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Half Yearly Examination - 2024  
ENGLISHRegister No. 

Marks : 90

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## PART - I

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

- Choose the most appropriate **synonyms** of the words underlined in the following sentences.
- Yet their **devotion** had touched me deeply. a) dedication b) in formation c) satisfaction d) vexation
  - In those days, they didn't have **sophisticated** heart surgery. a) well advanced b) harsh c) simple d) basic
  - Liberty is not a personal affair only, but a social **contract**. a) concern b) commitment c) allotment d) connection
- Choose the correct **antonyms** for the underlined words from the options given below:
- China tea has virtues which are not to be **despised**. a) hated b) liked c) respected e) defeated
  - Tenzing **collapsed** at the top like a giant fish. a) refreshed b) fell down c) gave way d) fainted
  - Maamantar was **unmatched**. a) inferior b) incomparable c) excellent d) supreme
- Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.
- The team **does math** carefully so as to reach the summit successfully.  
a) think carelessly b) do math sum c) think carefully d) check accounts
- Choose the correct combination for the compound word.
- "Sleeping bags" a) Noun + noun b) Adverb + noun c) Gerund + noun d) noun + adverb
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
- English is the **lingua Franca** of many countries.  
a) Mother tongue b) Foreign language c) Unknown language d) Common language
- Which word cannot be placed after **ice** to form a compound word. a) berg b) cap c) axe d) fridge
  - Choose the expanded form of the abbreviation **CA**  
a) Chief Accountant b) Central Army c) Central Accountant d) Chartered Accountant
  - Choose the right polite alternative.  
Raja is quite **short**. a) under sized b) vertically challenged c) physically challenged d) inferior
  - Choose the correct sentence pattern for the given sentence.  
Reena gave Anu a pen on her birthday. a) SVOA b) SVOAA c) SVOCA d) SVIO DO A
  - Choose the correct relative pronoun. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ was hit by the car, was slightly hurt. a) Where b) which c) who d) whom
  - Choose the correct question tag.  
These children look very weak and tired, \_\_\_\_\_? a) are they b) aren't they c) are these d) don't they
  - Archaeologist is one who studies \_\_\_\_\_  
a) accidents b) earthquake c) material remains of the past d) human society
  - Choose the correct American English words for the British English word - **queue**. a) order b) straight c) line d) level
  - Choose the correct word and complete the sentence.  
It was a memorable \_\_\_\_\_ a) accident b) incidence c) incident d) insident
  - Form a new word by adding a suitable **suffix** to the underlined word  
Asha could **manage** the finances of her company very well. a) able b) ment c) ity d) ing
  - Fill in the blank with the suitable prepositional phrase.  
The boy studied well \_\_\_\_\_ many obstacles. a) in favour b) in case of c) in spite of d) on the whole

## PART - II SECTION - 1

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

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- A foot hold there, no clever trick  
Could take us dead or quick.  
a) What was challenging? b) Which aspect of the castle's strength is conveyed by the above line?
- A creeper climbs, in whose embracers bound  
No other tree could live  
a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines? b) Identify the figure of speech.
- And then the justice  
In fair round belly with good capon lin'd  
with eyes Severe and beard of formal cut,  
a) Which stage of life is being referred to? b) Describe his appearance
- To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths  
Of all the western stars, until I die.  
a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life? b) Pick out the words in alliteration
- Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy.  
a) Explain the comparison made here. b) Identify the figure of speech
- A film the mother - eagle's eye  
When her bruised eaglet breathes.  
a) Who is compared to mother eagle in the above lines? b) Explain the comparison.

## SECTION - 2

3 x 2 =

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

- Rewrite the following in indirect speech.  
The curator of the museum said to the visitors, "Don't touch these painting, please".
- Change into other voice form. They had made a film based on this novel.
- If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview. (Begin with Had)
- As Kathir is intelligent, he will get a job. (Change into compound sentence)

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PART-III SECTION - 1

31. The wizened warden let them through.  
32. Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.  
33. Yet learning something out of every folly hoping to repeat none of the cheap follies.

