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Virudhunagar District  
Common Half Yearly Exam, December - 2024

## Standard 12

### ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

**Instructions:** (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

(2) Use Black and Blue ink to write and underline.

#### PART - I

Answer all the questions.

20 x 1 = 20

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 underlined words in the following sentences.

1. Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human a life.  
a) good                      b) great                      c) dignity                      d) honour
2. His shoulder and arm were amputated.  
a) fixed                      b) joined                      c) cut off                      d) mended
3. A few people from the house of bereavement stood outside.  
a) Rejoice                      b) celebration                      c) grief                      d) war

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

4. They are sufficient to show how the business has become  
a) enough                      b) scarce                      c) suffocative                      d) submissive
5. It would be enough to get us down if used sparingly.  
a) economically                      b) frugally                      c) lavishly                      d) freely
6. Harsh or easy, conventional or odd  
a) fundamental                      b) normal                      c) unconventional                      d) significant
7. Replace the underlined phrasal verb with a single word.  
They will stand by their leader.  
a) help                      b) patronize                      c) respect                      d) support
8. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word:  
Add a suitable prefix to the word 'mature'  
a) un                      b) im                      c) pre                      d) post
9. Choose a suitable meaning for the given idiom.  
When they had to climb through deep new snow, the party sometimes had to wait for the dust to settle.  
a) view with suspicion                      b) to wait for a situation to come clear  
c) to wait for someone                      d) at the last moment
10. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'Stepping'.  
a) room                      b) paper                      c) stone                      d) bird
11. Choose the right combination for the given blended words in the following 'smog'  
a) smo+ fog                      b) smoke + fog                      c) smoking + fog                      d) smoky + foggy
12. Replace the underlined word with the polite form of expression.  
In prison Aksionov learnt to make boots.  
a) correctional facility                      b) lock-up                      c) reformatory                      d) jail house
13. Choose the correct American English word for 'Bonnet'.  
a) Truck                      b) Hoot                      c) Hood                      d) Boot
14. Choose the correct expansion form of "UPS".  
a) Uninterrupted Power Supply                      b) Uninterrupted Power System  
c) Uniform Power Supply                      d) Uninterrupted Purification System
15. Choose the correct clipped form of the word 'demarcate'  
a) dema                      b) marcate                      c) mark                      d) demar
16. One who always sees bright side of things is called as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) optimist                      b) globetrotter                      c) bibliophile                      d) Philanthropist
17. Choose the meaning of the given foreign words in the sentences.  
He met his old friend en-route.  
a) accidentally                      b) on the way                      c) incidentally                      d) unexpectedly
18. Choose the correct syllabification word from the following  
a) Ne-ces-sa-ry                      b) neces-sary                      c) nece-ss-ary                      d) nece-ssa-ry
19. Choose the correct plural form of the word "man servant"  
a) man servants                      b) men servant                      c) men servants                      d) mans servants
20. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.  
He made his son an IAS officer.  
a) SVIDO                      b) SVDIO                      c) SVOA                      d) SVOC

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## PART - II

## SECTION - A

4 x 2 = 8

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

21. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,  
so smooth and high, no man could win."

- How safe was the castle?
- What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

22. "Like a huge python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars"

- What is winding round and round?
- Identify the figure of speech in the first line.

23. "Then the whining school boy, with his satchel  
And shining morning face, creeping like snail  
Unwillingly to school."

- Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
- How does the boy go to school?

24. "..... for my purpose holds  
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths  
Of all the western stars, until I die."

- What was Ulysses' purpose in life?
- How long would his venture last?

25. "Tell him time as a stuff can be wasted.  
Tell him to be a fool every so often"

- Why does the poet suggest that time can be wasted?
- Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

26. "Then off there flung in smiling joy  
And held himself erect"

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

## SECTION - B

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Report the dialogue.

Ravi: What are your plans for summer holiday?

Rajan: I have no special plans.

Ravi: Do you like the idea of going to kodaikanal?

Rajan: Yes, That's a good idea. We shall make arrangements for that.

28. By whom were you interviewed?

(Change into Active voice)

29. I met a man at the party. He is the chairman of a computer firm.

(Combine the sentences into single sentence)

30. If you should be late once again, you will lose your job. (Begin with 'should')

## PART - III

## SECTION - A

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech"

32. "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

33. "To see your flag-bird flap his vans Where I, to heart's desire, Perched him!"

