

# COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

**A**

Standard - XII

Reg.No:

Time : 3.00 hrs

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Marks: 90

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Part - I

I. Answer all the questions.

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

- 1) Nicola was glaring at his brother in Vexation
  - a) Willingness
  - b) annoyance
  - c) pleasing
  - d) happiness
- 2) One is liable to put in too much milk.
  - a) likely
  - b) certain
  - c) eager
  - d) unlikely
- 3) Anna would say with an impudent smile
  - a) rejoice
  - b) innocent
  - c) fake
  - d) disrespectful

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

- 4) One night, we came upon them in the windy and deserted square
  - a) crowded
  - b) secured
  - c) fertile
  - d) desolate
- 5) I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
  - a) Misery
  - b) Woe
  - c) Pangs
  - d) Joy
- 6) The end of such liberty would be Universal Chaos
  - a) Confusion
  - b) orderliness
  - c) disorder
  - d) commotion
- 7) Choose the tetra syllabic word
  - a) grandfather
  - b) house
  - c) Photographer
  - d) lessen
- 8) Choose the correct combination for the compound word "White Wash"
  - a) Noun+Noun
  - b) Adjective+Noun
  - c) Adjective+Verb
  - d) Verb+Noun
- 9) Choose the combination for the blended word Pixel
  - a) Picture + element
  - b) Picture + Electricity
  - c) Picture + Electronics
  - d) Pix+Element
- 10) Choose the correct expansion of the acronym NEET
  - a) National Eligibility cum Entrance Test
  - b) Non Elimination Entrance Test
  - c) National Engineering Entrance Test
  - d) National Entrance Exam Test
- 11) Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence  
Rangarajan alias Sujatha has written thrilling novels.
  - a) differently known as
  - b) secretly called
  - c) also known as
  - d) signed as
- 12) Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.  
Eleventh Hour preparation will not help the students.
  - a) till 11 pm
  - b) at the last moment
  - c) much in advance
  - d) late at night
- 13) Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word.  
Students must go by the rules of the Educational Institution.
  - a) Follow
  - b) avoid
  - c) check
  - d) watch
- 14) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word - Practice
  - a) Pre-
  - b) Mal-
  - c) Dis-
  - d) Tri-
- 15) Identify the pattern of the following sentence:  
She called him a liar.
  - a) SVOA
  - b) SVIDO
  - c) SVOC
  - d) SVCA
- 16) Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.  
They jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the well.
  - a) at
  - b) on
  - c) in
  - d) into
- 17) Choose the clipped form of the word 'Internet'
  - a) Inter
  - b) net
  - c) net work
  - d) tern
- 18) Replace the underlined word with a 'Euphemistic Expression'  
My mother is a house wife
  - a) home keeper
  - b) house keeper
  - c) home maker
  - d) house maker

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- 19) Choose the correct question tag for the following:  
Let's go for a movie this weekend. \_\_\_\_\_  
a) let we                      b) shouldn't we                      c) shall we                      d) won't we
- 20) Fill in the blank with a relative pronoun  
Raju \_\_\_\_\_ father is an Engineer, constructed this building  
a) Who                      b) Whose                      c) Which                      d) Whom

## Part - II

## Section - I

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

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- 21) For what, we thought, had we to fear  
Without arms and provener, load on load  
a) What do you mean by Provender?  
b) Did the soldiers actually fear for anything?
- 22) Like a huge Python winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars  
a) What is compared to a python?  
b) What is the figure of speech employed here?
- 23) All the world's a stage  
And all the men and Women are merely players  
They have exits and entrances.  
a) What does the poet mean by the terms 'Exits and Entrances'  
b) Which figure of speech has been used in the second line?
- 24) Life is hard; be steel; be a rock  
And this might stand him for the storms  
a) How should one face life? b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
- 25) This is my son, mine own Telemachus,  
To whom I leave the sceptre and isle  
Well-loved of me.  
a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to in his absence?  
b) Bring out the significance of 'sceptre'?
- 26) A film the mother - eagle's eye  
When the bruished eaglet breath  
a) Who is compared to the mother eagle? b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

## Section - II

Do as directed. Answer any three questions:-

3×2=6

- 27) Jagan said, "I am learning French now". (Change into Indirect Speech)
- 28) Promises should be kept by one. (Change into Active Voice)
- 29) In the event of your not studying well, you cannot pass in the Exam.  
(Change into complex sentence)
- 30) If I were you, I would not behave like this. (Begin with 'were')

## Part - III

## Section - I

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

2×3=6

- 31) To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.
- 32) Our only enemy was gold.
- 33) "They have their exits and entrances  
And one man in his time plays many parts"

## Section - II

Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each.

2×3=6

- 34) Why does the author advise removing cream from the milk?
- 35) What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

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36) What was the grandmother's suggestion of wood? Why?

