

Half-yearly Common Exam., December - 2017

XI - Standard]

ENGLISH - II Paper
(Maximum Marks : 90)

[Time : 2½ Hrs

Part -A (Answer all the questions : 20 × 1 = 20)

- i Complete each of the following by choosing the correct option : 10 × 1 = 10
- The hero of the story 'Reflowering' is a) Amma b) Appa c) Rowther d) Ambi
 - The children gift shared between the couple Jim and Della is a) love b) combs c) fob chain d) necklace
 - The couple in the 'the necklace' is a) Jim and Della b) Mr and Mrs. Loisel c) Amma and Appa d) Mr. and Mrs. Forestier
 - Who saw Phatik as an evil star? a) his cousins b) his teachers c) his classmates d) his aunt
 - The narrator of the story 'Reflowering' is a) Rowther b) Ambi c) Amma d) Kolappan
 - The Magi means a) the visitors b) a kind of food c) wise men d) christmas gift
 - The Loissels begged the jeweller not to sell the diamond necklace for how many days ? a) three days b) a single day c) a couple of days d) seven days
 - The short story 'Holiday' is written by a) Tagore b) Shakespeare c) Kalpana Chawla d) O' Henry
 - Whom the mother considers as 'darling boy' in the story 'Holiday' ? a) Phatik b) Makhan c) the cousins d) Bagha Bagdi
 - O' Henry is the pen name of a) Victor Hugh Munro b) Guy de Moupasant c) Doughlass Malloch d) William Sydney Porter

- ii) Identify 'who' said to 'whom' : 5 × 1 = 5
- "Dear God, I am so dumb I cannot understand anything" a) Rowther to Appa b) Appa to Amma c) Appa to Gomathi d) Rowther to Gomathi
 - "My holiday has come now. I'm going to home" a) Phatik to his mother b) Phatik to his uncle c) Phatik to his aunt d) Phatik to his cousins
 - "Let's put our Christmas presents away and keep'em awhile. They're too nice to use just at present" a) Della to Jim b) Della to the shop keeper c) Jim to Della d) Jim to the shop keeper
 - "You'll pay for this" a) mother to Phatik b) Aunt to Phatik c) Makhan to Phatik d) Phatik to Makhan
 - "Could you lend me this? Only this?" a) Mme Loisel to Mr. Loisel b) Mme. Loisel to Mme Forestier c) Mme. Loisel to the shopkeeper d) Mr. Loisel to Mme. Loisel

- iii) Complete the proverbs with suitable options : 5 × 1 = 5
- Two wrongs don't make a ----- a) good b) mistake c) right d) error
 - No man is ---- a) an island b) good c) super star d) bad
 - Beggars can't be ----- a) rich b) choosers c) winners d) losers
 - is the best policy. a) truth b) humility c) honesty d) punctuality
 - is next to godliness. a) sanctity b) boldness c) cleanliness d) poverty

Part-B 7 × 2 = 14

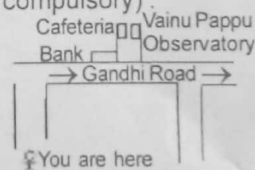
Answer any seven of the following questions in brief : (Question No. 25 is compulsory)

- How many sections are there in a library? What are they?
- Write three points while making notes.
23. What is internet? Give a web id.
- Why is e-mail so popular?
- Write the differences between skimming and scanning.
- Name any two major libraries you have visited.
- When and why do you consult a dictionary?
28. What is a report? 29. Explain : editing and drafting. 30. What is cohesion?

Part-C 7 × 3 = 21

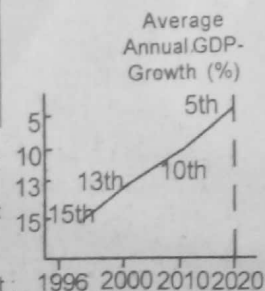
Answer any seven of the following questions. (Question No. 38 is compulsory):

- A stranger approaches you to guide her to Vainu Pappu observatory. Write three instructions by way of helping her. Use the road map given below:
- How will you prepare an omelette.
- Write slogans : a) to advertise the product - wrist watch b) campaign against child labour
- Study the following table pertaining to the studies of two classes and write three sentences on your inference about the data :



Skills / Response	XII A	XII-B
Listening	65%	40%
Learning	50%	48%
Doing home work	35%	34%
Writing class tests	30%	65%

- Study the graph given and answer the questions that follow :
Questions :
a) What is the graph about ?
b) What will be the position of India in 2020 ?
c) What is GDP?



