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**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2024 - 25**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

**ENGLISH**  
Part - I

[Max. Marks : 90

1. 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:
1. One night, we came upon them in the windy and deserted square.  
a) habited                      b) crowded                      c) uninhabited                      d) occupied
2. My gloomy thoughts probably stem from an accident I had few years ago  
a) strong                      b) sorrowful                      c) happy                      d) weak
3. Your car pulled up by his insolence of office  
a) politeness                      b) softness                      c) rudeness                      d) kindness
- Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.
4. One does not feel wise, brave or more optimistic  
a) naturalistic                      b) pragmatic                      c) realistic                      d) pessimistic
5. We made frequent changes of lead  
a) rare                      b) gradual                      c) special                      d) strange
6. No, he arrived in "suit boot" and all.  
a) landed                      b) reached                      c) departed                      d) came
- Choose the correct options:
7. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'snow drop'  
a) noun + verb                      b) adverb + adjective                      c) adverb + noun                      d) adjective + verb
8. Choose the Correct expansion of the acronym 'RAW'  
a) Results and Analysis Wing                      b) Research and Analysis wing  
c) Review and Action Wing                      d) Resource and Application wing
9. Choose the correct combination of the given blended word "biopic"  
a) biograph + picture                      b) biography + picture  
c) bio + pic                      d) biography + pic
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.  
The project was rejected in toto  
a) partially                      b) slightly                      c) totally                      d) partly
11. Choose the unclipped form of "Champ"  
a) champagne                      b) champaign                      c) chamberlain                      d) champion
12. Choose the suitable phrasal verb for the underlined word in the sentence  
Rams request was rejected by his manager  
a) turned off                      b) turned away                      c) turned in                      d) turned down
13. Choose the correct question tag for the following sentence.  
Let's close our eyes and meditate for some time, -----?  
a) can't we                      b) shall we                      c) shan't we                      d) can we
14. Replace the underlined word with the polite alternative  
I saw a disabled man  
a) Physically challenged                      b) gifted                      c) dyslexic                      d) handicapped
15. Identify the correct pattern for the given sentence:  
They proved him wrong  
a) SVOA                      b) SVA                      c) SVIDO                      d) SVOC
16. Choose the monosyllabic word  
a) busy                      b) flight                      c) again                      d) lucky

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17. Choose the American English equivalent for the British English.  
Please stand in a queue  
a) straight                      b) level                      c) line                      d) order
18. Fill in the blanks with more suitable preposition.  
The English language is vital ----- in the medical field.  
a) in                      b) for                      c) on                      d) of
19. Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.  
----- my father arrived home, I narrated the incident.  
a) Besides                      b) As soon as                      c) if                      d) - Although
20. Choose the appropriate plural form of the word "Criterion"  
a) criteria                      b) criterions                      c) criteriumd                      d) , criteriones

## PART - II (Poetry &amp; Grammar)

## SECTION - 1

Read the sets of poetic lines and answer any Four of the following:

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21. *"The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung  
In crimson clusters all the bough among!"*  
a) Who is the giant here?  
b) Mention the figure of speech used in this line
22. *"Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel  
And shining morning face, creeping like snail"*  
a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?  
b) What is a satchel?
23. *"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?
24. *"I cannot rest from travel: I will drink life to the lees",*  
a) Whom does I refer to?  
b) Explain 'drink life to the lees'
25. *"A film the mother eagle's eye  
When her bruised eaglet breathes"*  
a) Who is compared to mother eagle?  
b) Explain the comparison.
26. *"----- Free imaginations  
Bringing changes into a world resenting change".*  
a) How does free imagination help the world?  
b) Mention the figure of speech.

## SECTION - 2

Do as directed: (Answer any THREE questions)

3x2=6

27. Asha said to Karthiga, "Please don't make too much noise".  
(Change into Indirect speech)
28. If I were you, I would accept the offer.  
(Make an inversion in the conditional clause)
29. The Governor inaugurated the exhibition at ten O'clock  
(Change the 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. "Without rich wanting nothing arrives"  
32. "They have their exits and their entrances"  
33. "How can this shameful tale be told?"

