

HALF YEARLY EXAM

QUESTION PAPER

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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023 - 24

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

Part - I

1. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20x1= 20

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

1. The common link of friendship was snapped.
a) Broken b) Supported c) Held d) Confused
2. Memories prevent them from remembering to do such Prosaic things.
a) Exciting b) Dull c) Interesting d) Variety
3. I pulled on it and yanked at it.
a) Plucked b) Pulled c) Pushed d) Plundered

Choose the correct Antonyms of the underlined words from the options given.

4. The association International de Boxe Amateur.
a) Appraisal b) Upset c) Professional d) Fun
5. There was a Rustle of excitement.
a) Noise b) Silence c) Sound d) Patter
6. It demands Faith and Confidence in inherent ability.
a) Hope b) belief c) disbelief d) Trust
7. Choose the word from the options given to form a Compound word with "Spinning"
a) Piece b) Wheel c) Wire d) Lid
8. Choose the correct Prefix for the word "Agree"
a) dis b) mis c) un d) under
9. Choose the expanded form of "JEE"
a) Joint Entrance Examination b) Joint Engineering Examination
c) Junior Entrance Examination d) Junior Engineering Examination

10. Fill in choosing the appropriate Phrasal Verb.

The President distributed the prizes.

- a) gave away b) gave up c) give in d) gave on
11. Don't disobey the old - Choose the correct Polite alternative.
a) aged man b) senior citizen c) grown weird d) grey fellow

12. Choose the the clipped form of "Bridegroom".

- a) groom b) bride c) bridge d) ridge

13. Choose the meaning of the Idiom "take one for a ride".

- a) to encourage falsehood b) to deceive somebody
c) to create panic d) to enjoy the situation

14. Choose the American English word for "jug".

- a) valet b) pitcher c) elevator d) perambulator

15. Choose the Plural form of "Goose".

- a) geoses b) geese c) goosii d) goosum

16. "Astrology" is-a ----- word.

- a) di - syllabic b) monosyllabic c) trisyllabic d) tetra syllabic

17. Choose the meaning of the Foreign word "En masse".

- a) individual b) as a group c) social status d) summary

18. Choose the correct Semi - modal verb.

Rani ----- go to temple on Fridays. When she was young.

- a) need to b) ought to c) dare to d) used to

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19. Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners.'

Vijay had ----- idea about the problem.

- a) any b) most c) no d) little

20. Fill in the blank with a suitable sentence Pronouns.

Do you know ----- car that is?

- a) Who b) Whom c) Which d) Whose

PART - II
SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer four of the following.

4x2=8

21. *"Our lands, our lives, and all are Bolingbroke's
And nothing can we call our own but death"*

- a) Who was Bolingbroke?
b) Write the words in Alliteration.

22. *Our nature it is that whatever we try
We do with devotion deep and true.*

- a) Who does 'we' refer to?
b) How should we carry out our duties?

23. *We's the bafflement of scotland yard, the flying squad's despair.
For when they reach the scene of crime -
Macavity's not there!*

- a) What is 'Scotland Yard'?
b) Why does the flying squad feel disappointed?

24. *And its my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.....*

- a) What is the poet's faith?
b) What trait of Nature do we see here?

25. *Well, ego it might be pleased enough.....
But Zealous athletes play so rough*

- a) Pick out the rhyming words?
b) What pleases the ego?

26. *But now they only laugh with their teeth
While their ice block cold eyes*

- a) Explain Ice - block cold eyes.
b) Identify the figure of speech used here.

SECTION - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. Report the following dialogue.

Ravi : Where are you going?

Ragu : I'm going to the market?

28. If I had known you, I would have called on you. (Begin the sentence with "Had")

29. You work hard you can win. (Combine the sentence using "Unless")

30. Children like sweets. (Change the voice)

PART - III

SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. In have learned to wear many faces like dresses.

32. His powers of levitaion would make a fakir stare.

33. We are proud of the position we
hold; humble as we are.

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SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following briefly.

2x3=6

34. According to Mary Kom, what was the reason for her losing in the finals.
35. What is the difference between the physical and mental tight corner?
36. What were the contents of Bryson's bag?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. Build a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between a fruit vendor and a customer.
38. Describe how will you behave as a good student in your school with some valuable points.
39. Write a notice about the Inauguration of a Laughter Club in your school.
40. Complete the Proverbs using the words given below.