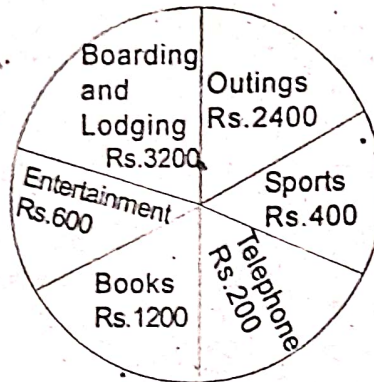
## Section - III

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Answer any three of the following questions:-

37) Study the Pie - diagram and answer the questions given below:

Arun's personal expenses Monthly Income - Rs.8,000/-



- a) What percentage of Arun's income is spent on boarding and lodging?  
 a) 65%                      b) 40%                      c) 20%                      d) 30%
- b) What is the cheapest hobby?  
 a) Entertainment    b) Travelling                      c) Sports                      d) Reading
- c) Arun spends huge amount for  
 a) Travelling                      b) sports                      c) Telephone                      d) Boarding and Lodging
- 38) Write a dialogue between a conductor and a passenger.
- 39) Describe the process of obtaining a Demand Draft from a bank.
- 40) Complete the proverbs using the words given below:  
 a) \_\_\_\_\_ makes waste. (Haste/Gain/Knowledge)  
 b) Time and \_\_\_\_\_ wait for none. (ride/side/tide)  
 c) An idleman's mind is a \_\_\_\_\_ workshop. (god/angel/devil)

## Part - IV

Answer the following questions:-

7×5=35

- 41) a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice cup of Tea"? [or]  
 b) How did Hillary and Tenzing prepare themselves before they set off the summit.
- 42) a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain. [or]  
 b) What is the father's advice to his son when he is on the threshold of manhood?
- 43) Answer the following in a Paragraph of about 150 by developing the hints.  
 a) Pi Patel - an Indian boy - survives 227 days after ship wreck - stranded on a life boat - Bengal Tiger - Richard Parker - a Hyena and Sharks - beneath him - Search water - finds water - drinks enough - leaves the tiger in the jungle - reunited with his family. [or]  
 b) Life on Venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children - nine years old - forgotten the sun - appeared once in 7 years - Margot from Earth - came five hours - rained again - unlocked the door - let Margot out - missed the chance
- 44) a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:  
 Languages are of different kinds - spoken language, written language, sign language, code language, body language, Braille or language of the blind and the more recent one being the machine language and the computer language. Many languages have a long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among those, whose languages are

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centuries old the number of languages used in verbal communication is extremely large. It is said that there are as many as 3500 identified languages throughout the world. Although this true of the spoken languages, the number of written languages is much lower, with one estimate placing it at more than 500. Within a language there are sub-languages that are called dialects. A Dialect is form of speech peculiar to a district, class or people. It is sub ordinate variety of a language distinguishable vocabulary pronunciation or idioms.

[or]

- b) Write a paragraph on the "Value of Time"  
 45) a) Draft a letter to the commissioner of Municipal Corporation with regard to Segregation of food waste. [or]

- b) Write a letter to your cousin inviting him to celebrate the New Year with you.

- 46) a) **Spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.**

- i) The dog jump in the well.
- ii) I can speak English beside Hindi
- iii) They discussed about Politics.
- iv) Though he is ill but he attends the class.
- v) One of my sister is a doctor.

[or]

- b) **Fill in the blanks correctly**

- a) She can't \_\_\_\_\_ the heat, if she goes on \_\_\_\_\_ foot. (bare/bear)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ you Excuse me for a moment. (Use a modal verb)
- c) He \_\_\_\_\_ read many books during his school days. (Fill in with a semi-modal verb)
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ I got up early, I managed to reach in time. (Use a appropriate linker)
- e) If they had tried hard, they \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the trophy. (Use the verb in the correct form)

- 47) a) **Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:**

- a) Shakespeare's plays are read by many people.
- b) He went to England on a tourist Visa.
- c) The hybrid variety of paddy was a failure.
- d) There is no drop-out in school's now
- e) The Monitor displays the menu.

(Agriculture, Computer, Education, Travel, Literature)

- b) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.** [or]

Kabbadi is a contact team sport that originated in TamilNadu. It is the national sport of Bangladesh. Kabbadi is played between two teams of seven players. The objective of the game is for a single player on offence, referred to as a 'raider' to run into the opposing team's half of a court, tag out as many of their defenders as possible, and return to their own half of the court, all without being tackled by the defenders. Points are scored for each player tagged by the raider, while the opposing team earns a point for stopping the rider. Players are taken out of the game if they are tagged or tackled but are brought back in for each point scored by their team from a tag or tackle. The raider should hold his breath and utter the words like "Kabbadi, Kabbadi", Chadu kudu etc, while the opponents try to catch him. If he stops uttering those words, he is considered out.

**Questions:-**

- a) What is the national sport of Bangladesh?
- b) Kabbadi is played between \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill in the blanks)
- c) How does a raider score points for his team?
- d) When does a raider concede a point to the opponent team?
- e) Can a player be revived when he/she is out of the game?

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