

XI STANDARD - HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024
LANGUAGE --- PART II --- ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3:00Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 90

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

20 x 1 = 20

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

- My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation
a) isolation b) unity c) suitable d) happiness
- I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor
a) extraordinary b) unwilling c) sincere d) disrespectful
- Universities are the repositories of knowledge
a) representatives b) admirers c) store houses d) refreshment

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

- The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players.
a) required b) optional c) voluntary d) necessary
- I never did my frequent flyer miles.....
a) rare b) original c) fake d) often
- The staff looked affluent and unsympathetic
a) rich b) wealthy c) angry d) poor
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word "mantel" to form a compound word.
a) wheel b) piece c) knob d) gate
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "differ".
a) _____ence b) _____ate c) _____ly d) _____ful
- Choose the expanded form of "IIM".
a) Indian Institute of Management b) Indian Institute of Medicines
c) Institute of Indian Management d) Institute of Indian Medicines
- Identify the pattern of the following sentence.
My uncle presented me a wrist watch on my birthday.
a) SVIDO b) SVOCA c) SVOA d) SVIDO A
- Choose the tri - syllabic word.
a) particular b) anniversary c) placement d) domestic
- Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.
Park your car _____ my car.
a) between b) beside c) along d) after
- Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the following sentence with a relevant single word.
Your statement will not stand up as proof in the court of law.
a) to remain true b) to motivate c) to remain false d) to be difficult
- A "bibliophile" is a person who _____
a) loves nature b) loves mankind c) loves books d) loves flowers
- Choose the clipped form of "microphone"
a) mice b) mike c) phone d) micro
- Choose the meaning of the idiom "hang out to dry".
a) try to overcome a crisis b) abandoning one who is in difficulty
c) in serious difficulty d) help at the last moment
- Add a suitable question tag to the following sentence.
"Everyone appreciated our performance, _____?"
a) don't they? b) did they? c) didn't they? d) weren't they?

18. Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner.
 _____ of the water overflowed from the tank.
 a) Many b) Most c) Any d) Every
19. Add a suitable prefix to form the opposite of the word "cover".
 a) dis _____ b) mis _____ c) in _____ d) un _____
20. Choose the meaning of the underlined foreign word in the given sentence.
 I am amused her for perhaps 20 minutes with a scattering of urbane bons mots.
 a) brief remark b) critical remark c) witty remark d) lengthy remark

PART - II
SECTION - 1

- II) A) Read the following poetic lines and answer any four of the following. $4 \times 2 = 8$
21. *If this belief from heaven be sent,
 If such be Nature's holy plan,*
 a) Mention the figure of speech found in this line. b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?
22. *For he's a fiend in feline shape,
 a monster of depravity.*
 a) Whom does 'he' refer to? b) Explain the phrase 'monster of depravity'.
23. *We are proud of the position we
 Hold; humble as we are,*
 a) What is the speaker proud of? b) How is the speaker both humble and proud?
24. *"Cover your heads, and mock not flesh and blood
 With solemn reverence; throw away respect,*
 a) What is the meaning of 'flesh' here? b) Pick out the alliterated words
25. *When officialdom demands,
 Is there a doctor in the stands?*
 a) Why are doctors called from stands by the sponsors? b) Pick out the rhyming words.
26. *'Most of all, I want to relearn
 How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror
 Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!'*
 a) Whom does the poet want to relearn from?
 b) Mention the figure of speech used here.

SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

27. Kala has written a letter to the editor. $3 \times 2 = 6$
 (Change into the other voice)
28. Raj requested Kumar to drop him at the bus stand that night. (Change into direct speech)
29. If I were an angel, I would fly. (Begin with "Were")
30. Unless you are vaccinated, you will fall ill. (Rewrite as a Compound sentence)

PART - III
SECTION - 1

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

31. "I have learned to wear many faces
 Like dresses -" $2 \times 3 = 6$
32. "How can you say to me, I am a king?"
33. "I heard a thousand blended notes".

