

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - DECEMBER 2019

Standard - 12

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LANGUAGE - PART-II - ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks: 90

- 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 and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

- Note:** i) Answer all the questions. 20×1=20  
ii) Choose the most suitable answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the underlined word in the following sentences:

- 1) Nicola and Jacopo were childish enough in many ways quite artless.  
a) strange                      b) innocent                      c) gentle                      d) wicked
- 2) One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic after drinking a tea.  
a) natural                      b) positive                      c) energetic                      d) healthy
- 3) I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.  
a) delight                      b) pain                      c) excitement                      d) anxiety

Choose the most appropriate antonyms for the underlined word in the following sentences:

- 4) We made frequent changes of lead.  
a) rare                      b) special                      c) strange                      d) gradual
- 5) "Oh, but", Margot whispered, her eyes helpless.  
a) giggled                      b) belched                      c) screamed                      d) gargled
- 6) A shout old lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in great confusion.  
a) weakness                      b) fatigue                      c) bafflement                      d) clarity
- 7) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation CIA.  
a) Central International Agency                      b) Central Institutional Agency  
c) Central Indian Agency                      d) Central Intelligence Agency
- 8) Choose the correct plural form of octopus.  
a) octopuseis                      b) octopus                      c) octopii                      d) octopi
- 9) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word prison.  
a) un                      b) im                      c) dis                      d) in
- 10) Choose the meaning of the word 'planetarium'.  
a) a grove of plaintain trees                      b) a model of the planetary system  
c) a place where aeroplanes are repaired                      d) a huge tank full of planktons
- 11) Add a suitable question tag to the following sentence.  
I am always the winner, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) am I                      b) aren't I                      c) have I                      d) amn't I

Choose the suitable meaning for the phrasal verb in the following sentence:

- 12) Arjun and his family members set off on a trip to Bangalore.  
a) planned                      b) started                      c) arrived                      d) organized

Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentences:

- 13) Baldwin let his name rest under a cloud.  
a) view with suspicion                      b) sleep in the shade  
c) analyse deeply                      d) understand beyond doubt
- 14) Choose the right word that can be placed after "ship" to form a compound word.  
a) deck                      b) wreck                      c) break                      d) cabin

- 15) Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.  
The temple is \_\_\_\_\_ the SBI bank.  
a) along                      b) between                      c) with                      d) beside
- 16) Choose the right combination for the blended word "Medicare".  
a) Medical + Care                      b) Medicine + Care  
c) Medicinal + Care                      d) Meditation + Care
- 17) Choose the correct American English word for 'timetable'.  
a) schedule                      b) period                      c) programme                      d) agenda
- 18) Identify the sentence pattern of the following:  
I played Football yesterday.  
a) SVCA                      b) SVOA                      c) SVOC                      d) SVAA
- 19) Choose the clipped form of the word "Influenza".  
a) Influa                      b) flu                      c) fluenza                      d) Inza
- 20) Choose the Mono-Syllabic word:  
a) ago                      b) boast                      c) demon                      d) unit

**PART - II****SECTION - 1**

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

- 21) All through that summer at ease we lay,  
And dally From the turret wall.  
a) Who does the word 'we' refer to?  
b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
- 22) By that hoar tree, so beautiful and vast,  
The water - lilies spring, like snow enmassed.  
a) Which tree is described in the above lines?  
b) What is the figure of speech used here?
- 23) "All the world's a stage"  
And all the men and women merely players;  
a) What is the world compared to?  
b) What is the figure of speech used here?
- 24) To sail beyond the sunset,  
and the baths of all the western stars,  
until I die.  
a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life?  
b) How long would his venture last?
- 25) "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock"  
a) How should one face life?  
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.
- 26) A film the mother - eagle's eye when her bruised eaglet breaches.  
a) Who is compared to the mother eagle?  
b) Explain the comparison.

**SECTION - 2**

**Answer any three of the following:**

**3×2=6**

- 27) The manager said, "I shall speak to you this Friday".  
**[Change into indirect speech]**
- 28) Ravi is a good actor, still he is not popular. **[use "Though"]**
- 29) People burn a great deal of wood in winter. **[Change the voice]**
- 30) Unless you have a valid passport, you cannot leave the country.  
**[Rewrite as a compound sentence]**

**PART - III****SECTION - 1**

**Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:**

**2×3=6**

- 31) "Dear is the casuarina to my soul;"
- 32) "Is second childishness and mere oblivion;  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything".



- 33) "He will be lonely enough to have time for the work".

