

A**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023**

Standard - XII

Time: 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks:90

Part I

Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the given options:

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1. Then as trade Slackened we went over there.
a) prospered b) continued c) increased d) reduced ✓
 2. I had eleven broken ribs and perforated lung.
a) weak b) strong c) sticky d) punctured ✓
 3. Fortuitously a guest visited our house.
a) fortunately b) luckily ✓ c) unfortunately d) unluckily
- Choose the correct Antonym for the underlined word from the given options:
4. China tea has virtues not to be despised now a days.
a) merits b) qualities c) internal d) vices ✓
 5. From here the ridge narrowed to a knife edge.
a) entered b) moved c) towards d) broadened ✓
 6. The end of such liberty would be universal chaos
a) slavery ✓ b) advantage c) disadvantage d) freedom
 7. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
Roja treated the elders with respect.
a) un b) ir ✓ c) in d) dis ✓
 8. Choose the correct expansion of 'PAN'.
a) Personal Aggregate Number b) Private Authentic Number
c) Postal Assurance Number d) Permanent Account Number ✓
 9. Choose the word that can be placed before the word "drive" to form a compound word.
a) pen ✓ b) roll c) rash d) dash
 10. Choose the correct British English equivalent for the American English Word. "Pavement"
a) Pedestal b) scaffold c) pavilion d) side walk ✓
 11. Choose the clipped form of the word for "newscast".
a) cast b) new c) casts d) news ✓
 12. Choose the correct combination for the blended word "Intercom"
a) Interactive + Communication ✓ b) Interval + Commission
c) Internal + Communication d) Inter + Communication
 13. What is the sentence pattern of the given sentence:
Ramu gave Geetha a pen on his birthday.
a) SVOA b) SVOAA c) SVOCA d) SVIDOAA ✓
 14. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb
The enemies stopped the water supply to the city.
a) put out ✓ b) cut off ✓ c) broke in d) let in
 15. Fill in the blank choosing the correct prepositional phrase
Many tourists visited Ooty _____ heavy rains.
a) In spite of ✓ b) an account of c) In case of d) instead of ✓
 16. Replace the underlined word with its polite form.
Vinoth has a second - hand car.
a) used b) pre-owned ✓ c) owned d) utilised

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17. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the underlined word.
Vincent could manage the finances of his company very well.
a) ly b) ment ✓ c) mis d) ful
18. Complete the sentence choosing an appropriate linker.
_____ you register your name, you cannot participate in the competition.
a) If b) otherwise c) As d) Unless ✓
19. Choose the correct combination of the compound word "World famous".
a) Noun + verb b) Noun + Adjective ✓ c) Noun + Gerund d) Noun + Adverb
20. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Don't commit this mistake again, _____?
a) do you b) will you ✓ c) would you d) won't you

Part II

Section - 1

Read the following sets of Poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

Choose any 4 sets:

4x2=8

21. "We Watched the mowers in the hay".
a) Who does 'We' refer to? b) What work do the mowers do?
Soldiers
22. "The giant wears the scarf and flowers are hung."
a) Who is the giant here? b) Why is the scarf colourful?
a) Casuarina tree
b) Flowers
23. "Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail."
a) What is a 'Satchel'? b) Identify the figure of speech used here? *Simile*
24. _____ for my purpose holds,
To sail beyond the sunset, and the booths
of all the western stars, until I die.
a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life? b) How long would his venture last?
till his death
25. Life is hard; be steel; be a rock
And this might stand him for the storms
And serve him for humdrum monotony
a) How should one face life? b) What is meant by humdrum monotony? *b) boring routine*
26. A film the mother-eagle's eye
When her bruised eaglet breath
a) Who is compared to mother eagle? b) What are the alliterated words?
a) Napoleon *b) eagle's - eye*
handwork *3x2=6*

Do as directed. Answer any three questions:

27. Apples are costlier than oranges. (Rewrite using the positive degree)
28. Ramu said, "I am playing cricket now". (change into indirect speech)
29. Unless you do these Exercises regularly, you will not recover.
(Rewrite as compound word)
30. ~~If you~~ should need my help, just call me. (Begin with should)

Part III

Section 1

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

2x3=6

31. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick". *Unit 1 Poem*
32. "They have their exits and their entrances" *Unit 3 Poem*
33. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock". *Unit 5 Poem*

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Section 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each: $2 \times 3 = 6$

34. How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday? *Unit 1*
35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys? *Unit 3*
36. Define 'liberty' as perceived by A.G. Gardiner. *Unit 6*

