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## COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2024 - 25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH  
PART - I

[Max. Marks : 90

- I. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20x1= 20
- Choose the synonym of the underlined word in the following sentences:
- They were childish and in many ways artless  
a) innocent      b) artistic      c) foolish      d) wicked
  - Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.  
a) bearable      b) massive      c) unattended      d) common
  - Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.  
a) welfare      b) anxiety      c) lawlessness      d) deprivation
- Choose the Antonym of the underlined word in the following sentences.
- There he was sitting in splendor on chair.  
a) dejection      b) simplicity      c) shame      d) laziness
  - One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic  
a) pessimistic      b) realistic      c) pragmatic      d) naturalistic
  - From here, the ridge narrowed to a knife.  
a) Enlarged      b) widened      c) big      d) broad
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'wind' to form a compound word
- a) fan      b) proof      c) man      d) pulse
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
- Fertile soil is essential for the growth of plants.
- a) un      b) ir      c) in      d) dis
- Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
- The enemies stopped the water supply to the city.
- a) put out      b) broke in      c) cut off      d) let in
- Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom in the following sentence.
- The finance Department should get the ducks in a row before the audit.
- a) be well - connected      b) be well - trained  
c) be well - organized      d) be well - advanced
- The study of principles of beauty is -----
- a) aesthetics      b) numismatics      c) phonetics      d) linguistics
- Complete the sentence choosing an appropriate linker.
- you register your name, you cannot participate in the Kalai Thiruvizha.
- a) If      b) otherwise      c) as      d) unless
- Identify the correct combination of the word 'Sunlight'
- a) Adjective + verb      b) Noun + Noun      c) Gerund + verb      d) Adverb + Noun
- Choose the unclipped form of 'Sci - fi'.
- a) Scientist Fiction      b) Science Fiction      c) Scientific Fiction      d) Sensitive Fiction
- Find out the correct sentence pattern
- Ravi gave Raja a pen on his birthday
- a) SVOA      b) SVIDOAA      c) SVOAA      d) SVOCA
- Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
- Don't commit this mistake again ----- ?
- a) do you?      b) would you?      c) will you?      d) won't you?
- Pick out the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.
- a) awefully      b) awfully      c) awefully      d) awfully
- Choose the monosyllabic word from the given option.
- a) trifle      b) alarm      c) vague      d) worthy
- What is the expansion of 'EMI'?
- a) Easy Monthly installment      b) Easy Money Investment  
c) Equated Monthly installment      d) Equal Modern Income
- Choose the right plural form of the word 'apparatus'.
- a) apparatuses      b) apparati      c) apparatusis      d) apparaties

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**PART - II**  
**SECTION - 1**

Choose any FOUR of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow: 4x2=8

21. *"Legs wide, arms locked behind,  
As if to balance the prone brow".*  
(a) Whose action is described here?  
(b) What is meant by 'prone brow'?
22. *"..... and free imaginations  
Bringing changes into a world resenting change".*  
a) How does free imaginations help the world?  
b) Identify the figure of speech.
23. *"..... for my purpose holds  
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths  
Of all the western stars, until I die".*  
a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life?  
b) How long would his venture last?
24. *Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,  
Seeking the bubble reputation".*  
a) Which stage is referred here and what's its feature?  
b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
25. *"The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung,  
In crimson clusters all the bough among!".*  
a) Who is the giant here?
26. *Pick out the words of alliteration in the given lines  
"Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,  
So smooth and high, no man could wind".*  
a) How safe was the castle?  
b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

**SECTION - 2**

Do as directed

Answer any three questions 3x2=6

27. Rewrite in Indirect Speech:  
Teacher said, "The Govt. exams begin from 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2025".
28. If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview. (Begin with 'Had')
29. My mother is knitting the sweaters. (Change into the other voice)
30. After removing the shoes, the boy jumped into the river. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)

**PART III - SECTION - 1**

Answer ANY SEVEN of the following questions. 2x3=6

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

31. *"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield".*
32. *"I am killed, Sire!" And his Chief beside,  
Smiling, the boy fell dead".*
33. *"And one man in his time plays many parts".*

**SECTION - 2**

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words. 2x3=6

34. How did the liberty cause universal chaos and define the word 'Liberty drunk'?
35. What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicola and Jacopo?
36. How was the chair made and how were they compared?

**SECTION - 3**

Answer any three of the following: 3x3=9

37. Write a slogan on each of the following topics.  
a) Avoid junk food  
b) Save Electricity  
c) Planting trees

38. Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below.

- a) Keep your friends close and your ----- closer.  
 i) relatives                      ii) enemies                      iii) neighbours
- b) Variety is the ----- of life.  
 i) source                      ii) spice                      iii) Need
- c) Necessity is the mother of -----  
 i) adventure                      ii) innovation                      iii) Invention

39. Write the methods to open an account in the post office.

40. Rearrange the jumbled sentence.

- a) a road / never/ a turning / without / there is  
 b) spoil / and / rod / spare / the / child / the  
 c) before / don't / chickens / hatch / your / count / they

**PART IV**

Answer all the following questions.

