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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Standard - XI

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Time: 3.00 hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks:90

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

20×1=20

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences:

1. Mary Kom had a strong conviction in her passion for boxing
a) struggle b) belief c) thought d) affinity
2. A fourth was torpedoed in the war.
a) abolished b) established c) organised d) produced
3. Such a cosy little room!
a) comfortable b) expensive c) filthy d) dingy

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences:

4. She had once been young and pretty
a) ugly b) beautiful c) attractive d) charming
5. Society has got a right to expect an adequate return from you.
a) fair b) sufficient c) suitable d) insufficient
6. I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitors.
a) diffident b) opposed c) eager d) discouraged
7. Choose the correct combination for the compound word "handshake".
a) verb+Noun b) Adverb + verb c) Noun + Verb d) Noun + Noun
8. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "democrat".
a) -ity b) -ic c) -ing d) -ful
9. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of "WTC".
a) World Trade Congress b) World Trade Centre
c) World Trading Centre d) World Tourist Centre
10. Choose the suitable meaning for the Idiom 'back to the wall'.
a) reach the place b) sit for some time
c) wait for sometime d) difficult situation
11. Choose the clipped form of the word "coeducation".
a) co-ed b) coedt c) coedu d) educat
12. Add suitable question tag to the following sentence:
Somebody wanted a Pizza, _____?
a) did they b) didn't they c) do they d) don't they
13. Choose the right combination of the blended word "bloatocrat".
a) blow + aristocrat b) blond + democrat
c) bloated + aristocrat d) bloat + autocrat
14. Choose the tri syllabic word.
a) laughter b) interesting c) auction d) banana.
15. Choose the right definition for the given term "Hydrologist".
a) One who studies vocal sounds b) One who studies about water
c) One who studies the sun d) One who studies diseases
16. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate article:
Deepa is ___ eldest in her family.
a) an b) a c) none d) the
17. Choose the suitable phrasal verb for the underlined word:
The new council is to examine the ways of reducing the traffic in the city.
a) look after b) look into c) look for d) look through

18. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition:
The students discussed the problem _____ themselves.
a) from b) over c) among d) through
19. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:
He bought a laptop yesterday.
a) SVIDOEA b) SVOA c) SVCA d) SVO
20. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly:
a) resturant b) resterant c) restarant d) restrant

PART - II
SECTION - 1

Answer any four of the following :

4×2=8

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

21. "Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles
Like a fixed portrait smile".
a) What is a cocktail face?
b) Explain the second line?
22. "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?
23. If this belief from heaven be Sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan.
a) What does 'heaven' refer to?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the second line.
24. And when you think he's half asleep, he's always wide awake.
a) What does he pretend to do?
b) what does 'he' refer to?
25. Honour is a property, common to all.
In dignity and pride no one need to be poor.
a) Who are considered rich?
b) Pickout the alliteration in the second line.
26. How some have been depos'd. some Slain in War.
Some haunted by the ghosts they have deposed.
a) What is meant by "Slain"?
b) By whom were the kings haunted?

SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3×2=6

27. Report the dialogue:

Dev : Where are you going now?

Hari : I am going to the library. Are you coming with me?

28. If he had informed me earlier. I would have returned home. (Begin with "Had")

29. May you be blessed with happiness by God. (Change into Active voice)

30. We believe that he is innocent. (Change into simple Sentence)

PART - III
SECTION - 1

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

2×3=6

31. To watch you gambol in the stadium.
32. Never shall we fail in what we commit,
Shall nourish the ones that nourish the world.
33. "How can you say to me, I am a King?"

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions is not, more than 30 words. $2 \times 3 = 6$

34. Why did Mary Kom think that she should not return not return empty - handed?
 35. What was the bidder's offer to the narrator?
 36. How can a graduate give back to his/her society?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

 $3 \times 3 = 9$

37. How will you bake a cake? Describe the Process briefly.
 38. Write an e-mail to your brother wishing him on his birthday.
 39. Complete the proverbs with the suitable words given.
 i) The pot calls the _____ black.
 a) Fire b) Kettle c) Coal d) Tea
 ii) _____ cannot be choosers.
 a) Leaders b) Beggars c) People d) Kings
 iii) Cleanliness is next to _____.
 a) Godliness b) Neatness c) Fineness d) Fairness

40. Study the table carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Number of candidates appeared and qualified for a competitive exam from the different states.