- a) A burnt child dreads -----
- b) A great talker is a great -----
- c) ----- is the best sauce.

[Hunger, Traveller, Fire, Liar]

PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) The Grandmother played a vital role in the Author's formative years. Justify. (OR)
- b) Bring out the pun in the Title "The Accidental Tourist".

Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words.

42. a) According to the poet what contributes most to the Injuries sustained by The Athletes? (OR)

- b) In what way is every Hillock similar to Everest.

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the given hints.

- a) Philip Sletherby - travelling - Brill Manor - meet - Mrs. Sattpen Jago - companion - young man - introduced himself - Bertie - son of Jago - Bertie - left his purse - needed 3 pounds - agreed - give money - explained - crest - mother's hairstyle - think him - fraud - refused - later - came to know - Bertie - true - felt sorry - realized mistake. (OR)

- b) Leacock - goes to a studio - the photographer - dislikes Leacock's face - passes several comments - Leacock gets irritated - the Photo taken - wants to see the proof - visits the studio again - the photo is edited - help of Technology - Leacock upset - over the changes - calls it - worthless bauble - leaves in anger.

44. Make a notes or summarise the following passage.

Badgers are shy, Nocturnal creatures. All kinds of Badgers are good diggers, using the long claws on their forelimbs to dig out food or make burrows called sets, European badgers usually live in groups of up to 12 animals in sets, Which may be occupied for many Generations. An ancient set may contain over 100 metres of tunnels. and a large number of entrance holes and living and sleeping chambers. They also use their set to escape predators, such as Humans. Badgers are generally peaceable creatures. In spite of their powerful teeth they feed mostly on small prey and Plants. Their eyesight is poor, but they have excellent senses of hearing and smell. badgers have special glands under their tails and with these they mark or musk familiar objects. Young Badgers even musk each other as well as their playthings, and some species with unpleasant - smelling musk use it for defence.

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45. a) Read the following advertisement and Prepare a Bio - data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions mentioned.

(Write XXX for the name and YYY for the address)

Wanted
SECURITY OFFICER
In a Multinational Company from men with a degree in
any subject and a "C" Certificate in NCC. Eligible Candidates
please apply with curriculum vitae to
Box No: 123
C/O. The Hindu, Chennai - 600-002

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your friend Congratulating him/her for getting the first rank.
46. a) Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below.
- (i) Weblogs are becoming popular
 - (ii) Due to Heavy rains, the Cricket match was cancelled off.
 - (iii) India got freedom in 1947.
 - (iv) The Hybrid variety of paddy was a failure.
 - (v) +1 students will receive laptops soon.

[History, Agriculture, Education, Transport, Sports, Computer]

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks suitably.

- i) His eye ----- is poor, he cannot visit his ----- (site, sight)
- ii) We ----- help the needy. (Use a modal verb)
- iii) If I have enough money, I ----- (go) to Japan.
(Fill with correct tense of Conditional Clause)
- iv) ----- she was rich, she was humble. (use a suitable link word)

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Some animals hibernate or go into a deep sleep as an adaptation to the cold months of Winter. Hibernation is different from normal sleep. During hibernation, an animal seems to be dead. Its Metabolism slows down and its Body Temperature drops. Its Heartbeat slows to only two or three beats a minute. Since its bodily processes are so slow, it needs very little food to stay alive. Some animals which Hibernate are toads, Skunks, Ground squirrels, bees, and bats. Bears sleep during the winter, but they are not true Hibernators. They wake up when they hear loud noises. Some animals estivate, or go into a deep sleep as an adaptation to be hot, dry months of summer. During estivation, an animal's heartbeat and breathing slow down. During estivation, an animal does not grow or move. It does not need to eat because it is not using much Energy. Some animals burrow underground, where it is cooler, before they begin to estivate. Some animals which estivate are Reptiles, Bees, Hedgehogs, Frogs, Toads, and Earthworms.

Questions:

- a) Which animals both Hibernate and Estivate?
- b) Describe Hibernation.
- c) When do most animals Hibernate?
- d) List out some animals that estivate?
- e) When animals burrow, they.....
 - a) Fall into a deep sleep
 - b) dig under the earth
 - c) Sleep during the day
 - d) Both a and b are correct

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph of 150 words about "Discipline".

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