

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

CLASS: XI

ENGLISH

Reg.No:

Time : 3.00 Hours

Marks : 90

PART - I

20x1=20

Answer **all** the questions.

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

- They consoled me and lauded me on the silver win.
(a) criticized (b) stopped (c) appreciated (d) imprinted
- But how near the surface and ready, even in the best of us, is worldly guile!
(a) deceit (b) gorgeous (c) difficult (d) guineas
- Unless you replenish it richly, coming generations will find only an empty coffer.
(a) train (b) realize (c) relieve (d) refill

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

- Memories prevent them from remembering to do such small prosaic things as take the ball or the bat with them when they leave the train.
(a) dull (b) fascinating (c) unwilling (d) fallible
- I explained to her the close and venerable relationship between Bill and William.
(a) dishonourable (b) comfortable (c) valued (d) happy
- She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song.
(a) tiresome (b) boring (c) interesting (d) overstraining
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'gentle' to form a compound word.
(a) less (b) mother (c) hour (d) folk
- Form a derivative for the underlined word in the given sentence.
She gave a rational explanation to the problem.
(a) ir (b) im (c) un (d) de
- Choose the expanded form of 'IELTS'.
(a) International Engineering Lab Testing System (b) Imported English Lab Tools System
(c) International English Language Testing System (d) Indian English Language Testing System
- Choose the unclipped form of the word 'flu'.
(a) influ (b) influenza (c) influence (d) fluency
- Replace the underlined word in the sentence with the suitable phrasal verb.
My mother always represents truth and honesty.
(a) stand up (b) stand down (c) stand for (d) stand by
- Choose the correct meaning of the foreign word in the following sentence.
The new manager is content with the status quo and does not like to change anything.
(a) without a date being fixed (b) all together
(c) the order being reversed (d) the existing state of affairs
- Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
On my return, Delhi gave me a warm welcome _____ the airport.
(a) from (b) at (c) to (d) for
- Choose the trisyllabic word from the following.
(a) guidance (b) champion (c) development (d) programme
- A person who donates money to good causes is called an / a _____.
(a) philanthropist (b) teetotaler (c) optimist (d) misanthrope
- Choose the combination of the blended word 'sitcom'.
(a) site + commerce (b) sitting + compartment (c) sisterly + community (d) situation + comedy

17. Identify the right pattern of the following sentence.
Namakkal is an Egg City.
- (a) SVA (b) SVOA (c) SVC (d) SVIODO
18. Add a suitable question tag to the following statement.
It is your English exam today, _____?
- (a) wasn't it (b) hasn't it (c) is it (d) isn't it
19. Fill in the blank with the right word.
A peaceful _____ spread on her face and we knew that she was dead.
- (a) parlour (b) pallor (c) prowler (d) polar
20. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.
The corporate company took many customers for a ride.
- (a) deceived (b) helped (c) reported (d) supported

PART - II SECTION - 1

Answer **any four** of the following.

4x2=8

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

21. 'It must have been Macavity!' but he's a mile away.
- (a) What is Macavity blamed for?
(b) Where is he?
22. But now they only laugh with their teeth
While their ice-block-cold eyes
- (a) Who are 'they'?
(b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
23. Our lands, our lives, and all, are Bolingbroke's
- (a) Who is Bolingbroke?
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
24. Defeat we repel, courage our fort;
- (a) How do we react to defeat?
(b) Which is considered as our stronghold?
25. 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'?
26. One infant grows up and becomes a jockey,
Another plays basketball or hockey,
This one the prize ring hates to enter
That one becomes a tackle or centre,
- (a) What does the word 'jockey' refer to?
(b) Find out the rhyme scheme of the given lines.

SECTION - 2

Answer **any three** of the following questions.

3x2=6

27. Arasu said to me, "I will see you later". (Change into indirect speech)
28. The team was trained by the coach. (Change into the other voice)
29. Though the battle has been won, the war isn't over yet. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)
30. If you should need any guidance, call the helpline number 14417. (Begin with 'Should')

PART - III SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. Honour is a property, common to all:
In dignity and pride no one need to be poor.
32. Have I not reason to lament
What Man has made of Man?
33. There will be no thrice -
For then I find doors shut on me.