Name of the State	Appeared	Qualified
Tamil Nadu	8000	700
Kerala	9000	800
Karnataka	8500	750

Questions:

- a) How many states appeared for the competitive exam?
 b) How many students appeared from Kerala?
 c) Which state has the less number of qualified candidates?

PART - IV $7 \times 5 = 35$

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

a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years - Explain.
(OR)

b) "..... But, when it's my own - well, I think hysterics are fully justified" - How?

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

a) The poem is nothing but a criticism of modern life. Justify this statement.
(OR)

b) The poem does not focus on the destination, but the Journey towards it. Discuss.

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

Philip - travels - train - Brill Manor - meets Bertie - secondson - left purse - four quid - needs money - requests Philip to lend him - two pound - didnot help - true son - mistake as a fraud.
(OR)

Miss Meadows - music teacher - received letter - finance - upset with message - affected her mood - reflected in class - called by Head mistress - gave a telegram - sender Basil - request to forget - message in letter - indicated reunion - Meadows turned happy - selected cheerful song - teach children.

44. a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:

Preethi Srinivasan is a former cricketer form Tamil Nadu, who played domestic cricket in the 1990's. At the age of eight, she was the youngest girl to play in

the state cricket team. At the age of 17, She captained the Tamil Nadu Women under 19 cricket team national tournament in 1997, and registered its only victory ever. She was also a State - Level gold winner in 50m breaststroke swimming event. But the following year, she met with an accident in Puducherry. She is affected by quadriplegia. Her own trauma inspired her to create "Soul Free Trust", youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries, and how suitable precautions can help them out. Instead of the term "Differently abled". "Soul - Free" employs the term "positively abled" for those suffering from disability. She is active in social life and earned many honorstoo. In 2018, she received the Kalpana Chawala Award for courage and Daring Enterprise. **(OR)**

- b) Construct a dialogue between two friends about the importance of reading newspapers.
45. a) Write a letter to the Health Officer to your city about the insanitary condition of your locality. **(OR)**
- b) Write an application for the post of Personal Secretary to Managing Director of Coffee production Industries. Include the following details. educational qualification, experience and various other qualifications required for the post.
46. a) *Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly:*
- Though I had a good sleep but I feel very tired.
 - One of the components are already missing.
 - The car bumped against a tree.
 - My older brother is living abroad.
 - If she had known of your arrival, she would come to receive you. **(OR)**
- b) *Fill in the blanks appropriately:*
- The _____ sung by _____ was melodious. (him/hymn)
 - Teachers _____ encourage the students to read science fiction novels. *(Use Semi-model verb)*
 - He is the man _____ I want to meet. *(Use relative pronoun)*
 - The cat _____ (chase) the bird before it flew out of the yard. *(Use the correct tense form of the verb)*
47. a) *Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:*
- Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy, On May 12, 1820. Her Passion for nursing was clean even as a young child. She would then spend time caring for her hurt dolls and animals. She eventually developed into a beautiful young girl; She stayed alone and dedicated her life to caring for the sick and needy. When the Crimean War between Russia and England began. She travelled to the field with many other nurses. Soldiers who were ill or injured were cared by them. Florence Nightingale worked nonstop through the night, caring for sick and injured soldiers by the light of a candle. As a result, she gained widespread renown as "The Lady with the Lamp".
- Questions:
- Where and when did Florence Nightingale get her start?
 - How did her early interest in nursing become apparent?
 - Why didn't she get married?
 - What actions did she take when the Crimean War started?
 - Why was Florence Nightingale called "The Lady with the Lamp"? **(OR)**
- b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on "The importance of enviromental conservation in our lives.