

Class : 11Register
Number**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2025 - 26**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

PART - I

- I. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20x1= 20
Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:
- My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation.
a) isolation b) freedom c) both a and b d) neither a nor b
 - Many people who read it have been astonished at the absent- mindedness.
a) bored b) liked c) surprised d) expected
 - "Of all things, I am not very good at living in the real world is perhaps the most outstanding"
a) Prominent b) inferior c) unimportant d) inessential
- Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.
- My fear of facing the new opponents quickly Vanished.
a) disappeared b) nourished c) feared d) appeared
 - I stood on the outskirts of the little knot of buyers.
a) border b) boundary c) interior d) edge
 -Sunshine into dingy places, solace into the afflicted, hope unto the despondent.
a) Comfort b) distress c) sympathy d) amusement
 - Choose the Correct Prefix for the word "manage".
a) in---- b) un---- c) mis---- d) Pro----
 - Choose the Clipped form of the word "University".
a) unity b) varsity c) versity d) ubiety
 - An entomologist is the one who studies-----
a) artifacts b) birds c) insects d) earthquakes
 - Choose the meaning of the idiom 'in a nice Pickle'.
a) a risk that is easy b) very different from
c) in a trouble some situation d) do exactly right
 - Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
The Company maintained a close "liaison" with the trade union.
a) Vigilance b) Secret agreement c) Co-ordination d) supervision
 - Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "bee".
a) card b) yard c) lace d) hive
 - Choose the expanded form of ECG.
a) Electro Corporate Goods b) Equated Corporate Globe
c) Employee Corporate Globe d) Electro Cardio Gram
 - Choose the tri-Syllabic word.
a) magnificent b) Particular c) advantage d) inspiration
 - Replace the underlined word with a phrasal Verb.
I cannot put up with this nonsense any more.
a) express b) tolerate c) estimate d) evaluate
 - Choose the most appropriate Question tag for the following sentence.
She rarely absents herself,-----? a) does she b) doesn't she c) has she d) hasn't she

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17. Choose the most appropriate modal verb.
If I were you, I ----- say sorry. a) can b) may c) shall d) would
18. Choose the American English word for "lift".
a) Valet b) Stairs c) elevator d) Perambulator
19. Choose the suitable Preposition and fill in the blank.
I wrote a story ----- Latha's feat. a) on b) off c) about d) over
20. Choose the correct Sentence Pattern.
Jim sent Della some foreign stamps. a) SVOA b) SVOC c) SVIDO d) SVOCA

PART - II

SECTION - 1

- II. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer four of the following. 4x2=8

21. *"We are proud of the position we hold;
humble as we are".*
a) What is the speaker proud of ? b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
22. *Let's talk of graves, of worms and epitaphs,
Make dust our paper, and with rainy eyes.*
a) What do they talk of ? b) Mention the figure of speech used here.
23. *'But now they only laugh with their teeth,
While their ice - block - cold eyes....'*
a) Explain- ice-block cold eyes b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
24. *If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan*
a) What does 'heaven' refer to?
b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?
25. *With all my heart I do admire
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire*
a) Whom does the poet admire? b) For What reasons do the athletes sweat?
26. *He's the bafflement of Scotland
Yard, the Flying squad's despair:
For when they reach the scene of crime
--Macavity's not there!....*
a) What is "Scotland Yard"?
b) Why does the flying squad feel disappointed

SECTION - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. Kumar said, "I bought a car"? (Change into indirect speech)
28. The team was trained by the coach. (Change the voice)
29. If I were the Headmaster, I would appoint you as teacher.. (Begin with "were")
30. Solomon was very tired. He was ready to help others. (combine using "though")

PART - III SECTION - 1

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

2x2=6

31. *I have learned to wear my faces
Like dresses.....*
32. *The birds around me hopp'd and play'd Their thoughts I cannot measure.*
33. *We are proud of the position we hold ; humble as we are.*

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SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following briefly.

2x3=6

34. According to Mary Kom, What was the reason for her losing in the finals?
35. What was the narrator's financial condition?
36. What were the contents of Bryson's bag?

