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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

* Standard - XI

Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

- Instructions: 1. Check the questions paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
2. Use Blue or Black ink write and underline

Part - I

Answer all the questions:-

20×1=20

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

- 1) My heart stopped: My blood congealed
a) thickened b) thinned c) flowed d) spilled
- 2) I do claim to represent him in all his ruggedness
a) strength b) toughness c) both a and b d) only a
- 3) I always have catastrophes, when I travel.
a) diaster b) fortune c) prosperity d) success

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

- 4) She fed longer with frivolous rebukes
a) friendly b) sad c) furious d) serious
- 5) Absent mindedness of this kind seems to me all but a virtue
a) honour b) integrity c) merit d) vice
- 6) I was fortunate
a) lucky b) unfortunate c) unlucky d) gifted
- 7) Select the correct expansion of GST
a) Goods and Sales Tax b) Goods and Services Tax
c) Good and Services Tax d) Good Shopping Time
- 8) Choose the right definition for the given term Ornithologist
a) one who studies insects b) one who studies bird
c) one who studies diseases d) one who studies reptiles
- 9) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'power'
a) im b) em c) mis d) en
- 10) Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with 'eye'
a) knob b) lashes c) gate d) wheel
- 11) Choose the meaning of the foreign word 'via' from the option
a) against b) otherwise c) through d) on the way
- 12) Add suitable question tag to the following statement.
Ajith's not a lawyer, _____?
a) wasn't he? b) was he? c) is he? d) isn't he?
- 13) Add a suitable suffix to the root word - "approve"
a) -ness b) -ion c) -al d) -ful
- 14) Replace the underlined word with phrasal verb
Don't run away from your problems.
a) overflow b) reach c) escape d) wait



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- 15) Choose the clipped form of the word "Fanatic"
 a) flu b) fana c) fan d) fantic
- 16) Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
 Subash is the leader _____ our class.
 a) in b) at c) of d) for
- 17) Choose the meaning of the idiom "hit the road"
 a) to irritate someone b) to deceive someone
 c) to begin one's journey d) to frighten state
- 18) Thou _____ love your neighbour. (Modal verb)
 a) can b) will c) shall d) must
- 19) Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners
 The teacher gave _____ student a separate topic for the assignment
 a) a few b) many c) one d) every
- 20) Choose the correct term for the underlined definition "love of country and willingness to sacrifice for it"
 a) Heroism b) nationalism c) idealism d) Patriotism

Part - II

Section - 1

Answer any Four of the following:-

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

- 21) "Feel at home" "come again" 4×2=8
 They saw
 a) Who are they? b) Do they really mean it?
- 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) "Our nature it is that whatever we try
 We do with devotion deep and true"
 a) Whom does "we" refer to? b) How should we carry out our duties?
- 24) "I heard a thousand blended notes
 While in a grove, I sat reclined"
 a) What is meant by a thousand blended notes?
 b) Where is the poet sitting?
- 25) "There never was a cat of such
 deceitfulness and suavity"
 a) Which cat is being talked of here?
 b) Write out alliteration in the above lines.
- 26) "Taste grief, need friends - subjected thus,
 How can you say to me, I am a king?"
 a) To what does king Richard subjected?
 b) Name the figure of speech used there?

Section - 2

Do as directed: (Any three):

3×2=6

27) Report the following dialogue:

Conductor: Where do you want to go?**Passenger:** I'm going to Coimbatore. Give me a ticket.

28) If you were a king you would know the difficulties. (Begin with 'Were')

29) Send the bill. I will pay it (Using "Unless")

30) He was wealthy but he was a miser. (change into 'complex')

Part - III

Section - 1

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

2×3=6

31) I want to be what I used to be

32) Have I not reason to lament

What Man has made of Man?

33) And when you reach the scene of Crime-Macavity's not there.

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following briefly:

2×3=6

34) What was the happiest time of the day for grandmother?

35) How can a graduate give back to his/her society?

36) What were the contents of Bryson's tag?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following:-

3×3=9

37) You are Prakash/Priya, the President of your school English Club. Draft a notice about "Essay Writing Competition" to display on your school notice board.38) You are Raja/Rangan staying in a hotel at Vellore. Write an e-mail to your father asking permission to go to an excursion with your class students.

39) Describe the process of opening a bank account.

40) Expand the following News Headlines

i) 189 Passengers are killed in air-crash in Indonesia.

ii) Telephone customers to get videophones

iii) ATM without security guard to close.

Part - IV

Answer the following:-

7×5=35

41) Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words:

a) Why was Mary Kom named the "Queen of Boxing" and "Magnificent Mary" [or]

b) Explain how the narrator got out of the tight corner that he was in.

42) Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words:

a) How does Gabriel Okara Criticise the modern life in his poem "Once upon a Time"? [or]

b) Write a paragraph of the poem "Everest is not the only Peak"?

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43) Write a paragraph (150 words) by developing the following hints:

- a) Miss Meadows, a music teacher - gets a letter - feels upset - fiance not interested - reflects her gloom on students - changes the happy song to sad one - Headmistress calls - delivers a Telegram - Fiance agrees to weddin Meadows happy - changes the song again to a cheerful one. [or]
- b) Leacock - goes to a studio - the photographer dislikes - Leacock's face - passes several comments - Leacock gets irriated the photo - taken - wants to see the proof - visits the studio again - The photo is edited - help of technology - Leacock upset over the changes - calls it worthless - leaves in anger.

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

The chinese were the first to make gun powder, invent the magnetic compass and introduce to the world the art of making paper. About 2000 years ago, the chinese made gun powder by mixing sulphur and saltpetre. The mixture exploded when set on fire. The chinese were the first to find out the fact that a narrow magnet floating in a bowl of water would always point to the north. This discovery led to the invention of magnetic compass. The device helped the sailors to find out the direction when they were out of sight of land. The chinese also invented the art of making paper during the 2nd century. Soon the art of making paper using vegetable pulp reached Arabia, Spain and Europe. In course of time, paper factories came into existence. The fourth invention of the chinese was the art of printing. Before this invention, books were written by hand. The chinese invented the art of printing with movable types.

45) a) Write a letter to a sports company ordering Sports items for the Physical Education Department of your school. [or]

b) Prepare a Bio-data for the post of Manager in Jai&Co, Trichy.

46) a) Spot the errors and rewrite the sentence correctly.

- i) One of the girl~~s~~ is tall.
 ii) Gopal is an M.A. in English
 iii) Rajan went (to) abroad.
 iv) Anand is senior (than) Govind.

v) I am not student aren't I? am I?

[or]

b) Fill in the blanks as instructed:

i) We can hear you well from here itself. (hear/here)

ii) We playing (play) football, when the guests arrived.

(Use the appropriate tense form of the verb)

iii) You shall take a balanced diet. (Use an appropriate model verb) (should)

iv) Be punctual otherwise you will be fined. (Use a suitable link word)

47) a) Read the following passage sentences and classify them according to their fields.

- i) The Moniter displays the menu.
 ii) the hybrid variety of paddy was a failure.
 iii) There is not drop outs in school now.
 iv) Faith in God helps one to lead a peaceful life.
 v) Heavy rains claim six lives.

(weather, religion, computer, agriculture, education, sports) [or]

b) Write a dialogue between a student and a teacher with minimum of five exchanges about public examination.
