

# T COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

## Standard - XII

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Time: 3.00 hrs.

### ENGLISH

Marks: 90

PART - I

20×1=20

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

- 1) ..... Anna would say with an impudent smile.  
 a) disrespectful      b) indifferent      c) ungrateful      d) misleading
- 2) It was a great thrill to look straight down this enormous rock face.  
 a) huge      b) rough      c) steep      d) lofty
- 3) Seeing your car pulled up by his insolence of office, feel that your liberty has been outraged.  
 a) calmness      b) rudeness      c) closeness      d) attraction

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

- 4) ..... he had a malignant tumour of the bone.  
 a) dangerous      b) curable      c) benign      d) mild
- 5) We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ..... conventional or odd.  
 a) unconvnetional      b) inefficient      c) insufficient      d) unbiased
- 6) One night, we came upon them in the windy and deserted square.  
 a) crowded      b) secured      c) fertile      d) desolate
- 7) **Pick out and write the correct foreign word/phrase for the underlined word:**

Jamila was a genuine expert in geology.

- a) enmass      b) faux pas      c) in absentia      d) bonafide

- 8) **Choose the appropriate prepositional phrase and fill in the blanks:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the rain stopped, we went home.

- a) As soon as      b) In view of      c) In spite of      d) On account of

- 9) **Choose the correct clipped word for the word 'perambulator':**

- a) pram      b) peram      c) ram      d) perambu

- 10) **Choose the right combination of words used to form the blended word Diplonomics:**

- a) Diplo+economics      b) Diplomacy+country  
 c) Diplo+economy      d) Diplomacy+economics

- 11) **Replace the single word deceived with a phrasal verb:**

- a) give in      b) give out      c) taken in      d) give off

- 12) **Fill in the blank with the correct tense by choosing the correct option:**

They \_\_\_\_\_ the captain yesterday.

- a) have selected      b) selected      c) were selected      d) had selected

- 13) **Choose the correct derivative for the underlined word:**

The murder of the leader is still a mystery.

- a) myst      b) mystic      c) mystry      d) mistary

- 14) **Fill in the blank with the appropriate correlative conjunction:**

Amit did not know \_\_\_\_\_ his father met his class teacher or not.

- a) whether      b) either      c) neither      d) not only

- 15) **Choose the correct American word for the British English word:**

We hired a taxi to go to Chennai.

- a) car      b) rental      c) cab      d) auto

- 16) **Choose and write the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence:**

They made him the secretary yesterday.

- a) SVIODO      b) SVOCA      c) SVCAA      d) SVOAC

17) Pick out and write the correct part of speech for the underlined word from the options given:

This money will last for two days.

- a) noun                      b) adverb                      c) adjective                      d) verb

18) Identify the correct combination of the compound word "public speaking":

- a) Noun+Gerund      b) Verb+Gerund      c) Noun+Noun      d) Noun+Verb

19) Fill in the blank with suitable relative pronoun:

This is the book \_\_\_\_\_ I wanted to buy yesterday.

- a) who                      b) where                      c) which                      d) whose

20) Select the correct expansion of 'ECG':

- a) Electro Cardium Graph                      b) Electro Cardio Graph  
c) Electric Cardio Graph                      d) Electrified Cardic Graph

## PART - II

### SECTION - 1

Read the given lines and answer any four of the questions that follow:  $4 \times 2 = 8$

21) And then the justice

In fair round belly with good capon lin'd,  
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,  
Full of wise saws and modern instances:

- i) Whom does justice refer to?  
ii) Describe his appearance.

22) Death closes all : but something ere the end,

Some work of noble note, may yet be done,  
Not unbecoming men that strove with Gods.

- i) The above lines convey the undying spirit of ulysses - Explain.  
ii) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.

23) There was a little private gate,

A little wicked wicket gate,  
The wizened warder let them through.

- i) What do you mean by a wicked wicket gate?  
ii) Pick out the alliterated words from the above lines.

24) When first my casement is wide open thrown

At down, my eyes delighted on its rest.

- i) What does 'casement' mean?  
ii) What brings her delight?

25) Tell him time as a stuff can be wasted,

Tell him to be a food every so often.

- i) Why does the poet suggest that time can be wasted?  
ii) Identify the figure of speech in the above lines.

26) Then off there flung in smiling joy,

And held himself erect.

- i) Whose action is described here?  
ii) Why was the rider in a hurry?

### SECTION - 2

Do as directed: (Any Three)

$3 \times 2 = 6$

27) If an angel were to tell me such a thing of her, I would not believe it.

[Rewrite the sentence, making an inversion in the conditional clause]

28) Report the dialogue:

Roger : What, my lord? Oh, no. Yes, certainly, sir, I was listening.

Watson : What was I talking of?

29) After removing the shoes, the boy jumped into the river.

[Rewrite as a complex sentence]

30) I was ill. I didn't attend the exam.

