

Class : 11

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## COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024 - 25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

## PART - I

- I. 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:
- Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face.  
a) Graceful                      b) Fresh                      c) Wrinkled                      d) Smoothed
  - What was her Vexation.  
a) Confusion                      b) Annoyance                      c) Lethargy                      d) Discomfort
  - ..... we have to recall the struggles of the past and realize the perils and possibilities.  
a) dangers                      b) safeties                      c) certainty                      d) securities
- Choose the correct Antonyms of the underlined words from the options given.
- The other teams had completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players.  
a) natural                      b) occasional                      c) critical                      d) optional
  - It is in indelibly branded in letters of fire on my heart.  
a) removable                      b) rubbed                      c) unremovable                      d) unclear
  - I trust, when I tell you how much I ache to be suave.  
a) Cordial                      b) Impolite                      c) polite                      d) civil
  - Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'Spinning' to form a compound word.  
a) gate                      b) piece                      c) proof                      d) wheel
  - Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word. 'regular'  
a) -ance                      b) -ful                      c) -ity                      d) -able
  - Choose the tetra - syllabic word.  
a) Education                      b) Audacious                      c) dedicate                      d) creativity
  - Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.  
The students discussed the problem ----- themselves.  
a) between                      b) among                      c) with                      d) behind
  - Choose the expanded form of RSC.  
a) Referee Saved Contest                      b) Referee Stopped Competition  
c) Referee Stopped Contest                      d) Referee Saved Competition
  - Choose the correct meaning of the Idiom used in the given sentence.  
The sponsors got cold feet and cancelled the order.  
a) prepared                      b) reassured                      c) Frightened                      d) unaffected
  - One who studies the human mind and behaviour is called a -----  
a) Pysicist                      b) Psychologist                      c) Pathologist                      d) Physiologist
  - Replace the underlined word with a Phrasal Verb.  
The managing director of the company has postponed the meeting for a week.  
a) put up                      b) put off                      c) put out                      d) put down
  - Identify the pattern of the following sentence.  
We met a great writer in the library.  
a) SVOA                      b) SVIODO                      c) SVOC                      d) SVCA
  - Choose the unclipped form of the word 'champ'  
a) Champagne                      b) chamberlin                      c) champion                      d) chimpanzee
  - Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt.  
a) foreign                      b) chocolate                      c) believe                      d) amatuer

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18. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence.

I got my resume neatly typed,

- a) brief summary  
b) an overall plan  
c) an urgent message  
d) a detailed description

19. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentence.

I am a lawyer, -----?

- a) amn't I  
b) are I  
c) aren't I  
d) am I

20. Choose the correct Plural form of Alumnus.

- a) Alumnes  
b) Alums  
c) Alumni  
d) Alumneses

PART - II

SECTION - 1

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

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21. *Well, ego it might be pleased enough.....*

*But Zealous athletes play so rough .....*

- a) What pleases the ego?  
b) Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

22. *It must have been Macavity! but he's*

*A mile away.*

- a) What is Macavity blamed for?  
b) Where is he?

23. *'But now they only laugh with their teeth,*

*While their ice - block - cold eyes....'*

- a) Who are they?  
b) Explain ice - block - cold eyes.

24. *If this belief from heaven be sent,*

*If such be Nature's holy plan*

- a) What does 'heaven' refer to?  
b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?

25. *"Our lands, our lives, and all, are Boling broke's*

- a) Who is Boling broke?  
b) Pick out the alliteration in this line.

26. *He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore*

*We bow before competence and merit;*

- a) Who is adored as a King?  
b) What is the figure of speech used in the first line?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. Senthil said, "Where is the post office"? (Change into indirect speech)

28. Mohan has completed the course. (Change the voice)

29. If you had studied, you would have passed the exam. (Begin with "Had")

30. The mountain was steep but he was able to climb it. (Rewrite as a complex sentence)

PART - III

SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. *They do not ever in their dealings*

*Consider one another's feelings.*

32. *"How can you say to me, I am a king"?*

33. *To her fair works did nature link*

*The human soul that through me ran*

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## SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following briefly.

2x3=6

34. How can a graduate give back to his / her society?
35. What was the happiest time of the day for Grandmother?
36. Name a few things that a person remembers easily.

