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**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024 - 25**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

**ENGLISH**

[Max. Marks : 90

## Part - I

1. 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 most appropriate synonyms of the words underline in the following Sentences.
1. ----- we treated it like the fables of the prophets she used to tell us.  
a) tales                      b) prayers                      c) theorised                      d) thoughts
2. We regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric.  
a) strange                      b) conventional                      c) persuasive                      d) reasonable
3. We should also realize that a continuous stream of men and women endowed with the spirit of service.  
a) educated                      b) gifted                      c) trained                      d) developed
- Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.
4. The coaches lauded me  
a) appreciated                      b) acclaimed                      c) criticized                      d) witnessed
5. I pulled myself together to hand my card, nonchalantly to the clerk  
a) physically                      b) foolishly                      c) secretly                      d) concernedly
6. So, You will understand that I trust when I tell you how much I ache to be suave.  
a) unkind                      b) immoral                      c) impolite                      d) unjust
7. Choose the correct combination of the given compound word "Home coming"  
a) Noun + Verb                      b) Noun + Gerund                      c) Gerund + Noun                      d) Noun + Noun
8. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym 'CAD'  
a) Computer Aided Designing                      b) Computer Augmented Design  
c) Computer Aided Design                      d) Computer Assisted Design
9. Form a new word by adding suitable suffix to the root word 'Regular'  
a) -ment                      b) -ful                      c) -ous                      d) -ity
10. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition.  
I have a present ----- you.  
a) to                      b) for                      c) on                      d) from
11. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.  
She is the bonafide student of the Madras University.  
a) fake                      b) confident                      c) genuine                      d) punctual
12. Choose the correct combination of the given blended word "docudrama"  
a) Document + Drama                      b) Documentary + Drama  
c) Documental + Drama                      d) Docu + Drama
13. Pick out the word that has four syllables.  
a) awkward                      b) curious                      c) lavish                      d) antipathy
14. Choose the clipped word of the word "helicopter"  
a) heli                      b) helicop                      c) copter                      d) helter
15. Choose the correct meaning of the idiomatic expression in the sentence.  
I was in a tight corner.  
a) Pleasant situation                      b) Dramatic situation  
c) Confused situation                      d) Difficult situation

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16. Choose the word that is spelt correctly.  
 a) decietfulness    b) deceitfulness    c) diceitfulness    d) deceitfullness
17. Choose the correct plural form of "analysis"  
 a) analysises    b) analyses    c) analysis    d) analysees
18. Fill in the blanks with suitable modal verb.  
 We ----- follow the traffic rules.  
 a) can    b) may    c) should    d) could
19. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiner.  
 I have ----- idea about the problem.  
 a) any    b) many    c) no    d) few
20. Add a suitable question tag.  
 Anitha is not a lawyer, -----?  
 a) isn't she?    b) has she?    c) is she?    d) hasn't she?

PART - II  
 Section - 1

Answer any four of the following questions:

4x2=8

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

21. *"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?
22. *"He sways his head from side to side,  
 with movements like a snake".*  
 a) Whom does he refer to?  
 b) Mention the figure of speech.
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. *"And nothing we can call our own but death;  
 And that small model of the barren earth".*  
 a) What does the "small model" refer to here?  
 b) Pick out the rhyming words.
26. *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.

Section - 2

Answer any three of the following questions:

3x2=6

27. Reena said, "I am learning French. (Change into indirect speech)
28. If I had a car, I would drop you. (Begin with "had")
29. My mother is knitting the sweaters. (Change into passive voice)
30. We stayed up all night but we were not tired at all. (Rewrite as a complex sentence)

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## PART - III

## Section - 1

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

2x3=6

31. *I am just glad as glad can be  
That I am not them, that they are not me.*
32. And his foot prints are not found in any file of Scotland Yard's.
33. How can you say to me, I am king?

