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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Standard - XI

Reg.No. _____

Marks:90

Time: 3.00 hrs.

ENGLISH

PART - I

20×1=20

Answer all the questions.

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the option given:

- Memories Prevent them from remembering to do such Prosaic things
a) Exciting b) Dull c) interesting d) Variety
- He could hear a smothered noise from his friend
a) Suppressed b) Loud c) Weired d) Strange
- Grandma was always in spotless white
a) Pure b) genuine c) dirty d) foul

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- There was a rustle of excitement
a) noise b) Silence c) Sound d) patter
- The coach lauded me on the Silver Win
a) Condemned b) eulogized c) praised d) extolled
- It was at this point that My life looked at me with an expression of Wonder - not anger or exasperation
a) irritation b) Vexation c) calmness d) annoyance
- Choose the expanded form of JEE
a) Joint Engineering Examination b) Junior Entrance Examination
c) Junior Engineering Examination d) Joint Entrance Examination
- Find out the meaning for the foreign word "bonafide".
a) a brief Summary b) Spoken exam
c) genuine d) Close relationship
- Fill In the blanks with appropriate determiners:
The teacher gave _____ (all / every) student a seperate topic for the assignment.
- Add appropriate question tag to the following Sentence:
Let us go for a Walk, _____
a) Will you b) Shall We? c) did you? d) Could you?
- Choose the meaning for the idiom "take one for a ride".
a) to encourage falsehood b) to deceive Somebody
c) to Create Panic d) to enjoy the Situation
- Choose the Clipped form of "demarcate".
a) Marc b) demac c) Mark d) Cate
- Complete the sentence with suitable word:
Cut your _____ (quote / coat) according to your cloth.
- Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word "differ".
a) _____ ence b) _____ ance c) _____ sion d) _____ less
- Choose the correct sentence pattern. The ship Sailed Westwards.
a) SVC b) SVO c) SVA d) SOV
- Choose the trisyllabic word from the following:
a) Eradicate b) Creativity c) bestowed d) entertain
- Choose the Word that cannot be used after 'Book' to form a compound word:
a) buyer b) worm c) stall d) mark
- Choose the right definition for the given term "Sociologist".
a) One who studies language and thier structures
b) One who studies human mind c) one who studies earth quakes
d) One who studies about human society

19. Fill in the blank with suitable relative pronoun:

She gave me a pen _____ was black colour.

- a) Whose b) where c) Who d) Which

20. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb from the options given:

The Chief Minister Visited the Governor.

- a) Called off b) Called On c) Called in d) Called out

PART - II

SECTION - I

Read the following poetic lines and answer any four sets.

4×2=8

21. Well, ego it might be pleased enough

But Zealous athelets play so rough

- a) What pleases the ego?
b) Why are atheletes often rough during play?

22. The birds around me hopp'd and play'd

Their thoughts I cannot measure.

- a) Whose thoughts cannot be measured?
b) Who does "I" refer to?

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. For he's a fiend in feline shape a monster of depravity

- a) How is the Cat described in this line?
b) Explain the phrase 'Monster of depravity':

26. "Keeps Death his court, and there the antic sits"

- a) Who does 'antic' refer to?
b) Identify the figure of speech used here.

SECTION - II

Answer any three questions:

3×2=6

27. Uma Says , " I like Chocolates". [Change into Indirect Speech]

28. He tried his best but he did not Succeed. [Rewrite as a complex Sentence]

29. If they had started earlier, they would have reached by this time.

30. The team was trained by the Coach. [Change the Voice] [Begin with 'had']

PART - III

SECTION - I

Explain any two of the following with reference to context.

2×3=6

31. I am just glad as glad can be

That I am not them, that they are not me...

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

33. His Powers of levitation would make a fakir stare.

SECTION - II

Answer any two of the following questions.

