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Virudhunagar District
Common Half Yearly Exam, December 2024

Standard 11 ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 Hours

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 Black and Blue ink to write and underline.

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

20 x 1 = 20

Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

1. Hundreds of little birds collected round her creating a bedlam of chirruping.
a) shouting b) confusion c) commotion d) noise
2. Memories prevent them from doing such prosaic things.
a) dull b) simple c) hard d) unexpected
3. The role of the university is not cloistered as in the past.
a) singled b) decided c) restricted d) grouped

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. The discrepancy about the crests put me on my guard.
a) originality b) similarity c) functionality d) triviality
5. The figures all had been modestly started.
a) anxiously b) pretentiously c) eagerly d) deliberately
6. He is an audacious pervert of truth.
a) strong b) ardent c) timid d) vehement
7. Choose the appropriate compound word for the given combination 'Adverb+Verb'.
a) Foresee b) Forefront c) Forenoon d) Forethought

8. Add a suitable suffix to the word 'calculate'.
a) ly b) eous c) ity d) ive
9. Choose the correct expansion form of "UPSC".
a) United Public Service Commission b) Union Peoples Service Commission
c) Union Public Service Commission d) Unified Public Service Commission
10. Choose the correct clipped form of words 'pantaloon'.
a) pants b) panta c) pantal d) looms
11. One who can use both hands equally efficiently is called as a _____.
a) sadist b) ambidextrous c) Polyglot d) Thespian
12. Replace the underlined word with a **phrasal verb**
The investigating officer elicited the required information from the accused.
a) brought up b) brought out c) brought in d) brought about
13. Choose the meaning of the given **foreign words** in the sentences.
Both the nations decided to maintain the border affair **in status quo**.

- a) in confidence b) in open discussion c) in former state d) in mutual agreement
14. Choose the correct **plural form** of the word "focus".
a) focuses b) focus c) foci d) focal
15. Choose the correct **syllabification** word from the following
a) Per-su-as-ive b) persu-as-ive c) per-su-as-ive d) per-sua-sive
16. Choose a suitable **Question tag**
Some of us wanted to stay longer. _____?
a) don't they b) doesn't they c) didn't they d) didn't we
17. Choose the correct American word for the word 'silencer'.
a) smoke exiter b) chimney c) muffler d) smoke pole
18. Choose the right combination for the word 'Edutainment'.
a) edu + entertainment b) education + ment
c) education + entertainment d) educative + entertainment

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19. I tell you how much I ache to be _____
 a) mild b) polite c) impolished d) polished
20. Choose the meaning of the idiom 'alarm bells ringing'
 a) praising someone b) disagreeing c) celebrating victory d) sign of something going wrong

PART - II

SECTION - A

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets.

4 x 2 = 8

21. "Honour is a property, common to all;
 In dignity and pride no one need to be poor".
 a) Who are considered rich?
 b) What is their asset?
22. "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 line.
23. "There never was Cat of such deceitfulness and suavity"
 a) Which cat is being talked of here?
 b) How is he different from the rest?
24. "Have I not reason to lament
 What man has made of Man"
 a) What does 'lament' mean?
 b) Identify the figure of speech in the second line?
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 - B

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. It is time for tea to be taken. (Change into Active voice)
 28. If it had not rained, we would have gone to the theatre. (Begin with 'Had')
 29. She says to him, "I will help you by any means". (Change into Indirect speech)
 30. Hussian and Victor were too young to work in the Industry.
 (Rewrite the sentence as a compound sentence.)

PART - III

SECTION - A

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "I want to unlearn all these muting things
 Most of all, I want to relearn how to laugh....."
32. "He always has an alibi, and one or two to spare"
33. "Never shall we fail in what we commit
 Shall nourish the ones that nourish the world"

SECTION - B

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

2 x 3 = 6

34. Why did she call herself 'lucky'?
35. Why did the narrator feel he could have welcomed a firing party?
36. Who are the citizens of 'dreamland'? Why?

