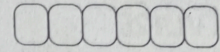


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Tirunelveli District
Common Half Yearly Examination - 2024

Time: 3.00 Hours

Standard 12
ENGLISH
PART - I

Marks: 90

Answer all the questions

20 × 1 = 20

Choose the correct **synonyms** for the underlined words from the options given

- 1) Their **devotion** had touched me deeply
 a) dedication b) loyalty c) love d) disloyalty
- 2) A few people from the house of **bereavement** stood outside
 a) rejoice b) celebration c) grief d) war
- 3) The liberties of everybody must be **curtailed**
 a) reduced b) increased c) improved d) soared

Choose the correct **antonyms** for the underlined words from the options given

- 4) I experienced not only **agony** and fear but also anger.
 a) pain b) insult c) fortitude d) comfort
- 5) At least four others are acutely **controversial**
 a) clear b) agreeable c) doubtful d) certain
- 6) We **persisted** in our efforts to beat a trail up it
 a) practised b) motivated c) insisted d) stopped
- 7) **Choose the right combination for the blended word sportscast**
 a) sports + telecast b) sports + cast
 c) sports + caste d) sports + basket
- 8) **Choose the clipped word for pianoforte**
 a) fort b) piaforte c) piano d) pite
- 9) **Add a suitable suffix to the word argue**
 a) _tion b) _ment c) _ful d) _able
- 10) **Choose the expansion of PIN**
 a) Private Index Number b) Public Index Number
 c) Police Index Number d) Postal Index Number
- 11) **Choose the correct combination for the compound word Long forgotten**
 a) Noun + Noun b) Adjective + Past Participle
 c) Adjective + Verb d) Adverb + Verb
- 12) **Choose the correct plural form of detum**
 a) detums b) detua c) data d) dates
- 13) **Choose the Pentasyllabic word**
 a) impetus b) withhold c) avocation d) proliferation
- 14) **Choose the correct American English word for the British word in the following sentence**
 We cannot see fresh flowers during **Autumn**
 a) Summer b) Fall c) Winter d) dry
- 15) **Add a suitable question tag**
 I won't allow this to happen, ?
 a) Won't I b) do I c) will I d) can't I
- 16) **Choose the correct substitute word for the underlined word/words below**
 We have arranged special classes for the late-bloomers
 a) week students b) late comers c) absentees d) flower girls
- 17) 'study of codes' is called
 a) Cynology b) Gimimology c) Cytology d) Cryptology

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- 18) **Choose the suitable meaning of the idiom found in the following sentence**
When asked to reconsider his decision, he put his foot down
a) refused b) accepted c) felt happy d) grew angry
- 19) **Fill in the blank with a suitable phrasal verb**
Ram is a placement in Australia
a) longing on b) longing in c) longing of d) longing for
- 20) **Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition**
Here is the watch that you asked
- a) of b) for c) on d) at

PART - II**Answer any seven of the following****I. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four from it.**

7×2=14

4×2=8

- 21) *'We watched the mowers in the hay'*
a) Who does 'we' refer to?
b) What could they watch?
- 22) *'Seeking the bubble reputation'*
a) Explain 'bubble reputation'
b) Which stage of life is being referred to here?
- 23) *'You know we French stormed Retisbon?'*
a) Where is Ratisbon?
b) Who is the speaker?
- 24) *Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy*
a) Mention the figure of speech in the line
b) Pick out the words in alliteration
- 25) *'The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung'*
a) Who is the giant here?
b) What does he wear?
- 26) *'The blunder and the sunshine and opposed'*
a) What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?
b) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?