## Section - 2

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

2x3=6

34. Where did the author study in his childhood?
35. Who are the citizens of 'dreamland'? Why?
36. How can a graduate give back to his/her society?

## Section - 3

Answer any three of the following questions:

3x3=9

37. Write a notice about the inauguration of a laughter club in your school.
38. Describe the process of making fruit salad.
39. Complete the proverbs using the words given in brackets.
- a) Every cloud has a ----- lining. (gold, silver, diamond)
- b) The squeaky wheel gets the ----- (diesel, resin, grease)
- c) ----- is not a bed of roses. (Rome, time, Life)
40. Write an email to your uncle thanking him for the gift that he had sent from abroad.

## PART - IV

Answer the following questions:

7x5=35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. - Explain.
- (OR)
- b) Explain how the narrator got out the tight corner that he was in.
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- a) How does the poet establish the victory of common - sense over ego?
- (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) Bob Jimmy - close friends - Bob - eighteen - Jimmy - twenty - Bob - moved - west - fortune - Jimmy - stayed - New York - agreed to meet - after - twenty years - Bob - came - meet - Jimmy - cop identified Bob - criminal - Chicago - Jimmy - sent another - policeman - arrest - Bob.
- (OR)
- b) Miss meadows - gloomy in class - taxes the students - lament - Basil - letter - change of mood - Head mistress Ms. Wyatt - telegram - feels happy - returns to class - good cheer.
44. Write a Summary or Make Notes of the following passage.
- a) Artificial Intelligence refers to the development of Computer Systems that can perform tasks easily while requiring human intelligence like problem solving, learning and decision-making. Artificial Intelligence can be classified into two types that is narrow AI and General. AI. Narrow AI focuses on specific tasks while general AI aims to achieve broader human like cognitive abilities. Artificial intelligence has transformed many sectors. In health care, Artificial intelligence helps to transform diseases and also assist in surgeries. In finance it helps to improve fraud detection

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and risk management. Artificial intelligence has a widespread use in our daily lives. Despite the numerous benefits that artificial intelligence is providing, it still raises many ethical concerns. Various issues like data privacy the security of autonomous systems and the loss of jobs can be issues of debate. As Artificial intelligence continues to evolve, it is important to focus on developing ethical guidelines and regulations to ensure its responsible use. If the artificial intelligence is properly managed, it can bring many benefits to society enhancing efficiency, innovation and quality of life.

(OR)

- b) Write a dialogue between a Father and a son on Choice of Career.
45. a) Write a letter to you friend, who lost the athletic championship by just one point.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to the head master of your school requesting him to issue a bonafide certificate.
46. a) **Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

- i) The cook spilled the wheat \_\_\_\_\_ on the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ (floor / flour)
- ii) Aravind took \_\_\_\_\_ (many / much) photos during the programme.
- iii) She always \_\_\_\_\_ (make) excuses for coming late. (Use the correct form of verb)
- iv) I \_\_\_\_\_ play football when I was young. (Use semi - modal verb)

(OR)

- b) **Spot the error and correct them.**

- i) Raju rode the bike fastly.
- ii) One of the girl is missing.
- iii) My uncle gave me a lot of advices.
- iv) She doesn't like coffee, is she?
- v) Everyone of the students were questioned.

47. a) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below**

The earth is losing its forests, Trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rain forests are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

- i) What is the major reason for the destruction of Forests?
- ii) Mention any two uses of Trees.
- iii) Why are the rain forests being destroyed?
- iv) How much of the earth's surface is occupied by trees?
- v) Pick out the word from the passage that means same as "wood".

(OR)

- b) **Identify each of the following sentence with the field in the list given below:**

- i) The flight was cancelled owing to fog.
- ii) GSLV puts satellite in precise orbit.
- iii) Shakespeare's plays are read by many people.
- iv) She is appearing for the competitive examination.
- v) Internet is the boon to the knowledge seekers.
- (Education, Weather, Computer, Literature, Space)

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