

Class : 12

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Number**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2024 - 25**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

**ENGLISH
PART - I**

[Max. Marks : 90

I. 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 synonym of the underlined word in the following sentences:

1. They were childish and in many ways artless
a) innocent b) artistic c) foolish d) wicked
 2. Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.
a) bearable a) massive c) unattended d) common
 3. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.
a) welfare b) anxiety c) lawlessness d) deprivation
- Choose the Antonym of the underlined word in the following sentences.
4. There he was sitting in splendor on chair.
a) dejection b) simplicity c) shame d) laziness
 5. One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic.
a) pessimistic b) realistic c) pragmatic d) naturalistic
 6. From here, the ridge narrowed to a knife.
a) Enlarged b) widened c) big d) broad
 7. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'wind' to form a compound word
a) fan b) proof c) man d) pulse
 8. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
Fertile soil is essential for the growth of plants.
a) un b) ir c) in d) dis
 9. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
The enemies stopped the water supply to the city.
a) put out b) broke in c) cut off d) let in
 10. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom in the following sentence.
The finance Department should get the ducks in a row before the audit.
a) be well - connected b) be well - trained
c) be well - organized d) be well - advanced
 11. The study of principles of beauty is -----
a) aesthetics b) numismatics c) phonetics d) linguistics
 12. Complete the sentence choosing an appropriate linker.
----- you register your name, you cannot participate in the Kalai Thiruvizha.
a) if b) otherwise c) as d) unless
 13. Identify the correct combination of the word 'Sunlight'
a) Adjective + verb b) Noun + Noun c) Gerund + verb d) Adverb + Noun
 14. Choose the unclipped form of 'Sci - fi'.
a) Scientist Fiction b) Science Fiction c) Scientific Fiction d) Sensitive Fiction
 15. Find out the correct sentence pattern
Ravi gave Raja a pen on his birthday
a) SVOA b) SVIODOA c) SVOAA d) SVOCA
 16. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Don't commit this mistake again -----?
a) do you? b) would you? c) will you? d) won't you?
 17. Pick out the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.
a) awefully b) awfully c) awefully d) awfuly
 18. Choose the monosyllabic word from the given option.
a) trifle b) alarm c) vague d) worthy
 19. What is the expansion of 'EMI'?.
a) Easy Monthly installment b) Easy Money Investment
c) Equated Monthly installment d) Equal Modern Income
 20. Choose the right plural form of the word 'apparatus'.
a) apparatuses b) apparati c) apparatusis d) apparaties

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PART - II
SECTION - 1

- Choose any FOUR of the following sets of poetic lines and answer follow:
21. "Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow".
 (a) Whose action is described here?
 (b) What is meant by 'prone brow'?
 22. "..... and free imaginations
Bringing changes into a world resenting change".
 a) How does free imaginations help the world?
 b) Identify the figure of speech.
 23. "..... 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?
 24. Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation".
 a) Which stage is referred here and what's its feature?
 b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
 25. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung,
In crimson clusters all the bough among!".
 a) Who is the giant here?
 b) Pick out the words of alliteration in the given lines.
 26. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could wind".
 a) How safe was the castle?
 b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

SECTION - 2

- Do as directed
- Answer any three questions
27. Rewrite in Indirect Speech:
Teacher said, "The Govt. exams begin from 3rd of March 2025".
 28. If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview. (Begin with 'Had')
 29. My mother is knitting the sweaters. (Change into the other voice)
 30. After removing the shoes, the boy jumped into the river. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)

PART III - SECTION - 1

- Answer ANY SEVEN of the following questions.
- Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.
31. "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield".
 32. "I am killed, Sire!" And his Chief beside,
Smiling, the boy fell dead".
 33. "And one man in his time plays many parts".

SECTION - 2

- Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.
34. How did the liberty cause universal chaos and define the word 'Liberty drunk'?
 35. What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicola and Jacopo?
 36. How was the chair made and how were they compared?

SECTION - 3

- Answer any three of the following:
- Write a slogan on each of the following topics.
37.
 - a) Avoid junk food
 - b) Save Electricity
 - c) Planting trees

8. Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below.
- a) Keep your friends close and your _____ closer.
- i) relatives ii) enemies iii) neighbours
- b) Variety is the _____ of life.
- i) source ii) spice iii) Need
- c) Necessity is the mother of _____
- i) adventure ii) innovation iii) Invention

9. Write the methods to open an account in the post office.

10. Rearrange the jumbled sentence.
- a) a road / never / a turning / without / there is
- b) spoil / and / rod / spare / the / child / the
- c) before / don't / chickens / hatch / your / count / they

Answer all the following questions.

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

7x5=35

- a) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home after the arrival of the chair.

(OR)

- b) Enumerate the eleven golden rules to be followed to prepare a perfect cup of tea, as suggested by George Orwell.

