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Tenkasi District

Common Half Yearly Exam, December - 2024



10-12-24.

Standard 12

ENGLISH

PART-I

Marks: 90

Time: 3.00 Hours

Note: (i) Answer all the questions.

(ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

20x1=20

1. They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.

(a) innocent (b) humble (c) playful (d) generous

2. The end of such liberty would be universal chaos.

(a) confusion (b) battle (c) peace (d) debate

3. \_\_\_\_\_ he was sitting in splendour on his chair.

(a) excitement (b) magnificence (c) satisfaction (d) hesitation

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

4. \_\_\_\_\_ he had a malignant tumor of the bone.

(a) dangerous (b) curable (c) benign (d) mild

5. Just as we thought, our chuckles had subsided.

(a) diminished (b) submerged (c) increased (d) completed

6. One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic.

(a) opportunistic (b) systematic (c) realistic (d) pessimistic

7. Replace the underlined word with a polite form of expression.

It is our duty to take care of the old.

(a) aged weaklings (b) senior citizens (c) elderly folks (d) infirm beings

8. Choose the correct American English equivalent for the British English word- 'windscreen'

(a) windshield (b) wind sail (c) wind sheet (d) wind glass

9. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'soft' to form a compound word.

(a) wear (b) ware (c) pen (d) ice

10. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.

Roja treated the elders with respect.

(a) un (b) ir (c) in (d) dis

11. Choose the right expansion of the acronym 'RAW'.

(a) Results and Analyses Wing (b) Research and Analysis Wing

(c) Review Action Wing (d) Resource Application Wing

12. Choose the correct combination of the compound word 'world famous'

(a) Noun + Verb (b) Noun + Adjective (c) Noun + Gerund (d) Noun + Participle

13. Complete the sentence using an appropriate linker.

\_\_\_\_\_ register your name, you cannot participate in the competitions.

(a) If (b) Otherwise (c) As (d) Unless

14. Identify the correct blended form of 'binary + digit'.

(a) bid (b) bit (c) bite (d) bigit

15. Choose the clipped form of the word 'public house'.

(a) public (b) house (c) pub (d) Pubse

16. Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.

The examinations are round the corner.

(a) not to be avoided (b) not in the near future (c) very near (d) to be postponed

17. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.

Don't commit this mistake again, \_\_\_\_\_?

(a) do you (b) will you (c) would you (d) won't you

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18. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.

There was a skirmish \_\_\_\_\_ my brother and sister.

(a) with (b) on (c) between (d) among

19. Choose the correct plural form of "calf"

(a) calfs (b) calve (c) calves (d) calf

20. Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.

"Manu taught me English".

(a) SVCA (b) SVAA (c) SVIDODO (d) SVOC

### PART-II

#### Section-A

4x2=8

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any four of the following questions:

21. ....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?

22. "Like a huge Python, winding round and round.

The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars".

(a) What winds round and round like a python?

(b) Mention the figure of speech in the first line.

23. "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 his state of mind?

24. "Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong

And the final decisions are made in silent rooms"

(a) How would his being alone help the boy?

(b) Where are the final decisions taken?

25. "All through that summer at ease we lay,

And daily from the turret wall

We watched the mowers in the day"

(a) Who does "we" refer to?

(b) What could they watch from the turret wall?

26. "Seeking the bubble reputation

Even in the cannon's mouth.

(a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?

(b) Explain "bubble reputation".

#### Section-B

Do as directed (Any three):

27. Rathi said to me, "I was very ill last week, but I am better now". (Change into indirect speech)

28. The governor inaugurated the exhibition at ten O'clock. (Change the voice)

29. Apples are costlier than oranges. (Rewrite using the positive degree)

30. I met a man at the party. He is the Chairman of a computer firm. (Combine into a single sentence)

### PART-III

#### Section-A

Answer any two of the following with reference to the context:

2x3=6

31. "Is second childishness and mere oblivion:

sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

32. "I'm killed Sire!" And, his chief beside,

Smiling, the boy fell dead.

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33. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick"

## Section-B

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

2x3=6

34. What happened to the visitor when he sat on the stool, at the narrator's house?  
 35. Why did the driver not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys?  
 36. Why does Orwell prefer a cylindrical teacup to a flat one?

## Section-C

Answer any three of the following:

3x3=9

37. The following graph depicts the result of a survey conducted among 120 students of class XII of a certain school. Study the graph and answer the questions based on it.