SECTION - 2

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

34. How did Mary Kom get financial support for her trip to the USA? $2 \times 3 = 6$
35. What was the narrator's financial condition?
36. What was the role of scholars and poets in olden days?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Prepare a notice to inform all students about the Book Exhibition to be held in your school.
38. Write an e-mail to your uncle thanking him for his birthday gift to you.
39. Describe the process of making a bowl of fruit salad
40. A. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.
 - (a) A stitch in time saves _____ (five, nine, ten)
 - (b) A _____ in hand is worth two in a bush. (fish, ball, bird)
 - (c) Every _____ has a silver lining. (cloud, sky, star)

PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7 x 5 = 35

41. a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Explain.
(OR)
b) How did the speaker highlight the importance of giving back to the society in the lesson "The Convocation Address"?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - a) The poet does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. How does he justify his view?
(OR)
 - b) What are the causes of King Richard's grief?
43. a) Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints.
Patients wait - dental clinic - patients busy talking - nurse walks about - carries hammer - pliers - hacksaw - woman creates commotion - all the patients leave clinic - Woman 5 still stays - doctor has lost cabinet key - tries to open - Woman 1 anxious about Joe, her husband - at last - Joe explains actual reason.
(OR)
b) Narrator - wants - a photograph - visit a studio - photographer acts - too - smart - gives - directions - comments on the face - features of his face - finally- clicks - picture narrator - goes Saturday - to get his photograph - shocked face - changed - gets angry - remarks on - photographer's attitude - leaves - studio - with a heavy heart
44. Summarise or make notes of the following passage.

Junk Food is very harmful that is slowly eating away the health of the present generation. The term itself denotes how dangerous it is for our bodies. Most importantly, it tastes so good that people consume it on a daily basis. However, not much awareness is spread about the harmful effects of junk food. Various studies show that junk food impacts our health negatively. They contain higher levels of calories, fats, and sugar. On the contrary, they have very low amounts of healthy nutrients and lack dietary fibers. Parents must discourage their children from consuming junk food because of the ill effects it has on one's health. Junk food is the easiest way to gain unhealthy weight. The amount of fats and sugar in the food makes you gain weight rapidly. However, this is not a healthy weight. It is more of fats and cholesterol which will have a harmful impact on your health. Junk food is also one of the main reasons for the increase in obesity nowadays. This food only looks and tastes good, other than that, it has no positive points. The amount of calorie your body requires to stay fit is not fulfilled by this food. For instance, foods like French fries, burgers, candy, and cookies, all have high amounts of sugar and fats. Therefore, this can result in long-term illnesses like diabetes and high blood pressure. This may also result in kidney failure.

(OR)

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b) Frame a dialogue between two XI students about their preparations for the Half Yearly Examination. (Minimum of five exchanges)

45. a) Write a letter to the Manger of a Publishing company placing order for your school library.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to your friend inviting him / her to your home to celebrate the New Year 2025 with your family.

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

- (i) The little child memorized the alphabets quickly.
- (ii) Though he is clever but he is lazy.
- (iii) Sweety is my cousin sister.
- (iv) I always prefer to pay by cash.
- (v) Hardly had he reached home, when the power went off.

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) Jumping from twenty _____ is really a _____. (Fill in with 'feat ; feet')
- (ii) After I _____ (post) the letter, I returned home.
(Use the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets)
- (iii) Those, who completed the assignment, _____ not wait.
(Fill in the blank with a suitable semi modal verb)
- (iv) The problem was very difficult _____ I could not solve it.
(Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction)

47. a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The smile is the best tonic for our mind and body. It takes thirteen muscles to smile, but forty-three to be angry. So, it is easier to smile and difficult to be angry. To be cheerful, we have to create positive thoughts. On the other hand, if we constantly think about negative things, we feel unhappy. So, the best way to avoid a negative idea is to replace it with a positive one. When we are relaxed in bed, we should practise putting some cheerful thoughts.

- (i) What is the best tonic for our mind and body?
- (ii) What should we do to be cheerful?
- (iii) What is the best way to replace a negative idea?
- (iv) What should we practise when we are relaxed in bed?
- (v) What happens when we constantly think about negative things?

(OR)

b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'The Impact of Social Media'.

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