SECTION - 2

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

2x3=6

34. How can a graduate give back to his / her society?
35. Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
36. What does Lynd actually wonder at?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Describe the process of wrapping a Christmas gift.
38. Write a notice about the inauguration of Magizh Mutram in your school.
39. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.

(a) Work is _____	(i) worship	(ii) relationship	(iii) friendship
(b) One _____ doesn't make a garland.	(i) tree	(ii) flower	(iii) plant
(c) _____ is the index of the mind.	(i) Eye	(ii) Tooth	(iii) Face
40. Write an email to a charitable trust requesting for a scholarship.

PART - IV

Answer the following.

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) Bring out the pun in the title 'The Accidental Tourist.'
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - (a) Give an account of Macavity's destructive mischief.
(OR)
 - (b) The poet does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. How does he justify his view?
43. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints.
 - (a) The dentist's clinic - many patients wait - tensed - tooth - to be extracted - the arrival of the dentist - Joe, the first patient - called in - the nurse goes - with hammer, pliers, hacksaw - reaction of patients - loud sound of sawing and screeching - other patients fear - go away - Joe comes out - hammer, pliers, hacksaw - to open the tool box.
(OR)
 - (b) Stephen Leacock - visited a photo studio - for photograph - the photographer - unpleasant comments - took a long time - Leacock got angry - the photographer - rude - commented on Leacock's features - ill-treated Leacock - took photo in animation - asked to come on Saturday - Leacock went - disappointed - the photo - did not resemble him - accused and left in tears.
44. (a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.
The functioning of the political system is crucial for the smooth development of any country. India is no different. India is the largest democracy in the world. Almost 1 out of every 6

humans in the world is an Indian. With such an enormous and diverse population, there are a number of political ideologies and political parties which are present and functioning all over the country. The constitution of India gives the right to every citizen of the country to form political parties and contest elections in the country. Politics in India is not only limited to just political art of influencing the will of the state. There are various pressure groups, advocacy groups, interests groups which work with the political organizations. The work of the political parties is not just limited to winning elections. It is the duty of every citizen of the country to ensure that our representatives remain responsive to the demand of the people and fulfill their electoral promises.

(OR)

(b) Frame a dialogue between you and your grandmother discussing the incidents that happened in your school that day. (Minimum of five exchanges)

45. (a) Write a letter to a bookseller requesting him / her to supply some books for the school library.

(OR)

(b) Write a letter to your friend to wish him / her 'A Happy New Year 2025'.

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

(i) Akila went to abroad last year.

(ii) I saw an one-eyed criminal yesterday.

(iii) Dinesh is my cousin brother.

(iv) Your teachers give you a lot of advices to make you better persons.

(v) Neither Lekha nor Leela have been selected.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

(i) Our _____ is a man of _____ (principle / principal)

(ii) We _____ not paint this room now. (Use a modal verb)

(iii) Siva is likely to miss the train. He _____ (run) up to the station.

(Use the correct form of the verb)

(iv) _____ of the water overflowed from the tank. (Most / Many)

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

PSTM stands for Persons Studied in Tamil Medium. It is a certificate that verifies that an individual studied a course in Tamil medium. The certificate includes the student's name, dates of study, course of study, and confirmation that the course content and marks statement were verified. It also indicates whether the student received a scholarship for studying in Tamil medium. To be eligible for the 20% reservation under the PSTM Act, candidates must have studied their entire education in Tamil medium, from Class 1 till college or the prescribed higher qualification.

Questions:

(i) What does PSTM stand for?

(ii) What does the PSTM certificate verify?

(iii) What does the PSTM certificate include?

(iv) What does the PSTM certificate indicate more?

(v) Mention the percentage of reservation given under the PSTM Act.

(OR)

(b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'The Role of Computer'.