Favorite Dish	No. of Students
Pizza	40
Burger	25
Dosa	10
Pasta	15
Biryani	30

- (i) Which is the most favourite dish of the students?  
 (ii) How many students have 'dosa' as their favourite dish?  
 (iii) What is the difference in the number of students who preferred Pizza to Burger?  
 38. Describe the process of planting a sapling in a pot.  
 39. Write a dialogue of at least 3 utterances between the pedestrian and the traffic police man.  
 40. Complete each of the following proverbs with the right option.

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is not a bed of roses.  
 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ once lost is lost forever.  
 (c) \_\_\_\_\_ was not built in a day.  
 (Rome, Time, Life)

## PART-IV

Note: Answer the following. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

7x5=35

41. (a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona"? (OR)  
 (b) Why does A.G. Gardiner say that curtailment of private liberty is required to establish social liberty?  
 42. (a) Why does the poet consider the Casuarina tree dear to her and wish it to remain for ever? (OR)  
 (b) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures?

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

- (a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - Young merchant - lived - Vladimir - wife - bad dream - stayed at inn - met another merchant - murdered at night - Aksionov arrested - mines of Siberia - 26 years - grew - old - gentle - prayed often - respected by inmates - one day - met - another prisoner - Makar confessed - Aksionov forgave - died in peace. (OR)  
 (b) Ausable - secret agent - very fat - Fowler - dull evening with sloppy man - unlocks door - find - man with a pistol - wants report about missiles - Ausable unperturbed - talks - about balcony with irritation - knock at door - Max - nervous - Ausable - cool - says - it is the police - Ausable - says - police will shoot - jumps from window - thinks - there is a balcony - dies - door opens - waiter brings wine - Fowler - shocked to learn - no police - no balcony.

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

Preethi Srinivasan is a former cricketer from Tamil Nadu, who played domestic cricket in the 1990's. At the age of eight, she was the youngest girl to play in the State Cricket team. At the age of 17, she captained the Tamil Nadu Women's under 19 cricket team in a national tournament in 1997, and registered its only victory ever. She was also a state-level gold winner in 50m breaststroke swimming event. But the following year, she suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident in Puducherry that left her quadriplegic.

Her own trauma inspired her to create "Soul-Free", a foundation that aims to help Indian youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries. In 2018, she received the Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise. (OR)

- (b) Write a paragraph on 'The Value of Time'.

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45. (a) Respond to the following advertisement with a Bio-data. (Write XXX for your name & YYY for address)

**Wanted**

Computer Operator for CYBER ELEVATORS Pvt.Ltd.-Graduate with computer knowledge-good fluency in English-minimum 2 yrs experience.

**Apply to:** The Manager, Cyber Elevators Pvt.Ltd, Mount Road,Chennai-600002.

(OR)

(b) Your friend is in hospital, undergoing treatment for a fractured leg. Write a letter of consolation, assuring him / her that he / she will get well soon.

46.(a)Read the following sentences,spot the errors and correct them.

- a) The teacher along with the students attend the function.
- b) I bought a blue colour shirt and a tie.
- c) I am not understanding the problem.
- d) The trains often are late.
- e) He said that he can drive a car.

(OR)

(b)Fill in the blanks.

- (i)Yusuf \_\_\_\_ (go)to the movies once in a while.(Use the verb in the correct form)
- (ii) My grandfather \_\_\_\_ visit this temple when he was young.(Fill in with a semi modal)
- (iii) She had to \_\_\_\_ out her papers before she \_\_\_\_ help from the clerk. (sought/sort)
- (iv) \_\_\_\_ I got up early, I managed to reach school on time. (Use an appropriate linker)

47. (a) Develop the following hints into a story of 150 words.

A washerman reared a dog-also a donkey-both helped him-one night- washerman and family - in deep sleep- a thief entered-dog did not bark -donkey became angry - tried-dog's duty- brayed loudly-thief ran away - master's sleep disturbed -turned wild-beat the donkey. (OR)

(b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Mr. Bean is a television series created by Rowan Atkinson and Richard Curtis, which was aired from 1990-95.It was first released in U.K. as a live action comedy,and was later also made into an animated series for children.Atkinson plays the role of the protagonist Mr.Bean with great comic timing.He admits to having conceived the character within a span of 48 hours while he was studying in Oxford. Following the style of old silent films,Mr. Bean rarely speaks,but his facial expressions and physical gestures convey the plot of each episode. Since language is not an issue,this series has been broadcast in about 200 countries around the world.

- (i) Who created the television series Mr. Bean?
- (ii) When and how did the character of Mr. Bean emerge ?
- (iii) What medium did the character use to convey the plot to the audience ?
- (iv) What feature of the series has made it possible to be broadcast in about 200 countries ?
- (v) Pick out the word from the passage which means-"a lead character or one of the major characters in a play, film or novel."