7x5=35

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

- a) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home after the arrival of the chair.

(OR)

- b) Enumerate the eleven golden rules to be followed to prepare a perfect cup of tea, as suggested by George Orwell.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem 'All the World's a Stage'.

(OR)

- b) Bring out the qualities of the young French soldier as portrayed by the poet in 'Incident of the French Camp'.

43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) Aksionov – young merchant of Vladimir – small family – trip to Nizhny Fair – meets merchant friend – stays at inn – Aksionov arrested – murder case – shifted to mines of Siberia – innocent convict for 26 years – grew old and weak – spent time in prayers – life of saint – respected by inmates – meets Makar saves him – Makar feels guilty – confesses his crime – Aksionov forgives criminal – dies peacefully – order for release.

(OR)

- b) Lord Weston – Judge in England – Roger's request – holiday – not happy – discovers a piece of paper – "Remember Caesar" – plot to kill – victim of fair judgment – warning message on Caesar's assassination – 15<sup>th</sup> March – takes precautionary measures – shuts doors and windows – sends away cook and gardener – Weston recollects – reminder message – Caesar, a gardener – appointment given – Weston's absent – mindedness.

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

Have you ever tried taking notes in class, missing certain words and your pen cannot keep up with your teacher's speaking speed? How about we tell you there is a way to write as fast as the speaker? A way to capture every word with perfect accuracy is refer to stenography!

Shorthand is widely referred to as stenographer - an art of writing quickly using specialised symbols and abbreviations. The word 'stenography' is derived from the Greek 'steno' meaning narrow and 'graphein' meaning to write.

**Advantages of stenography in today's time**

- Accuracy** : Stenographers capture every spoken word with precision and accuracy to provide comprehensive transcripts.
- Speed** : Stenographers can type up to 225 words per minute which makes them essential for live reporting. Stenography allows people to write every essence of the spoken words.
- Security** : In a legal proceeding or important meetings, it is important to keep the matter confidential that's when stenographers come into play. They provide a sense of security by transcribing in steno language that is not always understandable by digital system or people.

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**Reliability** : No one knows when a tech malfunction can happen that is when the stenographer helps. This reliability makes stenography a valuable tool in situations where accurate documentation is extremely essential. "Your stenography skills will take you places where words matter the most - and that is everywhere".

(OR)

b) write a paragraph of about 150 words on 'The importance of following the rules and regulations of an educational institution'.

45. a) Recently you ordered a mobile phone through online shopping and when it arrived, it was found damaged **Write a Letter** to the company stating the damage and state what you want them to do for you. (OR)

b) Write a letter to your uncle about parking his vehicle safely before the start of the heavy rains.

46. a) **Spot the error and write the corrected sentences.**

- It will be waste to throwing the food away.
- Let's change the curtains today, can we?
- This is the most least mark, I have ever scored.
- I prefer coffee than tea.
- Blessy is my cousin sister.

(OR)

b) **Do as directed**

- If I .....(see) your message I would have told you the portions for the half yearly exam. (use the correct form of the verb)
- Can you get me .....butter? (use an appropriate determiner)
- I .....like to meet you in person and discuss the matter (fill in with a modal verb)
- He ..... (threw / through) the book out of the window. (choose an appropriate word)
- .....i got up early, I managed to reach the school on time. (use an appropriate linker)

47. a) **Develop the following hints into a story.**

One day a lion - sleeping - forest. A small mouse - nearby. It started - the body of the lion. This - the lion's sleep, and he - angry. The lion - to - the mouse by - it. The scared mouse - forgiveness - lion. Further, he - save the lion one day. He - net - the mouse go off. Some days later, the lion - caught in -'s net. The lion - tried to - himself, but he could not. He started to - in fear and sorrow. The mouse - the lion's - and came to his - The mouse - the net with - he. net - up, and the lion - The lion - the mouse with all his heart. He - that no matter whether someone is -or I, anybody can -the other person in - anytime.

(OR)

b) 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 member of people killed in accidents. Discussions are being conducted regularly to bring law makers, law enforcement officers and road users together to discuss ways to tackle the rise in road accidents. Everyone agrees that more needs to be done or road safety it'sdetermination 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 summonsed to motorists for traffic light defaulters by making them pay hefty fines. Typical reasons given for beating traffic lights include rushing to an urgent appointment or even worse, to be completely oblivious of the changing of the lights. Usual punishments include a fine, ban on driving for a specified time and may even be a prison sentence. Sometimes, the court may even order to pay out compensation if death occurs as a result of the accident.

- Why is government taking the issue of road safety seriously?
- What steps is the government taking to tackle the rise in road accidents?
- How many people were caught breaking the rules about traffic lights in the first ten months?
- Give reasons why people said they broke the rules about traffic lights.
- Name some of the usual punishments given to those breaking the traffic rules.