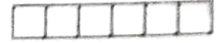


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11th std

Tenkasi District



10-12-24

Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2024

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH - I

[Maximum Marks : 90

Instructions: 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

2. Use a **Blue** or **Black** ink pen to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

## PART - I

Answer all the questions.

20x1=20

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

- Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale puckered face.  
(a) wrinkled (b) graceful (c) unfolded (d) damaged
  - Indignant at her husband's behaviour, she decided to teach him a lesson.  
(a) dull (b) angry (c) calm (d) pleased
  - He showed his inherent ability.  
(a) acquired (b) organized (c) inborn (d) outer
- Choose the most appropriate **antonyms** of the words underlined in the following sentences.
- Prayers were said and words of praise and adulation were showered on me.  
(a) adoration (b) worship (c) condemnation (d) approval
  - I realized that a career of rectitudes sometimes has rewards.  
(a) honesty (b) integrity (c) virtue (d) dishonesty
  - I was shedding blood in a lavish manner.  
(a) extravagant (b) abundant (c) boundless (d) inadequate
  - Choose the correct **compound word** for the combination 'Gerund + Noun'.  
(a) sewing machine (b) stunning attack (c) rising up (d) easy going
  - Choose the word that cannot form a derivative with the **suffix** '-ment'.  
(a) improve (b) comfort (c) achieve (d) manage
  - Choose the **expanded form** of 'GDP'.  
(a) Gross Domestic Product (b) Great Dimension Project  
(c) Goods Diminishing Price (d) Goods Delivery Plans
  - Choose the **unclipped form** of 'memo'.  
(a) memorabilia (b) memorizer (c) memento (d) memorandum
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is the study of dog training.  
(a) Oology (b) Cynology (c) Ichthyology (d) Ornithology
  - Replace the underlined **phrasal verb** with a single word.  
We cannot put up with the noise any longer.  
(a) control (b) tolerate (c) manage (d) enjoy
  - Choose the meaning of the **idiom** used in the given sentence.  
He was taken for a ride by his cruel landlord.  
(a) beaten (b) deceived (c) treated cruelly (d) helped
  - Choose the meaning of the **foreign word** in the given sentence.  
We always enjoy the bons mots of our friend.  
(a) songs (b) witty remarks (c) sermons (d) properties
  - Choose the appropriate **question tag** for the following sentence.  
Let's play tennis, \_\_\_\_\_?  
(a) shall we (b) won't we (c) can we (d) do we
  - Choose the **trisyllabic** word.  
(a) resemblance (b) daughter (c) geography (d) bidder
  - Fill in the blank with the appropriate **determiner**.  
Arun had taken \_\_\_\_\_ photos during the programme.  
(a) many (b) little (c) any (d) the
  - Fill in the blank with a suitable **preposition**.  
My uncle gave me some pictures to look \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) for (b) in (c) at (d) on
  - Fill in the blank with the appropriate **modal verb**.  
If I were a bee, I \_\_\_\_\_ be busy always.  
(a) would (b) will (c) must (d) shall
  - Fill in the blank with the **correct tense form**.  
Renu always \_\_\_\_\_ (make) excuses for coming late.  
(a) made (b) has made (c) makes (d) will make

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**PART - II**  
**SECTION - 1**

4x2=8

**Answer any four of the following. Read the sets of given poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.**

21. "But now they only laugh with their teeth,  
While their ice-block-cold eyes..."  
(a) What do you understand through the phrase 'they only laugh with their teeth'?  
(b) Explain: ice-block-cold eyes
22. "Well, ego it might be pleased enough  
But zealous athletes play so rough"  
(a) What pleases the ego? (b) Why are athletes often rough during play?
23. "And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes..."  
(a) What trait of Nature do we see here?  
(b) Mention the figure of speech in these lines.
24. "He's the bafflement of Scotland Yard, the Flying Squad's despair:  
For when they reach the scene of crime — Macavity's not there!"  
(a) What is 'Scotland Yard'? (b) Why does the flying squad feel disappointed?
25. "Honour is a property, common to all:  
In dignity and pride no one need to be poor."  
(a) Who are considered rich?  
(b) Pick out the alliterated words found in the second line.
26. "Let's talk of graves, of worms, and epitaphs,  
Make dust our paper, and with rainy eyes"  
(a) What do the three words, 'graves, worms, and epitaphs' refer to?  
(b) Identify the figure of speech used in the given lines.

**SECTION - 2**

**Answer any three of the following questions. Do as directed.**

3x2=6

27. The nurse said to Sam, "What can I do for you?" (Rewrite as reported Speech)  
28. Vani was cleaning the vessels. (Rewrite in passive voice)  
29. Though they tried their best, they could not complete the work. (Change into Compound)  
30. If I had the wings of a bird, I would fly away. (Begin with "Had")

**PART - III**

**SECTION - 1**

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

2x3=6

31. "There will be no thrice"  
32. "And when you think he's half asleep, he's always wide awake"  
33. "How can you say to me, I am a king?"

**SECTION - 2**

**Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.**

2x3=6

34. What made the dogs follow the grandmother after school hours?  
35. How do the chemists make fortunes out of the medicines people forget to take?  
36. What happened to Bryson when he leaned to tie his shoelace?

