

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - DECEMBER 2018

STANDARD - X

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Marks: 100

Time : 2.30 hours

PART II - ENGLISH PAPER I

Instructions: 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
2. Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

SECTION - A [VOCABULARY - 20 MARKS]

PART - I

1. Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the underlined word:

5×1=5

The stranger had a sad face with a (i) ragged coat. With slow steps he (ii) manoeuvred his way to the stream. He seemed to be the victim of much (iii) brutality. He was (iv) penalised for fault of his, except that he wanted his room to be (v) renovated.

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| i) a) expensive | b) big - sized | c) faded | d) unclean |
| ii) a) swam quickly | b) climbed down | c) moved skillfully | d) leaned |
| iii) a) wealth | b) poverty | c) cruelty | d) misery |
| iv) a) punished | b) rewarded | c) included | d) excluded |
| v) a) replaced | b) repaired | c) respected | d) demolished |

2. Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words:

5×1=5

I stood in awe, astonishment and (i) reverence when I saw a walled fortress - a standing testimony of the chola's (ii) opulence. Among the things (iii) visible are the interlocks of the granite stones. The rocks so (iv) perfectly fitted to share a (v) harmony in bonding.

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| i) a) surprise | b) respect | c) irreverence | d) irregular |
| ii) a) prosperity | b) wealth | c) poverty | d) drought |
| iii) a) clear | b) invisible | c) transparent | d) blurred |
| iv) a) correctly | b) delicately | c) accurately | d) imperfectly |
| v) a) unrest | b) disharmony | c) peaceful | d) unity |

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following:

10×1=10

- The expansion of the abbreviation JEE is:

a) Judicial English Examination	b) Junior English Examination
c) Joint Entrance Examination	d) Junior Entrance Examination
- Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning:

a) The chairman mite convene a meeting	b) The chairman might convene a meeting.
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- Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word: Pictures of the winners were put up on the notice - board.
- Which of the words given below can be placed after 'fire' to form a compound word.

a) counter	b) camp	c) brigade	d) forest
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- What is the plural form of 'deer'.

a) deers	b) deeres	c) deer	d) deeries
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- Attach a prefix to the word 'capable' from the list given below:

a) un	b) dis	c) in	d) mis
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- Replace the phrasal verb with its correct meaning: The child takes after his father.

a) imitates	b) follows	c) resembles	d) recognises
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- Choose the correct syllabification of the word 'administration'.

a) ad - mini - stra - tion	b) ad-min-ist-ra-tion	c) ad-mi-nist-ration	d) ad-min-is-tra-tion
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- Fill in the blanks with the right option:
The teachers _____ the students to follow the instructions given.

a) accept	b) expect	c) except	d) excerpt
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- Construt a sentence using any one of the words given below:

a) astonish	b) astonishing	c) astonishment	d) astonishingly
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- Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a noun:
My cousin was educated in an International School.

14. Which of the two sentences given below convey the following meaning?
None of the delegates were present for the meeting.
a) All but one delegate was present for the meeting.
b) Not one delegate was present for the meeting.

SECTION - B [GRAMMAR - 25 MARKS]**PART - I****10×1=10****Answer all the questions. Respond to the following as directed:**

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence?
If you had translated the novel, _____
a) I shall read it b) I would read it c) I would have read it
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:
Yesterday, I got my dresses ironed.
a) SVOCA b) ASVOA c) ASVOC d) ASVCA
17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement:
Everybody cheered them, _____?
a) did they? b) didn't they? c) don't they? d) would they?
18. Very few buildings in the world are _____ the Empire State Building of New York.
a) taller than b) as tall as c) the tallest of d) more tall as
19. Choose the correct option that correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below:
My father does scold me some times.
a) My father never scolds me at all b) My father scolds me, occasionally
c) My father scolds very often
20. Complete the sentence with the correct prepositional phrase:
_____ his not running fast, he will miss the bus.
a) Owing to b) In case of c) Because of
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence:
Would you mind _____ the window?
a) to open b) for opening c) opening
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence:
We are going _____ to Kerala.
a) to an excursion b) for an excursion c) on an excursion
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence:
Calcium chloride is _____ reducing agent.
a) an b) a c) the
24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence:
The young man's future depends _____ the final judgement of the case.
a) in b) on c) over d) with

PART - II**Answer all the following. Rewrite as directed:****5×2=10**

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence:
Sharon listened to the story. She did not interrupt the narrator.
26. Rewrite the sentence using the passive verb:
The brave boy saved the lives of two children and the police awarded him.
27. Rewrite the sentence indirect speech:
The Watchman asked him who he was and told him that he had not seen him earlier.
28. From the context of the two sentences. Given below frame a single sentence using the 'If' clause: He did not accept the offer. He did not go on the European tour.
29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison: Measurement of rooms.
a) Mangoes are sold at Rs. 100 per kg b) Apples are sold at Rs. 120 per kg
c) Pomegranates are sold at Rs. 120 per kg d) Oranges are sold at Rs. 90 per kg

PART - III

30. Punctuate the following sentence:
oh ma how i miss you thought kumar

SECTION - C [PROSE - 15 MARKS]

PART - I

Answer briefly any five of the following questions, not exceeding 30 words each: $5 \times 2 = 10$

31. What were the contents of the sealed envelope sent by the Baron to Hughie?
32. What were Dr. Karl Paulnack's parents' deepest fears?
33. Why does Gokhale say that no privilege in life is worth having?
34. How does the city of Delhi make up for two - third's of its water supply?
35. How could the Maharashtra Bill help the workers?
36. Explain the local movement of bird in the Indian context.
37. What does the murals of the temple convey?

