

S

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Standard - XII

Reg.No.

--	--	--	--	--

Time: 3.00 hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks:90

PART - I

Answer all the questions. Write the correct answer along with the corresponding option code. 20×1=20

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

- Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation.
a) comfort b) peace c) calmness d) annoyance
- _____ under the spout to catch the stray leaves.
a) fresh b) loose c) gathered d) harmful
- 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:

- Fortuitously, a guest visited our house.
a) luckily b) peacefully c) unfortunately d) happily
- Two children had given me a profound lesson in getting on with the business of living.
a) Great b) Important c) Common d) Trivial
- Liberty is not a personal affair only but a social contract.
a) Commitment b) Respond c) Dispute d) Desire
- Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun:
This is the town _____ I spent my childhood.
a) which b) where c) whom d) when
- Choose the plural form of 'fish'
a) fishes b) fishes c) fishss d) fish
- Choose the correct combination of the compound word 'World famous'
a) Noun + Adjective b) Adjective + Noun
c) Noun + Verb d) Noun + Noun
- Choose the word that cannot form a derivative with the suffix - 'ity'
a) Familiar b) Obey c) Fertile d) Noble
- Replace the phrasal verb with the most appropriate single word.
We bought their biggest basket, and then set off toward town.
a) End b) Refuse c) Start d) Remove
- Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the given sentence:
His name is under cloud for the theft case.
a) Convicted b) On suspicion c) Acquitted d) Not in the list
- Replace the underlined word in the given sentence with its unclipped forms.
He is my elder brother.
a) broth b) bro c) elbro d) brother
- Choose the right combination of phrase formed by the pairs of nouns 'emotion + song'.
a) emotious song b) emotioning song c) emotional song d) emotionalar song
- Choose the right expansion of the abbreviation "IMF".
a) Indian Mountaineering Foundation b) Indian Monetary Fund
c) International Mountaineering Foundation d) Impossible Mission Force

BHARATHIRAJA A
M.Sc., M.Ed., M.Phil., D.O.A
P.G.T in Zoology
De Britto Hr. Sec. School.
Devakottai.

3

XII - ENGLISH

PART - III
SECTION - 1

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

2×3=6

31. It is the tree's lamen, an eericspeech,.....
32. He will be lonely enough
to have time for the work.
33. Then off there flung in smiling joy,
And held himself erect.

SECTION - 2

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

2×3=6

34. Describe the apperance of Nicola and Jacopo.
35. What happend in the grand finale?
36. When did the children get over the fear of sitting on the chair?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3×3=9

37. Describe the process of organising a birthday party.
38. Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below:
 - a) A ___ lights others and consumes itself. i) Matchstick ii) candle iii) Torch
 - b) Doubt is the key to _____. i) Knowledge ii) Wisdom iii) invention
 - c) Out of sight ,out of _____. i) Place ii) memory iii) mind
39. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly:
 - a) a road/never/a turning/without/there is
 - b) the last straw/broke the/it was/that/camel's back
 - c) the child/and/spare/spoil/the rod.
40. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics:
 - a) Labour Day
 - b) Blood Donation
 - c) Tooth Paste

PART-IV

Answer the following:

7×5=35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - a) Adversity bring out the best as well as the worst in people. Elucidate this statement with reference to the story. **(OR)**
 - b) What do you infer form Gardiner's essay 'On rule of the Road'?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
 - a) Human greed led to the mightly fall of the citadel. Explain. **(OR)**
 - b) How according to the poet is it possible for his son to bring change into a world that resents change?
43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words:
 - 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 jungle - reunited - family. **(OR)**
 - b) Children of Venus - glimpse of the sun - after seven years - Margot stood apart - Willian - 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 to each other - unlocked closet door - only silence - let Margot out.

PART - III
SECTION - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context: **2x3=6**

31. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech,.....
32. He will be lonely enough
to have time for the work.
33. Then off there flung in smiling joy,
And held himself erect.

