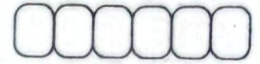


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Kanyakumari District

Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2024



## Standard 11

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours

ENGLISH

Maximum Marks: 90

## Part-I

Answer all the questions:

20×1=20

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

- 1) My grandmother accepted her **seclusion** with resignation
  - a) civilization
  - b) togetherness
  - c) companionship
  - d) isolation
- 2) .... words of praise and **adulation** were showered on me.
  - a) appreciation
  - b) abuse
  - c) criticism
  - d) exploit
- 3) .... the **emissaries** of thought, wisdom and service, have got a role.
  - a) customer
  - b) deputies
  - c) client
  - d) patron

Choose the appropriate **antonyms** for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- 4) The staff looked so **prosperous** and unsympathetic.
  - a) wealthy
  - b) lucky
  - c) unsuccessful
  - d) affluent
- 5) The talk was running on the **critical** situation
  - a) trivial
  - b) vital
  - c) risky
  - d) dire
- 6) .... human memory that **compels** my wonder.
  - a) urges
  - b) constrains
  - c) deters
  - d) obliges
- 7) Choose the appropriate syllabification for the word '**saturday**'.
  - a) satu-r-day
  - b) sa-tur-day
  - c) sa-tu-r-day
  - d) satur-day
- 8) **Replace the underlined phrasal verb with a suitable word.**  
She kept **cutting in** on our conversation
  - a) continuing
  - b) persisting
  - c) interrupting
  - d) lingering
- 9) **Choose the meaning of the idiom in the sentence.**  
The hotel is just **a stone's throw** from the sea.
  - a) distant
  - b) away
  - c) very far
  - d) very close
- 10) **Choose the clipped form of the word 'stereophonic'.**
  - a) phonic
  - b) nic
  - c) phone
  - d) stereo
- 11) **Choose the meaning of the foreign word 'Adieu'.**
  - a) good luck
  - b) good bye
  - c) bye
  - d) best of luck
- 12) **Choose the expanded form of 'CCTV'.**
  - a) Closed Circuit Television
  - b) Closed Compact Tv
  - c) Closed Computed Television
  - d) Closed Connective Tv
- 13) **An entomologist is the one who studies \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - a) artifacts
  - b) birds
  - c) earthquakes
  - d) insects
- 14) **Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.**
  - a) entrepreneur
  - b) entrepenur
  - c) entrepenour
  - d) entreprenur
- 15) **Choose the word that cannot be used after 'Book' to form compound word.**
  - a) worm
  - b) stall
  - c) mark
  - d) buyer
- 16) **Choose the correct sentence pattern.**  
He gave her a beautiful gift.
  - a) SVC
  - b) SVA
  - c) SVO
  - d) SVIODO
- 17) **Choose the plural form of the word 'child'.**
  - a) childs
  - b) childrens
  - c) children
  - d) baby
- 18) **Choose the suitable preposition and fill in the blanks.**  
My father gave me some pictures to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) between
  - b) look at
  - c) into
  - d) for

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19) Add suitable question tag to the statement given below.

Let's take the next bus, \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) doesn't they      b) didn't they      c) shall we      d) didn't he.

20) Choose the suitable relative pronoun and fill in the blanks.

Those people \_\_\_\_\_ feel miserable try to imitate others.

- a) whose      b) whom      c) who      d) which

### Part-II

#### Section-1

Answer any four of the following.

4×2=8

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow.

21) "It must have been macavity! 'but he's a mile away".

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

22) "Defeat we repel, courage our fort"

- a) How do we react to defeat?  
b) Which is considered as our stronghold?

23) "All murdered - for within the hollow crown  
That rounds the mortal temples of a king  
Keeps Death his court,..."

- a) Why are all murdered?  
b) What does the King keep in his court?

24) "And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes"

- a) What is the poet's faith?  
b) What trait of Nature do we see here?

25) "With all my heart I do admire  
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire"

- a) Whom does the poet admire?  
b) For what reasons do the athletes sweat?

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

Answer any three of the following questions.

3×2=6

27) I said to my father, "I went to picnic yesterday"

[Rewrite as reported speech]

28) They are constructing a house.

[Rewrite the sentence using passive voice]

29) If it were not for the expenses involved, I would go by air.

[Begin with 'were']

30) Combine the sentences using the words given in brackets.

The thief jumped over the wall. He broke his leg. (When)

### Part-III

#### Section-1

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

2×3=6

31) "In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts

Bring sad thoughts to the mind."

32) "I want to be what I used to be"

33) "We are proud of the position we

Hold, humble as we are,"

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## Section-2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.  $2 \times 3 = 6$

- 34) What was the happiest time of the day for grandmother?  
 35) What is the difference between a physical and mental tight corner?  
 36) What kind of absent-mindedness is regarded as a virtue by Lynd?

