

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

STD - XI

ENGLISH

TIME : 3 Hrs + 15 Mts

MARKS : 90

PART - I

- I Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the option given below. 20 X 1 = 20
- A. Choose the correct SYNONYMS for the underlined words from the options given. 3 X 1 = 3
- Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face.
a) Dull b) wrinkled c) tired d) smiling
 - Indignant at her husband's behaviour, she decided to teach him a lesson.
a) Very angry b) pleased c) relaxed d) proud
 - The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.
a) Hope b) memory c) alertness d) hunger
- B. Choose the correct ANTONYMS for the underlined words from the options given. 3 X 1 = 3
- I am for the unique honour conferred on me by this institution.....
a) retrieved b) granted c) offered d) showered
 - I was presented with a traditional shawl.
a) Customary b) conventional c) accepted d) modern
 - Hundreds of little birds collected round her creating a veritable bedlam of chirruping.
a) Confusion b) peace c) clumsy d) chaos
- C. Answer all the questions. 14 X 1 = 14
- Select the correct expansion of JEE.
a) Joint Engineering Examination b) Joint Entrance for Engineering
b) Joint Entrance Examination d) Joint Entrance cum Examination
 - Choose the correct combination for the compound word "rainfall".
a) Noun + Adverb b) Noun + Noun c) Noun + Adjective d) Noun + Verb
 - Choose the correct combination for the Blended word "internet".
a) internal + net b) international + network c) international + net d) internal + network
 - Add a suitable Prefix to the root word "polite".
a) im - b) non - c) un - d) dis
 - Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate **polite alternative**.
The gentleman in the black suit is a barber.
a) Hair dresser b) hair clipper c) hair remover d) hair splitter
 - Choose the meaning of the **Foreign word** in the sentence.
The workers staged a boycott en masses.
a) Once a time b) elegantly c) all together d) modestly
 - Identify the **sentence pattern** of the following.
He answered my question instantly.
a) SVOA b) SVCA c) SVOC d) SVIDO
 - Choose the meaning of the **IDIOM** given in the sentence.
The boy's grandmother "Kicked the bucket" yesterday.
a) fell down b) passed away c) played a game d) was completely cured.
 - Choose the **clipped form** of the word "university".
 - Replace the underlined Phrasal verb into a single word.
They asked the minister to Postpone the meeting until tomorrow.

17. Fill in the blank with a suitable Relative pronoun .
The cell phone _____ I bought last week is missing.
18. Choose the equivalent American English word for the underlined British English word. We must use pavement to avoid accidents.
19. Choose the right definition for the given term " dermatologist "
a) one who treats ulcers b) one who treats cancer
c) one who treats skin problems d) one who treats diabetes
20. Fill in the blank with correct Preposition.
The police ran _____ the thieves to arrest them.
a) Before b) after c) against d) across

PART – II
SECTION - I

- II. Answer any seven of the following. 7 X 2 = 14
- I. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following:
21. *I have learned to wear many faces* 4 X 2 = 8
Like dresses – home face
a) What has the poet learned? b) What is the figure of speech employed here?
22. *Well, ego it might be pleased enough*
But jealous athletes play so rough.
a) What pleases the ego? Why are the athletes often rough during play?
23. *Have I not reason to lament*
What Man has made of Man.
a) Why does the poet lament? b) Pick out the word of alliteration in the given lines.
24. *His power of levitation would make a fakir stare.*
a) Who is fakir? b) What is meant by levitation?
25. *He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore*
We bow before competence and merit:
a) Who is adored as a king? b) What is the figure of speech used in the first line?
26. *Honour is a property, common to all:*
In dignity and pride no one need to be poor.
a) Who are considered rich? b) What is their asset?

SECTION – II

Do as directed (Answer any three questions). 3 X 2 = 6

27. The stranger said to the boy, " Where do you live ?" (**Change into Indirect speech**)
28. Arjun is teaching Mathematics now. (**Change into passive voice**)
29. If I had known, I would have objected strongly. (**Begin with " Had "**)
30. Though he is old he walks fast. (**Change into compound sentence**)

PART – III
SECTION – I

Answer any seven of the following:

A. Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context. 7 X 3 = 21
2 X 3 = 6

31. *We are proud of the position we*
Hold; humble as we are
32. *I heard a thousand blended notes*
While in a grove I sate reclined.

