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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

ENGLISH

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MARKS : 90

TIME : 3.00 Hours

PART I (LEXICAL COMPETENCIES)

(20 x 1 = 20)

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

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

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

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

Choose the correct options:

- Choose the poly-syllabic word from the following:
a. justifies b. unadulterated c. party d. ago
- Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the given word "Cease" -
a. -age b. -less c. -hood d. -ness
- Choose the singular form of the given word 'larvae'.
a. Larva b. larvas c. larvas d. larveis
- Select the correct expansion of the abbreviation "RRB".
a. Railway Regional Board b. Railway Recruitment Board
c. Railway Recruiting Bureau d. Railway Regional Bureau
- Replace the British English word with American English word "wash basin".
a. washer b. basin c. sink d. sinker
- 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
- Choose the clipped word for the given word "cafeteria".
a. Cater b. café c. cain d. cafetiere
- Choose the right combination of the given blended word "Motel".
a. Motor car + hotel b. motor+hotel c. motorway+hotel d. motorist+hotel
- The compound form for the word "Black board" is _____
a. Adjective+noun b. adverb+noun c. preposition+noun d. verb+noun
- Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom "in deep waters"
a. Under the water b. under the ocean c. in trouble d. wealthy condition
- 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
- 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
- Choose the correct pattern for the given sentence:
She was watching the TV
a. SVO b. SVC c. SVA d. ASV

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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:

(4 × 2 = 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?

(3x2=6)

Do as directed: (Answer any THREE)

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)

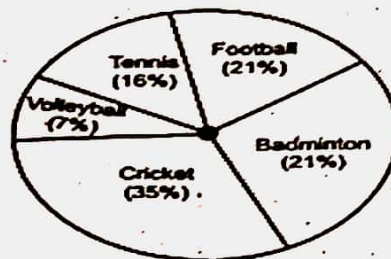
34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the boys?
35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?
36. What was offered to Maamanaar by their mother?

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)
 a. 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)
 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 propagating 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 awareness over issues of particular public importance.

Themes on AIDS awareness 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:

1. What is street theatre?
2. What has street theatre been propagating?
3. What does the 'Street theatre' highlight?
4. Why do small groups of performers stage?
5. How do they differ from regular dramas?

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