

HALF YEARLY EXAM --- DECEMBER 2024

XII STD

LANGUAGE --- PART II --- ENGLISH

TIME ALLOWED: 3.00 Houřs]

[MAXIMUM MARKS: 90

PART - I

20 x 1 = 20

Answer All The Questions.

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

- The snow on this face was dangerous, but we persisted in our efforts....
a) continued b) focussed c) rejoiced d) survived
- I felt I could not bear to intrude upon this happy family party.
a) advise b) support c) quarrel d) enter without permission
- He is the symbol of tyranny, but of liberty.
a) democracy b) autocracy c) bureaucracy d) aristocracy

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

- China tea has virtues which are not to be despised nowadays.
a) hated b) liked c) respected d) defeated
- Where this was concerned, Maamanaar was unmatched.
a) excellent b) incomparable c) supreme d) inferior
- Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.
a) common b) annoying c) uncommon d) interesting
- Choose the correct meaning for the term 'photophobia'.
a) fear of water b) fear of light c) fear of camera d) fear of photo
- Choose the word that cannot be placed after the word 'water' to form a compound word.
a) fall b) proof c) man d) hard
- Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.
The burning question for the management is whether to continue with the new project.
a) difficult question b) hard question c) many questions d) main problem
- The expanded form of the abbreviation JEE.
a) Joint Engineering Entrance b) Joint Entrance Examination
c) Job Eligibility Examination d) Junior Entrance Examination
- Fill in the blank with suitable article from the options given below.
India is.....largest democracy in the world.
a) the b) a c) an d) no article
- Choose the correct meaning for the underlined phrasal verb.
Hari turned down the job offer given by a leading MNC.
a) accepted b) rejected c) depended d) prepared
- Choose the appropriate question tag.
The landlady will charge me for the damage,
a) didn't she? b) won't she? c) doesn't she? d) wasn't she?
- Replace the underlined word with its polite form.
The culprit was sent to jail.
a) facilitation centre b) goodwill centre c) correction centre d) observation home
- Choose the correct preposition for the following sentence.
The sun faded a stir of mist.
a) upon b) behind c) among d) against
- Choose the correct British word for the American word 'period'.
a) holiday b) apartment c) full stop d) schedule
- Choose the right suffix that can be added after the word 'resemble'.
a)ance b)ity c)able d)ful
- Choose the correct sentence pattern.
We must not throw garbage on the streets.

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- a) SVOC b) SVIDO c) SVOA d) SVCA
19. Choose the right combination of the **blended** word 'malware'.
- a) malicious + software b) malice + ware
c) malice + software d) malicious + ware
20. Choose the word which is **correctly** spelt.
- a) hypocrytes b) hippocrites c) hypocrites d) hypocrytes

PART – II

SECTION – 1

Choose **ANY FOUR** of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

21. "That ever with a frolic welcome took
The thunder and sunshine, and opposed" 4 x 2 = 8
- a) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?
b) What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?
22. "A gray baboon sits statue-like alone"
- a) Where did the baboon sit? b) Mention the figure of speech.
23. "Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy,
And this too might serve him."
- a) Why does the poet suggest to take life easy? b) What is the figure of speech used here?
24. "And then the justice,
Full of wise saws and modern instances"
- a) Whom does 'justice' refer to? b) What does he do to show his wisdom?
25. "A little wicked wicket gate.
The wizened warder let them through"
- a) Who was guarding the gate? b) Pick out the alliterated words in the second line.
26. "A film the mother-eagle's eye,
When her bruised eaglet breathes"
- a) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines? b) Explain the comparison.

SECTION – 2

Do as directed

Answer **any THREE** questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Geetha asked Angel whether she would help her to pack her bag.
(Change into Direct Speech)
28. Vivek is taking the kids on a picnic today. (Change into Passive Voice)
29. Unless you have a valid passport, you cannot leave the country.
(Change into Compound Sentence)
30. Mr. Mohan is one of the most generous people in this town. (Change into Positive Degree)

PART – III

SECTION – 1

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "Our captain was brave and we were true."
32. "I cannot rest from travel: I will drink
Life to the lees:
33. "I'm killed Sire, And his Chief beside
Smiling, the boy fell dead"

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. Barnard learnt from the boys?
35. Mention the countries in which tea is a part of civilization.
36. How did Maamanaar handle the chair at home?

Answer any THREE of the following.