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each. **2x3=6**

34. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.
35. What happened in the grand finale?
36. When did the children get over the fear of sitting on the chair?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following. **3x3=9**

37. Describe the process of organising a birthday party.
38. Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below:
 - a) A ___ lights others and consumes itself. i) Matchstick ii) candle iii) Torch
 - b) Doubt is the key to _____. i) Knowledge ii) Wisdom iii) invention
 - c) Out of sight, out of _____. i) Place ii) memory iii) mind
39. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly:
 - a) a road/never/a turning/without/there is
 - b) the last straw/broke the/it was/that/camel's back
 - c) the child/and/spare/spoil/the rod.
40. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics:
 - a) Labour Day
 - b) Blood Donation
 - c) Tooth Paste

PART-IV

Answer the following: **7x5=35**

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - a) Adversity bring out the best as well as the worst in people. Elucidate this statement with reference to the story. **(OR)**
 - b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On rule of the Road'?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
 - a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain. **(OR)**
 - b) How according to the poet is it possible for his son to bring change into a world that resents change?
43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words:
 - 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 jungle - reunited - family. **(OR)**
 - b) Children of Venus - glimpse of the sun - after seven years - Margot stood apart - Willian - 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 to each other - unlocked closet door - only silence - let Margot out.

44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:

Imagine looking down on the vast expanse of the sea with its mighty waves cresting and crushing the sand, then claiming it with the soft hush of their froth and foam from the effort. This is Varkala, one of the many beaches along Kerala's 600km shoreline. It is perhaps the best of the beaches of the coastline. Kanur beach has the cliffs but no sand, the Cherayi beach has a coconut grove but no cliffs, Kovalam has too many tourists but neither the cliffs nor estuaries. Varkala just 41 km north of Thiruvananthapuram, has everything - never ending cliffs, whitesand, geography and spiritual richness and rejuvenation therapies.

Varkala is the only place in Southern Kerala where one finds cliffs adjacent to the Arabian. They are numerous water spouts and geysers on the cliff faces, making this place a natural spa.

45. a) Write a letter to the manager of Waves Furniture company ordering furniture for a coaching centre. **(OR)**

b) Write a letter to your friend who is admitted in hospital for treatment of jaundice. Advise him not to worry about the illness and be positive.

46. a) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

i) The _____ workers must be _____ (industrial / industrious).

ii) The children are very happy with the new car. (Add a suitable question tag)

iii) We _____ (see) a wonderful film in the cinema last night.

(Use the correct form of the verb)

iv) It started raining _____ (yet, so) we could not play. (Use a suitable linker)

(OR)

b) Read the following sentences spot the errors and write them correctly:

i) No one know the answer.

ii) I enter into the room.

iii) Ramesh is senior than Venkat.

iv) One of the girls are happy.

v) Every man and every woman have duties to perform.

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the question given below:

Bottlenose dolphins are the most common members of the dolphin family. They are the favourites of many people. They are known for being graceful, friendly and intelligent. Bottlenose dolphins are grey. They are usually 2-4 metres long. The Bottlenose dolphin gets its name from its snout that is shaped like a bottled. It has blowholes on the top of its head for breathing. Bottlenose dolphins use sounds to communicate. They squeak and whistle to each other. They also use body language to communicate. Bottlenose dolphins are very smart. Their intelligence is close to humans and apes. They are also very emotional animals. Bottlenose dolphins are fascinating mammals. We still have a lot to learn about these intelligent creatures.

Questions:

i) What are the special qualities of Bottlenose dolphins?

ii) How does the Bottlenose dolphin get its name?

iii) What enables the Bottlenose dolphin to breathe?

iv) How do Bottlenose dolphin communicate?

v) Mention two qualities of humans that are found in Bottlenose dolphins. **(OR)**

b) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words:

A milkman - became wealthy - dishonest way - had to cross a river - reached city - mixed - river water - sold - customers bought - good profit - went profit - went around - purchased articles - clothes - returned to river - while crossing - boat capsized - all purchases - lost - right punishment - for greed.