

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024	Exam No.						
Time : 3.00 Hours	XII - ENGLISH				Marks : 90		

PART - I**Note: i) Answer all the questions.****(20x1=20)**

ii) Choose the best answer and write option code with corresponding answer. Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.

- We watched for a few moments, then as trade slackened we went over
a) reduced b) improved c) loosened d) ended
- There was a grand finale
a) opening b) debut c) initiation d) climax
- the end of such liberty would be universal chaos
a) Mystery b) destruction c) confusion d) harmony

Choose the most appropriate Antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.

- One does not feel wise, brave or most optimistic
a) realistic b) pessimistic c) pragmatic d) naturalistic
- We made frequent changes of lead
a) rare b) special c) strange d) gradual
- Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy
a) refused b) accepted c) renounced d) rearranged
- Choose the appropriate expansion of the acronym 'PAN'.**
a) Personal aggregate Number b) Private Aunthetic Number
c) Permanent Account Number d) Postal Assurance Number
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in toto.**
a) Totally b) Slightly c) Partially d) Partly
- Choose the clipped word for hand kerchief.**
a) chief b) hand c) kerchief d) handker
- Choose the right definition for the following term 'Linguistics' is the study of _____.**
a) liquour b) lunatics c) languages d) lizards
- Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word 'lucky'.**
a) on____ b) in____ c) dis____ d) un____
- Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition.**
He is _____ the neighbouring town.
a) on b) from c) after d) about
- Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.**
The lessons are quite interesting, _____?
a) isn't it b) aren't they c) are they d) is it
- Choose the right meaning of the idiom 'Black sheep' from the options given.**
a) exceptional b) person with a bad reputation
c) perfect person d) money - minded person
- Fill in the blanks with suitable relative pronoun.**
This is the house _____ I was born.
a) where b) that c) which d) whose
- Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.**
Where is the toilet?
a) washing room b) lavatory c) bathroom d) restroom
- Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.**
"Judges sentenced him guilty".
a) SVCA b) SVOA c) SVOC d) SVIODO

18. Complete the blank with a article.
I am _____ eldest in the family.
a) an b) the c) a d) none of the above
19. Choose the mono syllable word.
a) sullen b) torture c) senses d) yelled
20. Fill in the blank with a suitable phrasal verb War **brokeout** an 15th September.
a) started suddenly b) ended suddenly
c) spread all over d) damaged entirely

PART - II (SECTION - I)

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

(4x2=8)

21. "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?
22. *The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among!*
a) Who is the giant here?
b) Why is the scarf colourful?
23. *Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwilling to school*
a) How does the boy go to school?
b) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?
24. *That ever with a frolic welcome took
The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed*
a) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?
b) What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?
25. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock"
a) How should one face life?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
26. *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 meant by prone brow?

SECTION - II

Do as directed. Answer any three of the following questions.

(3x2=6)

27. Report the following dialogue.
Uma: What are you searching for?
Maya: I am searching for my Physics class work note book.
28. She sings well. She gets the prize. (Combine using 'If')
29. The work was over. We went home. (Rewrite using "When")
30. If I had a car, I would drop you. (Begin with "Had")

PART - III (Section - I)

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

(2x3=6)

31. *Our only enemy was gold.*
32. *I cannot rest from travel; I will drink
Life to the lees.*
33. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock".

Section - II

Answer any two of the following questions is not more than 30 words each. (2x3=6)

34. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?
35. Why were the two chairs compared to Ram-Lakshmana?
36. Why should individual liberty be curtailed?

Section - III

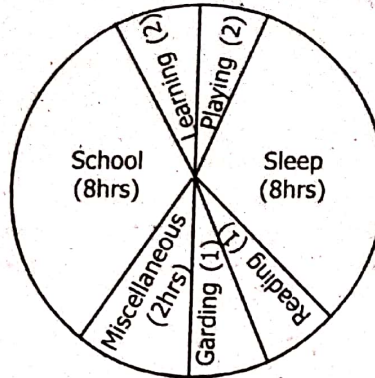
Answer any three of the following.

(3x3=9)

37. Describe the process of making 'Lemon Juice'.

38. Study the pie-chart given and answer the questions that follow.

Time spent by Steffi in a day



- How many hours does Steffi spend on learning?
- How long does she sleep?
- Where does Steffi spend most of her time?

39. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.

- The _____ is always greener on the other side
 - brook
 - moss
 - grass
- The pen is mightier than the _____
 - sword
 - dagger
 - spear
- Out of sight, out of _____
 - place
 - memory
 - mind

40. Re-arrange the shuffled words to make meaningful sentence.

- a personal / liberty is not / but a social contract / affair only
- take / will / a / the / off / plane / few minutes / in
- ennobles you / suffering / a better person / and makes you

PART - IV

Answer the following.

(7x5=35)

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

a) Summarise the distinctive ideas of George Orwell in the essay 'A Nice cup of Tea'.

(OR)

b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the Rule of the Road'?

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

a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised by William Shakespeare.

(OR)

b) Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life.

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.

a) Pi - survived - ship wreck - life boat - gets - stranded in the pacific - Bengal tiger - Richard arker - on board - Pi searched for water - found stocks of cans - drinking water - elixir of life - gave him energy - managed to overcome fear - realised that alive - because of Parker - scared him earlier - brought peace - purpose - helped him survive for 227 days - left parker in a jungle - reunited - family.

(OR)

b) Ausable - spy - never looked like - fat - sloppy - Fowler writer - enter - room - Max - gun trotting - for documents fowler thrilled - Ausable spins story - balcony - Max believes there is balcony - knock a door - Ausable says - it is police - Max panicked jumps out - dies. Waiter comes with drink - Asuable - presence of mind.

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