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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2025 - 26
ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 90

PART - I

1. Choose the correct Synonyms for the bold words from the options given. 20x1=20

1. Her prayer was in a **monotonous** sing-song.
a) varied b) unchanging c) hilarious d) melodies

2. He **persuaded** me to look in at the sale-room.
a) Pursued b) amazing c) convinced d) scolded

3. I do claim to represent him in all his **ruggedness**.
a) weakness b) frailty c) strength d) rudeness

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. I am always **reluctant** to trust a departing visitor to post an important letter.
a) interested b) willing c) reclined d) unwilling

5. You may find self-seekers **enthroned** and the patient worker decried.
a) crowned b) installed c) dethroned d) consecrated

6. The staff looked so **prosperous** and unsympathetic. (MDL-18)
a) rich b) wealthy c) poor d) luxurious

7. Choose the mono syllabic word.
a) mercy b) donkey c) about d) school

8. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **GST**.
a) Goods and Service Term b) Goods and Service Tax
c) Goods and Service Trade d) Goods and Sales Tax

9. Choose the word that can be placed after '**water**' to form a compound word.
a) warm b) proof c) pen d) like

10. Choose the right combination of the blended word '**vegeburger**'.
a) veg + burger b) vegetable + burger c) vege + burger d) vegetable + burger

11. Choose the meaning of the foreign word "**Bon Voyage**".
a) wishing good luck or good journey b) wishing good health
c) wishing good for family d) wishing good for studies

12. Add suitable question tag to the following statement.

Many women candidates attended the interview, -----?

- a) haven't they b) shouldn't they c) don't they d) didn't they

13. Choose the right meaning of the idiomatic expression in the sentence below.

That was a nice pickle to be in.

- a) challenging situation b) pleasant situation
c) dramatic situation d) confused situation

14. Add suitable prefix to the root word - '**polite**'.

- a) im- b) non- c) un- d) anti-

15. "**Ornithology**" is the study of -----

- a) birds b) dog training c) eggs d) fish

16. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.

We strolled ----- the river.

- a) across b) below c) along d) on

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17. Choose the clipped form of the word 'dormitory'
 a) dormy b) dory c) dorm d) dormit
18. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.
 The gentleman in the black suit is a barber.
 a) hair clipper b) hair remover c) hair splitter d) hair dresser
19. Substitute the phrasal verb in the sentence with a single word.
 Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
 a) continue b) finish c) halt d) postpone
20. Fill in the blank with a suitable relative pronoun.
 The books ----- are bought are often not read.
 a) that b) what c) who d) whose

PART - II

SECTION - 1

II. Read the following sets of poetic line and answer any Four from it.

4×2=8

21. "Feel at home" "come again". They say...
 a) Who are they?"
 b) Do they really mean it?
22. "And reassure myself a new, That you are not me and I'm not you?"
 a) Who does the poet refer to as "you"?
 b) Who does the poet reassure?
23. "I heard a thousand blended notes, While in a grove, I sat reclined.
 a) What is meant by "a thousand blended notes"?
 b) Where is the poet sitting?
24. "He sways his head from side to side, With movement like a snake",
 a) Who is "he"?
 b) Mention the figure of speech used here.
25. "In dignity and pride no one need to be poor"
 a) What are the two things mentioned here as our strength?
 b) Is the tone of the line positive or negative?
26. "For you have but mistook me all this awhile...."
 a) How is the speaker mistaken by the people?
 b) Write the words in alliteration

SECTION - 2

Do as directed (Any three)

3×2=6

27. Sankar said to Mani, "When will you send the parcel?" (into Indirect speech)
28. If he had come to my house, I would have given him my book [Begin with Had].
29. I have visited the Taj Mahal. (Change into other voice)
30. The bag is too heavy to lift. (Change into a Complex sentence)

PART - III

SECTION - 1

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

2×3=6

31. "The birds around me hopp'd and play'd, Their thoughts I cannot measure".
32. "How can you say to me, I am a king?"
33. "I am just glad as glad can be, That I am not them, that they are not me".

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SECTION - 2

Answer any Two of the following questions in about 30 words each.

2×3=6

34. What happened to Bryson when he learned to tie his shoelace?
 35. Why did Mary Kom think she should not return empty-handed?
 36. What is the difference between a physical and mental tight corner?

SECTION - 3

Answer any Three of the following questions:

3×3=9

37. Describe the process of making ginger tea.
 38. Complete the proverbs choosing the correct words from the options given
 i) _____ goes before fall. (*Pride / Success / Ego*)
 ii) Strike the iron when it is _____ (*cold / free / hot*)
 iii) Too many _____ spoil the broth. (*players / cooks / dancer*)
 39. Prepare a notice to be displayed on the notice board of your school for the students of class 11, informing them about the educational tour that has been arranged for them the next month.
 40. Send an e-mail to your uncle thanking him for the birthday gift.

PART - IV

IV. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words. 7×5=35

41. a) How does Arignar Anna highlight the duties and responsibilities of graduates to the society?

(OR)

- b) How did the grandmother spend the last few hours of her life?

42. a) What does the poet emphasize in the poem 'Once Upon a Time'?

(OR)

- b) Macavity is a mystery cat. Explain.

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

Jimmy Wells and Bob - friends - lived in New York - parted - fixed a meeting - twenty years - Bob went to the west - Wells settled there - Bob changed a lot - a criminal - Wells a policeman - Bob arrived at the spot - appointed time - couldn't recognize - Wells identified - respected friendship - sent another - policeman - arrested Bob.

(OR)

Leacock - photograph studio - photographer - scientist - took so much of time - Leacock - impatient - photographer - asked - Saturday - he went - saw an altogether - different - photograph - left - disappointed.

44. a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

The great advantage of early rising from bed is the good start it gives us in our day's work a good beginning. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are no sounds or other distractions so that work done at that time is generally well done. The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before he goes to bed.

(OR)

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b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words.

The benefits of reading newspaper

45. Write a letter to your friend who met with an accident and comfort him that he would come back to normal life soon.

(OR)

Write a letter to a sports company ordering sports items for the Physical Education Department of your school.

46. a) Read the following sentences, Spot the Errors and correct them.

- i) He gave me an one rupee coin.
- ii) Though she is weak but she is active.
- iii) She kept the book in the table.
- iv) One of the boy has got the prize.
- v) Sheela is junior than me

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- i) I am suffering from a sense of ———. (*guilt / gift*)
- ii) When Koushik was a child, he ——— play in the street (use semi modal verb).
- iii) She always ——— (make) excuses for coming late. (use the correct tense form)
- iv) I have a present ——— you (use a suitable Preposition)

47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

Some insects are harmful to human beings. (The poison of the black widow spider causes unbearable pain.) It stiffens the muscles of the abdomen and causes death to some of the victims. (Some kinds of mosquitoes carry germs that cause diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness.) The mosquitoes pick up the germs and pass them on to the people they bite. (Flies play a part in spreading such diseases like cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever.) All insects which carry germs and spread diseases live and breed only in dirty places. (So we can prevent such diseases if we keep our houses free of dirt.) e

Questions:

- a) How harmful is the bite of the black widow spider?
- b) What are the diseases caused by mosquitoes?
- c) How do mosquitoes play a part in spreading diseases?
- d) Why are flies harmful to us?
- e) What is the necessity of keeping our surroundings clean?

(OR)

b) Write a conversation between two students about their future studies.

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