Section 3

 $3 \times 3 = 9$

Answer any three of the following:

37. Write a slogan on each of the following topics:

- a) Avoid junk foods b) Save Electricity c) Plant saplings *(85)*

38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly

- a) delayed / denied / justice / is / justice
- b) spoil / and / rod / spare / the / child / the
- c) time / a / nine / stitch / saves / in

39. Describe the process of obtaining a demand draft from a bank.

40. Complete each of the following proverbs with the right options:

- a) Life is not a bed of roses. *twice, Clife, base, root)*
- b) Time once lost is lost for ever. *Time*
- c) Rome was not built in a day. *hide, Rome, Italy, India)*

Part IV

 $7 \times 5 = 35$

Answer the following:

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

- a) Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona".
- b) Describe the situation in the narrator's household before and after the chair was bought.

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

- a) What are the poet's reminiscences of the casuarina Tree?

(or)

- b) What is the father's advice to his son when he is on threshold of manhood?

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints.

- a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - Young merchant lived - Vladimir - Nizhnyfai - wife - bad dream - stayed at inn - met another merchant - murdered at night - Aksionov - arrested - petition rejected - sent - mines of Siberia - 26 years - grew old - one day - met - another prisoner - found out - murderer - Makkar confessed - Aksionov forgave - died in peace - before release order came.

(or)

- b) Ausable - clever agent - entered his room - found - Max - aimed - pistol - lose - courage - quick - Witted man - complained - balcony - intruder - window - management - did not block - knocking - door - police - extra protection - important paper - max - hid - balcony - fell to death - no police - no balcony - Ausable's plan - to get rid of Max.

44. a) Make summary of the following passage

The great advantage of early rising from bed is the good start, it gives us in your 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 morning fresh 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

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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.

(or)

b) Write a paragraph on "The importance of Education".

45. a) Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience to Delhi.

(or)

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

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

i) Though she is weak ~~but~~ she is active.

ii) They gave me ~~a~~ one rupee coin.

iii) One of my sister ~~is~~ rich. *are*

iv) Speakers ~~after~~ speaker came on the stage.

v) She is not only a Writer but ~~an~~ orator. *also*

(or)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately

i) They _____ to _____ more money. (earn / year)²

ii) I _____ like to meet you in person and discuss the matter. (Fill in the blanks with a modal verb) *would*

iii) Hurry up! The movie _____ (already begin) (Fill in the blanks with the right tense form) *had already begun*

iv) The boy who got the first prize is my brother. (Use an appropriate relative pronoun)

47. a) Develop the hints in a story of 150 words.

Manager of a firm - advertised - night watchman - applicants interviewed - manager - not satisfied - one applicant - Raju - sat in a corner - patiently waiting - his turn came - manager questioned - about his health - suffering from sleeplessness - replied Raju - Manager happy - appointed Raju.

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b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

The earth is losing its forests. (Trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of forests - Trees are used for building houses, making furniture and providing pulp for paper products. Such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rain forests are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.)

Questions:

1. What is the major reason for the destruction of forests?
2. Mention any two uses of trees.
3. What is that happens every single minute?
4. How much of the earth's surface is covered by trees?
5. Pick out the words from the passage that mean the same as i) cut ii) wood

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1) destroy

2) Trees, timber

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- KEY ANSWERS -

- 1 d - reduced
- 2 d - punctured
- 3 a - Fortunately
- 4 d - vices
- 5 d - broadened
- 6 a - slavery
- 7 d - dis
- 8 d - Permanent Account Number.
- 9 a - pen
- 10 d - side walk
- 11 d - news
- 12 c - Internal + communication
- 13 d - SV IO DO A
- 14 b - cut off
- 15 a - In spite of
- 16 b - pre owned
- 17 b - ment
- 18 d - unless
- 19 b - Noun + Adjective
- 20 b - will you?

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27. Oranges are not so costly as apples.
28. Ramu said that he was playing cricket then.
29. you do these Exercises regularly or/otherwise you will not recover.
- 30 Should you need my help, just call me.

- 39) a - Justice delayed is justice denied.
 b - spare the rod and spoil the child.
 c - A stitch in Time saves nine.

40) a - Life b - Time c - Rome.

46) i) Though / but

- a) ii) an - a
 iii) sister s.
 iv) speaker s.
 v) but also.

(OR)

- b) i) yearn - earn
 ii) would -
 iii) has already begun.
 iv) who

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