

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

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Standard - XI

Reg.No:

Time : 3.00 hrs

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Marks: 90

Part - I

20×1=20

Answer all the questions.

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

- 1) I amused her for perhaps 20 minutes
a) bored b) entertained c) hurt d) depressed
- 2) The role of the University today is not cloistered
a) free b) open c) unsecluded d) hidden
- 3) He had a vile meal during the summer
a) gentle b) kind c) bad d) nice

Choose the most appropriate Antonyms of the underlined Words in the following Sentences:

- 4) I had recently joined British Airways frequent flyer programme
a) constant b) familiar c) many d) rare
- 5) It is not an easy task to place appropriate guidelines before them.
a) applicable b) correct c) inappropriate d) deserved
- 6) It is indelibly branded
a) unremovable b) removable c) unrubbed d) unclear
- 7) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word 'motivate'
a) sub b) dis c) de d) semi
- 8) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "TC"
a) Training Card b) Train Concession c) Transfer code d) Transfer certificate
- 9) Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verb
I cannot ___ your handwriting.
a) make for b) make up c) make out d) make in
- 10) Choose the word from the options given below to form a compound word with "Soft"
a) ware b) play c) cycle d) run
- 11) Choose the right definition for the word "Hemophobia"
a) fear of water b) fear of blood c) fear of Air d) fear of fire
- 12) Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentences:
Saran polishes his shoes _____?
a) does he b) doesn't he c) didn't he d) did he
- 13) Choose the clipped form of word 'Robot'
a) Robo b) Rob c) bot d) rot
- 14) Choose the right combination for the following blended word "Pixel"
a) Picture + element b) Picture + Electricity
c) Picture + Electronics d) Pix+Element
- 15) Choose the correct plural form of "deer"
a) deers b) deer c) door d) deeres
- 16) Choose the correct American English equivalent for the British English: 'stupid'
a) fool b) brilliant c) Lazy d) dumb

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- 17) Choose the correct syllabified word 'school'
 a) s-cho-ol b) scho-ol c) school d) sc-hool
- 18) Choose the correct combination for the compound word "Red rose"
 a) Noun+Noun b) Verb+Noun c) Adj+Noun d) Noun+Verb
- 19) Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence
 She went to the 'Plaza' which was recently opened
 a) a theatre b) a restaurant c) market d) a public open area
- 20) Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentences _____ he looks feeble,
 he is strong
 a) but' b) Though c) As d) Because

Part - II

Answer any four of the following:-

4×2=8

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following:

- 21) "And yet not so - for what can we bequeath
 save our deposed bodies to the ground?"
 a) What is the only thing we bequeath to our descendants?
 b) Identify the figure of speech used here?
- 22) "We are proud of the position we hold:
 Humble as we are"
 a) What is the speaker proud of? b) Pick out the Alliteration in these lines?
- 23) "He always has an alibi and one or two to spare
just controls their operations" - The Napoleon of Crime"
 a) Who is Napoleon? b) To Whom is Macavity compared to?
- 24) "In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
 Bring sad thoughts to the mind"
 a) How is the mood of the poet?
 b) Identify the figure of speech used here?
- 25) "you'd think my ego it would please
 To swap positions with one of these"
 a) Who are 'these'? b) Pick out the rhyming words?
- 26) "I have learned too
 To laugh with only my teeth"
 a) Who has learnt to laugh? b) Has the poet changed his behaviour? How?

Answer any three questions:-

3×2=6

- 27) The boy said to me, "Where do you live" (Change into Indirect speech)
- 28) If you should need to meet me you can call this number. (Begin with 'Should')
- 29) The noise disturbed the students. (Change into Active Voice)
- 30) He is rich but he is not happy. (Change into Complex sentence)

Part - III

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

2×3=6

- 31) "For God's sake let us sit upon the ground
 And tell sad stories of the death of kings?"

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32) "Honour is a property, common to all;
In dignity and pride no one need to be poor".

