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Time : 3.00 Hrs.

Half Yearly Examination- 2024

ENGLISH

Marks : 90

PART - I

Note: i) Answer all the questions.**20 x 1 = 20****ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write both the option code and the corresponding answer for each question.**

- I. Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.**
- There is also the mysterious social etiquette surrounding the teapot.
a) rudeness b) acceptable behavior c) improper manners d) misbehavior
 - In those days, they didn't have sophisticated heart surgery.
a) well advanced b) harsh c) simple d) basic
 - The liberties of everybody must be curtailed.
a) increased b) reduced c) unlimited d) raised
- II. Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:**
- We bought their biggest basket and then set off
a) ordered b) took c) sold d) purchased
 - Just as we thought our chuckles had subsided.
a) increased b) abated c) slumped d) eased
 - The end of such liberty would be universal chaos.
a) confusion b) orderliness c) disorder d) commotion
 - Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.
The medical shop is round the corner.
a) in the farthest end b) near the junction c) at the short distance d) around the traffic circle
 - The government offers funds to support elite athletics in his country.
a) uneducated b) the best c) rural c) urban
 - Choose the correct expansion of CA.
a) Chief Accountant b) Central Accountant c) Central Agency d) Chartered Accountant
 - Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition.
She left _____ he arrived.
a) across b) before c) for d) from
 - Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'school girl'.
a) noun + Adjective b) Adverb + noun c) noun + noun d) Adjective + noun
 - Choose the right combination for the blended word biopic.
a) biography+pic b) biograph+picture c) bio+pic d) biographical+picture
 - Choose the clipped form of the word public house.
a) public b) house c) pub d) pulse
 - Choose the right definition for the given term.
Numismatics is the study of _____
a) numbers b) money and coin c) speech sounds d) lunatics
 - Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word just.
a) un___ b) in___ c) mis___ d) il___
 - Choose the correct question tag for the following statement. Our team will win the match, _____?
a) will we b) willn't we c) won we d) won't we

17. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.
Rajini submitted his resignation last week and is unemployed right now.
a) unpaid b) on probation c) retired d) between jobs
18. Choose the correct pattern for the following pattern.
Nivi taught me English.
a) SVCA b) SVAA c) SVIODO d) SVOC
19. Choose the correct American English word for the given British word. Postcode
a) area code b) zip code c) pen code d) number code
20. Choose the correct plural form of the word octopus.
a) octopuses b) octopus c) octopii d) octopi

PART - II SECTION - 1

- II. Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follows:**

4 x 2 = 8

21. 'Our only enemy was gold
And we had no arms to fight it with '
i) Why did the poet say 'our only enemy was gold'?'
ii) What does the word 'it' refer to?
22. "Therefore I fain would consecrate a lay
Unto thy honour".
i) Which tree is referred here? i
ii) What does the expression "fain" convey here?
23. "They have their exits and their entrances?"
i) What do 'exits' and 'entrances' denote?
ii) Find the figure of speech used in these lines.
24. "For some three suns to store and hoard myself
And this gray spirit yearning in desire".
i) Explain "three suns".
ii) Who speaks these words?
25. "Let him have lazy days seeking his deeper motives.
Let him seek deep for where he is born natural".
i) Why does the son may need lazy days?
ii) What is the figure of speech used here?
26. "A film the mother-eagle's eye
When her bruised eaglet breathes"
i) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines?
ii) Explain the comparison.

SECTION - 2

- III. Do as directed:**

3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three questions.

27. Repost the dialogue.
Nikhil : What are you searching for?
Anu : I am searching for my physics record note book.
28. Change into the other voice form. I completed my homework yesterday.
29. Change into compound sentence. Unless you have a valid passport, you can't leave the country.
30. If you should need any help, just call me. [Begin with should]

PART - III SECTION - 1**Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.****2 x 3 = 6**

31. "What is that dirge-like murmur that I hear".
32. "The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slippered pantaloons". /
33. "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield".

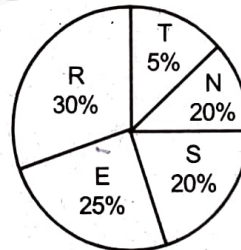
SECTION - 2**Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each.****2 x 3 = 6**

34. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Bernard learnt from the boys?
35. When did the children get over the fear of sitting on the chair?
36. Define liberty as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.