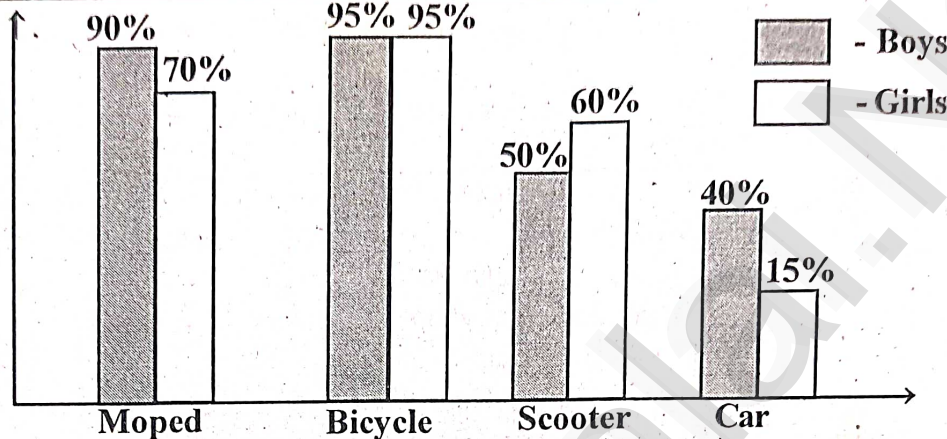
## SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. Study the graph and answer the questions based on it.

Mean of transport used by the students of a city college.



Questions:

1. What is the mode of Transport in which there is equivalence between boys and girls?
  2. How many boys go to college on Scooter?
  3. How many girls go to college on Mopeds?
38. Write a notice about the inauguration of an English Literacy club.
  39. Describe the process of opening a Bank Account?
  40. Complete the Proverbs using the words given below.
    - a) ----- is the best medicine.
    - b) ----- is the noblest revenge.
    - c) ----- is the soul of wit.

[ Brevity, Laughter, Wabbit, Forgiveness]

## PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) Describe Mary Kom's personal experiences during her first International Championship match from the time of selection to winning the medal. (OR)
- b) Trace the thoughts that went on in the mind of the narrator when picture after picture was put up and sold at the auction.

Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words.

42. a) Explain the things that poet Gabriel Okara has learnt when he grew into an adult. (OR)

b) In what way is every Hillock similar to Everest?

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

a) Jack and Jill - happy married couple - Villa new hampsted - Aunt Jane visit - much surprised - furniture - lovely house - instalment basis - Aunt Jane cannot believe - Jack explains borrow thrift and Providence Trust Corporation. Aunt Jane - leaves house - on foot - gives cheque - They try to own baby. (OR)

b) The dentist's Clinic - many patients wait - tensed - tooth - to be extracted - the arrival of the dentist - Joe, the first patient - called in - the nurse goes with hammer - reaction of patients - loud sound of sawing and screeching - other patients fear - go away - Joe comes out - hammer, pliers - to open tool box.

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44. **Make a notes or summarise the following passage.**

Sparrows are found in many parts of the world and they are of several kinds. The one that is best known to us is the house. Sparrow but there is also the hedge sparrow that makes its nest in hedges and bushes. A noisy bird, the house - sparrow has its own song, mainly made up of a series of calls and twitters. It makes its nest in a hole or some niche in the house. This nest is no more than an arrangement, not a very tidy one, of paper and straw which may be lined with wool and hair. The hedge - sparrow is more slender than the house - sparrow. It is brown, black and bluish grey in colour. It too sings, often a warbling song. Like the house - sparrow it hops on the ground and makes its own untidy nest. Sparrows eat seeds of many kinds. But much more than seeds, they feed on insects, they lay eggs which number three to six (at one time)

## 45. a) Write a letter to the curator of the museum seeking permission for a school visit.

(OR)

## b) Respond to the given advertisement with Bio - data. (Write XXX for the name and YYY for the address)

Wanted

**SALESMAN**

The applicant should be a graduate with minimum three years experience in Textiles. Apply with Bio - data to :  
Royal Pvt, Ltd, 55 Royal Street, Chennai

## 46. a) Read the following sentences, Spot the error and Correct them.

- (i) He gave me a lot of advices.
- (ii) I saw an uniformed soldier hiding behind the wall.
- (iii) Though I had a good sleep, but I feel very tired.
- (iv) Neither of the boys are guilty.
- (v) If I were a king, I will save the world. (OR)

## b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) We are not ----- to read ----- in the library. (aloud, allowed)
- ii) The Prime minister ----- (leave) for America to meet the delegates tomorrow. (Use the correct verb form)
- iii) When Koushik was a child, he ----- play in the street. (Use semi - modal verb)
- iv) Vijay had ----- (no / any) idea about the problem. (Use appropriate determiner)

## 47. a) Construct a dialogue between two friends on the importance of punctuality, in not less than five exchanges. (OR)

## b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Things become better when you expect the best instead of the worst. The reason is that, being freed from self - doubt, You can put your whole self into your endeavour. Nothing can stand in the way of the man who focuses his entire self on a problem. Expecting the best means that you put your whole heart into what you want to accomplish. People are defeated in life not because of lack of ability, but for lack of whole heartedness. A major key to success in life, to attain that which you deeply desire, is to be completely released and to throw all there is of yourself into your studies, or any project in which you are engaged. But most people, Unfortunately, don't do that and this is the tragic cause of failure.

**Questions:**

- a) How can you make things better?
- b) What do you mean by expecting the best?
- c) What is the reason for defeat in life?
- d) What is the key to success?
- e) What is the cause of Failure?

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