[Combine the sentences using 'If']

**PART - III**  
**SECTION - 1**

**Explain any two of the following with reference to the context in about 50-60 words each:** **2×3=6**

- 31) Dear is the Casuarina to my soul;
- 32) To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
- 33) 'I'm killed, Sire I' 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:** **2×3=6**

- 34) Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking to in the cubicle.
- 35) What were the problems the trolley driver suffered from?
- 36) Why did the family find it difficult to make a chair?

**SECTION - 3**

**Answer any three of the following:** **3×3=9**

- 37) Prepare an exam checklist for a student appearing for the public exam.
- 38) **Complete the proverb:**
  - a) A cat has \_\_\_\_\_ lives. (one, four, nine)
  - b) An empty purse frightens away \_\_\_\_\_. (friends, wife, children)
  - c) An idle man's mind is a \_\_\_\_\_ workshop. (God, Angel, Devil)
- 39) Build a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a vegetable vendor and a customer.
- 40) You are Nithish / Nithya, Cultural Secretary of ABC school. Draft a notice inviting the students to participate in the music competition.

**PART - IV**

**Answer the following:** **7×5=35**

- 41) a) "These two children had given me a profound lesson...." Elucidate.  
**(OR)**
  - b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay "On the Rule of the road"?
- 42) a) How does nature communicate with the poet?  
**(OR)**
  - b) How according the poet is it possible for his son to bring changes into a world that resents changes?
- 43) a) Describe the life of Aksionov in prison.  
**(OR)**
  - b) How did Ausable outwit Max?

44) **Write a summary (or) Make notes of the following passage:**

The yellow river is the second longest river in China over 3000 miles long. It rises in the mountains of Tiber and flows right across China to the east coast for over half its journey it runs through cold, bare, hilly and desert country. It makes a huge loop northwards, across the Great Wall into Inner Mangolia, and then curves southwards round the Ordos Desert, where only wandering herdsmen live.

For its last 100 miles, it flows eastwards through the flat, fertile, North China Plain, which is densely populated. The Yellow River or Huang Ho, flows into the Yellow sea, or Huang Hai. Both the Sea and the River are called Yellow because of the yellow mud which the river carries down from the desert into the sea, making the water a dirty, yellow river. When the river reaches the flat plain and flows less fast, it drops much of this mud, filling up the river-bed and forcing the water to overflow its banks and flood the countryside for miles. These terrible floods wash away crops and destroy whole villages. They have brought death and famine to so many people that the river is sometimes called "China's sorrow".

- 45) a) Write a letter to the Manager of a factory, requesting his permission to visit the factory. **(OR)**  
 b) You are the Head of the English Department in a renowned institution. You are invited to preside over the inauguration of the English Literary Club in your alma mater. Respond to the letter you have received either accepting the invitation or expressing your inability to attend the function.

- 46) a) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and write them correctly:**

- i) Generally parents advice their children to study well.
- ii) All mens are requested to assemble in the hall for a meeting.
- iii) Keep the furnitures in order.
- iv) My grandfather is well-known in the village for his noble deeds.
- v) After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped of complete recovery.

**(OR)**

- b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**

- i) They were arrested for trying to \_\_\_\_\_ two \_\_\_\_\_ cupboards.  
**(steal / steel)**
- ii) The children are not very happy with the new car.  
**(Add a suitable question tag)**
- iii) If I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) your message, I would have come to the airport to receive you. **(use the correct form of the verb)**
- iv) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ dance so well, when she was in school.  
**(use a semi-modal verb)**

- 47) a) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:**

Charles Dickens was an English writer and social critic. During his life time, his works enjoyed unprecedented popularity. He is now considered a 'literary genius' because he created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded as the greatest novelists of the Victorian Era. His novels and short stories enjoy lasting popularity.

Dickens' literary success began with the 1836' serial publication of "The Pickirck Papers". Within a few years he had become an international literary celebrity, famous for his humour, satire and keen observation of character and society. Dickens was regarded as the literary colossus of his age. His novella - 'A Christmas Carol' (1843) remains popular and continues to inspire adaptations in every artistic genre. Oliver Twist and Great Expectations are also frequently adapted and, like many of his novels, evoke images of Early Victorian London. His novel, 'A Tale of Two cities' (1859), set in London and Paris, is his best-known work of historical fiction.

Dickens' creative genius has been praised by fellow writers from Leo Tolstoy to George Orwell and G.K. Chesterton - for his realism, comedy, prose style, unique characterizations and social criticism.

**Questions:**

- i) Who is Charles Dickens?
- ii) Why is Charles Dickens considered a literary genius?
- iii) When did Dickens' literary success begin?
- iv) What do you know about Dickens' novel 'A Tale of Two Cities'?
- v) What made his fellow writers praise Dickens' works?

**(OR)**

- b) **Write a paragraph on the following topic in about 100-150 words:**  
 Importance of Physical Exercises / Sports and Games.