SECTION - 3**Answer any three of the following:****3 x 3 = 9**

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.
 - a) Like _____ like son.
 - i) mother ii) father iii) brother
 - b) Variety is the spice of _____.
 - i) life ii) creation iii) hardwork
 - c) A bold _____ is half the battle.
 - i) mind ii) heart iii) decision
38. Prepare an exam checklist for a student appearing for the public exam.
39. Write a dialogue of minimum 3 more exchanges.

Student: May I come in Sir?
Teacher: Yes. Stand here. Why do you always come late?
40. Study the pie-chart given and answer the questions that follow.
Distribution of students at institutions



- i) Which institute is least preferred by the student?
- ii) What are the two institutes equally preferred by the students?
- iii) Which institute is highly preferred by the student?

PART - IV**Answer all the questions.****7 x 5 = 35****Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

41. a) Adversity brings out the best as well as the worst in people.
Elucidate this statement with reference to the story, "Two Gentlemen of Verona". (OR)
- b) What do you infer from Gardener's essay 'On the Rule of the Road'?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph about 150 words.
 - a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem, "All the world's a stage".
 - b) How was the young soldier's patriotism described in the poem, "Incident of the French Camp".
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.
 - a) Pi – survived – shipwreck – life boat – gets stranded in the Pacific – Bengal tiger – Richard Parker – Pi searched for water – Elixir of life – overcome fear – realized that alive – because of Parker – helped

him survive for 227 days – left Parker in a jungle reunited – family. (OR)

b) Children of Venus – glimpse of the Sun – after seven years – Margot stood apart – William - shoved – Ohio – Children hated her – locked in a closet – rain stopped. Sun came out – children laughed – ran among trees – boom of the thunder – one of them – remembered – unlocked the door – only silence – let Margot out.

44. **a) Write a summary of the following.**

No study of English can be completed without a reference dictionary of idioms. A very useful and easily available reference material is The Collins Dictionary of English Idioms. This dictionary contains clearly explained meanings of over three thousand common English idioms. To make the meaning even clearer, and to show you how the idiom can be used, each idiom is provided with a suitable sample sentence. In this dictionary, the emphasis is on 'true' idioms. Those are expressions whose meanings cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain. The dictionary also provides a great many variations in the way these idioms are used. The main emphasis, however is on providing an understanding of the meaning of the idioms, rather than attempting to be a complete guide to idiomatic usage. (OR)

b) Write a paragraph on "The Importance of Personal Hygiene".

45. **a) Write a letter to the Professor of English asking him to be the Chief Guest For a function in your school. (OR)**

b) Write a letter to your uncle about your aspiration to join in a computer course.

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

i) I can speak English beside Hindi.

ii) I have ordered for a cup of tea.

iii) She kept the book in the table.

iv) Earth revolves around the Sun.

v) Neither Vaishnavi nor Sudharsana are intelligent. (OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

i) The priest wanted to _____ the _____ (attar / alter)

ii) I _____ speak French, Hindi and English. [Fill in the blank with a modal verb]

iii) If I were a lion, I _____ (live) in the forest. [Fill in the blank with the proper tense]

iv) _____ (read) is my favourite hobby. [Use the gerundial form of the verb in the bracket]

47. **a) Identify each of the following sentences with fields given below:**

i) Rice contains more carbohydrates. ii) The monitor displays the menu. iii) We go by train to Mysore.

iv) Newspapers bring news from all parts of the world. v) Michael Jackson was known as King of Pop.

[Travel, Music, Nutrition and Dietetics, Computer, Media] (OR)

b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Discipline is the most essential virtue you should acquire when you are young. It is a complex quality. It shapes your mind to religious, social and economic patterns when you grow up to be an active citizen. At a young age, we don't realize the value of discipline. As children, we merely long for unlimited freedom, without understanding the meaning of discipline. An athlete disciplines himself and keeps himself fit. He refrains from smoking, observes good food habits and keeps good health. Discipline increases the human energy and implies control, resistance and adjustment. Our energy is saved and made vital for a good output.

Questions: i) The word 'essential' means: a) necessary b) important c) compulsory

ii) How does discipline aid a citizen?

iii) Why don't children want discipline?

iv) Mention some ways in which an athlete maintains discipline.

v) How is discipline beneficial to human beings?