33. Athletes, I'll drink to you,
Or eat with you.

Section – II

2 X 3 = 6

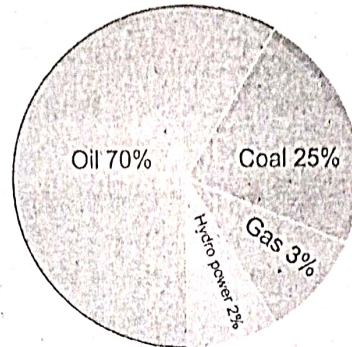
- B. Answer any two of the following questions briefly.
34. What did she consider her greatest achievement? Why?
35. What is the common type of forgetfulness, according to Lynd?
36. What should the youngsters aim in life after their graduation?

Section – III

3 X 3 = 9

- C. Answer any Three of the following.
37. Study the Pie – chart and answer the following questions.

Source of Energy in the World



Questions:

- Which is the most available source of energy?
 - Which is the second largest source of energy in the world?
 - Which source of energy occupies the fourth place in the descending order?
38. Describe the process of opening an S/B Account in a bank.
39. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.
- Rolling _____ gathers no moss.
 - _____ never comes single.
 - Fortune favours the _____ (*Misfortunes, brave, stone*)
40. Frame a dialogue with three exchanges between two friends about Exposure visit.

PART – IV

7 X 5 = 35

- D. Answer the following:

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

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

(or)

- (b) Narrate the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner, by his own folly.

42. (a) This poem is nothing but a criticism of modern life. Justify the statement.

(or)

- (b) Write a short summary of the poem "Everest is not the only peak."

43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

- (a) A policeman down the street – checking doors – a man standing – stops to talk – about the childhood friends – agreed to meet after 20 years – his friend there shows up – how each of them has changed – the criminal arrested – and the undercover cop says – 20 years – changes a good man into a criminal.

(or)

- (b) Leacock – goes to a studio – the photographer dislikes Leacock's face – passes several comments – Leacock gets irritated – 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 a worthless – leaves in anger.

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44. Write a summary or Make Notes of the following passage :

Our blood consists of three types of blood cells ; red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped. They are composed of an iron containing component called haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs each haemoglobin molecule picks up four oxygen molecules and supplies them to the body tissues. Red blood cells also transport the carbon dioxide from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and few compared to the red cells, numbering only one for every 700 red cells. They are the body's defenders. The soldiers that fight bacteria and other enemies. One kind for instance, destroys dead cells. Other kinds produce antibodies against viruses. Some others consume and digest bacteria.

45. (a) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining on the bad condition of roads due to heavy rain.

(or)

(b) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school, requesting him to issue you the PSTM certificate.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- one of the boy was sick.
- My brother gave me a lot of advices.
- We were discussing about the matter.
- He is so weak to walk.
- The teacher as well as the students attend the meeting.

(or)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- The workers spent the ___ day repairing the ___ in the water pipe. (*hole/whole*)
- How _____ you disobey my words? (*Use a semi/quasi modal*)
- _____ you work hard, you will not pass. (*Use suitable linker*)
- When my father came home, I _____ (study). (*Use suitable form of verb*)

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

All Fool's Day or April Fool's Day is a day on which people have a lot of fun pulling pranks on others. We do not know exactly how April Fool's Day began. Now it lives on as a day of fun and practical jokes. The sun starts its yearly journey towards the north from Equator on 21 March. A long time ago people celebrated that day as the beginning of the New Year. In fact many cultures around the world still celebrate New year around that time. Earlier, Europe too celebrated the New Year around 21 March till Pope Gregory changed the calendar in 1582. After that, the beginning of the New Year was celebrated on 1 January. People usually gave each other gifts for the New Year. When the date changed people gave mock gifts each other on 1 April. Some people think April Fool's day began in France and the custom made its way to other countries.

QUESTIONS:

- How is 'All Fools' Day' spent?
- How is the sun associated with this day?
- What was the change brought by Pope Gregory?
- How is April 1 differentiated from January 1?
- What is the assumption of some people regarding April Fools' Day?

(or)

(b) Write a report of your school Annual day celebration in about 150 words.