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Register No. 

Time : 3.00 Hrs.

## Half Yearly Examination - 2024

Marks : 90

## ENGLISH

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all the questions.

## PART - I

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

- Nicola glared at his young brother in vexation. a) annoyance b) happiness c) delight d) joy
- In those days, there was no sophisticated heart surgery. a) Naïve b) Novice c) Well-advanced d) Common
- Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy. a) weak b) strong c) tall d) good

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:

- The liberties of everybody must be curtailed. a) lessened b) reduced c) diminished d) developed
- China tea has virtues which are not to be despised. a) disliked b) hated c) liked d) accepted
- We can't appreciate light, if we haven't known darkness. a) reduced b) forget c) neglect d) condemn
- Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word "visible". a) re b) non c) in d) un
- Choose the American English word for "chemist". a) Janitor b) Lawyer c) Druggist d) Neighbour
- Choose the word that cannot be added after "over" to form a compound word. a) piece b) board c) flow d) coat
- Choose the correct expansion of the acronym SAIL. a) Sports Authority of India Limited b) Space Authority of India Limited c) Steel Authority of India Limited d) Service Authority of India Limited
- Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence:  
Méenu is a doctor in London. a) SVCA b) SVAA c) SVIDOD d) SVOC
- Choose the appropriate question tag. Let us go for a walk, \_\_\_\_\_? a) Let we b) Will we c) Shall we d) Can we
- Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.  
He is unemployed. a) Without job b) Between jobs c) Jobless d) Seeking job
- Choose a Tetra syllabic word. a) Coincide b) Sincere c) Disability d) Generation
- The term "Pathology" refers to the study of a) birds b) insects c) diseases d) animals
- Replace the underlined word with suitable phrasal verb:  
Continue your work sincerely. a) Carry on b) Carry off c) Carry over d) Carry away
- Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom in the following sentence:  
Examination is round the corner. a) Far away b) Over c) Near d) Tough
- Choose the correct alternative for the foreign word "déjà vu".  
a) Dream b) Present state c) Future vision d) Seen or experienced before
- Choose the clipped word for "Influenza". a) Flu b) Inlu c) Flue d) Fluenza
- Fill in the blank with suitable proposition.  
The examination will be held \_\_\_\_\_ 10am to 1 pm. a) between b) among c) from d) at

## PART - II SECTION - A

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following questions.

4 x 2 = 8

- "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick  
So smooth and high, no man could win"  
a) How safe was the castle? b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- "A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound  
No other tree could live"  
a) Which tree is referred in the above lines? b) What quality of the tree is highlighted here?
- "All the world's a stage  
And all the men and women merely players"  
a) What is the world compared to? b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.
- "... for my purpose hold,  
To sail beyond the sunset and the baths  
Of all the western stars, until I die"  
a) What was Ulysses purpose in life? b) What does the word "baths" mean here?
- "... Free imaginations  
Bringing changes into a world resenting chage"  
a) How does free imagination help the world? b) Identify the figure of speech.
- "Legs wide, arms locked behind  
As if to balance the prone brow  
Oppressive with its mind"  
a) What is meant by prone brow? b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

## SECTION - B

Do as directed(any three)

- Report the dialogue. Asha said to Karthiga, "Please don't make too much noise".
- I completed my homework yesterday. (Change the voice)
- If I had a car, I would drop you. (Write the inversion)
- My friend was not there and so I came back disappointed. (Change Into complex sentence)

3 x 2 = 6

## PART - III SECTION - A

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

- "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel  
Seeking bubble reputation".

2 x 3 = 6

32. "To strive, to seek, to find and to yield".  
33. "Brutes have been gentled where lashed failed".

## SECTION - B

2 x 3 = 6

Answer any two of the following briefly:

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?  
35. What happened in the grand finale?  
36. How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it?

