

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - DECEMBER 2018

STANDARD - XII

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Marks: 90

Time : 2.30 hours

PART II - ENGLISH

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.

Note : i) Answer all the questions.
ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

SECTION - A [VOCABULARY]

I. Answer all the questions. Choose the correct options given below. 20×1=20

- 1) Choose the synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence. Among various experiments with truth, The most pertinent in relation to women was his relationship with his wife, Kasturba.
a) Regular b) Relevant c) Excellent d) Cordial
- 2) Choose the Clipped form of the word 'influenza'.
a) Enza b) Influ c) Flu d) Fluenza
- 3) Replace the underlined word with the appropriate phrasal verb:
My friends will stand by me during the crisis.
a) support b) substitute c) accuse d) expect
- 4) Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence :
Sanjay was on cloud nine when his friend got the state rank.
a) Greatly Surprised b) Extremely jealous c) Immensely happy d) Slightly upset
- 5) Choose the most accurate one of the four given words opposite to the underlined word:
I found our speech copious without order and energetic without rule.
a) Meagre b) Plenty c) Confusing d) Serious
- 6) Choose the right combination for the blended word 'motel'.
a) Motor + hotel b) Modern + hotel c) Mock + hotel d) Motorway + hotel
- 7) Choose the correct combination for the compound word "bench-mark".
a) Preposition + verb b) Adjective + noun
c) Adverb + noun d) Noun + verb
- 8) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word "cast".
a) Pre b) Counter. c) Fore d) Micro
- 9) Choose the appropriate Synonym of the underlined word:
Ganga Ram was Squashed.
a) Subdued b) Spared c) Slapped d) Shocked
- 10) Choose the correct plural form of "fungus".
a) Funga b) Funguses c) Fungies d) Fungi
- 11) Choose the tri-syllabic word:
a) Spectacular b) Anonymous c) Furniture d) Luggage
- 12) Choose the antonym of the underlined word in the following sentence:
For over five hours he sailed serenely through the lightning sky.
a) Calmly b) Cautiously c) Violently d) Secretly
- 13) Identify the sentence pattern of the following:
You must remain patient till the end.
a) SVOA b) SVCA c) SVAA d) SVOC
- 14) Choose the correct American English word for "full - stop".
a) Point b) Pause c) Dot d) Period
- 15) Choose the correct expansion of the acronym OPEC.
a) Organic Petrol Exporting Companies b) Oil and Petroleum Exporting Countries
c) Organization of Petrol Exporting Committee d) Organic Petrol and Energy Commission

- 16) People _____ live in glass houses should not throw stones.
 a) where b) which c) why d) who
- 17) Leela visits her grandparents quite frequently, _____? (Use a suitable question tag)
 a) hasn't she b) doesn't she c) didn't she d) don't she
- 18) Please, look _____ my pet dogs for a day.
 a) after b) into c) upon d) over
- 19) Nandhini's uncle is _____ NRI.
 a) an b) a c) the d) none
- 20) Choose the correct plural form of 'alumnus'
 a) alumni b) alumnuses c) alumna d) alumnium

SECTION - B

7×2=14

II. Answer any seven of the following:

i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following: 4×2=8

- 21) "He drank enough
 And lifted his head, dreamily, as one who has drunken"
 a) Who is 'he' here? b) Identify the figure of speech in the second line?
- 22) "Speech that came like leech craft"
 a) What is the word 'Speech' referred to here?
 b) Explain 'leech craft'.
- 23) "Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding"
 a) Who explored the vast surrounding?
 b) Pick out the alliterated words here.
- 24) "As humble plants by country hedgerows growing that treasure up the rain"
 a) How are women described, in the above lines?
 b) What is the meaning of 'hedgerows'?
- 25) "I shot him dead because -
 Because he was my foe"
 a) Who is 'I' here?
 b) Why did he kill the other man?
- 26) "In the world's broad field of battle
 In the bivouac of life"
 a) Explain the word 'bivouac'.
 b) Identify the figure of speech used.

ii) Do as directed (Any three)

3×2=6

- 27) If the management were to go back on its promise, there would be a strike.
 (Begin with 'were')
- 28) The flowers were being plucked by Mala. (Change into other voice form)
- 29) The teacher said to the student, "Did you read the newspaper today?"
 (Change into Indirect speech)
- 30) If you miss the bus, take a taxi. (use 'in case of')

SECTION - C

III. Answer any seven of the following:

7×3=21

PART - I

i) Explain any two (2) of the following with reference to the context:

2×3=6

- 31) "And you O my soul where you stand,
 Surrounded, detached, in measureless oceans of space"
- 32) "Life is real! Life is earnest!"
- 33) "And I have something to expiate; A pettiness"

PART - II

ii) Answer any two (2) of the following briefly:

2×3=6

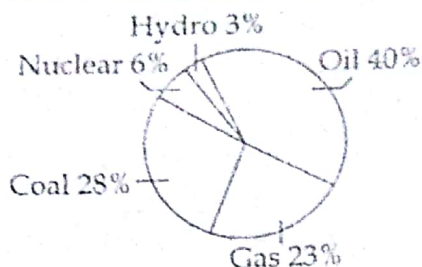
- 34) Why did Ganga Ram never hurt animals?
- 35) Give reasons as to why it is difficult to keep warm in the Tibetan mountain range.
- 36) What is Ahimsa?

