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Register No. 40

Half Yearly Examination - 2024

ENGLISH

Marks : 90

Time : 3.00 Hrs.

PART - I

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all the questions.

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. The Coaches lauded me. a) appreciated b) garlanded c) rebuked d) punished
 2. He persuaded me to look in at the sale room. a) deterred b) pushed c) shouted d) forced
 3. The toilers did not enjoy this privilege. a) Kings b) Judges c) toy-makers d) workers
- Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.
4. The sparrows sat scattered on the floor. a) covered b) multiplied c) gathered d) sprinkled
 5. The staff looked so unsympathetic. a) credible b) harsh c) dutiful d) sympathetic
 6. His inherent ability shall be useful to shoulder the responsibilities. a) inborn b) acquired c) constrained d) deserted
 7. Choose the correct penta-syllabic word. a) gathered b) conflict c) clarity d) personality
 8. Choose the expanded form of "CUET".
a) Common Under-graduation Entrance Test b) Common Uniform Entrance Test
c) Common University Entrance Test d) Central University Entrance Test
 9. Choose the word that can be placed after 'Key' to form a compound word. a) note b) lock c) board d) hole
 10. Choose the right combination of the blended word 'Malware'.
a) Mall+software b) Malignant+software c) Malicious+software d) Malignant+hardware
 11. Choose the meaning of the foreign word "resume". a) good bye b) genuine c) a brief summary d) as a family
 12. Choose the right definition for the given term "Bibliophile".
a) lover of nature b) lover of books c) lover of mankind d) lover of friends.
 13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.
Meera goes into her grandmother's wound. a) beguile b) examine c) disturb d) laugh a
 14. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'react'. a) il b) out c) en d) over
 15. Add suitable question tag to the following sentence.
There is no water; _____? a) are there b) is there c) isn't there d) is it
 16. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition. Anandhi bought a ring _____ her son. a) at b) on c) in d) for
 17. The plural form of 'Child' is _____ a) Childs b) Childrens c) Children d) Child(No change)
 18. Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun.
Shashali has a cat _____ eyes are blue. a) whom b) that c) whose d) who
 19. Choose the clipped form of the word 'demarcate'. a) dema b) marcate c) marc d) mark
 20. Choose the correct sentence pattern.
The dizzy bird looks busy. a) SVO b) SVC c) SVA d) SOV

PART - II SECTION - I

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

4 x 2 = 8

21. But that's gone, son
Now they shake hands without hearts.
a) What is gone according to the speaker? b) How did the people laugh in olden days?
22. And reassure myself anew
That you are not me and I'm not you.
a) Who does the poet refer to as 'you'? b) Who does the poet reassure?
23. He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore
We bow before competence and merit
a) Who is adored as a king? b) Find the figure of speech in the first line.
24. But now they only laugh with their teeth
While their ice-block cold eyes.
a) Who are they? b) Explain ice-block cold eyes.
25. But zealous athletes play so rough
They do not ever in their dealings.
a) How do the athletes play? b) Why don't they consider the feeling of others?
26. Our lands, our lives, and all are Bolingbroke's
a) Who is Bolingbroke? b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

SECTION - 2

Answer any three questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Vinitha said to Joe, "We watched a film yesterday". (Change into indirect speech)
28. If you should want to stop the Corona, just stay safe at home. (Begin the sentence with 'Should')
29. Change into passive voice of the following sentence. Our army has defeated the enemy.
30. Though he had been eating for a long time, he felt hungry. (Change into a Compound Sentence)

PART - III SECTION - I

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "For my laugh in the mirror shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!"
32. "You'll be sure to find him resting, or licking of his thumbs".
33. "Our Pride springs from the way we live".

SECTION - 2

2 x 3 = 6

Answer any two of the following.