## Section-3

 $3 \times 3 = 9$ 

Answer any three of the following.

- 37) Prepare a notice to be displayed on the notice board about a Workshop on First Aid.  
 38) **Expand each of the following news headlines.**  
 a) Cost free Bicycles for Higher Secondary First year students to be issued.  
 b) TN Western dams filling up-flood alert in Nilgiris.  
 c) Teen makes history at US open.  
 39) **Rearrange the shuffled words of the sentences.**  
 a) his money / a fool / are / soon parted / and  
 b) divine / is / to forgive  
 c) always / his tools / workman / a bad / blames  
 40) Write an e-mail to your father to send the scanned copies of your certificates.

## Part-IV

41) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**  $7 \times 5 = 35$

- a) How does Robert Lynd analyse the various reasons for forgetfulness in humans?  
 (OR)

- b) Give an account of Bill Bryson's awkward behavior during his trip to England.

42) **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

- a) How does Ogden Nash try to explain that he is very happy being a mere spectator?  
 (OR)

- b) How does King Richard explain the power of Death to his followers through his monologue?

43) **Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints.**

- a) Miss Meadows - music teacher - received letter - fiance - upset with message - affected her mood - reflected in class - called by headmistress - gave a telegram - sender Basil - requested to forget - message in letter - indicated reunion - Meadows turned happy - selected cheerful song - teach children.  
 (OR)

- b) Philip Sletherby - travels to Brill Manor by train - Bertie with him - goes for - rustic holiday - leaves his purse behind - needs 3 pounds urgently - requests Sletherby to lend him money - Sletherby does not believe him.

44) a) **Make notes of the following passage:**

Language is the most important tool of communication invented by human civilization. Language helps us to understand each other. We can never overestimate the importance of language in our lives. Every time we speak, we do it with a particular purpose. Sometimes, we wish to deliver a message, or we want to know something, or we like to express our feelings. At times, we use language to ask for help, to share information, or just to say a joke. Generally, there are five main functions of language which we shall now discuss

The first one is informational function which helps us deliver messages, describe things and give our listeners new information. This function can be illustrated as an example of an encyclopedia article. The next function of a language is the expressive function. We need this function whenever we want to express our feelings and impressions. With this function, we can understand the personality of the speaker and his or her emotions.

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The third is the directive function of the language. This function is used to induce certain actions and reactions. The examples of such a function are commands and requests. This is a function of social control and interpersonal interaction. Here, the reaction of the listener is more important than the thoughts expressed by the speaker. The next function of a language is the aesthetic function. Here, the words and sentences are considered as linguistics artefacts. In this function, the beauty of words and phrases is more important than the usefulness of information. The fifth and final function of a language is the phatic function. The only purpose of this function is to maintain social relationships, and to begin, or to continue the conversation. A well-known example from British culture is a small talk about the weather. Such a kind of talk neither provides any information nor expresses our feelings, but it helps to interact with people.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on your favorite pastime activity in about 150 words.  
45) a) Write a letter to an eminent writer inviting him to be a Chief Guest for the inauguration of your school Literary Association.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your cousin about the latest released movie.  
46) a) **Fill in the blanks appropriately.**  
(i) The \_\_\_\_\_ little girl did not realize how her hair got so \_\_\_\_\_.  
**(knotty / naughty)** *were closed*  
(ii) As the shops \_\_\_\_\_ (close), we could not buy anything for the children **(use the correct verb form)**  
(iii) My inquisitive niece \_\_\_\_\_ ask a number of questions, when she was a child. **(Fill in the blank with suitable semi-modal verb)** *used to*  
(iv) Leela has recovered from the accident \_\_\_\_\_ her leg is still in a cast. **(Fill in the blank with suitable linker)** *but*

(OR)

- b) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.**  
(i) Hema prefers coffee than tea.  
(ii) One of the girl is tall.  
(iii) Gopal is a M.A. in English.  
(iv) Rajan went to abroad.  
(v) Anand is so ill to go to school.  
47) a) Frame a dialogue with minimum of five exchanges between two friends about their recently trip to kerala.

(OR)

- b) **Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.**

The night sky makes a very interesting study. To an astronomer or a sailor, the position of the stars in a serious, professional study. Many of the stars are known by their names. Each has a distinctive appearance. The sky on a moon lit night is the poet's delight. The sky on a dark night may appear somewhat sinister to some, but to Shelley, the poet, it is the star spangled black dress of a woman. When the sky is covered with clouds without any stars, it wears a grim appearance. To a child, the sky at night, is a mystery and to the mature, it is an endless object of study.

- (i) How can we identify the stars?  
(ii) Who is an astronomer?  
(iii) Explain the comparison made by Shelley.  
(iv) When does the sky appear grim?  
(v) How does a child differ from a matured adult, when it beholds the sky at night?