

HDBB BBT L O L (DT)

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Exam No.

Time : 3.00 Hours

XI - ENGLISH

Marks : 90

## PART - I

**Note: i) Answer all the questions.**

(20x1=20)

**ii) Choose the best answer and write option code with corresponding answer.****Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.**

- We treat it like the fables of the prophets she used to tell us  
a) hymns                      b) songs                      c) storeys                      d) stories
- It is because of their antipathy that people forget to take medicines  
a) lore                      b) hate                      c) dislike                      d) distress
- The society had cradled and nurtured every graduate.  
a) ignore                      b) brought up                      c) suitable                      d) gave up

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

- The grains were scattered all over the place  
a) picked                      b) distributed                      c) gathered                      d) found
- She was called magnificent mary  
a) ordinary                      b) exceptional                      c) compulsory                      d) necessarily
- The eminent scholars asked to face the problems  
a) outstanding                      b) superior                      c) inferior                      d) extravagant
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word bee to form a compound word.**  
a) piece                      b) lash                      c) gate                      d) hive
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable Prefix to the root word "audible".**  
a) in                      b) re                      c) un                      d) de
- Choose the expanded form of MHRD.**  
a) Member of Human Resource Department  
b) Ministry of Human Resource Development  
c) Member of Housing Rural Development  
d) Metro Highways and Railways Department
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.**  
The meeting of the party leaders were adjourned Sinedie.  
a) unannounced                      b) fixing a date  
c) in the middle                      d) without a date being fixed
- Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.**  
Cities are increasing becoming Urbanished \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) don't they?                      b) do they?                      c) aren't they?                      d) are they?
- Replace the underlined word in the sentence with the suitable phrasal verb.**  
The actor rehearsed his dialogues quickly before going to the stage.  
a) ran around                      b) ran away                      c) ran up                      d) ran over
- Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence.**  
The pear fell \_\_\_\_\_ the tree.  
a) of                      b) from                      c) off                      d) by
- Choose the right definition for the given term "Photophobia".**  
a) Fear of rain                      b) Fear of flight  
c) Fear of light                      d) Fear of pictures
- Choose the appropriate idiomatic expression for the underlined phrase.**  
The players were facing each other at the beginning of the match.  
a) square off                      b) on the ropes  
c) in our corner                      d) cooking an account
- Fill in the blanks with suitable semi model verb for the following sentence.**  
How \_\_\_\_\_ you ask me this doubt.  
a) must                      b) may                      c) dare                      d) could

17. Choose the correct combination for the blended word "**Melodrama**".  
 a) Malady + drama  
 b) Melo + drama  
 c) Melody + drama  
 d) Malice + drama
18. Fill in the blank with suitable homophones:  
 Rita will be at \_\_\_\_\_ only when you give her the \_\_\_\_\_ of paper. [Piece / Peace]
19. Choose the clipped form of the word "**Helicopter**".  
 a) copter  
 b) heli  
 c) heter  
 d) coper
20. Fill in the blank with a suitable tense form of the verb.  
 Rita \_\_\_\_\_ (call) me yesterday.  
 a) call  
 b) called  
 c) is calling  
 d) will call

### PART - II (SECTION - I)

Answer any four of the following.

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow. (4x2=8)

21. *But now they only laugh with their teeth  
while their ice-block-cold eyes \_\_\_\_\_*  
 a) Who are they?  
 b) Explain ice-block-cold-eyes.
22. *One infant grows up and becomes a jockey  
Another plays basketball or jockey*  
 a) Who is a jockey?  
 b) Pick out the rhyming words.
23. *But the least motion which they made  
It seem'd a thrill of pleasure*  
 a) Who are they?  
 b) What are they doing?
24. *Macavity's Mystery cat: he's called the Hidden paw*  
 a) Does the poet talk about a real cat.  
 b) Why is he called the hidden paw?
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 these lines.
26. *How some have been deposed, some slain in war,  
Some haunted by the ghosts they have deposed*  
 a) What is meant by "Epitaph"?  
 b) Mention the figure of speech used here.

### SECTION - II

Do as directed.

Answer any three of the following questions.

(3x2=6)

27. The old woman said to the boy, "Please help me". (Change into indirect speech)
28. I saw him opening the box. (Change into the other voice)
29. If you were a teacher, you would know the difficulties.  
 (Rewrite the sentence beginning with "were")
30. As the tired woman was unable to go any further, she returned home.  
 (Change into compound sentence)

### PART - III (Section - I)

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

(2x3=6)

31. *Once upon a time, son  
They used to laugh with their eyes;*
32. *In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.*
33. *And his foot prints are not found in any file of Scotland Yard's.*

**Section - II**

**Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each. (2x3=6)**

34. How did Marykom manage to get financial support for their trio to the USA?  
 35. What is a tight corner? What happens when one finds oneself in a tight corner?  
 36. Why are universities necessary for a society?

