

Class : 11

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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024 - 25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

Part - I

1. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20x1= 20

Choose the correct **synonyms** for the underlined words from the options given:

- They were content to work in **secluded** spheres, far from the din and noise.
a) public b) open c) isolated d) unreserved
- Men with **fallible** memories have sometimes tried to make out a case.
a) perfect b) unreliable c) credible d) flawless
- I was not **accustomed** to the food there
a) strange b) unfamiliar c) familiar d) unused

Choose the correct **antonyms** for the underline words from the options given

- We had to **persuade** her to stop to avoid over-straining.
a) convince b) induce c) prevent d) lead
- Unless you **replenish** it richly, coming generations will find only an empty coffer.
a) refill b) deplete c) inflate d) reform
- So, I pulled on it and yanked at it with grunts **frowns** and increasing consternation.
a) grins b) anger c) irritates d) worries
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.**
The company maintained a close **'liaison'** with the trade union.
a) vigilance b) agreement c) coordination d) supervision
- Choose the right definition for the given term 'dermatologist'.**
a) one who treats cancer b) one who treats condition like diabetes
c) one who specializes in skin problems d) one who treats ulcers

- Choose the clipped form of the word 'Cabriolet'.**

- Cabb b) Cab c) Cabe d) Calet

- Choose the American English word for 'barrister'.**

- counsel b) lawyer c) attorney d) mentor

- One who specializes in lung problems is called -----

- psychologist b) philanthropist c) pulmonologist d) pathologist

- Fill in the blanks with a suitable phrase.**

Raj switched off his mobile, ----- he would not be disturbed.

- so long b) so though c) so that d) so of

- Choose the correct expansion of 'BPL'.**

- Bank people line b) Bharath poverty line c) Below poverty line d) Basic poverty line

- Substitute the phrasal verb in the sentence with a single word.**

His request was **turned down** by the manager

- accepted b) delayed c) rejected d) cleared

- "Choose the blended form of 'blog'.**

- website + blog b) website + log c) web + log d) web + blog

- Add a suitable prefix to the root word 'active'**

- Di b) hyper c) Mal d) dis

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17. Add suitable question tag to the following statement.
Students should be allowed to play every day
- a) should they b) shouldn't they c) can they d) will they?
18. Choose the tri syllabic word from the options given.
a) bedlam b) glorious c) eschewed d) princely
19. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'gold'
a) on b) mate c) en d) ly
20. Complete the following sentence choosing the most appropriate semi modal verb.
When Cathy was a child, she ----- play in the street.
a) need to b) used to c) dare to d) ought to

Part II – Section – I

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any 4 sets.

4x2=8

21. *"I have learned to wear many faces
Like dresses – home face"*
a) What has the poet learned?
b) What is the figure of speech employed here?
22. *"My limp and bashful spirit feeds
On other people's heroic deeds".*
a) What kind of a spirit does the poet has?
b) What does he support?
23. *"Through primrose tufts, in that sweet bower,
The periwinkle trail'd its wreath".*
a) What is a 'sweet bower'?
b) What are 'wreaths'?
24. *"His powers of levitation would make a fakir stare"*
a) Who is a fakir?
b) What is meant by levitation?
25. *"Never shall we fail in what we commit?"*
a) What does commit 'stand for'?
b) Do we fail in what we commit?
26. *"Taste grief" need friends – subjected thus,
How can you say to me, I am a King?"*
a) To what does King Richard subjected?
b) Name the poetic device used there?

Section – II

Answer any three of the following:

3x2=6

27. Repeat the following dialogue.
Judge : Are you the one who stole the jewels?
Criminal : No, my Lord, not I.
28. Change the voice of the following sentence.
May God bless you with happiness.
29. Convert the following into simple sentence:
The rainbow was beautiful. It spanned a cross sky.
30. Combine the given sentences into a complex sentence:
Jeff and Jenny left the bus stop. Nick called them.

Part – III Section – I**Answer any two of the following with reference to the context:****2x3=6**

31. "There will be no thrice"
 32. And much it grieved my heart to think
 What Man has made of Man".
 33. He who does not stoop, is a king we adore".