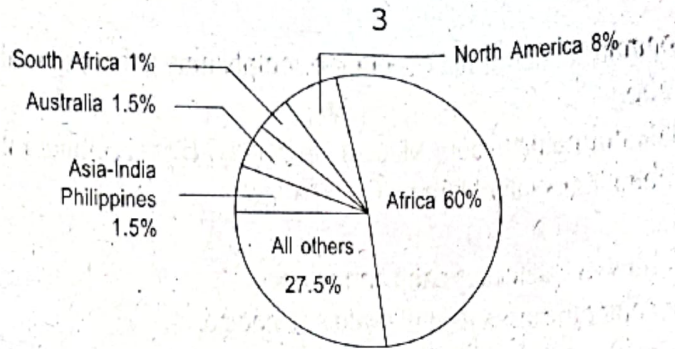
SECTION - C

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Study the pie-graph shown below. Answer the questions that follow:

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- i) The largest producer of gold is _____
 a) Africa b) North America c) Kolar Gold Field d) All others
- ii) The gold producing countries of Asia mentioned are
 a) North America b) Africa c) India d) India and Philippines
- iii) The gold production of all the other continents except Africa is _____
 a) 60% b) 27.5% c) 40% d) 12.5%

38. Describe the process of Mint chutney.

39. Write an email to your teacher about the interesting English model that you have prepared for the literary fest.

40. Rearrange the shuffled words:

- i) Education/must/be/the/service/of/higher/outcome.
 ii) The/neck/was/hanging/around/his/bag.
 iii) her/rosary/the/fell/lifeless/from/fingers.

PART - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following.

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

- a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Give your own example of how elders have a positive influence on the younger generation. Include examples from the story also.
 (or)

b) How does the speaker highlight the importance of giving back to the society?

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

- a) When humanity fails to live in harmony with Nature, its effects are felt around the world. Why and how?
 (or)
 b) Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity.

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

- a) Stephen Leacock - visits a photo studio - for photograph - the photographer - unpleasant comments - takes a long time - Leacock gets angry - The photographer - rude comments on Leacock's features - ill-treats Leacock - takes photo in animation - asks to come on Saturday - Leacock goes - disappointed - does not resemble him - accuses and leaves in tears.
 (or)
 b) Philip Sletherby - Politician - Brillmanor - meet - Mrs. Saltpen Jago - London - Re- election - young man - Bestie - Needed three pounds - Mistaken - fraud - Jago Crest - demilion - "Seeing is believing".

44. Make summary or note making of the following passage in about 100 words.

Spring and autumn are the migrating seasons when birds go north to their breeding grounds and south to their winter homes. Migration routes usually follow rivers or the coast and consequently. India is a good place for watching migrating birds. The first signs of the spring migration came in mid-march, and during April and May it is in full swimming. A good deal is known about the migrating habits of swallows. These birds cover great distances. Birds that have been ringed in southern England for example, have been recovered in South Africa. In East Asia, large number of swallows spends the winter in Malaysia, and birds ringed there have been recovered from South Korea during the breeding season. Swallows also breed in India and nests can often be seen the door of houses throughout south-west India. These swallows do not usually migrate and they breed from March to May and raise their families in nests made of mud. Swallows migrate by day. The swallows is responsible for the most surprising ringing recovery so far recorded in the far East. A bird ringed in Pahang, Malaysia, in January 1967 was retrapped at the same place in February 1968.

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45. a) Write a letter to the Commissioner of the Corporation complaining about the sanitary conditions of the streets in your locality. (or)
- b) Vijay is an M.A graduate in English from Madras University. He is seeking a job in Teaching field. He has been asked to submit a resume. Draft a CV of Vijay.

46. a) Spot the errors in the following sentences and correct them.

- i) No sooner does the teacher enter the class then the students stand up.
- ii) He asked Ramu why your father had lost his temper.
- iii) Although winter in Kashmir is cold, but it is pleasant in many ways.
- iv) Brazil is the larger country in South America.
- v) I prefer punishment than insult.

(or)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

i) The chain that I presented to my sister was not made of gold; it was just _____. I am suffering from a sense of _____. (guilt/gilt)

ii) Here _____ (come) Hamlet.

(Use the correct tense form)

iii) One _____ always keep one's promises.

(Fill the blank with suitable model)

iv) They evacuated the patient _____ was serious.

(Fill in the blanks with suitable Relative Pronoun)

47. a) Identify each sentence with the field in the list given below

(Weather, Environment, Computer, Science, Sports)

- i) At the international level, global warming has increased the anxiety of many nations.
- ii) A new rocket launching station is commissioned in Andhra Pradesh.
- iii) Your monitor is not working – get it repaired.
- iv) Mr. Venkat Raghavan is one of the best umpires in the world.
- v) Isolated rain or thunder showers are likely to occur on the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu.

(or)

b) Write a paragraph on the topic 'Ambition in life or future plan' for about 150 words.