**SECTION - 2****2×3=6****Answer any two of the following briefly:**

- 34) What happened when the doctor couple were crossing the street?  
 35) How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?  
 36) Why did the original zest of the mountaineers start fading?

**SECTION - 3****3×3=9****Answer any three of the following questions:**

- 37) **Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below:**

- a) Too much intake of spicy food leads to acidity.  
 b) The inflation rate is alarming.  
 c) Vishwa went to England on a tourist visa.  
 [Politics, Commerce, Agriculture, Health, Travel, Accountancy]

- 38) Describe the process of making Mixed Fruit Salad.  
 39) Construct a dialogue between an educationalist and a twelfth standard student who wants to know about the scope of higher studies in Aeronautics field.  
 40) **Edit and rewrite the following passage:**

If you sweeten it, you are no longer tasting the tea you are merely tasting the sugar you could made a very similar drink of dissolving sugar in plain hot water.

**PART - IV****Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:** **7×5=35**

- 41) a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentleman of Verona"?  
 (OR)

- b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the rule of the Road'?

- 42) a) Bring out the message of the poem "THE CASTLE".

(OR)

- b) What is the role of the young soldier in the victory of the French army at Ratisbon?

- 43) **Answer any one of the following in a paragraph in about 150 words by developing the following hints:**

- a) Aksionov - Vladimir - bade good bye - wife had a bad dream - charged with murdering a merchant - driven to siberia - Makar semyonich confessed - Aksionov was already dead - order for his release.

(OR)

- b) Lord Weston - Pompous and vain - expressed displeasure for Roger's request - discovered a piece of paper - some one affected by his Judgement - both Weston and Roger took measures - appointment to visit garden - absent mindedness - crux of the play.

- 44) **Either make Notes or Summarise the following passage:**

Pheasants are shy, charming birds known for their brilliant plumage. These beautiful birds occupy an important niche in nature's scheme of things. Of the 900 bird species and 155 families, the pheasants belong to the order Galliformes and family phasinidae. The Galliformes are known as game birds and this includes, pheasants, partridges, quails, grouse francolins, turkeys and megapodes.

There are 51 specie's of pheasants in the world and these are shown in the identification chart brought out by the Environment Society of India (ESI). The purpose of this chart is to create awareness among members of the school eco-clubs under the National Green Corps (NGC) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

Except for the Congo peafowl, all the other pheasants are from Asia. Scientists believe that all pheasants originated from the Himalayas, and then scattered in to Tibet, China, Myanmar, South and South East Asian countries

as well as the caucasus Mountains. The Jungle Fowl and the peafowl spread to South India and Sri Lanka long before the early settlers established themselves in the Indo-Gangetic plain.

About a third of all the pheasants in the world are found in India. The male blue peafowl (the peacock) is the best known member of the pheasant family and is India's national bird. It occupies a prominent place in India's art, culture and folklore.

45) a) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate marksheet of class XI which you lost while travelling.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper about the nuisance created by the road-side vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone.

46) a) **Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them:**

- i) My friends and I were sitting in a cafe and to talk.
- ii) The children is very happy today.
- iii) The blue Frock was most expensive than the pink one.
- iv) Mahatni sings very well yesterday.
- v) My brother gifted a expensive watch for my birthday.

(OR)

b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**

- i) Sheela has a pain in the \_\_\_\_\_, so she went to a doctor to \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
(heal / ,heel)
- ii) My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ wake up early in the morning when she was young. **(use a semi-modal)**
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_ Aristotle, Man is a social animal. **(use a phrase)**
- iv) If I were a lion, I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a forest.

47) a) **Write an article on the following:**

During the summer vacation, your school organised a 10-day trip to Kulu-Manali. You were taken to different places. Write an article for your school magazine. **(OR)**

b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions below in your own words:**

I was sittin; I was knittin'  
On a sweater, I could wear.  
When I finished, I said proudly,  
"Hey, I've done some weavein' there".  
But O' spider on the wall said,  
"Can you do it in the air?  
Can you spin it out of gossamer.  
From the ceiling to the star?  
Can you let the wind blow through it  
So it sways but doesn't tear?  
Then can you grab on to it  
And swing lightly on a hair?  
When you can - then you may truly say,  
I've done some weavin' there".

**Questions:**

- i) What did the poet knit?
- ii) What made the poet feel proud?
- iii) Where does the spider spin its web?
- iv) Guess the meaning of the word 'Gossamer'.
- v) Give a suitable title for the poem.

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