2 x 3 = 6

SECTION - 2

34. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.  
35. Define 'Liberty' as perceived by the author.  
36. Name the equipment and tools carried by the climbers during their expedition.

2 x 3 = 6

SECTION - 3

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list. a) Many a drop makes an \_\_\_\_\_ (action, ocean, moss)  
38. Write a dialogue between a student and the class teacher regarding an education trip. \_\_\_\_\_ well (starts, goes, ends)  
39. Expand the following headlines.  
a) Education Department introduces a new house system Magizh Mutram.  
b) Indian junior women Cricket Team won T20 world cup.  
c) Heavy rain lashes in Coimbatore and Nilgiris.  
40. Write any three precautions to be taken before thunder storm.

3 x 3 = 9

PART - IV

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.  
a) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' (OR)  
b) Describe the situation in the narrator's house hold before and after the chair was bought.

7 x 5 = 35

42. Answer the following in paragraph of about 150 words.  
a) What are the poet's reminiscences of the Casuarina tree? (OR)  
b) The young soldier matched his emperor in courage and patriotism – Elucidate your answer.

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.  
a) Aksionov – young merchant of Vladimir – lives with family = goes to Nizhny fair – meets a merchant friend – during travel – stays in an inn – leaves inn before daybreak – gets arrested – innocent prisoner – accused of murder – spends 26 years in prison – meets Makar – Aksionov saves Makar – Makar feels guilty – confesses his crime – Aksionov forgives criminal – dies peacefully.  
(OR) b) Life on the planet Venus – raining for seven years – sun appearing once in seven years – school children – nine years old – forgotten the sun – longed for the sun – Morgot from Earth – locked her in a room – sun came – children very happy – only for an hour – rain again – children remembered Margot – let Margot out.

44. Summarise the following passage in about 100 words.  
A person's life has no value without having dreams. To achieve success of the goal of your life, you need to work accordingly. So your achievement decides the kind of person you must be and the kind of lifestyle you must maintain. If a person has dreams but sits idle without putting effort, then there is no value and no success. A person can be successful if they have the dedication to their goals and the courage to face all the challenges. For some people, success means having a lot of money. But real success is achieving your dream and achieving your goal. A person who dreams of becoming a doctor can become a doctor only if he puts in the required effort and works hard. Suppose he knows which path to choose and how to work on the path. There is no shortcut to success. To be successful, you need to follow the path honestly, truthfulness and hard work. The path to success is never so easy and has no alternative. A person will have to cross all the hurdles and still be strong enough to walk through the path. If you give up, then you fail. It might take time and a lot of effort to find the solution to every problem, but there is always a solution; we just need to look in the right direction.

45. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the road side vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone. (OR)  
Write a letter to your friend stating the study techniques to score more marks in board exams.

46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them: (i) They discuss about politics. (ii) I enter in to the room.  
(iii) They told to me. (iv) Neither you nor he are active. (v) He gave a lot of advices.  
b) Fill in the blank appropriately:  
(i) They made a \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ (doe, dough)  
(ii) I think we are lost. The man \_\_\_\_\_ have given us the wrong directions. (use a modal verb)  
(iii) You \_\_\_\_\_ feel sorry for what you have done. (use semi modal verb)  
(iv) We \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) the matter with our friends later. (use correct tense form)

47. a) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.  
Priya – domestic help – natural singer – often sings while at work – visitor noticed – made a video of her song – uploaded it – becomes viral – singing sensation overnight. (OR)  
b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:  
Some insects are harmful to human beings. The poison of the black widow spider causes unbearable pain. It stiffens the muscles of the abdomen and causes death to some of the victims. Some kinds of mosquitoes carry germs that cause diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness. The mosquitoes pick up the germs and pass them on to the people they bite. Flies play a part in spreading such diseases as cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever. All insects which carry germs and spread diseases live and breed only in dirty places. So we can prevent such diseases if we keep our houses free of dirt.  
Questions: (i) What does 'harmful' mean? a) useful b) beneficial c) injurious d) hopeful  
(ii) What does not black widow spider causes? (iii) Which causes malaria and yellow fever?  
(iv) How do mosquitoes spread diseases? (v) Where do the insects breed?

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