

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Standard - XII

Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

Part - I

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Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer:

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

- 1) And seeing your car pulled up by his insolence of office
a) rudeness b) bravely c) misuse d) laziness
- 2) Scrambling on the rocks and cutting hand holds on the snow
a) pulled b) climbing fast c) stronger d) resting down
- 3) China Tea has virtues which are not to be despised nowadays
a) liked b) hated c) attracted d) fascinated

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the option given:

- 4) The author could scarcely believe his eyes.
a) frequently b) rarely c) barely d) support
- 5) His shoulder and arm was amputated
a) short b) connected c) removed d) cutoff
- 6) A few people from a house of bereavement stood outside for the chair.
a) bliss b) distress c) sorrowing d) grief
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of the word erratum
a) errata b) erected c) errats d) erects
- 8) Choose the correct combination for the blended word 'mechatronics'
a) mechanics+electronics b) mechanical+electrical
c) mechanism+electronics d) mechanism+electical
- 9) Choose the clipped form of word 'caravan'
a) semi car b) auto c) car d) van
- 10) Choose the correct expansion of : GMAT
a) Graduate management admission test b) Graduate managing authority Test
c) Graduate mange Assessment test d) Graduate management Aptitude
- 11) Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom in the following sentence
Raju's excuse could cut no ice with the manager
a) make no sence b) cannot cut ice c) task of to cut ice d) fail to convince
- 12) Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word
Arjun and his family members set off on a trip
a) planned b) organized c) started d) cancelled
- 13) Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence
Write a correct zip code on the parcel.
a) pin number b) postal code c) postal number d) number code
- 14) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'respect'
a) dis b) un c) il d) in
- 15) Choose the correct the American English word: We bought two sets of spanner
a) axe b) wrench c) screw d) boltnut
- 16) Add appropriate question tag: None of them finished the test.....?
a) did they? b) didn't they? c) aren't they? d) isn't it?

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- 17) Choose the correct combination for the compound word handwriting
 a) gerund+gerund b) noun+gerund c) adjective+gerund d) verb+gerund
- 18) Fill in the blank with suitable determiners.
 I am going for a walk. I need _____ fresh air.
 a) some b) many c) little d) any of
- 19) Choose the right definition for give term "Demo phobia"
 a) fear of life b) fear of music c) fear of travel d) fear of crowd
- 20) Identify the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.
 The committee appointed a chair person on Friday.
 a) SVCA b) SVDOIO c) SVAO d) SVAA

Part - II

Section - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets:- 4×2=8

- 21) Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
 So much and high, no man could win
 a) How safe was the castle? b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- 22) They have their exit and their entrances;
 And one man in his time plays many parts,
 a) What do the word 'exit' and 'entrance' mean?
 b) How many stages does a man play in his life?
- 23) Legs wide, arms locked behind,
 As if to balance the prone brow
 Oppressive with its mind
 a) Whose action is described here? b) What is state of mind?
- 24) That ever with a frolic welcome look
 The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed
 a) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?
 b) What poetic device used in the line?
- 25) The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
 In crimson clusters all the bough among!
 a) Who is giant here? b) What is the colour of the flower?
- 26) Life is hard; be steel; be a rock
 a) How should one face life? b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

Section - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions:- 3×2=6

- 27) Raman is known to me since childhood. (Change the voice)
- 28) Geetha asked Reeta, "Will you help me to pack my luggage?"
 (Rewrite in a reported them from)
- 29) Though fifty candidates appeared for the interview, only five were selected.
 (Change into compound sentence)
- 30) E-gmail is the fastest means of communication. (Change into comparative degree)

Part - III

Section - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. 2×3=6

- 31) I'm killed, sir! And, his chief beside,
 Smiling, the boy fell dead.
- 32) It is trees lament, an eerie speech

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- 33) To follow knowledge like a sinking star,
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought.