37. Write a relevant and catchy slogan on each of the following topics
 (i) Save Water (ii) Blood donation (iii) Mobile phone Network
38. Write THREE sentences of your own using the following table

HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL STUDENTS					
YEAR	MEDICAL	ENGINEERING	ARTS	AGRICULTURE	DIPLOMA
2020-2021	4682	6589	12565	632	1250
2021-2021	4925	7955	14665	653	1415
2022-2023	5301	8500	15364	754	1652
2023-2024	5800	9453	16784	786	1875

39. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.
 a) Beauty is in the eye of the
 b) The bad man always blames his
 c) A burnt child dreads the
 (tools, fire, beholder)
40. Describe the process of organising a birthday party in your house

PART - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following.

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words
 a) Summarize George Orwell's distinctive ideas in 'A nice cup of tea'
 (OR)
 b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the rule of the Road'?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 a) Write a paragraph on the seven stages of man as described by Shakespeare.
 (OR)
 b) How according to Carl August Sandburg, it is possible for his son to bring changes into the world that resents changes?
43. Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints:
 a) Ivan Dmitrich - merchant - Russia - decides business venture - wife - bad dream -
 Ivan disregards - meets another merchant - travel together - retrieve separately -
 stopped by police - pleads guilty - police find blood stained knife - wife does not
 believe - Ivan disappointed - sentenced for 26 years - new prisoners arrive - Makar
 - the real murderer - tries to escape - fails - Ivan did not inform the police - Makar
 admits - Ivan dies peacefully.
 (OR)
 b) Life on Venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children - nine years
 old - forgotten the sun - appeared once in seven years - Margot from Earth - came five years
 before - children hated her - locked in a room - sun came - only for two hours - rained again -
 unblocked the door - let Margot out - missed the chance.
44. a) Write a summary of the following passage.
 Women education is very important for the proper social and economic growth of the
 country. Both men and women are like two sides of the coin and run equally like two wheels of
 the society. Hence both are important elements for the growth and development of the country.
 Thus they require equal opportunity for education. If anyone is neglected, social progress is not
 possible. The female education in India is highly necessary for the future of the country as
 women are the first teachers of their children, the future of the nation. If education of women is
 ignored it would be a deterrent to the bright future of the nation. An uneducated woman cannot
 handle the family give proper care for the children and thus cannot guide the future generation.

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An educated woman may easily handle her family, make each family member responsible, infuse good qualities in children and participate in social work. All these would lead towards socially and economically healthy nation. By educating a man, only a man is educated however by educating a woman, whole country can be educated. Lack of women education weakens the society. So, women should have full rights for education and should not be treated as inferior to men.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on "Need for Moral Education in schools".
45. a) Write a letter to your father regarding the Educational Tour organised in your college.

(OR)

b) Read the following advertisement and respond to it with a resume/bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.

WANTED

A secretary for a publishing company, Male / Female with atleast 2 years experience. Apply to The Managing Director, ABC Publications, Adayar, Chennai – 600 013.

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

- i) This is the most least mark I have ever scored.
- ii) Neither Suresh nor Kamallesh are intelligent.
- iii) Arun is junior than Ajay.
- iv) As the drivers were on strike, so I went back home.
- v) No sooner did the power resume, when the children screamed in joy.

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) The teacher conducts classes for the students twice a (*weak / week*)
 - ii) The patient is critical. He be taken to the hospital. (*Fill in with a suitable semi-modal*)
 - iii) I think Rekha for Chennai next morning. (*leave*)(*Fill in the blank with the right tense form*)
 - iv) You have to hurry you will miss the bus. (*Use a suitable conjunction*)
47. a) Read the following questions and answer the questions below.

The government is taking seriously the issue of road safety and is committed to reducing the number of people killed in accidents. Discussions are being conducted regularly to bring law-makers, law enforcement officers and road users together to discuss ways to tackle the rise in road accidents. Everyone agrees that more needs to be done on road safety in its determination to curb the rate of road incidents in the country. The government is making serious efforts to instil proper road culture in children, young adults and the public in general. Within 10 months, the traffic police issued 1,43,077 summons to motorists for traffic light related offences. The traffic police, however, have taken tough stand against traffic light defaulters by making them pay hefty fines. Typical reasons given for beating traffic lights include rushing to an urgent appointment or even worse, to be completely oblivious of the changing of the lights. Usual punishments include a fine, a ban on driving for a specified time and may even be a prison sentence. Sometimes, the court may even order to pay out compensation if death occurs as a result of the accident.

- i) Why is the government taking the issue of road safety seriously?
- ii) What step is the government taking to tackle the rise in road accidents?
- iii) How many people were caught breaking the rules in the first ten months?
- iv) Give two reasons as to why people said they broke the rules about traffic lights.
- v) Name some of the usual punishments given to those breaking the traffic rules.

(OR)

- b) Write a dialogue of at least of TEN utterances between a TV dealer and a customer.