**Section - III****(3x3=9)**

**Answer any three of the following.**

37. Build a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a fruit vendor and a customer.  
 38. Describe the process of making vegetable soup.  
 39. You are Tarun / Tharini the president of your school literary association. Your club is organizing a play on "Life of Kalam". Draft a notice informing the student about this play.

**40. Complete the proverb with the suitable option.**

- a) Every cloud has a \_\_\_\_\_ lining. [Golden, Blackish, Silver]  
 b) Time and \_\_\_\_\_ wait for no man. [Tide, Chance, Place]  
 c) Don't cast pearls before the \_\_\_\_\_. [Witch, Swine, Baron]

**PART - IV**

**Answer the following.**

**Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words. (7x5=35)**

41. a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years - explain.  
 (OR)  
 b) What are the observations of Robert Lynd on the capacity of humans to remember and forget things?

**Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

42. a) How does the poet establish the victory of common sense over ego in the poem "Confessions of a Born Spectator"?  
 (OR)

- b) What are the qualities the speaker wishes to nourish and what is his mission in the poem, "Everest is not the only peak"?

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

43. a) Policeman - New York city - friend Bob - inviting him - West-but-not leaving - 20 years - bob - criminal - wanted - by Chicago police - Jimmy - valuing friendship - asking another one arresting him - Bob - read - letter - cried. (OR)  
 b) Narrator - wants - a photograph visits a studio - photographer acts - too smart - gives direction - comments on the face - features of his face - finally - clicks - pictures narrator - goes Saturday - to get his photograph - shocked face changed - gets angry - remarks on photographer's attitude - leaves - studio - with a heavy heart.

**44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.**

a) Ignorance is always bliss. It is always folly to be wise. It is especially true in the modern world. The wise people suffer. The fools enjoy everywhere. The whole world belongs to them. The wise look after themselves. They just enjoy their life. Their motto is "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die". They do not die tomorrow. The wise people die today. The fools enjoy for the whole week. If a goat does not know of its death, it can enjoy while it lives. Happily a goat is not aware of the coming doom. A fool is that. He does not care to know. A wise fellow knows too much. He worries himself to death. Knowledge is too heavy for him. A fool endures what he cannot cure. A wise man does not. He dies in an effort to cure himself. The very medicine becomes a malady for him. Rightly T.S. Eliot says, "All our knowledge brings us sorrow. All our sorrow brings us death. But all our death does not take us to heaven".

**(OR)**

- b) Write a Paragraph on your own about: Your ambition / Your future plans.

45. a) Write a letter to a bookseller placing an order for some books for your school library.

(OR)

- b) Respond to the given advertisement with Bio-Data.  
[Write xxx for the name and yyy for the address]

Wanted
SALAESMAN
The applicant should be a graduate with minimum three year 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) As she was sick, but she could not attend the meeting.
- ii) Neither of the boys are guilty.
- iii) He is my cousin brother.
- iv) I saw many geoses in the park.
- v) They discussed about the matter.

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- i) The doctor advised his patient to take out the \_\_\_\_\_ of cigarette he had in the \_\_\_\_\_ and throw it in the dustbin. [Pocket / Packet]
- ii) If we had time, we \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the exhibition. (Use the correct tense form)
- iii) Students \_\_\_\_\_ submit their notebooks tomorrow without fail.  
(Fill in the blank with correct modal verb)
- iv) \_\_\_\_\_ the cat is away, the mice are at play.  
(Fill in the blank with correct linker / connector)

47. a) Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below.

(Music, Computer, Agriculture, Education, Medicine, Commerce, Nutrition)

- i) Dr. Rahim is an orthopaedic Surgeon.
- ii) My grandmother owned a fertile land.
- iii) A.R. Rehman is a great pianist.
- iv) Jegan is into trading.
- v) The hacker had some problem with his mother board.

(OR)

- b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

Punzo entered the arena. He was dressed in navy blue jeans and shirt. The crowd cheered him with a loud applause. The huge bull, sulking at the corner, rushed madly at him. He waved a red cloth, which increased the bull's fury. He quickly caught hold of its horns and hung in the midair suspended for a moment. It looked as though the bull might throw him off and trample him down. But the next minute Punzo had the situation under control. He twisted the bull's head with all his might. The bull fell down with a loud roar, rolled over on the ground, and lay very still. For a second there was absolute silence all around the arena. Then the crowd cheered the madator in wild ecstasy.

Questions:

- i) What did Punzo do when the bull rushed at him?
- ii) Did the bull trample him down.
- iii) Why did the crowd cheer Punzo?
- iv) What is the meaning of ecstasy?
- v) By what name is a bull-fighter called?