

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Standard - XI

Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

20×1=20

Part - I

Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer:
Choose the correct Synonyms for the underlined words from the option given:

- 1) I realized that a career of rectitude sometimes has rewards
a) dishonest b) service c) achived d) honest
- 2) Unless you replenish it richly, coming generation will find only an empty cofferr
a) refill b) vacate c) gifted d) empty
- 3) She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song
a) boring b) loudly c) inresting d) changing

Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the option given:

- 4) They consoled me and lauded me on the silver win.
a) Satisfied b) blamed c) admired d) cheerful
- 5) Confused and unable to help, my hair went into panic mode
a) tension b) calm c) fear d) sympathy
- 6) He has a memory like a sieve is an audacious perverter of the truth
a) faith b) humble c) frequent d) timid
- 7) Choose the right definition for
One who treats stomach disorder _____
a) dermatologist b) pulmonologist c) gynaecologist d) gastroenterologist
- 8) Choose the correct combination for the blended word 'Travelogue'
a) tans+logue b) transport+catalogue c) Travel+catalogue d) Transport + log
- 9) Choose the clipped word for Demarcate
a) demo b) mark c) demark d) cate
- 10) Choose the correct expansion of LCD
a) Liquid crystal display b) Liquid crystal digital
c) Liquid chain display d) Lens crystal display
- 11) Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom:
I ought to have done at first, that he had shot his bolt
a) exhausted b) difficult situation c) escaped by luck d) over crisis
- 12) Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word
My father always stands for truth and honesty
a) to continue b) demand c) to opposed d) to support
- 13) Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence
The parliament has been adjourned sine die.
a) as a whole group b) on fixed date c) next week d) without date being fixed
- 14) Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word kind
a) ly b) es c) ment d) tion
- 15) Replace the American English word with British English word. Carpet
a) rug b) trunk c) car d) crib
- 16) Add appropriate question tag: Lawrence attends the class regularly
a) didn't he? b) don't he? c) doesn't he? d) isn't he?

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- 17) Choose the correct combination for the compound word **Overbridge**
 a) Noun+noun b) preposition+noun c) adjective+Noun d) preposition+adjective
- 18) Fill in the blank with suitable preposition
 You should not go _____ the advice of elders. a) against b) along c) by d) with
- 19) What is the plural form of the word **Fungus**
 a) Fungi b) Fungases c) Fungal d) Fangas
- 20) Identify the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.
 We applauded the leader yesterday. a) SVOC b) SVCDO c) SVOA d) SVIODO

Part - II

Section - 1

4×2=8

Answer any four of the following:-

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

- 21) For he's a fiend in feline shape, a
 monster of depravity.
 a) How is the cat described in this line?
 b) Explain the phrase 'monster of depravity'?
- 22) "Well, ego it might be pleased enough
 But Zealous athletes play so rough"
 a) What pleases the ego? b) Why are athletes often rough during play?
- 23) "Keeps Death his court and there the antic sits"
 a) Who does 'antic' refer to? b) Identify the figure of speech used in this line
- 24) I heard thousand blended notes
 While in a grove I sate reclined
 a) What is meant by thousand blended notes? b) Where is the poet seated?
- 25) "We are proud of the position we hold:
 Humble as we are"
 a) What is the speaker proud of? b) Pick out the Alliteration in the poem
- 26) "But now they only laugh with their teeth
 While their ice-block cold eyes....."
 a) Explain ice-block cold eyes b) Identify the figure of speech used here.

Section - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions:-

3×2=6

- 27) Raj said to Sukumar, "Please drop me at the station tonight"
 (Change into reported form)
- 28) He is tall and strong but he is timid by nature. (Change into complex sentence)
- 29) The team was trained by the coach. (Change into passive form)
- 30) Walk fast. Catch the bus. (Combine the sentence with "If")

Part - III

Section - 1

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

2×3=6

- 31) We do with devotion deep and true
- 32) They used to laugh with their eyes;
- 33) "How can you say to me, I am a king?"

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions briefly:-

2×3=6

- 34) Why did the grandma accompany the author to school?

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- 35) Why did the narrator visit Christie's?
 36) Describe the fluttery cascade of things tumbling from the bag.