PART - II

Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph not exceeding 120 words: $1 \times 5 = 5$

38. (a) Why did Hughie wish to apologise to the Baron?
(b) How does the author react to the 9/11 incident? What advice does he give with regard to the wellness of the planet?
(c) What aspects of the Brihadeeswarar temple baffles the engineers till this day? What is the speciality of the Vimanam?

SECTION - D [POETRY - 20 MARKS]

PART - I

39. Quote from memory any one of the following extracts :

- (a) **Five lines of the poem: "Manliness"**
From : "Except the will To : a man, my son. (OR)
- (b) **Five lines from the poem, "Migrant Bird"**
From : "The globe's my world, To : guns that blast.

PART - II

Read the following sets of Poetic lines and answer the questions given below : $5 \times 1 = 5$

40. "If you can dream and not make dream your. How should we treat our dream? Master".
41. "We are weary and we cannot run or leap". Why are the children weary?
42. "Then, what gems would you see"? Perhaps a beautiful heart. What does the poet mean by 'a beautiful heart'?
43. "Each laid on other a staying hand". Why did each lay a staying hand or the other?
44. "To dream my dreams and make them last". Who is the dreamer here and what could he/she be dreaming of?

PART - III

Read the lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below: $5 \times 1 = 5$

45. Yet if you take time to peer deeper, Then, what gems would you see? Pick out the alliterated words in the above lines.
46. And, all day, the iron wheels are droning;
And sometimes we could pray,
'O ye wheels!' (breaking out in a mad moaning)
'Stop be silent for to-day'
What is the rhyme scheme used in this verse?
47. Yet, if we take time to peer deeper
Then, what gems would we see?
Find out the figure of speech employed in the above lines.
48. A child sitting under the piano,
in the boom of the tingling strings
What is the figure of speech used in the above lines?
49. With speed of wings. I hasten past
And close my eyes against the sun
To dream my dreams and make them last
Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

PART-IV

Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph not exceeding 120 words:

1×5=5

50. (a) Describe the experiences of the children on their way to seek water. (OR)
 (b) How does the poet compare the life of the migrant bird with the humans? (OR)
 (c) What advice does the poet give to the readers through his poem 'Manliners'?

SECTION - E [LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 20 MARKS]

51. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

5×2=10

Decision - making is a vital part of our lives. This is because, what we are today is largely the result of the decisions we took in the past. Similarly whatever happens tomorrow will be a result of the decisions we take in the present. It is not possible to reverse the decisions taken in the past but it is possible to train ourselves to become a good - decision maker for the future. If we don't we will end up doing, what we've always done and thus get what we have always got. Philosopher Walter Kaufman has called this Decidophobia.

- a) How is decision - making important?
 b) Why is not possible to reverse our decisions?
 c) What would be the result of not being a good decision - maker?
 d) Decidophobia is fear of _____.
 e) Pick out the antonym of the word 'cause' from the passage.

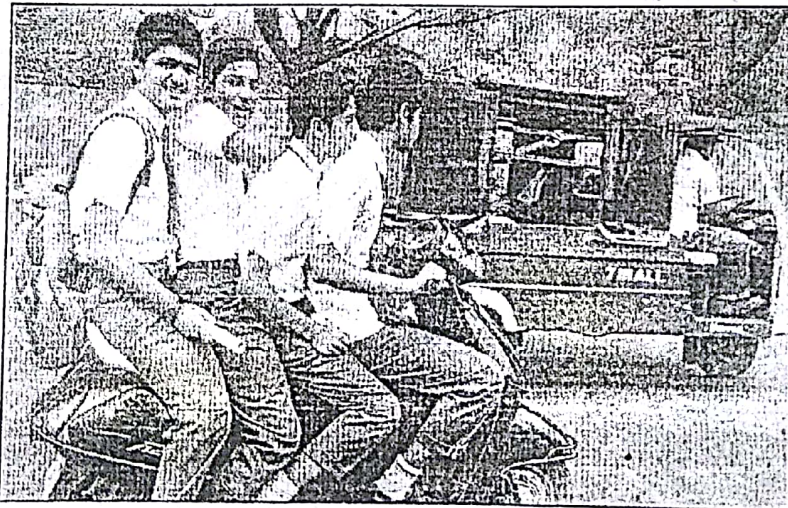
52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:

5×1=5

- a) Beside a Laptop, he has a PS₄.
 b) You can contact the manager for further information.
 c) The government formed an one-man commission to investigate the case.
 d) Rani is one of the cleverest girl in the class.
 e) Each of the cycles are damaged.

53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences of your own:

5×1=5

**Question :**

- a) What do you see in the picture?
 b) Why is it not safe to ride the bike this way?
 c) For what reason can these boys be penalised by the traffic police?
 d) What would you do if you witness such an incident?
 e) Write any one traffic rule of two-wheeler drive.