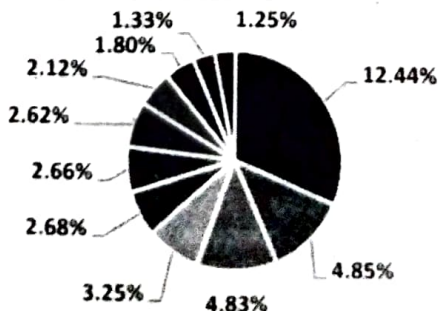
**SECTION - 3**

**Answer any three of the following.**

3x3=9

37. Study the pie-chart carefully and answer the questions that follow.

**Percentage of People who speak each language as their first language.**



- Mandarin ■ Spanish ■ English ■ Arabic ■ Hindi ■ Bengali  
■ Portuguese ■ Russian ■ Japanese ■ German ■ Javanese

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- (a) Which language is spoken by most people?  
 (a) What is the Indian language that ranks among the top five spoken languages?  
 (b) Which are the languages that are spoken by less than three percent of people?
38. Write a notice about the inauguration of a laughter club in your school.
39. Describe the process of opening a bank account.
40. Expand the following News Headlines into complete sentences.
- (i) Heavy Rains Lash Chennai.  
 (ii) Cost free Bicycles for Higher Secondary First Year students to be issued.  
 (iii) 12 injured as buses collide.

**PART - IV**

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7x5 = 35

- (a) Why was Mary Kom named the 'Queen of Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'?

**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.

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

- (a) Write the summary of the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring'.

**OR**

- (b) In what way is every hillock similar to Everest?

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

- (a) Two friends - part ways - appointment - meet after twenty years - Bob arrived - spoke to policeman on beat - tall man came - claimed to be Jimmy Wells - Bob stopped suddenly - he realised - not his friend - man's nose - Roman to a pug - policeman in plainclothes - arrested Bob, a noted criminal - a note - from Patrolman Wells - real Jimmy Wells - hesitated to arrest friend - sent another man with a note.

**OR**

- (b) Jack and Jill - happy married couple - Villa at New Hampstead - Aunt Jane visits - much surprised - furniture - lovely house - installment basis - Aunt Jane cannot believe - Jack explains - borrows money from Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation - Aunt Jane - displeased at their lifestyle - tries to make them realise their stupidity - leaves house - before that - gives them cheque - advises them to pay atleast one bill - they try to own baby.

44. Summarise or make notes of the following passage.

Trees give shade for the benefit of others and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure scorching heat, they produce the fruit by which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body, if no use of it is made for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood - the more it is rubbed - the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane - the more it is peeled and cut into pieces, the more juice does it produce. Gold - the more it is burnt, the more brightly does it shine. The men who are noble at heart do not lose these qualities even in losing their lives. What does it matter whether men praise them or not? What difference does it make whether riches abide with them or not? What does it signify whether they die at this moment or whether their lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dogs and cows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of a friend, even for the sake of a stranger, will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

45. (a) Respond to the given advertisement with Bio-data (Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for the address)

**WANTED**  
**Female IELTS Teachers Required**  
 Postgraduates in English with a minimum of 3 year experience. Must be bold and confident. Good salary, transport and food allowance provided.  
 Apply to:  
**Arv Institute of Languages,**  
 149 B, Bose Road, Coimbatore.

**(OR)**

- (b) Write a letter to the Commissioner of the Corporation complaining about the sanitary conditions of the streets in your locality.

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46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- (i) Global warming is an universal issue.
- (ii) The English language is vital into the medical field.
- (iii) Though he is weak but he walks quickly.
- (iv) If I am you I would do it at once.
- (v) He told to me a story.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (a) The \_\_\_\_\_ dancer turned \_\_\_\_\_ after the final performance. (weary/wiry)
- (b) Kumar fell off the ladder when he \_\_\_\_\_ (mend) the roof.
- (c) How \_\_\_\_\_ you contradict me? (Use semi – modal verb)
- (d) I ran fast \_\_\_\_\_ I missed the train. (Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction)

47. (a) Read the following sentences and classify them according to their fields.

- (i) Shakespeare wrote 38 plays and many poems.
- (ii) Dr. Rahim is an Orthopaedic surgeon.
- (iii) The old man avoids fatty and oily food items.
- (iv) Organic fertilizers have increased the produce of land.
- (v) There is no drop-out in schools now.

(Agriculture, Medicine, Education, Nutrition and Dietetics, Literature)

(OR)

(b) Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow.

“Dear Mother”, said a little fish,  
 “Pray is not that a fly?  
 I’m very hungry, and I wish  
 You’d let me go and try”.

“Sweet innocent”, the mother cried,  
 And started from her nook,  
 “That horrid fly is put to hide  
 The sharpness of the hook”.

“I can but give one little pluck:  
 Let’s see, and so I will”  
 So on he went, and lo! it stuck  
 Quite through his little gill.

And as he faint and fainter grew  
 With hollow voice he cried,  
 “Dear mother, had I minded you,  
 I need not now have died”.

- (i) What did the little fish ask his mother?
- (ii) What was the mother’s advice?
- (iii) Did the little fish obey his mother?
- (iv) What happened to him when he tried to catch the fly?
- (v) Give a suitable title to the poem.

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