2×3=6

34. Who are the Citizens of 'dream land'? why?

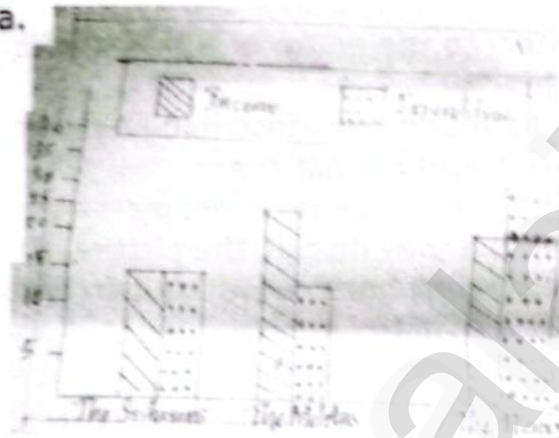
35. What did Bryson wish to avoid in his life?
36. What was the happiest time of the day for grandmother?

SECTION - III

Answer any three of the following.

3×3=9

37. Write an e - mail to a charitable trust requesting for a scholarship.
38. Study the following bar graph which gives the details of the Annual - Income and Expenditure of three families in Chennai. Write three Sentences On your inference about the data.



39. Describe the Process of making a glass of lime juice.
40. Complete the Proverbs using the words given below:
a) Waste not, _____ not. (fight / want / earn)
b) _____ Water run deep. (still / flowing / stagnant)
c) _____ alone triumphs. (hope / faith / truth)

PART - IV

Answer the following:

7×5=35

41. Answer the following in a Paragraph of about 150 words:
a) Why was Marykom named the 'Queen of Boxing' and Magnificent Mary?(OR)
b) Give an account of Bill Bryson's awkward behaviour during his trip to England.
42. Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
a) Why does Wordsworth believe that nature is divine? (OR)
b) In what way is every hillock similar to Everest?
43. Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
a) Jimmywells and Bob-friends-lived in newyork-parted - fixed to meet - after twenty - Years- Same place and time - Bob - West earned a lot changed a lot - Wanted criminal - Well's a police man - Bob arrived - appointed time - couldn't recognize - Wells identified - respected friendship Sent another - Couldn't arrest - plain clothes man - arrested Bob. (OR)
b) Narrator - wants - a photograph visits a studio - photographer acts -too smart - gives directions - comments on the face - features of his face - finally - clicks - Picture 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:

The aim of education is the overall development of the Personality of man. It means the development of not only the mind but also the body. Games keep the body fit . A healthy mind can dwell only in a healthy body. For keeping a body healthy , games are indispensable. People who have developed the habit of playing games regularly can maintain good health. Games help to build a muscular body. They include Sound sleep which is a sign of good health.

Therefore games are good for the body, as knowledge is food for the mind. Infact, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". Every body likes games because these keep them Physically fit and mentally alert.

Games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. They enable us to face dangers bodily. When a person plays games, his blood Circulation increases and his digestive system improves. He does not fall prey to any disease. Games inculcate in us the spirit of sportsmanship. They also teach us courage and preseverance.

45. a) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the need to wear seat belts while driving. **(OR)**

b) Write a letter to your cousin describing a music concert you enjoyed recently.

46. a) *Spot the error's and correct them:*

- Though he is poor but he is happy
- No sooner did they display the picture, the dealer made his bid.
- My mother rarely goes out without an umberalla. doesn't she?
- Rajan Went to abroad.
- He is my cousin brother.

(OR)

b) *Fill in the blanks appropriately:*

- How ____ you disobey my words (use quasimodel)
- Rita will be at ____ only when you give her the ____ of paper (Piece/Peace)
- The plane ____ (take) off in a few minutes. (use the verb in the correct form)
- Work busily ____ carefully (use a Suitable linker)

47. a) *Identify each Sentence with the field in the list given below:*

[Weather, Nutrition and Dietetics, Sports, Botany, Education]

- Slow learners should be given individual attention.
- Ram at his fluent best, Put Ranjith in his place with thfee boundaries in one over.
- Spicy food can cause acidity in the stomach.
- The flight was cancelled owing to fog.
- Every plant organ has a definite form and structure and performs certain specific function.

(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 is a Serious, Professional study. Many of the stars are known by their names. Each has a distinctive appearance. The sky on a moonlit night is the Poet's delight. The sky on a dark night may appear some what sinister to some, but to shelly, 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 apparence. To a child, the sky at night, is a mystery and to the mature, it is an endless object.

Answer the questions.

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