PART - III

iii) Answer any three of the following:

3×3=9

37) Study the pie diagram and write three sentences based on the information you infer.



38) Describe the process of preparing four glasses of lemon juice.

39) A few guests are to visit Miss Janet's house for a short stay. Frame a dialogue between Ms. Janet and her domestic help on the arrangements to be made to keep the guests comfortable (minimum of three exchanges).

40) Choose the correct option and complete the proverb:

- a) _____ rush in where Angels fear to tread.
 i) Devils ii) Fools iii) Warriors iv) Humans
- b) Beauty is only _____ deep.
 i) Skin ii) flesh iii) bone iv) knee
- c) _____ kills the cat.
 i) Temptation ii) Jealousy iii) Greed iv) Curiosity

SECTION - D

7×5=35

IV. Answer the following:

41) Answer in a paragraph (of about 150 words) any one (1) of the following:

- a) "Gandhi was no advocate of blind adherence to 'tradition'". - Explain.
 b) Give an account of the aftermath of atomisation on Hiroshima.

42) Answer in a paragraph (of about 150 words) any one (1) of the following:

- a) How does the poetess define 'Women's Rights'?
 b) What underlying statement do you think the poet is making in 'Snake' about human beings. Substantiate your answer with reference to the poem.

43) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

Lovely garden - Giant returned to castle - found children playing - built high wall put up notice board - no spring season - children entered through hole in wall - Spring set in - Giant realised folly - allowed children - child Jesus visited - paradise - Died peacefully. (OR)

Besieged Paris - Two friends - Monsieur Morissot and Monsieur Sauvage - Fishing companions absinthe - went to siene - indulged in fishing - caught by Prussians - chief demanded password - remained stubborn - shot dead - corpses thrown into river.

44) Write a Summary or Make notes of the following passage:

There is a difference between the 'learning' of a language and the 'acquisition' of a language. While 'learning' applies to the Conscious process of accumulating knowledge of the vocabulary and grammar of a language. 'acquisition' refers to the gradual development of ability in a language by using it naturally in communicative situations.

It is found that even in ideal acquisition situations, very few adults seem to reach native - like proficiency in using a second language. However, it has been demonstrated that students who are willing to attempt using the language without self - consciousness or embarrassment, acquire the skills faster and more effectively than others.

You need to overcome your inhibitions, taking risks in using the language to express yourself. When you continually use the language in communicative situations without worrying about the mistakes you may make, you will find that you become as proficient in English as you are in your native language.

- 45) Read the following advertisement and prepare a bio - data fulfilling the conditions specified. (Write xxx for your name and yyy for your address)

WANTED

Sales Executive - a science graduate with excellent communication skills -
Must have minimum 2 years experience in the filed of marketing Apply to :
G.B. Godhra Medical Equipment Ltd,
Mount Road,
Chennai - 600 002.

(OR)

Write a paragraph on "The importance of water conservation" (OR)
'A Friend in need is a friend in deed'.

- 46) Read the following sentences and spot the errors and correct them:

- Every student has to show their ticket.
- The box is So heavy for me to lift.
- They adopt an unique style of writing.
- He studied hardly for the exam to get first rank.
- You have lost your pen, isn't it? (OR)

Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- Don't _____ the _____ plates from the factory. (*Steal, Steel*)
- You _____ help your friends, when they are in need. (*use a semi modal*)
- If I _____ (get) the first rank, I would not have been appreciated.
- Mr. Prasad _____ (be) a man whom we can always trust.

- 47) Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue:

- Fossil proof of human evolution has been found near Harappa.
- The Ashoka Trust is running a mercy home in Salem.
- The sensex in Mumbai stock Market crossed 10,000 points last week.
- Irfan Pathan performed a hat trick against Pakistan.
- The mouse is an input device.

(*Sports, Computer, Law, Commerce, Archeology, Social Service, Zoology*)
(OR)

Read the following passage and answer in your own words:

Gifford Pinchot was the first professionally trained forester in the U.S. After he graduated from Yale in 1889, he studied forestry in Europe. In the 1890s he managed the forest on the Biltmore estate in North Carolina (now pisgah National Forest) and became the first to practice scientific forestry. Perhaps his most important contribution to conservation was persuading President Theodore Roosevelt to set aside millions of acres in the west as forest reserves. These lands now make up much of the national parks and national forests of the United States Pinchot became the chief forester of the US forest service in 1905. Although he held the post for only five years, he established guidelines that set forest policy for decades to come.

- Who established guidelines to set forest policy?
- Where did he study forestry?
- What was his most important contribution?
- Who set aside land for forest reserve?
- What was the last post of Pinchot?