34. 'Wisdom was meant for the mansion, not for the marketplace' – What does this statement signify?
 35. What is the difference between a physical and mental tight corner?
 36. Why did Mary Kom call herself 'lucky'?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Describe the process of making a chocolate cake in a pressure cooker.
 38. Write an email to your headmaster seeking permission to take group photos at the school premises.
 39. Complete each of the following proverbs with the right option.
 i) _____ is the soul of wit. (Courage, Brevity, Smile)
 ii) _____ breeds contempt. (Beauty, Laughter, Familiarity)
 iii) _____ beings at home. (Fear, Charity, Enemies)
 40. Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful proverb.
 i) glitters / All / is / that / gold / not. ii) picture / A / worth / is / thousand / a / words. iii) is / the / medicine / best / laughter.

PART - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following.

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 a) The Grandmother was strong-minded. Justify. b) Explain how the narrator got out of the tight corner that he was in.
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.
 a) What are Shakespeare's view on life in the poem "The Hollow Crown"? (OR)
 b) The poem "Everest is not the only peak" does not focus on the destination but the journey towards it. Elucidate.
43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.
 a) A group – patients – wait – the dentist – Joe – first – patient – go – inside – nurse – brings – hammer – other – tools – all – other patients – afraid – tools – think – dentist – use – tools – remove – tooth – some – patients – leave – clinic – out of fear – Children – tell their – tooth ache – drama – cut – school – Joe – comes – out – well – He – says – tools – used – open – cabinet – Finally – misunderstanding – cleared. (OR)
 b) Leacock – goes – to – studio - The photographer – dislikes – Leacock's face – passes – several – comments- Leacock – gets – irritated – the photo – taken – wants – see – proof – visits – studio – again- The photo – edited – help – technology- Leacock – upset – over – changes – calls – worthless – leaves – anger.
44. a) Make notes or summarise the following passage.
 A vitamin is a chemical compound that is needed in a small amounts for the human body to work correctly. They include Vitamin A, many B vitamins, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, and Vitamin K. For example, citrus fruits such as oranges and lemons contain Vitamin C. The term was coined in 1912 by biochemist Casimir Funk, who isolated a Complex of micro-nutrients and proposed the complex be named *vitamin*. By convention The word *vitamin* does not include other essential nutrients, such as certain minerals, essential fatty acids and essential amino acids. Thirteen vitamins are recognized at present. Vitamins are classified by their biological and chemical activity, and not their structure. Each vitamin name refers to a number of *vitamer* compounds which all show the same biological activity. For example, *vitamin A* refers to several different chemicals, *Vitamers* convert to the active form of the vitamin in the body. They are sometimes inter-convertible to one another as well.
45. a) Write a letter to the Chief Reservation Supervisor of Railways requesting him to grant concession for your educational tour. (OR)
 b) Write a letter to the newspaper editor drawing attention to the insanitary condition prevalent around your living hub.
46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.
 i) One of the boys are cleverest. ii) Mathematics are my favourite subject. iii) As I was ill so I applied leave.
 iv) I, He and You are to complete the task today v) The property was shared between four brothers. (OR)
 b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.
 i) The climate is so superb _____ to the heavy _____. (dew / due)
 ii) You _____ to submit your assignment on time. (Use semi-modal verb)
 iii) Law makers _____ be law-breakers. (Use a modal verb)
 iv) Take an umbrella with you _____ you will get wet. (Use a suitable link word)
47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.
 The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days. Too much of freedom in demand, too much independence; overnight parties; excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money, no time for studies and family all this is a common cry of such families. Aren't parents, love, attention and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that 'charity begins at home'. Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children, today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever widening generation gap. Only the reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and too many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins, learnt to adjust within means. There was perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was deep respect for the family elders and love, care and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.
- Answer the following questions:
 i) Mention any two major common concerns of a nuclear family.
 ii) Who, according to the passage, are responsible for them?
 iii) Explain the expression 'charity begins at home'.
 iv) Describe the atmosphere in joint families.
 v) Which word in the passage means 'Holiness of life'? (OR)
 b) Construct a dialogue between two friends, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of using mobile phone. (Minimum five exchanges)