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) Bring out the qualities of the young French soldier as portrayed by the poet in 'Incident of the French Camp'.

12. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) Aksionov – young merchant of Vladimir – small family – trip to Nizhny Fair – meets merchant friend – stays at inn – Aksionov arrested – murder case – shifted to mines of Siberia – innocent convict for 26 years – grew old and weak – spent time in prayers – life of saint – respected by inmates – meets Makar saves him – Makar feels guilty – confesses his crime – Aksionov forgives criminal – dies peacefully – order for release.

(OR)

- b) Lord Weston – Judge in England – Roger's request – holiday – not happy – discover a piece of paper – "Remember Caesar" – plot to kill – victim of fair judgment – warning message on Caesar's assassination – 15th March – takes precautionary measures – shuts doors and windows – sends away cook and gardener – Weston recollects – remind message – Caesar, a gardener – appointment given – Weston's absent – mindedness

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

Have you ever tried taking notes in class, missing certain words and your pen can't keep up with your teacher's speaking speed? How about we tell you there is a way to write as fast as the speaker? A way to capture every word with perfect accuracy is related to stenography!

Shorthand is widely referred to as stenographer - an art of writing quickly using specialised symbols and abbreviations. The word 'stenography' is derived from the Greek 'steno' meaning narrow and 'graphein' meaning to write.

Advantages of stenography in today's time

- Accuracy** : Stenographers capture every spoken word with precision and accuracy to provide comprehensive transcripts.
- Speed** : Stenographers can type up to 225 words per minute which makes it essential for live reporting. Stenography allows people to write the essence of the spoken words.
- Security** : In a legal proceeding or important meetings, it is important to keep matters confidential that's when stenographers come into play. They provide a sense of security by transcribing in steno language that is always understandable by digital system or people.

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PART - I $20 \times 1 = 20$

Answers

- 1) a) innocent
- 2) d) common
- 3) c) lawlessness
- 4) b) simplicity
- 5) a) pessimistic
- 6) b) widened
- 7) b) wind proof
- 8) c) infertile
a) unfertile
- 9) c) cut off
- 10) c) be well-organised
- 11) a) aesthetics
- 12) d) unless
- 13) b) Noun + Noun
- 14) b) Science fiction
- 15) b) SV 10 DO A
- 16) c) will you?
- 17) b) awfully
- 18) c) vague
- 19) c) Equated
monthly installment
- 20) a) apparatuses

PART - II Sec-A

(Any four) $4 \times 2 = 8$

- 21) a) Napoleon's action.
b) brow inclined downward to contemplate on serious matters.
- 22) a) bring changes.
b) Transferred epithet.
- 23) a) To sail / travel
b) until death
- 24) a) fourth stage / soldier; jealous
b) short lived glory
- 25) a) The Casuarina Tree
b) crimson - clusters
- 26) a) The gates were strong & walls were thick.
b) No one can enter.

(Any three) Sec-B $3 \times 2 = 6$

27. The teacher told that the govt. exams would begin from 3rd of March 2025.
28. Had I come earlier, I would have attended the interv.
29. The sweaters are being knitted by my mother.
30. The boy removed his shoes, and then he jumped in.

Part-III

Answer any seven.

Section - 1

Explain any two (ERC) $2 \times 3 = 6$

31. Ulysses - Alfred Tennyson.
 32. Incident of the French Camp - Robert Browning
 33. All the world's a stage - William Shakespeare

Section - 2

Short Answers (Any Two) $2 \times 3 = 6$

34. Unconstrained individual liberty can lead to universal chaos. If everyone were to act without considering the rights of others, it would lead to confusion. People who prioritize their personal liberty are liberty drunk.
 35. sell strawberries, newspapers, shine shoes, guide tourists, run errands.
 36. made of black wood by a carpenter from the neighbouring village. Compared to Ram Lakshmana

Section-3 . (Any three) $3 \times 3 = 9$

7. slogans - junk food, electricity, tree plantation.
 3. ii) enemies, ii) spice, iii) invention

Process of opening a post office account
 a) There is never a road without a turn
 b) Spare the rod and spoil the child
 c) Don't count your chickens before the hatch.

Part - IV

7x5 = 35

Answer all

- 41 a) The Chair or b) A Nice Cup of Tea.
- 42 a) All the World's a stage or b) French Camp.
- 43 a) God sees the truth or Remember Caesar
- 44 a) Summary or make notes (or) paragraph
(Rules & regulations)
- 45 a) Letter to a company stating damage..
- b) Letter to uncle parking his vehicles
safely.
- 46 a) to throw b) shall we? c) The least man
d) Coffee to tea
(or)
- a) ~~were~~ had seen b) some c) would
d) threw e) Whenever / As / Since
- 47 a) story.
- b) a) to reduce the number of people
killed in accidents -
b) discussions are being conducted regul
c) 1,43,077
d) Rushing to an urgent appointment,
e) fine, ban on driving.

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