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**SECTION - 2**

Answer any Two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each: **2x3=6**

34. How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?
35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?
36. Why were the two chairs compared to Rama - Lakshmana?

**SECTION - 3**

Answer any three of the following:

**3x3=9**

37. Describe the process of obtaining a demand draft from a bank.
38. Complete the proverbs.
  - a) Variety is the ----- of life. (source, spice, need)
  - b) Bare words buy no ----- (butter, beauty, barley)
  - c) ----- once lost is lost forever (time, value, health)
39. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics.
  - a) Environment day
  - b) Importance of Education
  - c) Avoid Junk food
40. Write a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between a vegetable vendor and a customer.

**PART - IV**

Answer the following:

**7x5=35**

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
  - a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two gentlemen of Verona"?  
(OR)
  - b) Give an account of the preparations made by Hillary and Tenzing before they set off to the summit.
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.
  - a) Describe the various stages of man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a stage".  
*William Shakespeare*  
(OR)
  - b) Explain how the poet guides his son to face the challenges of life, when he was on the threshold of manhood.
43. Developing the following hints into a paragraph about 150 words.
  - a) Pi - survived - shipwreck - life boat - gets stranded in the pacific - Bengal tiger - Richard parker - on board - pi searched for water - found stacks of cans - drinking water - elixir of life - gave him energy - managed to overcome fear - realized 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) Lord Weston - Judge in England - Roger's request - holiday - not happy - discovers a piece of paper - "Remember Caesar" - plot to kill - victim of fair judgement - warning message on Caesars assassination - 15th of March - takes precautionary measures - shuts doors and windows - sends away cook and gardener - Weston recollects - reminder message - Caesar, a gardener - appointment given - Weston's absent - mindedness.
44. Write a summary or makes notes of the following passage.

Languages are of different kinds. - spoken language, written language, sign language, code language, body language, Braille or language of the blind, and the more recent ones being the machine language and the computer language. Many languages have a long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among those whose languages are centuries old. The number of languages used in verbal communication is extremely large. It is said that there are as many as 3500 identified languages throughout the world. Although this is true of the spoken languages, the number of written languages is much lower, with one estimate placing it at more than 500. Within a language, there are sub-languages that are called dialects. A dialect is a form of speech peculiar to a district, class or people. It is a subordinative variety of a language with distinguishable vocabulary, pronunciation or idioms.

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45. a) Respond to the following Advertisement with Bio-Data (Write XXX for your name and YYY for your address)

**WANTED**  
**ACCOUNTS OFFICER**  
 The applicant should be an experienced graduate either male or female - Apply with full Bio - data to Box no - 106, C/O THE HINDU, Chennai - 2

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to the Editor of the news paper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and occupying parking zone.
46. a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
- i) The doctor treated the injured ----- with ----- (patience / patients)
  - ii) How ----- you open my bag? (Use a semi modal verb)
  - iii) ----- rain, take an umbrella. (Use a suitable prepositional phrase)
  - iv) We ----- (see) a wonderful film at the cinema last night. (Use a suitable tense form)

(OR)

- b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.
- i) Brutus stabbed Caesar by a dagger.
  - ii) I go to school by walk.
  - iii) I borrowed these books at the library.
  - iv) Though he is ill, but he attends the class.
  - v) Pradeep is my cousin brother.
47. a) Develop the following hints into a story of 150 words.
- A milk man - became wealthy - dishonest way - had to cross a river - reached city - mixed - river water - sold - customers bought - good profit - went around - purchased articles - clothes - returned to river - while crossing - boat capsized - all purchases lost - right punishment - for greed

(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 the black widow spider cause?
- (iii) Which causes malaria and yellow fever?
- (iv) How do mosquitoes spread disease?
- (v) Where do the insects breed?