

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION -2024

CLASS:12

ENGLISH

Reg.No

Time : 3.00 Hours

MARKS : 90

## PART - I

- (i) Answer **all** the questions. 20x1=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.

Choose the **most appropriate synonyms** of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- Suddenly, I realized that these two children had given me a profound lesson in getting on with the business of living.  
 (a) very small (b) very great (c) little (d) professional
- China tea has virtues which are not to be despised nowadays.  
 (a) developed (b) dismissed (c) loved (d) hated
- Anna said exasperatedly, "Good chair we made. For the corpses of our village to sit on. Tchai!  
 (a) annoyingly (b) lethargically (c) relaxedly (d) pleasingly

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

- We saw our friends doing brisk business.  
 (a) beautiful (b) brave (c) inactive (d) active
- A stout old lady was walking ..... to the confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself.  
 (a) safety (b) punishment (c) danger (d) risk
- The soft snow made a route on top of the ridge both difficult and dangerous.  
 (a) smooth (b) flexible (c) strong (d) hard
- Choose the word that can be added after 'show' to form a compound word.  
 (a) head (b) cause (c) play (d) gas
- Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the ball hit the glass window, the owner of the house warned the children.  
 (a) Though (b) If (c) When (d) Therefore
- Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.  
 Brinda was confident \_\_\_\_\_ getting the job.  
 (a) of (b) at (c) with (d) to
- Form a new word by adding a suitable 'prefix' to the underlined word.  
 Our school headmaster will call you to arrange a meeting.  
 (a) in (b) fore (c) dis (d) non
- Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.  
 Sharmila never comes late to office, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 (a) doesn't she (b) does she (c) isn't she (d) did she
- Replace the British English word with its equivalent in American English.  
 My friend's car window was smashed and the indicator lights were flashing.  
 (a) antenna (b) wind shield (c) faucet (d) turn signal
- Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the given sentence.  
 The team's defeat in the final match came like a bolt out of a clear sky.  
 (a) powerful event (b) suspicious event (c) unexpected news (d) most wanted win
- Choose the clipped form of 'perambulator'.  
 (a) peram (b) pram (c) ramtor (d) rambul
- Choose the right expansion of the abbreviation 'GST'.  
 (a) Goods and Sales Tax (b) Gas and Service Tax  
 (c) Goods and Standard Tax (d) Goods and Service Tax
- Replace the phrasal verb with the most appropriate word.  
 Gautam Gambhir took over as the head coach of the Indian men's cricket team.  
 (a) resigned (b) took lead (c) left (d) met by chance

17. Identify the right pattern of the following sentence.  
The President gave Mrs. Indhu Mukund an award.  
(a) SVIODO (b) SVOC (c) SVDOIO (d) SVO
18. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.  
(a) foreign (b) choclate (c) evolusion (d) amatuier
19. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.  
Arundhati Roy is an \_\_\_\_\_ Indian author.  
(a) imminent (b) immune (c) eminent (d) emitted
20. \_\_\_\_\_ is one who studies atmosphere, weather and climate.  
(a) Seismologist (b) Geologist (c) Archaeologist (d) Meteorologist

**PART - II**  
**SECTION - 1**

Choose **any four** of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the question that follow. 4x2=8

21. .... and free imaginations  
Bringing changes into a world resenting change.  
(a) How does free imagination help the world?  
(b) Identify the figure of speech.
22. 'You're wounded!' 'Nay', his soldier's pride  
Touched to the quick, he said:  
(a) Why did the boy contradict Napoleon's words?  
(b) Why was his pride touched?
23. Like a huge Python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars  
(a) What winds round and round like a python?  
(b) Mention the figure of speech in the first line.
24. And then the justice,  
In fair round belly with good capon lin'd,  
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,  
(a) Whom does justice refer to?  
(b) Describe his appearance.
25. Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'  
Gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades  
(a) What is experience compared to?  
(b) How do the lines convey that the experience is endless?
26. We could do nothing, being sold:  
Our only enemy was gold,  
(a) Why couldn't they do anything?  
(b) Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines.

**SECTION - 2**

Do as directed. Answer **any three** questions.

3x2= 6

27. The pilot said to the passengers, "The plane will land in Delhi at 9 p.m." (Change into indirect speech)
28. The mountain was steep but he was able to climb it. (Rewrite as a complex sentence)
29. People burn a great deal of wood in winter. (Change into passive voice)
30. Mahatma Gandhi stood for Ahimsa. The whole world knows it. (Rewrite into a single sentence)

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

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

2x3=6

31. A gray baboon sits statue-like alone  
Watching the sunrise

32. And guide him among sudden betrayals  
And tighten him for slack moments
33. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,  
So smooth and high, no man could win

## SECTION - 2

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

2x3=6

34. When did the children shy away from the chair?
35. Dr. Barnard couldn't find any nobility in suffering. Why?
36. According to the author, what does the phrase 'a nice cup of tea' refer to?

## SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following.

3x3=9

37. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.
- (a) until / waited / me / rejoined / I / outside / the boys
- (b) important / is / what / have left / you / is / what
- (c) heroism / of / great / the / rare / sacrifice / and / are / moments
38. Write the process of preparing apple juice.
39. Write a dialogue between a student and the class teacher regarding an educational trip.
40. Complete the proverbs by choosing the right word from the list.
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is next to Godliness.  
(i) Happiness (ii) Cleanliness (iii) Loneliness
- (b) Birds of same feather flock \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) separately (ii) high (iii) together
- (c) Don't count your \_\_\_\_\_ before they hatch.  
(i) chickens (ii) goats (iii) cows

## PART - IV

Answer the following.

7x5=35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.
- (a) What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?
- (OR)
- (b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the Rule of the Road'?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.
- (a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in "All the World's a Stage".
- (OR)
- (b) What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of 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) Life on the planet Venus – raining for seven years – sun appearing once in seven years – school children – nine years old – forgotten the sun – longed for the sun – Margot from Earth – came to Venus five years ago – knew more about the sun – William and other children hated her – locked her in a room – sun came – children very happy – only for an hour – rain again – children remembered Margot – let Margot out.
44. (a) Make summary of the following passage.
- Life is a journey. World is a reality. Sometimes people are depressed when given to many expectations on their journey towards success. That's what reality is all about. We have learned about

pain and happiness ever since we were born. That's the relationship between humans and the world. As humans, we make mistakes and without our mistakes, we can't learn about the world. That's why we learned the meaning of motivation to make us stronger even after experiencing the reality of the world. Motivation is something that cannot be understood with words. It means to be moved by something so strongly. It becomes an inspiration for you. No matter where that motivation comes from, it can be a strong tool that helps to get ahead in life. For being motivated, we need a driving tool or goal that keeps us moving forward. Moreover, your goal does not have to be too big and long term, they can be small and empowering. Some people wish to just have a normal and simple life but some people wish to have a fancy life. We need to believe in ourselves no matter how big it is or how small the dream is. Because dreams do come true. Apart from that, when we talk about dreams and wishes, the path that we take to reach them matters. We might fail and keep on trying again but remember, failing now does not mean you are a failure. It's an experience to make us a better person. All you need is the courage to walk the unfamiliar and daunting path again.

(OR)

(b) Write a paragraph on the need for Moral Education in schools.

45. (a) Write a letter to the manager of Waves Furniture Company ordering furniture for a coaching centre. Include the furniture, number of pieces, mode of payment, time and delivery options.

(OR)

(b) You have chosen Computer Science in the Higher Secondary Course. Write a letter to your friend giving reasons for your choice.

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

- (i) Geetha as well as her friends have won the prize.
- (ii) No sooner did the power resume when the children screamed in joy.
- (iii) If I were a bird, I will fly.
- (iv) As we were late so we apologized.
- (v) We saw an European yesterday.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The nurse tried in \_\_\_\_\_ to get the \_\_\_\_\_. (vein / vain)
- (ii) Sharvin \_\_\_\_\_ play football when he was a student. (Use a semi-modal verb)
- (iii) Arthy \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up at 5 every morning. (Fill in the blank with the right tense form)
- (iv) Can you get me \_\_\_\_\_ butter? (Use an appropriate determiner)

47. (a) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.

Two women – quarrel over – a small baby – brought before a judge – listened to women – confused – he ordered – cut the child part – one woman – screamed out loudly – gave up claim – other woman – remained quiet – Judge recognized – the real mother – the woman who gave up claim – given the baby – the other woman – sent to prison.

(OR)

(b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Habits are automatic responses to specific situations, learned through repetition and experience. They can be both beneficial and detrimental to our lives. Good habits, such as regular exercise or healthy eating, can improve our physical and mental well-being. On the other hand, bad habits, like smoking or procrastination, can harm our health and relationships. To change a habit, we must first become aware of it, then identify the trigger that sets it off, and finally replace it with a new, healthier habit. By understanding and controlling our habits, we can transform our lives and become more productive, confident, and successful individuals.

**Questions:**

- (i) What are habits according to the passage?
- (ii) What can good habits improve?
- (iii) Mention two bad habits mentioned in the passage.
- (iv) What is the first step in changing a habit?
- (v) How can we become confident and successful individuals?

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1. b) Very great
  2. d) hated
  3. a) annoyingly
  4. c) inactive
  5. a) Safety
  6. d) hard
  7. b) Cause
  8. c) when
  9. a) of
  10. c) dis
  11. b) does she
  12. d) turn signal
  13. c) unexpected news.
  14. b) pram
  15. d) Goods and Service Tax
  16. b) took lead.
  17. a) SYODO
  18. a) Foreign
  19. c) eminent
  20. d) Meteorologist
40. a) ii) Cleanliness  
b) iii) together  
c) i) Chickens.
46. a) (i) have - has  
(ii) when - then  
(iii) will - would  
(iv) remove "so".  
(v) am - a
- b) i) Vain, vein  
ii) used to  
iii) gets  
iv) Some.

## Grammar

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