- Complete the following dialogue between Doctor and Patient :
Doctor : What is your problem? What ----- ?
Patient : I ----- stomach ache. I took pizza last night.

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- Doctor : You have food poisoning. I'll give you medicine. ----- ?
Patient : Yes sir, I would come and meet you after three days. Thank you.
37. Compose a short poem of 4 lines on the topic "Rain".
38. Expand the following news headlines :
a) ISRO plans sending satellite to Jupiter and Saturn
b) Kidambi Srikanth and P.V. Sindhu win title.
c) Innova Crysta : largest selling MPV car in India.
39. Reshuffle the jumbled parts and frame meaningful sentences : (Retain the first part)
a) when you come across / refer to a dictionary / always need not / from the context / the meaning / you can get.
b) E-mail is / you can send / a electronic mail / through computer / any message/ from anywhere
c) true love / can be destroyed / a false love / cannot be destroyed / but / by time.
40. Explain the meaning of the proverb "Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction"

Answer the following :

Part-D

7 × 5 = 35

41. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :
After this, Rowther was a very quiet indeed. Words failed him. He remained in a state of stupor, leaning against the wall. That day, Gomathi and I took care of all the billing. After a long time, Gomathi dug her finger into his thigh and asked, 'Thatha, why don't you say something, Thatha?' But he said nothing even to that. He kept coming to the shop regularly.
- Questions :
a) Who is 'thatha' here ?
b) Why is Rowther silent ?
c) What does 'I' refer to ?
d) What is the shop mentioned here ?
e) Did Rowther answer anything ? (or)
Rearrange the jumbled sentence :
a) Phatik yearned for mother's love.
b) He went to Calcutta along with his uncle.
c) No one treated him well including the teacher.
d) He wanted to go back to native
e) He was not welcomed warmly.
42. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words :
The character sketch of Matilda. (or) The Christmas gift between Jim and Della.
43. Paraphrase the following poem :
Teach me to listen, Lord
To myself
Help me to be less afraid
To trust the voice inside
In the deepest part of me.
Teach me to listen, Lord
For your voice
In busyness and in boredom
In certainty and in doubt
In noise and in silence
Teach me, Lord, to listen. (or)
Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :
A NOISELESS, Patient Spider
I mark'd where on a little promontory it stood isolated,
Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding,
It launched forth filament, filament, filament, out of itself,
Ever unreeling them, ever tirelessly speeding them,
And you O my soul where you stand,
- Questions :
a) What is noiseless and patient ?
b) What does 'I' refer to ?
c) Is the spider compared to soul ?
d) What does 'you' refer to ?
e) Give a suitable 'title' to the poem.
44. Write a letter to your friend inviting your friend to attend your sister's wedding. (or)
Write a letter to your class teacher requesting him to grant you one day leave for attending your grand parents silver jubilee wedding anniversary.
45. Read the following passage and make notes (or) write a summary :
Before the 17th century, fairies also known as elves, goblins, pixies, 'the little people' or 'the hidden people', were feared and thought to be cruel and dangerous. But after that they were thought of as tiny, cute, lovable, angel-like creatures, with wings and a pretty white dress. Some thought they were spirits of wood and water, others that they were restless ghosts of unbaptised babies, yet others thought they were a separate creation like humans and animals. They were not supernatural. They were not ghosts or spirits. Who were they then?
46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the given topic :
One day visit to a zoological park. (or) Your goal in future.
47. Frame a dialogue with a minimum of ten exchanges for the given situation :
Between the astronauts after reading the earth from international Space Station. (or)
Between the students and the science teacher about NEET exam.