

Class : 12

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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2024 - 25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

Part - I

- 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 correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:
- the end of such liberty would be universal chaos.
a) Confusion b) Mystery c) Failure d) Destruction
 - Just as we thought our chuckles had subsided
a) Diminished b) Increased c) Completed d) Submerged
 - tea is one of the mainstays of Civilization in the country.
a) a society is an advanced state of social development
b) a society that has slow progress
c) a society that has no progress d) a society in an average state of social development
- Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.
- the liberties of everybody must be curtailed.
a) Reduced b) Decreased c) Increased d) Cut - shorted
 - Fortuitously, a guest visited our house.
a) Luckily b) Unfortunately c) Happily d) Peacefully
 - One does not feel wise, braver or more optimistic.
a) Opportunistics b) Cheerful c) Realistic d) Pessimistic
 - Replace the underlined Idiom with its suitable meaning.
Our teacher scolded us "Mind your own business" while we were talking in the class.
a) carry on the business b) do your work
c) don't interfere d) follow - up your business
 - Choose the word that can be placed after the word "toll" to form a compound word.
a) Plaza b) late c) proof d) wheel
 - Choose the Expanded form of BPT
a) Bachelor of Pure Therapy b) Bachelor of Physiotherapy
c) Bachelor of Posterior Treatment d) Bachelor of Power Training
 - I must work in an elite institution the foreign phrase 'elite' means -----
a) the best b) efficient c) elegant d) enormous
 - Fill in the blanks with a suitable Prepositional Phrase.
a) In spite of b) On behalf of c) Instead of d) To represent
 - Choose the appropriate linker and Complete the sentence.
I could not complete my paper in the examination ----- I was slow in answering the questions.
a) but b) because c) and d) yet
 - Choose the American English word for "underground"
a) Crosswalk b) Freeway c) Subway d) Sidewalk
 - Choose the appropriate Question Tag and Complete the sentence.
They can substantially reduce the cost of mobility, -----?
a) can't they b) can they c) do they d) don't they
 - Choose the unclipped form of "mark"
a) remark b) market c) demarcate d) marks
 - Choose the blended form of "hi - tech".
a) highest + technics b) higher + technical
c) high + technics d) high + technology
 - Choose the right definition for the given term 'Anglophobia'
a) fear of meeting strangers b) fear of using English
c) fear of playing outdoor d) fear of drinking water
 - Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'Turning point'
a) Gerund + Noun b) Noun + Noun c) Verb + Noun d) Noun + Verb

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19. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'audible'.
a) in b) re c) un d) de
20. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate Preposition.
The police ran ----- the thieves to catch them.
a) across b) after c) over d) past

PART - II
SECTION - 1

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

4x2=8

21. *"A film the mother - eagle 's eye*
When her bruised eaglet breathes.
(a) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines?
(b) Explain the Comparison
22. *Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong*
And the final decisions are made in silent rooms".
a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line. (2nd)
23. *"Then the whining school boy, with his satchel.*
And shining morning face, Creeping like snail.
Unwillingly to school".
a) How does the boy go to school?
b) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?
24. *"A Creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound*
No other tree could live"
a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
b) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
25. *"All through the summer at ease we lay,*
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay"
a) Who does 'we' refer to?
b) What could they watch from the turret wall?
26. *"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?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. If you were a king, you would know the difficulties (begin with 'were')
28. The librarian said to the students, "speak softly" (into indirect speech)
29. The monkeys ate the bananas (into other voice)
30. I met a man at the party. He is the chairman of a Computer firm.
(Combine into a single sentence)

PART - III (SECTION - 1)

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

2x3=6

31. *"This is my son, mine own Telemachus.*
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle"
32. *"Without rich wanting nothing arrives"*
33. *"I'm killed, Sire! And his chief beside,*
Smiling, the boy fell dead".

SECTION - 2

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

2x3=6

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
35. Define 'Liberty' as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.
36. Why did the family find it difficult to make a chair?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. Complete the proverbs.

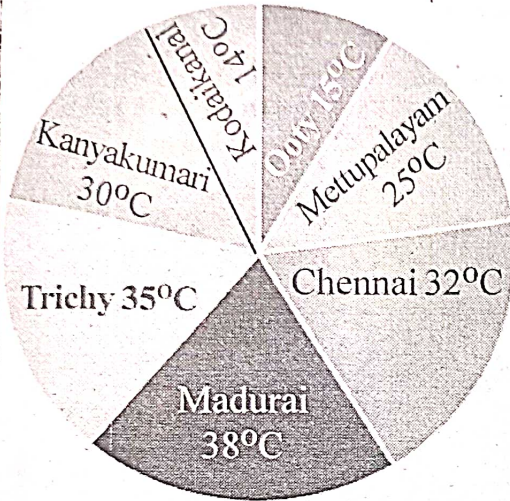
- i) Variety is the ----- of life. a) Vanity b) Spice c) Source
 ii) ----- is power. a) Knowledge b) Money c) Politics
 iii) ----- was not built in a day. a) Taj Mahal b) Knowledge c) Rome

38. Describe the process of making a Lemonade.

39. Rearrange the following Jumbled sentence correctly.

- a) without / fire / no / smoke b) better / prevention / is / cure / than
 c) Time / a / nine / stitch / saves / in

40. Study the Pie - Chart and answer the following questions.

Temperature of various places in Tamil Nadu.

