

Half Yearly Examination - 2024

ENGLISH

Marks : 90

Time : 3.00 Hrs

PART - I

20 x 1 = 20

Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given.

- A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word.
- I do claim to represent the common man in all his ruggedness. a) gentleness b) foughtness c) humbleness d) fragility
 - Memories prevent them from remembering to do such small prosaic things. a) mean b) cheap c) dull d) stale
 - She thumped the sagging skins of the dilapidated drum. a) preserved b) repaired c) damaged d) costly
- B) Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words.
- The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic. a) lavish b) poor c) affluent d) wealthy
 - The Manipur Government offered the post a) provided b) granted c) denied d) encouraged
 - I managed to get myself freed. a) liberated b) released c) escaped d) confined
 - Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "moral". a) -ity b) -ism c) -er d) -ous
 - Choose the word that cannot be placed after "life" - to form a compound word. a) long b) span c) phase d) time
 - Replace the underlined word choosing the most appropriate phrasal verb.
The meeting will continue in your absence. a) carry on b) carry out c) carry off d) carry in
 - Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
The student requested for a bonafide certificate. a) genuine b) duplicate c) summary d) fake
 - Fill in the blank with suitable preposition.
The race is about to begin. a) around b) about c) over d) up
 - Choose the expanded form of MHRD. a) Member of Human Resource Department b) Ministry of Human Resources Development c) Modern Housing Rural Development d) Metro Highways and Railways Department
 - Choose the tri-syllabic word. a) grandmother b) tourist c) photographer d) lesson
 - Complete the sentence with correct term.
My brother buys a load of books at the fair every year. He is a lover of books. He is a _____. a) sadist b) thespian c) bibliophile d) misanthrope
 - Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom.
Orders for the new product are coming in "Thick and Fast". a) In large numbers b) In small volumes c) Limited quantity d) Appropriate level.
 - Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentence. aren't they?
Cities are increasingly becoming urbanized. a) are they? b) do they? c) aren't they? d) don't they?
 - Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt. a) bloatocrat b) influential c) perseverance d) magazines
 - Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner.
Anu has taken many photos during the programme. a) little b) much c) many d) more
 - Fill the blanks with the suitable preposition.
I will never go against my conscience in taken a decision. a) across b) against c) above d) along
 - Fill in the blanks with the suitable tense form of the verb.
Rita called (call) me yesterday. a) calls b) called c) is calling d) will call

PART - II SECTION - 1

4 x 2 = 8

- A) Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.
- For he's a fiend in feline shape.
a monster of depravity. as a demon in cat form devil cat form
a) How is the cat described in this line? b) Explain the phrase monster of depravity a frightening imaginary creature with evil qualities
 - And nothing can we call our own but death.
And that small model of the barren earth. human body
a) What does the "small model" refer to here? b) Pick out the rhyming words in these lines. Death, Earth
 - One infant grows up and becomes a jockey,
Another plays basketball or hockey. horse rider basketball, hockey
a) Who is a jockey? b) What are the other games mentioned here.
 - The birds around me hopp'd and play'd
Their thoughts I cannot measure. birds Poet William Wordsworth
a) Whose thoughts cannot be measured? b) Who does "I" refer to?
 - Defeat we repel, courage our fort. with hatred ignore our defeats
a) How do we react to defeat? b) What is considered as our stronghold? Courage
 - Most of all, I want to relearn.
How to laugh. when the poet how to laugh
a) What does the poet want to relearn? b) Whom does he want to relearn from? his son

Smiles in front of the mirror. It resembles snake's bare fangs

B) Do as directed (Any three)

27. Repost the following dialogue.
Priya: Where is the Post Office?
Geetha: It is near the Railway Station.

28. I like tea; I prefer coffee. (Change into complex sentence)

29. Obey the rules. Otherwise you will be fined. (Combine using 'If')

30. If I had money, I would have given you. (Begin with 'Had')

PART - III SECTION-1

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

31. His powers of levitation would make a fakir stare. *Macavity - The Mystery at - T.S. Eliot*
32. I live with bread like you, feel want Taste grief, need friends. *The Hollow Crown. William Shakespeare*
33. Athletes, I'll drink to you, Or eat with you or anything except compete with you.... *Confessions of a born spectator, Ogden Nash*

SECTION - 2

B) Answer any two of the following.

34. Why are universities necessary for a society? *Storehouse of knowledge, a society equip more individuals for the task of bettering society*
35. How do chemists make fortunes out of the medicines people forget to take? *take medicines for the right time - and so their illness is prolonged*
36. Where did the author study in his childhood? *Village school as it was attached to a temple*

SECTION - 3

C) Answer any three of the following.

37. Build a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between a student and a Librarian, asking for a membership form.
38. Describe the process of making vegetable salad.
39. You are the secretary of your School Heritage Club. Draft a notice informing about a field visit to the nearby museum.
40. Write an e-mail to your uncle thanking him for the gift that he had sent from Dubai.

PART - IV

Answer the following .

41. Answer the following in a paragraph.

- a) Why was Mary Kom named the "Queen of Boxing"? (OR)
b) Narrate the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner by his own folly.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph.

- a) "Nature can nurture". Describe how this process happens with reference to the poem "Lines written in the Early Spring".
(OR) b) The poem "Everest is not the only peak" does not focus on the destination but the journey towards it. Discuss.

43. Answer the following in a paragraph by developing the hints given.

- a) After twenty years - Jimmy Wells - Bob - childhood friends - New York - posted to meet - Bob to West - Wells stayed - Bob becomes a criminal - Jimmy a Policeman - Bob comes - Wells identifies - respects friendship - sent another policeman - arrested Bob. (OR)
b) Miss Meadows - music teacher - in despair - Mary playing the piano - girls sensed unhappiness - A Lament song - thought of letter marriage - got a letter - came back happily.

44. a) Summarize or make notes of the following passage.

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realize that their society is more complex than imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do. Some scientists communicate with each other without words. Could any of these mammals be more intelligent than man? Certainly the most common argument in favour of man's superiority over them that we can kill them more easily than they can kill us is the least satisfactory. On the contrary, the more we discover about these remarkable creatures, the less we appear superior when we destroy them. (OR)

- b) Write a paragraph about your hobby.

45. a) Write a letter to the postmaster informing about your change of address and requesting him to redirect your letter in the new address. (OR)

b) end in a draw. This can happen through stalemate, mutual consent, checkmate being impossible to achieve, and in other ways. Chess first appeared in India about 6th Century CE. By the 10th Century it had spread from Asia to the Middle East and Europe. Some regard the game Chaturanga, to be the precursor of modern chess because of the different piece abilities and win condition being the capture of a singular piece.

46. Answer the following questions :

- a) How many players are required to play the chess game? b) What is the objective of the game?
c) When does a match end in draw? d) Where did the game originate? e) Name the precursor of the modern chess.
(OR)

b) Frame a dialogue between two friends on a picnic they enjoyed recently, in not less than five exchanges.