Section – II**Answer any two of the following:****2x3=6**

34. What are the common things we often forget, according to Robert Lynd?
 35. What did Mary Kom consider her greatest achievement? Why?
 36. What did Bryson wish to avoid in his life?

Section – III**Answer any three of the following:****3x3=9**

37. Write a notice about the inauguration of 'Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Science Club' in your school.
 38. Describe the process of making a 'Masala Dosa'
 39. Expand each of the following news headlines.
 a) BCCI organizes a meeting to conduct IPL 2025
 b) Government employees demand to implement old pension scheme.
 c) Heavy snow fall in Gulmarg.
 40. Complete the proverb :
 a) ----- is the better part of valor. (Power, Duty, Discretion)
 b) Beauty is in the eye of ----- (God, beholder, benefiter)
 c) Don't blow your own ----- (trumpet, flute, mouth organ)

Part – IV**Answer all the questions:****Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 – 150 words:****7x5=35**

41. a) Compare the contrast the village and city life of the author's grandmother.

(OR)

- b) How does Dr. C.N. Annadurai highlight the importance of giving back to the society.

Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 – 150 words

42. a) Do you think the poet Williams Wordsworth wants to say that man is unhappy because he has lost his link with nature – Discuss.

(OR)

- b) The poem 'Everest is not the only peak, does not focus on the destination, but the journey towards it'-Discuss.

Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 – 150 words

43. a) The narrator went to the photographer – photographer looked grave – remarked he didn't like the face – the narrator angry – called on Saturday – the photographer made changes – photograph looked different – narrator was frustrated.

(OR)

- b) Many patients wait – dentist's clinic – tensed – tooth – being extracted – the arrival of the dentist – Joe the first patient – called in – the nurses enters – with hammer – reaction – other visitors – go away – fear – was to open the tool box.

44. Write a summary or make note of the following passage.

The growing materialism in society is leaving a profound impact on the younger generation. They are growing up in an environment which creates a desire to acquire all

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that is in their capacity. It has changed children's perspective towards life. For them, materialism is happiness. They pester their parents to fulfill their demands for gadgets, etc., even though there is no genuine need for the same. Children want these in order to impress their friends. Materialism makes us greedy. We try to show off what we have and are embarrassed if we do not have something that others possess. The world has become a place for the competitions where everyone aims to be ahead of other. Youngsters need to understand that money does not bring happiness. It is more important to be content. We need to have values, friends, relations and above all our family's love and support to lead a happy life.

45. Write a letter to the Manager of a factory, requesting his permission to visit the factory.

(OR)

Write a paragraph in about 150 words of the following:

The need for National Integration

46. a) Spot the error and rewrite the sentences correctly.
- It takes me a hour to reach the temple.
 - Divide this apple between the girls.
 - She aims to do well in the exams.
 - The CM as well as his followers are at the meeting.
 - Neither they nor I were mistaken. (OR)
- b) Do as directed.
- We ----- be obedient. (Fill in the blanks with suitable semi-modal verb).
 - He ----- (live) in this house since 1978. (Use suitable verb form)
 - I won't spend one ----- on a bottle of perfume until I know that I love the ----- (scent, cent)
 - Raja was tall ----- he can't reach the left. (Use suitable linkers).
47. a) Read the following poem and answer the questions.

I have heard

There is a law of the jungle

I have heard when the lion has eaten his fill

He never attacks

He goes to lie under dense shady trees

And when the rough gusts

Shake branches of trees

The mynah leaving her own young

Covers the frail crow's egg

With her protective wings

I have heard

When any bird - young full out of the nest

The entire jungle wakes to rescue.

- What does a lion not do when he is not hungry?
- How does the mynah protect the crow's egg?
- When does the entire jungle wakes to rescue?
- Why do the branches of trees shaka?
- Give a suitable title for the poem.

(OR)

- You are the president of the English Club of your school. Draft a speech on the topic 'Reading maketh a complete man' to be delivered in the school assembly (In about 150 words).