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions briefly:-

2×3=6

- 34) What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?
35) How would 'liberty' cause universal chaos?
36) Why did family find it difficult to make a chair?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following questions:-

3×3=9

- 37) Choose the right word to complete the proverbs
a) _____ garments never fit well. (bought/borrowed/stitched)
b) A _____ is the best teacher. (experience/hope/brave)
c) _____ is soul of business. (practice/character/punctuality)
38) How will you create a email ID.
39) Build a dialogue between TTR and passenger in a train.
40) Study the Pie-chart given and write three sentence

Favourite Book Genre



- Fiction
- Non-fiction
- Poetry
- Adventure
- Horror

Part - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph in about 150 words:-

7×5=35

- 41) a) Justify the title of the story "Two gentlemen of Verona" [or]
b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'on the rule of the road'?
- 42) a) The young soldier marched Napoleon in courage and patriotism. Elucidate your answer. [or]
b) What are the poet's reminiscences of the Casuarina tree?
- 43) Answer the following in a Paragraph of about 150 by developing the hints.
a) Life on venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children - nine years old - forgotten the sun - appeared once in 7 years - margot from earth - came 5 years before - children hated her - locked her in a room - sun came - only for 2 hours - rained again - unlocked the door - let margot out - missed the chance. [or]
b) Robert Baldwin an honest man - fraud in a bank - gresham arrested - pressurised Baldwin refused - family members tempted - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded.

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

No study of English can be completed without a reference dictionary of idioms. A very useful and easily available reference material is The Collins Dictionary of English idioms. This dictionary contains clearly explained meaning of over three thousand common English idioms. To make the meaning even clearer and to show you how the idiom can be used, each idiom is provided with suitable sample sentence in this Dictionary, the emphasis is on true idioms. These are

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expressions whose meaning cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain. The dictionary also provides a great many variations in a way these idioms are used. The main emphasis, however is on providing an understanding of the meaning of the idioms, rather than attempting to be a complete guide to idiomatic usage.

- 45) a) Write a letter to your friend explaining your hostel life in a college. [or]
b)

WANTED

Male or female receptionist - graduate with computer
Knowledge/good fluency in English minimum 3 years of experience
Apply to:
The Manager,
Pearl Bay resort,
ECR Muttukadu lake.

- 46) a) Spot the error and write the corrected sentences

- i) I would rather strave to beg.
- ii) The novelist and dramatist are dead.
- iii) My friend can type so fast as I.
- iv) I borrowed these books at library.
- v) She completed her work. Does She?

[or]

- b) Do as directed:

- i) Mosquitoes are the _____ of Malaria. The documents were sent by _____ (carrier/courier)
- ii) Yusuf _____ an easy quiz so far. (be) (write correct tense)
- iii) My grand father _____ go to library when he was young. (use semi modal)
- iv) Yuvan has been studying well _____ childhood. (Use correct preposition)

- 47) Read the following passage and answer in your own words, the questions given below.

The government is taking seriously the issue of road safety and is committed to reducing the number of people killed in accidents. Discussions are being conducted regularly to bring lawmakers, law enforcement officers and road users together to discuss ways to tackle the rise in road accidents. Agree that more needs to be done on road safety in its determination to curb the rate of road accidents in the country. The government is making serious efforts to instill proper road culture in children, young adults and the public in general. Within 10 months, the traffic police issued 1,43,077 summonses to motorists for traffic light related offences. The traffic police however have taken a tough stand against traffic light defaulters by making them pay hefty fines. Typical reasons given for beating traffic rules include rushing to an urgent appointment or even worse, to be completely oblivious of the charging of the lights. Usual punishments include a fine, a ban on driving for a specified time and may even be prison sentence. Sometimes, the court may even order to payout compensation if death occurs as a result of the accident.

Questions:-

- 1) Why is government taking the issue of road safety seriously?
 - 2) What steps is the government taking to tackle the risk in road accident?
 - 3) How many people were caught breaking the rules about traffic lights in the first ten months?
 - 4) Give two reasons as to why people said they broke the rules about traffic lights.
 - 5) Name some of the usuals punishments given to those breaking the traffic rules.
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