Questions:

- a) Which is the coolest place of all?
 b) Which place has the second highest temperature?
 c) Which places are hotter than Kanyakumari?

PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph in about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) Justify the Title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona". (OR)
 b) Describe the situation in the narrator's household before and after the chair was bought.
 Answer the following in a paragraph.
42. a) What are the poet's reminiscences of the Casuarina Tree? (OR)
 b) What is the father's advice to his son when he is on the threshold of manhood?
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.
- a) Children in Venus - long for the sun - Margot seen sun five years ago - has come from the Earth - other children - seven years ago - cannot recall the sun - all await excitedly - sun is predicted - to come out that day - they seize Margot - lock her up in the closet - run - out - enjoy sunshine - an hour - drops of rain - dismayed - taken inside - starts raining heavily again - remember Margot - open the closet - let her out. (OR)
- b) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - young merchant - set out to fair - against wife's warning - stays in an inn - next morning sets off - gets arrested - supposed to have killed the merchant - is sent to Siberia - spends the time - reading and praying - gains respect - Makar Semyonich - comes there - seems to know Aksionov - his behaviour makes Aksionov suspect - finally learns that Makar had murdered - the merchant - Aksionov forgives Makar - orders of release arrive - Aksionov is dead.
44. a) Summarize the following passage or make notes of the following passage.

Handicrafts are a type of work where useful and decorative devices are made completely by hand or using only simple tools. The first references to Indian Handicrafts can be found from the Indus Valley Civilization. The art of spinning and weaving of Cotton was known to the Harappans 5000 years ago. Block print fabrics, mainly of the Gujarat region, found in Egyptian tombs are proof that India was producing enough cotton textiles to import them to other countries.

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Even the Vedas have mention of artisans involved in pottery making, weaving, wood - crafting etc. The Rig Veda refers to a variety of pottery made from clay, wood and metal. Indian Crafts flourished during the Mauryan Empire. Nearly 85,000 stupas were built in India. The Gupta Age saw construction of rock - cut temples of the Ellora and Ajanta Caves. Craftsmen of this period excelled in Jewellery making, wood - carving, sculpture, stone - carving and weaving.

The Patterns in the Indian Crafts were mostly representations of everyday life, palace and court scenes. Every age, every dynasty, every empire had its effect in the crafts belonging, to those times, therefore making Indian Heritage diverse.

45. a) Read the following Advertisement and Prepare a Bio - data. (Write XXX for name and YYYY for address)

Wanted

Male Receptionist - Graduate with Computer Knowledge,
Good Fluency in English / minimum 3 years of Experience.

Apply to : Post Box No : 2339

C/O The Hindu

Chennai - 600002

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to the Editor of a Newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and Occupying the parking zone.

46. (a) Spot the errors in the following sentences.

- (i) Politics are an interesting subject.
- (ii) They have a five - years plan to complete the work.
- (iii) He is junior than me in service.
- (iv) Though he is weak but he could lift the load.
- (v) Water is composed with hydrogen and oxygen.

(OR)

- (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- (i) I can't ----- the heat if I walk an ----- foot. (bare / bear)
- (ii) They ----- (play) cards when the police came. (suitable form of verb)
- (iii) My father ----- go for a walk 3 miles a day when I was young. (Use a semi modal)
- (iv) My friend ----- is in Chennai helped me a lot. (Use a relative pronoun)

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Tea has been an important beverage for 1000's of years. It is consumed by two - thirds of the world's population. India is the second largest tea producer in the world after China, although over 70 percent of its tea is consumed within India. Tea has been proved to offer numerous health benefits. Scientists and Researchers have found that drinking tea could reduce the risk of heart diseases. The Antioxidants in tea might prevent Cancer. Regular tea drinking might help one in lowering blood sugar and blood pressure. Tea might be an effective agent in the prevention and treatment of Neurological Disorders. The consumption of tea results in the strengthening of one's teeth, bones and immune system. However, drinking too much tea may prove to be harmful to one's health. So drinking tea moderately could make one healthier researchers have confirmed the significant overall health benefits of drinking tea.

Questions:

- i) What is tea called as?
- ii) Which country is the second largest tea producer?
- iii) What are the benefits in drinking the tea?
- iv) Is it good for Neurological disorders?
- v) Give a suitable title.

(OR)

- b) Write an article on how should teenagers guard against Cyber Crimes?

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