II. Do as directed [Any three]

3×2=6

- 27) **Report the dialogue**
Teacher: Why do you look so sad today?
Student: My brother met with an accident
- 28) If I were you, I would try it again [Begin with 'were']
- 29) A man who is industrious is sure to succeed. [change into simple sentence]
- 30) Keep the door closed. [change into passive voice]

PART - III**Answer any seven of the following****I. Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.**

7×3=21

2×3=6

- 31) 'Unequal laws unto a savage race'
32) 'With one sweet song that seems to have no close'
33) 'With our arms and provender, load on load'

II. Answer any two of the following briefly

2×3=6

- 34) How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?
35) How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it?
36) How can we sweeten our life's journey?

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III. Answer any three of the following briefly

3×3=9

- 37) Describe the process of obtaining demand draft from the bank.
- 38) Build a dialogue between a customer and bank manager. [At least six responses]
- 39) **Expand the following headlines**
- 30 Child labourers rescued
 - Business campaign launched in Bangalore
 - Bus driver prevents major accident
- 40) **Complete the proverbs**
- All that glitters is not
a) diamond b) ruby c) gold
 - No man is an
a) island b) village c) country
 - is the best teacher
a) patience b) Experience c) opportunity

PART - IV**Answer the following**

7×5=35

- 41) Summarise George Qwell's distinctive ideas in 'A Nice Cup of Tea'

(OR)

Explain Gardiner's 'On The Rule of the Road'

- 42) Describe the various stages of life

(OR)

How does Ulysses inspire his solidiers?

- 43) **Write a paragraph by develop the following hints.**

Lord Weston - Judge - finds paper - Remember Caesar - thinks - a threat to his life - steps to save - close door - drenches a parcel - thinking it a bomb - his wife ridicules - hear a knock at the door - it was gardener caeser - paper written by weston - to remind

(OR)

Pi - from Pudhucherry - stranded in life boat - left with a leopard - hyene - very thirsty - look for water - closen to tiger - finds water cans - comes to life after drinking water - tiger who seared him brought peace - after 227 days - Pi reunites with family.

- 44) **Write a summery on make note of the following passage**

Everybody has a kind of feeling that being in the sunshine is good for us. There are some scientific reasons to support this view. It is good to expose ourselves to the rays of the sun for some time everyday

Sunlight actually destroys certain fungi and bacteria that may have settled on the skin. It acts as a strong medicine in this way. It also makes the white blood cells more active. These are the cells which attack disease germs in our body and help keep us healthy

Sunshine also creates Vitamin D in our body which is called 'Sunshine Vitamin'. Excessive exposure to the sun or sunbathing raises the blood pressure. So one has to be careful about it.

- 45) Write a letter to the bookseller ordering some books

(OR)

Write a paragraph on 'Your school sports Day' (OR) Merits and Demerits of computer

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

- I walked fast and I missed the bus.
- He told to me a story
- The tiger runs fastly
- She have danced very well
- The luggages are so heavy

(OR)

Fill in the blanks appropriately

- The birds to God for their [prey/pray]
- Everyone obey the rules of the road. [Use a modal verb]
- When I [be] young, I used to play tennis.
- I was ill I attended the exam. [Use a suitable link word]

47) Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue

- Sunitha williams spent six months in the space
 - The court adjourned sine die
 - Slow learners should be given individual attention
 - We had been to Agra to see the Taj Mahal
 - Spicy food can cause acidity in the stomach
- [Education, Nutrition and Dietetics, Travel, Space, Law]

(OR)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words

Sparrows are found in many parts of the world. They are of several kinds. The one that is best known to us is the house- Sparrow. But there is also the hedge - sparrow that makes its nest in hedges and bushes. A noisy bird, the house - sparrow has its own song, mainly made up of a series of calls and twitters. It makes its nest in a hole or some niche in the house. The hedge - sparrow is more slender than the house - sparrow. It is known, black and bluish grey in colour. Sparrows eat seeds of many different kinds. They lay eggs which number there to six at onetime.

Questions

- What are the kinds of sparrows mentioned?
 - How is the song of the house - sparrow?
 - Which is more slender?
 - How is hedge - sparrow?
 - Give a suitable title.
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