33) "The birds around me hopp'd and play'd
Their thoughts I cannot measure"

Answer any two of the following briefly:-

2×3=6

34) What should the youngsters aim in life after their graduation?

35) How do psychologists interpret forgetfulness?

36) What did she consider her greatest achievement? Why?

Answer any three of the following:-

3×3=9

37) Write atleast 5 different ways of keeping your eyes healthy & maintaining good eyesight?

38) Complete the proverb with suitable options:-

a) Never judge a _____ by its cover.

b) Great _____ think alike.

c) _____ is next to godliness.

(mind, cleanliness, book, power)

39) You are Saran. Secretary of your school science club. The club is to be inaugurated. Draft a notice.

40) The following tables contains information of medals won by a few countries in Tokyo olympics. Study the table and answer the questions based on it.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
China	38	31	18
America	36	39	33
Japan	27	12	17
Russia	20	26	23

a) Which country has won the maximum number of medals?

b) What are the three medals awarded at the olympics?

c) Name the countries that have won more gold medals than silver?

Part - IV

Answer the following questions:-

7×5=35

41) a) Bring out the pun in the title 'The Accidental Tourist'

[or]

b) Narrate the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner, by his own folly?

42) a) What are the causes of King Richard's grief?

[or]

b) Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity?

43) a) The dentist's clinic - many patients wait - tensed - tooth - to be extracted - the arrival of the dentist - joe, the first patient - called in - the nurse goes - with hammer - reaction of patients - loud sound of sawing and screeching - other patients fear - go away - joe comes out - hammer, pliers - to open tool box. [or]

b) Jack and jill - bought - instalments - salary 6 pounds - Aunt jane - criticized - absurd - not paid - hospital charges - delivery of - jane gave cheque - pay off any bill - jill want - pay off delivery charges.

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

Any polished surface which reflects light is mirror. Most mirrors of smooth glass. These glass strips are backed with very thin layer of aluminium. Not all mirrors are flat convex mirror bulge out words. They make things look smaller. But they give us a wider view. They are often used as driving mirrors in cars. They are also used as security mirror in shops. Concave mirror curve inwards. They are used as shaving mirrors, because they magnify things which are close. With distant things, things they produce a tiny upside - down image. In large telescope they are used to collect and focus the light.

45) a) Letter to the commissioner of your Municipality / Mayor complaining about the badly damaged roads and the need to repair them? [or]

b) Your friend is in hospital, undergoing treatment for a fractured leg. Write a letter of consolation, assuring him/her that he/she will get well soon.

46) a) Read the following sentences and classify them according to their field.

- i) We can find many archaic words in the works of shakespeare.
 - ii) Hero Hondo has recorded a sales volume of 4 lakh motor cycles.
 - iii) India bags a gold medal is wrestling.
 - iv) Hybrid variety of Tomato gives a good harvest.
 - v) Thousands of people witness Makara jothi in sabarimala.
- (Business, Sports, Literature, Religion, Agriculture) [or]

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately

i) The train _____ is not _____ (fare/fair)

ii) We _____ hurry. We don't have time.

(Fill in the blanks with a semi-modal verb)

iii) Every night I _____ (drink) a cup of milk before I go to bed.

(Fill in the blanks with correct tense of the verb)

iv) Please wait _____ I come.

(Fill in the blank with the most suitable preposition)

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

Hockey is the national game of India. It had a glorious past in India. The Indian Hockey Team had won six consecutive Olympics. But its present condition is dismal, because is not beign given much importance. Still the banner of hockey is held aloft, thanks to the two great players Dhyan chand and Dhanraj Pillai.

i) State the condition of the game in the past?

ii) What is the present condition of the game?

iii) Why is it so?

iv) Who are the two great Indian hockey players mentioned in the passage?

v) Choose the correct option:

Hockey is the national game of _____ (Pakistan/India)

[or]

b) Write a dialogue between a villager and saran about the magic show.