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Section - 3

Answer any three of the following questions:-

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- 37) Describe the progress of making a side dish that would go well with idlis.
 38) Study the Pie-chart and answer the questions that follow:-



Reading	10 %
Watching TV	20%
Outdoor games	15%
Internet	25%
Mobile phone	30%

Questions:

- a) What is the most sought after entertainment activity in the apartment?
 b) Name the activity preferred by the least number of people.
 c) Which activity is chosen by half the number of people who use mobile phones?
 39) Write a notice about the inauguration of a laughter club in your school.
 40) Rearrange the following sentence into meaningful sentence
 a) in a bush / a bird / two / in hand / is worth
 b) his money / a fool / are / soon parted / and
 c) the head / uneasy / a crown / lies / that wears.

Part - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph in about 150 words:-

7×5=35

- 41) a) Why was Mary Kom Christened as the 'Queen of Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'?

[or]

b) Give an account of Brill Byson's awkward behaviour during his trip to England.

- 42) a) How does Gabriel Okara criticize the modern life in this poem "Once upon a Time".

[or]

b) Write an appreciation of the poem "The Hollow Crown"

- 43) Develop the following hints into a few short paras and give a title.

a) The First patient' by C.V.Burgers - dentist's waiting - room - dentist arrives - first patient enters - nurse carries hammer, pair of pliers, a hacksaw - surgical room - strange sounds - reaction of patients - dentist tries to open tool cabinet - everyone leaves - except one.

[or]

b) Miss meadows - music teacher - received letter - fiance - upset with message - affected her mood - reflected in class - called by headmistress - gave a telegram - sender basil - request to forget - message in letter - indicated reunion - meadows turned happy - selected cheerful song - teach children

- 44) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:

Praggnanandhaa was widely expected to make a splash in the big league by stunning a few gig names in the elite field of the online rapid chess tournament. This prodigiously talented 16 year old warmed up for the big moment by shocking World No.4 Levon Aronian and then pulled off the biggest upset by bringing down World No.1 Magnus Carlsen that to with black pieces. In between, Praggnanandhaa also drew with World No.9 Anish Giri after losing to World No. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov. By scoring two wins and a draw against four top 10

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players in the world Praggnanandhaa made the chess world sit up and take note of his abilities in the shorter format of the game. (The performance seen in the backdrop of Praggnanandhaa's three straight defeats on Saturday Assumes greater significance.) It aptly reflects the youngster's temperament and the remarkable toughness of the young mind. (The Chennai lad improved his position from the overnight 15th to 14th. However he faces an uphill task to finish among the eight quarter finalists for the remaining seven rounds in the 16-player field.)

- 45) a) Write a letter to a sports company ordering sports items for the Physical Education Department of your school. [or]
b) Write a letter to the curator of the museum seeking permission for a school visit.

- 46) a) Spot the error and rewrite the sentences correctly

- i) I would rather to sing to dance.
ii) He is a M.Sc student
iii) Civics are an easy subject
iv) Although he worked hard but he scored low marks.
v) If they had contacted me, I would help them.

[or]

- b) i) The stranger _____ for few minutes before he _____ my house. (passed/paused)
ii) When I entered the room, the baby _____ (sleep) soundly. (use correct tense)
iii) How _____ you to touch the electric wire. (use quasi modal)
iv) My sister, _____ is in America, is arriving now. (use relative pronoun)

- 47) a) Read the following passage and answer the questions

In 326 B.C the troops of Alexander, the Great were nibbling at the fringes of the Indian Sub-Continent subduing the fragmented kingdoms along the valley of the Indus river in present day Pakistan. Alexander's spies had told him of the empire of Magadha had lay beyond. They brought figures for its fighting forces that spoke for themselves; 2,00,000 men in arms, 20,000 cavalry, 2000 chariots, and 3000 elephants. This was a gigantic force and only an enormously wealthy and well-organised state could have afforded it. Alexander was ready to risk the invasion. But his war-weary, home-sick men refused to go on, and he was obliged to turn back towards the west without giving battle. After he died in 323 BC, his far-flung empire broke apart as his generals set themselves up as rival rulers in different provinces.

Questions:-

- a) When did Alexander the Great nibble at the fringes of the Indian sub-continent?
b) What did Alexander's spy tell him?
c) What was the reaction of Alexander's men?
d) When did Alexander die?
e) What happened to his far flung empire after his death? [or]

- b) Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:

- a) In a democracy, we have the right to criticise anyone.
b) The price of vegetables shot up suddenly.
c) The passenger sat down to check his e-mails.
d) It was a thrilling neck and neck finish.
e) The programme will be telecast next week.

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