## SECTION - C

3 x 3 = 9

Answer any three of the following:

37. Study the following table and write three sentences on our inference about the data.

S.No.	STATES OF INDIA		AVERAGE RAINFALL (IN mm)
	Average annual rainfall in 2012		
1.	Tamilnadu & Pondicherry		1996
2.	Andrapradesh		3580
3.	Karnataka		5160
4.	Kerala		3055

38. You are Nithish/Nithya, Cultural Secretary of your school. Draft a notice inviting the students to participate in the music competition.  
39. Describe the process of making a fruit salad.  
40. Rearrange the following jumbled proverbs. a) a road / never / a turning / without / there is  
b) the last straw / broke the / it was / that / camel's back c) the child / and / spare / spoil / the rod

## PART - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following:

41. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following:  
a. Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea". (OR)  
b. What do you infer from Gardiner's essay. "On the Rule of the Road".
42. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following:  
a) Human greed led to the fall of the mighty citadel. Explain. (OR)  
b) Describe how Sandburg guides his son to face the challenges of life.
43. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following:  
a) Robert Baldwin – an honest man – fraud in a bank – Gresham arrested – pressurized Baldwin – to falsely declare – offered huge bribe – Baldwin refused – family members tempted – ashamed of greed – stood for justice – Gresham confessed – Baldwin rewarded. (OR) b) Ausable – detective – Fowler meets Ausable – write a book – but disappointed – common looks – Max – another spy – breaks into Ausable's room – demands report – Ausable tricks him – with a presence of balcony – Max jumps – Ausable outwits Max.
44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:  
The aim of education is the overall development of the personality of man. It means the development of body as well as mind. But a healthy mind can dwell in a healthy body. For keeping body healthy, games are indispensable. For this reason, Swami Vivekananda has advised that all young men and women should play games. People who have developed the habit of playing games regularly can maintain good health. In fact, all work and no play make Jack a dull boy. Everybody likes games because they keep us physically fit and mentally alert. They instill the spirit of adventure in us. They enable us to face dangers boldly. Games inculcate the spirit of sportsmanship and also teach us courage and perseverance. Games foster the qualities of fair play. Good players maintain equanimity in the event of victory or defeat. When a person plays games, his blood circulation increases and his digestive system improved. He does not fall prey to any disease. Thus, games are food for the body as knowledge is food for mind.
45. a) Write an application for the post of Personal Secretary to the Managing Director of a Company. Send your application to the following address: The Lakshmi Mills (Pvt) Ltd., Coimbatore – 27. (OR)  
b) Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience to Delhi.
46. a) Spot the errors and correct it.  
a) We bought a lot of furnitures. b) Neither Hari nor Krishna are intelligent. c) Ramesh is senior than Venkat  
d) The dog jumped in the well. e) She completed her work, isn't she? (OR)  
b) Fill in the blanks as directed :  
a) When I \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) the bus stop, the bus had already left. (Use correct tense form)  
b) He \_\_\_\_\_ play football in his college days. (Use semi-modal verb)  
c) This is Kumar \_\_\_\_\_ office is in Chennai. (Use relative pronoun)  
d) The bugle is \_\_\_\_\_ in our school. ( Banned / Band)
47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :  
"The Little Tramp", the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes what other people left behind in the changing room. And, when he emerged, he found, he had created a personality everybody loved – a little guy in bowler hat, close-fitting jacket, a cane, a pair of out-sized shoes and brush like moustache. Before long, Chaplin found himself as a star, he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music Hall Comedian. Soon, the people all over the world acknowledged him as king of silent film comedy. But life wasn't always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin. Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who got separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother, never earned enough to look after her children. Sometimes, Chaplin had to sleep on the streets.  
Question: a) Which unforgettable character did Charlie Chaplin invent? b) Describe the personality created by Charlie Chaplin.  
c) What did Charlie see himself as? d) Give one reason to show that Charlie's early life was sad.  
e) Find the words in the passage which are opposite in meaning to (i) bold (ii) Tragedy (OR)  
b) Write a dialogue between a salesman and customer in an electronic shop.