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## HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

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Time : 3.00 hrs.

Marks : 90

**PART - I**

Note: (1) Answer **all** the questions. (2) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write both the Option code and the corresponding answer for each question. 20 x 1 = 20

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

- We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened, we went over.  
a) reduced                      b) improved                      c) loosened                      d) ended
- .....and no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success.  
a) attract                      b) disappoint                      c) tease                      d) encourage
- Liberty is not a personal affair only but a social contract.  
a) concern                      b) commitment                      c) allotment                      d) connection

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

- Not the flat, shallow type ...  
a) narrow                      b) wide                      c) deep                      d) direct
- Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.  
a) common                      b) fact                      c) intrepid                      d) rare
- Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy.  
a) weak                      b) pretty                      c) fashionable                      d) strong
- Choose the correct compound word for the combination "Swimming Pool"  
a) Adjective + Verb                      b) Noun + Verb                      c) Gerund + Noun                      d) Noun + Noun
- Form a new word by adding a suitable 'prefix' to the underlined word.  
It was the venomous scribbling of an /a literate.  
a) un                      b) il                      c) dis                      d) mis
- Choose the right expansion of the acronym 'PAN'.  
a) Personal Aggregate Number                      b) Private Authentic Number  
c) Postal Assurance Number                      d) Permanent Account Number
- Choose the polite alternative word for the underlined word in the following sentence**  
Accidental Deaths are increased now.  
a) Collateral damage                      b) collapsed life                      c) lives taken                      d) passed away
- Choose the clipped word for 'moving picture'  
a) move                      b) picture                      c) movie                      d) mopic
- Choose the right combination for the blended word 'informercial'.  
a) info + mercy                      b) info + commercial  
c) information + commercial                      d) inform + commerce
- Choose the correct question tag for the following statement  
Don't commit this mistake again. \_\_\_\_\_  
a) do you?                      b) did you?                      c) will you?                      d) don't you?
- Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word.  
We must take care of our aged parents.  
a) look up                      b) look into                      c) look down                      d) look after
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.  
My proposal was accepted by the management in toto.  
a) partially                      b) totally                      c) unique                      d) finally

16. Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning  
I told him flat that I did not like him.  
a) expressed opinion indirectly      b) expressed in his apartment  
c) expressed opinion directly      d) expressed to confuse
17. Fill in the blank with a suitable relative pronoun for the following sentence.  
The moment \_\_\_\_\_ is lost is lost forever.  
a) what      b) who      c) when      d) which
18. Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.  
Now Alex is a doctor.  
a) ASVC      b) ASVA      c) ASVV      d) ASVO
19. Choose the equivalent American English word for the underlined British English word.  
English movies have no interval.  
a) break      b) pause      c) intermission      d) interaction
20. Choose the right definition for the given term 'theophobia'  
a) fear of light      b) fear of God      c) fear of devil      d) fear of rain

### PART - II SECTION - I

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

(4X2=8)

21. **Seeking bubble reputation**  
**Even in Canon's mouth—**  
a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?  
b) Explain 'bubble reputation'
22. **This is my son own Telemachus,**  
**To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle**  
**Well-loved of me**  
a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to in his absence?  
b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
23. **Legs wide, arms locked behind,**  
**As if to balance the prone brow**  
**Oppressive with its mind.**  
a) Whose action is described here?  
b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the first line.
24. **'Life is hard, be steel, be a rock'**  
a) How should one face life?  
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
25. **'A gray baboon sits statue-like alone'**  
a) What does baboon mean?  
b) Mention the figure of speech employed here.
26. **There was a little private gate**  
**A little wicked wicket gate**  
**The wizened warder let them through**  
a) What do you mean by a 'wicked gate'?  
b) Who guarded the wicket gate?