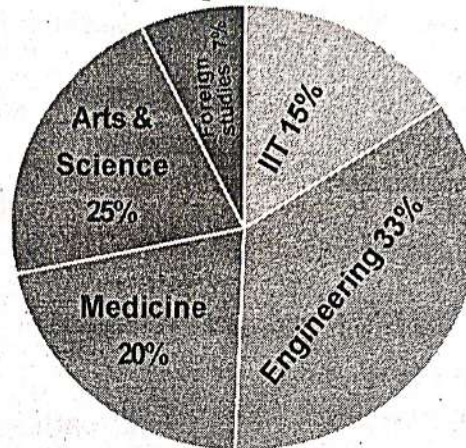
SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. Prepare a notice about the workshop on precis writing that has been arranged for the students of Class II in your School.
38. Describe the process of your favourite dish.
39. Complete the Proverbs using the words given below.
 - a) ----- speaks louder than words.
 - b) One ----- does not make a garland.
 - c) A bad workman always blames his ----- [Betel / Actions / Tools / Flower]

40. Study the Pie chart and answer the question given below.



- i) The choice that is the most popular is -----
 - a) Medicine
 - b) Arts of science
 - c) Engineering
 - d) Foreign Studies
- ii) The choice preferred by the least percentage of the students is for-----
 - a) Coursess at IIT
 - b) Arts and Science Courses
 - c) Engineering Courses
 - d) Foreign Studies
- iii) The difference between the percentage of students opting for Engineering and Medicine is-----
 - a) 13%
 - b) 20%
 - c) 33%
 - d) 53%

PART - IV

- IV. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Explain.. (OR)
- b) Explain how the narrator got out of the tight corner that he was in.

Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words.

42. a) How does Ogden Nash try to explain that he is very happy being a mere spectator. (OR)
- b) The poem "Everest is not the only Peak" does not focus on the destination but the journey towards it. Discuss.

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the given hints.

- a) The patients waiting - dental clinic - Joe, the first patient - nurse took tools - hammer, pliers, hacksaw - treated by the terrific tools - some patients leave-out of tear-Joe returns wells-open his tool cabinet. (OR)
- b) Jack and Jill-modern couple-well furnished house-electronic gadgets-moderate income-six pounds a month-Aunt Jane visited-Aunt was not happy-bought on installment basis-loan from thrift- provident fund-owned only a part of their things-Aunt offered 10 pounds-Jill sent to doctor-to make their own baby.

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44. **Make a notes or summarise the following passage.**

Cork is an extremely impressive and attractive material derived from the cork Oak tree's thick bark. They grow naturally in the Mediterranean region of Europe which produces 80% of the world's cork. Because of its impermeable, elastic and fire retardant properties, it is used widely for sealing containers, fishing equipment and domestic applications. In ancient Greece, cork was used in foot wear to manufacture a type of sandals attached to the foot by straps. In the second century AD, Greek Physician Dioscorides, noted several medical applications of cork, mainly for hair loss treatment. Cork is an excellent element in the production of cricket balls and badminton, shuttle cocks. In musical instruments, particularly, wood wind instruments, it is used to fasten together segments of the instruments. Cork is moisture resistant and so it is used as an alternative to leather in handbags, wallets and other fashion items. Many racing bicycles have their handle bars wrapped in cork based tape manufactured in a variety of colours.

45. a) Write a letter to the curator of the museum seeking permission for a school visit.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the wedding of your elder brother and help you in making arrangements.

46. a) **Read the following sentences, and classify them according to their fields.**

- (i) My grandfather owned a fertile land.
- (ii) The flight was cancelled owing to fog.
- (iii) There is no drop-out in schools now.
- (iv) The Prime -minister visited France for talks on the nuclear deal.
- (v) The Programme will telecast next week.

(Sports/ Media/ Weather/ Agriculture/Education/Politics) (OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks suitably.**

- i) To bake a ----- shaped cake, you'll need some----- (flour, flower)
- ii) I prepare coffee----- tea. (Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition)
- iii) If I were you, I----- (take) it easy. (Fill in the blank with a conditional clause)
- iv) How ----- you disobey my words? (Use Semi modal Verb)

47. a) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

India is unique in the system of joint families. A joint family comprises of father, mother, sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters. They hold the property jointly. They do the business under the control of the head of the family. These families have been engaged in occupations like Agriculture, handicrafts, small industries etc. Their business units are known as joint family business this system is found only in India. The system of joint family came into existence by the operation of the term "Mitakshara". There will not be any disagreements among the members. The firm is owned by the members of the family who have inherited their ancestral property. The head of the family is known as "KARTA".

Questions:

- a) Who are the members of a joint family?
- b) How did the joint family come into existence?
- c) How is the head of the family called?
- d) Who owns the firm?
- e) Mention some occupation that the joint families have been engaged. (OR)
- b) Write a Paragraph in about 150 words on "Mobile Phones - a Boon or Bane?"