*

32. *I m killed sire and his chief beside,
Smiling the boy fell dead.*
33. *This is my son, Mine own Telemachus
To whom I have the scepter and the isle
well loved of me.*

Section-2

Answer any two of the following question in not more than 30 words:-

34. What was Lucia suffering from? 2 X 3 = 6
35. What is the profound lesson learnt by Dr. Barnard from the little boys?
36. What happened to the sub judge who sat on the stool with three legs?

Section-3

Answer any three of the following :-

3 X 3 = 9

37. **Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.**
- a) An idle man's mind is a workshop
- i) Goods ii) Angel's iii) Devil's
- b) maketh a man
- i) Money ii) Power iii) Manners
38. Describe the process of preparing tomato chutney
39. Draft a mail to your closest friend inviting him to your native place during summer vacation.
40. **Expand the headlines of the following.**
1. Tomato price goes up
 2. CM visits Chennai next week
 3. Passengers got injured in train accident.

Part-IV

Answer the following Questions:-

7 x 5 = 35

41. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**
- a) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentleman of Verona? **(OR)**
- b) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Barnard perceive a new dimension in life?
42. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**
- a) Toru Dutt immortalizes the casuarina tree - 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 by developing the following hints.**
- a) Venus - planet - children - wait for sun - after 7 years - continuous rain - saw sun when 2 years old - 7 years back - Margot - thin pale girl - Ohio - USA saw sun when 4 years old - describes sun to others - they become jealous - lock her up sun comes out - only two hours - again - rain batters - children preformed - open lock - release Margot.
- (OR)**
- b) Baldwin - Gresham - honest and royal - advice to close the bank - Gresham want Baldwin to say three words - 'I don't remember - offers bribe - friendship of 35 years - boys together work side by side - Baldwin pressurised - Baldwin refuses - A complement worth 100 thousand dollars - Baldwin remains honest till the end.
44. **a) Write a summary of the following (OR) b) Make notes.**

It was Sujatha, who set the trend in sci-fi stories. He had tracked the origin from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein to his short stories. He has written 50 sci-fi short stories published in various Tamil Magazines. His stories have inspired many readers to extend their reading to English sci-fi writers like Isaac Asimov. The themes were bold even if

there was a dependence on very well – established characterization of English fiction. Sujatha opened up a new world to us with his writings on holograms, computers and works like 'En Iniya Iyanthira', inspire many to study computer science. He has been a great writer for more than four decades. He Combined reasoning and science in his writings. Being a multifaceted hi-fi and sci-fi humanistic author, he expressed his views distinctively. He was the one who took Tamil novels to the next level. As an MIT alumnus and an engineer at BHEL, he was very good at technology. So, he narrated sci-fi stories impressively. His readers always enjoyed reading all his detective and sci-fi novels which featured the most famous duo Ganesh and Vasanth.

45. a) Respond to an ad calling for applications for the post of Computer operator.

Wanted Computer Operator
Apply to : Ram Computers 56, Ramchandra Street, Chennai-600002.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience in Chennai

46. a) Spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- i) I prefer coffee than tea. ii) I am suffering with fever
iii) If I had gone earlier I will have got the bus. iv) Ramu is a tallest boy in the class
v) Though she studies well but she gets low marks. (OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) How you slap me! (fill in the blank with a semi model)
ii) M.S.Dhoni is a Player who lives in a city (Populous / Popular)
iii) Soldiers obey their officers (Use a modal verb).
iv) if I (was) a tiger, I would kill all (Use the proper tense form)

47. a) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words:-

A rich farmer – lot of land – cattle and servants – two sons – happy life – After some years younger son unhappy – asked for his share of the property – wouldn't listen to father's advice got his share - sold them all – went away to another country- fell into bad ways soon all money gone- poor - no one to help him - understood his mistake. (OR)

b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In order to make progress in life, one should work hard. Hard work pays, One should not be afraid of failures. Failures are the stepping stones to success. Abraham Lincoln contested for the membership of the senate four times but he was defeated every time. In 1858, he contested for the United States Senate against Douglas. It was also a failure. But Lincoln was certain that "step after step, the ladder is ascended". He contested for the topmost post of the country. He was made fun of, as a 'third rate country lawyer' and a 'maker' of clumsy jokes. The election was more exciting than usual and Lincoln was chosen the President of the United States for the term 1861 to 1865.

QUESTIONS:

- i) What were the failures met by Lincoln in his life?
ii) Who won the 1858 elections for the United States Senate?
iii) How did Lincoln's opponents ridicule him during the election campaign?
iv) What is the topmost post of the United States? When was Lincoln elected for the post?
v) Mention the proverb which bears testimony to Lincoln's perseverance.

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HALF YEARLY EXAM ANSWERS
KEY - 2023

Part-1

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|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1) d) Desire | 2) c) Annoyance | 3) a) Disrespectful |
| 4) d) Liked | 5) b) Pessimistic | 6) b) weak |
| 7) b) Demo | | |
| 8) b) Practical | | |
| 9) b) Corn | | |
| 10) d) Between jobs | | |
| 11) d) Un | | |
| 12) b) Electronic + mail | | |
| 13) c) Line | | |
| 14) a) started | | |
| 15) a) Ground + Noun | | |
| 16) b) SVAA | | |
| 17) d) owing to | | |
| 18) b) Property | | |
| 19) a) shall we | | |
| 20) b) Teenage | | |

Part - IISection - 1

- 21) a) The Castle was very strong and very thick.
b) The enemies cannot easily enter it because gates were strong, walls were thick.
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- 22) a) The Casuarina tree
b) crimson, clusters
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- 23) a) simile
b) second stage.
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- 24) a) Heroic, Hearts, strong, strive, seek.
b) Ulysses and mariners have physical grown old and weakness by time and fate, but their spirit is young and fearless.
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- 25) a) One should face life with hardwork that all with stands struggles.
b) Metaphor
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- 26) a) The French Emperor, Napoleon.
b) Bone brow means eyebrow inclined downward.

Section - 2

- 27) Kala said that she would be reading the new story book that day.

28) Elephant is bigger than any other animal in Indian forests.

29) Had I gone earlier, I would have got the bus.

30) There was a mango tree in a village.

Section - 2

- 37) a) iii) Devil's
b) ii) Manners.
- * [Only Two questions given awarded one mark]

- 46) a) Spot the errors! -
- i) I prefer Coffee to tea
 - ii) I am suffering from/of fever.
 - iii) If I had gone earlier, I would have got the bus
 - iv) Ramu is the tallest boy in the class.
 - v) Though she studies well, she gets low marks
- (or)
- She studies well but she gets low marks.

b) Fill in the blanks! -

- i) Dare
- ii) popular, populas
- iii) should/must
- iv) were.

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- b) Lincoln contested for the membership of the Senate four times but he was defeated every time.
- ii) Douglas
- iii) Lincoln was certain that "step after step, the ladder is ascended"
- iv) The president of the United States!
He was elected for the post in 1861.
- v) "failures are the stepping stones to Success"

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