### SECTION II

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

(3X2=6)

27. Asha said to Leela, "Please don't make too much noise"  
(Change into Indirect Speech)

28. The mountain was steep but he was able to climb it.  
**(Rewrite as a complex sentence)**
29. If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview. **(Begin with 'Had')**
30. Sita is watering the plants. **(Change the voice)**

**PART - III SECTION - I**

**Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. 2X3=6**

31. *'I'm killed, sire!' And, his Chief beside  
Smiling, the boy fell dead*
32. *They have their exits and their entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts*
33. *"To strive, to seek, to find and to yield"*

**SECTION - 2**

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

34. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons. **2 X 3 = 6**
35. What does the traffic police man symbolize?
36. Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking to in the cubicle.

**SECTION - 3**

**Answer any three of the following.**

**3 X 3 = 9**

37. Describe the process of organizing a birthday party in your house.
38. Prepare a notice to be displayed on the notice board of your school for the students of class 12, informing them about the educational tour that has been arranged for them the next month.
39. Write a dialogue of atleast six utterances between two friends about NSS camp which they are going to attend.
40. **Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below**
- a) Bare words buy no -----
- b) Too many cooks ----- the broth.
- c) ----- dogs seldom bite.
- (spill, spoil, angry, barking, barley)**

**PART - IV**

41. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words. 7x5=35**
- a) "These two children had given me a profound lesson...." Elucidate. **(OR)**
- b) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.
42. Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the casuarina tree. **(OR)**  
What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures?
43. **Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.**
- a) Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - a small family - trip to Nizhany 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 and saves him - Makar feels guilty - confesses his crime - Aksionov forgives criminal - dies peacefully - order for release. **(OR)**
- b) Ausable - secret agent - in his room - criminal enters - holds a pistol - Ausable turns anxious - wants to save - important documents - spins a clever story - uses presence of mind - makes Max believe - presence of balcony - someone knocks door - Ausable says - called police to safeguard papers - Max gets terrified - jumps out - gets killed.

44. **Write a summary of the following passage**

The aim of education is to enable the human personality to grow its full stature. We have a body, mind and a spirit. Accordingly, education aims at our physical, intellectual, spiritual and moral development. Games are a means of keeping the body healthy and fit. Physical fitness and freedom from all kinds of ailments are the desire and ambition of every human being. Indeed, good health is the first condition of happiness in life. Those who play games generally maintain good health. Games are an excellent means of bodily exercise. Whether it is sophisticated games like hockey, football, and tennis or simple games like kabaddi, they provide the much needed exercise to the body and thus keep the body healthy and strong. Players always have a better appetite and a better digestion than those who play no games or do exercises. Games not only make the body healthy and strong, but also make it muscular. (OR)

Write a paragraph on the topic "Travel and its Benefits"

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

(OR) Write a letter to your relative or friend who is admitted in hospital for treatment of viral fever. Advise him/ her not to worry about the illness and be positive. Assure him / her of your psychological and financial help during the crisis.

46. a) **Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- (i) They ----- to ----- more money ( earn / yearn )  
 (ii) How ----- you ask me such a question? ( Use a semi modal verb )  
 (iii) I ----- (help) you, If I had time.  
 (iv) ----- (shop) is my favourite hobby.  
 (Use the gerundial form of the verb given in bracket)

**b) Read the following sentences , spot the errors and correct them**

- i) Kevin is senior than Ragul ii) We speak the English.  
 iii) If you had worked hard , you would pass.  
 iv) Though she studied well but she failed.  
 v) Chennai is one of the biggest city in India.

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

Manager of a firm – advertised – night watchman – applications presented – manager not satisfied – rejected all – there was Raju – sat in a corner – patiently waiting – manager questioned his health – got reply – suffering from sleeplessness – manager happy – appointed him. Dolphins are very (OR)

**b) Read the following passage and answer the questions 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 bottle. 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 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:**

- 1) What are the special qualities of Bottlenose dolphins?
- 2) How does the Bottlenose dolphin get its name?
- 3) What enables the Bottlenose dolphin to breathe?
- 4) How do Bottlenose dolphins communicate?
- 5) Mention two qualities of humans that are found in Bottlenose dolphins?