## SECTION - B

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

2 x 3 = 6

34. According to the author, what does the phrase 'a nice cup of tea' refer to?

35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

36. When did the children shy away from the chair?

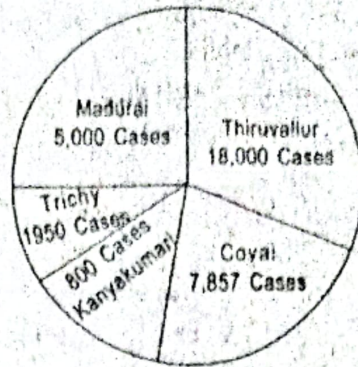
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SECTION - C

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Study the pie-chart given and write three sentences on your inference about the data. No. of Corona Cases in specified district



38. Build a dialogue of atleast three utterances between a student and his mother regarding online classes.

39. Describe the process of cleaning the salt - stained and slippery floor tiles in your wash room.

40. Complete the proverb.

- a) The \_\_\_\_\_ is always greener on the other side. (parrot/grass/stream)  
 b) Every dog has its \_\_\_\_\_. (bone/meat/day)  
 c) The squeaky wheel gets the \_\_\_\_\_. (grease/water/oil)

## PART - IV

Answer the following.

7 x 5 = 35

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

a) What was the driving force that made the boys do various jobs?

(or)

b) "My right to swing ends, where your nose begins." Elucidate with reference to, '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 in the poem, "All the World's a stage".

(or)

b) List the roles and responsibilities Ulysses assigns to his son Telemachus, while he is away.

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 - 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) Children of Venus - glimpse of the sun - after seven years - Margot stood apart - William - shoved and disliked - remembered - sun - four years - Ohio - children hated her - told her - a joke - locked in a closet - rain stopped - sun came out - children laughed - ran among trees - boom of thunder - children trembled - one of them remembered - looked at each other - unlocked closet door - only silence - let Margot out.

44. a) Make summary of the following passage in about 100 words.

One of the key factors which sustain the pace of modern life style is Telecommunication. It plays a key role in the commercial, industrial and economic activities of mankind and has helped to shrink the world into a global village. Exchange of information, data and facts and figures, including live pictures from one part of the world to any other part is now routinely possible. Telegraph was the earliest means of communication between two points separated by distance. In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell discovered the telephone which made possible the transmission of human voice over long distances. In both the telegraph and telephone, the transmitting and receiving points have to be connected by metal wires through which electrical signals travel in the form of current variations. The discovery of wireless at the turn of the

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century by Marconi was a revolution in the history of communication technology. It is no longer necessary to connect the transmitter and the receiver by wires. Instead electromagnetic waves, the existence of which was predicted by Maxwell in 1873, could be used to carry information and message from one point to another. The advent of artificial satellites has marked a new age in the history of global communication.

(or)

b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words, on the topic. "Youth- the Power of the nation"

45. a) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate mark sheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling.

(or)

b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone.

46. a) Spot the errors in the following sentences and correct them.

- i) Though he is poor but he is happy.
- ii) He gave me an one rupee note.
- iii) One of his sons are a doctor in the United States of America.
- iv) She prefers coffee than tea.
- v) As I am suffering from fever, so give me two days leave.

(or)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) Those who are \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_ dare not do mistakes. (conscious, conscience)
- ii) He \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) ten years of service next July. (use the correct tense form)
- iii) Students \_\_\_\_\_ prepare well for competition. (Fill the blank with suitable modal)
- iv) The Headmaster thanked the chief guest \_\_\_\_\_ all the staff. (Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositional)

47. a) Develop the following hints into a story.

Manager of a firm – advertised for night watchman – received many applications – not happy with them – found something wrong with them – Raju an applicant – waiting patiently – feeling drowsy – manager questioned him – suffering from sleeplessness – manager happy – appoints him immediately

(or)

b) Identify each sentence with the field in the list given below.

(Education, Industry, Medicine, Computer, Sport)

- i) The quality of tea produced in the experimental automated factory is encouraging.
- ii) Every physician knows that even a negative report contributes a diagnosis.
- iii) In this competitive world, one should have – good communication skills to get a job.
- iv) He hit a huge six in the last over of the match.
- v) The monitor displays the menu.