

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

Standard XI

Reg.No.

ENGLISH

PART - I

Time : 3.00 hrs

Answer all the questions.

Marks : 90

20- x 1 = 20

Choose the correct Synonyms for the underlined words from the option given :

1. We treated it like the fables of the prophets she used to tell us.
a) devotion b) appearance c) results d) stories
2. Unless you replenish it richly, coming generation will find only an empty coffers.
a) refill b) vacate c) gifted d) empty
3. He could hear a smothered noise from his friend.
a) unwanted b) thickened c) unexpected d) suppressed

Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the option given :

4. He has a memory like a sieve is an audacious perverter of the truth.
a) faith b) humble c) frequent d) timid
5. It is because of their antipathy to pills and potions
a) faith b) loyalty c) interest d) liking
6.in the seat ahead of me threw his seat bac into full recline.
a) strengthen b) lounge c) rest d) straighter

Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.

7. The students discussed the problem _____ themselves.
a) between b) among c) with d) behind
8. Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt.
a) Foreign b) Chocolate c) Believe d) Amatuer
9. Select the correct expansion of JEE
a) Joint Engineering Examination b) Joint Entrance for Engineering
c) Joint Entrance Examination d) Joint Entrance Cum Examination
10. Choose the correct combination for the blended word "melodrama"
a) malady + drama b) melow + drama c) melody + drama d) malice + drama
11. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
Talking business at dinner is a Faux pas in France.
a) genuine b) social blunder c) summary d) Secret session
12. Replace the underlined word with suitable phrasal verb:
You continue your work without break.
a) carry out b) carry in c) carry on d) carry
13. Choose the suitable article.
The computer is _____ electronic extention of the human brain.
a) the b) an c) a d) none
14. Choose the meaning of the idiom "in a nice pickle"
a) in a pleasant situation b) in a ease way
c) in a difficult situation d) in an amusing situation
15. An entomologist is the one who studies
a) birds b) insects c) artifacts d) earthquakes
16. Choose the suitable option not to pair it with the word "Schoof" to form a compound word.
a) bus b) fees c) boy d) youth
17. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word "legitimate"
a) Ir- b) dis- c) il- d) un-

18. Add suitable question tag to the following statement.
Frog and toad are good friends, _____?
a) does it b) doesn't it c) aren't they d) don't they
19. Fill in the blank with a suitable relative pronoun:
Nirmala _____ works hard will succeed.
a) whom b) who c) whose d) where
20. Choose the disyllabic word :
a) detect b) multiply c) political d) communication

PART - II**Section - 1****4 x 2 = 8**

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any FOUR of the following:

21. 'Most of all, I want to relearn
How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror
Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs'
a) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?
b) Mention the figure of speech used here?
22. When officialdom demands,
Is there a doctor in the stands?
a) Why are doctors called from stands by the sponsors?
b) Why does the poet make such an observation?
23. And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there ...
a) What did the poet notice about the twigs?
b) What was the poet's thought about them?
24. And his footprints are not found in any
file of Scotland yard's
a) What seems to be a challenge for the Scotland yard?
b) Why do they need his footprints?
25. He, who does not stoop, is a King we adore,
We bow before competence and merit ;
a) Who is adored as a King? b) What is the figure of speech used in the first line?
26. For God's sake let us sit upon the ground.
And tell sad stories of the death of Kings :
a) Who is the speaker? b) Find out the alliterated words.

Section - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. The teacher advised him not to read so fast. (Change into direct speech)
28. Balaji was too tired to work. (Change into Complex sentence)
29. Change the voice of the following sentence.
Priya is taking the lesson now.
30. If I had money, I would have given you. (Begin the sentence with "Had")

PART- III**Section - 1**

Explain any two of the following with reference of the Context:

2 x 3 = 6

31. I want to be what I used to be.
32. The birds around me hopp'd and play'd,
Their thoughts I cannot measure.

33. Our pride springs from the way we live.

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.

2 x 3 = 6

34. Name a few things that a person remembers easily?

35. Why did Mary Kom think that she should not return empty-handed?

36. How can a graduate give back to his / her society?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions that follow :

Percentage of vehicles crossing the bridge during peak hours

Questions :

- Which are the fewest number of vehicles which cross the bridge?
- What are the two vehicles which most people prefer to travel?
- Which vehicle is used mostly after the bikes and cars?



38. Describe the process of making a cup of coffee?

39. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.

a) _____ is golden. (time, wealth, cloth)

b) Fools rush in whereas _____ fear to tread.

a) ghosts b) spirits c) nymphs d) angels

c) _____ vessels make much noise.

a) Complete b) Empty c) Pot d) Kettle

40. Write a notice about the inauguration of English Literary Club in your school.

PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

7 x 5 = 35

41. a) The Grandmother was strong-minded Justify. (OR)

b) How do universities mould students apart from imparting academic education to them

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

a) The poet Ogden Nash does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. Justify his views. (OR)

b) What are the causes for King Richard's grief?

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

a) Bob and Jimmy Wells - friends - made agreements - meet after twenty years - met - Big Joe's Brady's restaurant - Jimmy - police officer - Bob - wanted criminal - by Chicago police - plain clothes police arrested Bob. (OR)

b) Leacock - goes to studio - the photographer dislikes Leacock's face several comments - Leacock gets irritated - the photo - tab. wants to see the proof - visits the studio again - the photo is edited - help of technology - Leacock upset over the changes calls it worthless - leaves in anger.

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

The greatest enemy of mankind, as people have discovered, is not science, but war. Science merely reflects the social forces by which it is surrounded. It is found that when there is peace, sciences constructive, when there is war, science is perverted to

destructive ends. The weapons, which Science gives us don't necessarily create war, these make war increasingly more terrible. Until now it has brought us to the doorstep of doom. Our main problem, therefore, is not to curb science but to stop war. This is a job in which everybody must participate including the scientists. But the bomb of Hiroshima suddenly woke us to the fact that we have very little time. The hour is late and our work has scarcely begun. Now we are face to face with this urgent question, "Can education and tolerance understanding and creative intelligence run fast enough to keep us abreast with our own mounting capacity to destroy?" This is the question which we will have to answer one way or the other in this generation. Science must help us in finding the answer, but ultimately the main decision lies within ourselves.

45. a) Write a letter to the Curator of the Museum seeking permission for a school visit.

(OR)

- b) Prepare a Curriculum Vitae for the post of manager in Jal & Co., Trichy.

46. a) Fill in the blanks as instructed:

- 1) The _____ little girl did not realise how her hair got so _____. (knotty / naughty)
- 2) Children _____ be energetic the whole day. (Use semi-modal verb)
- 3) When I _____ (go) out, I saw a stranger entering any neighbour's house. (Use the correct verb form)
- 4) If you _____ (waste) water you will suffer. (Fill in the blank with a conditional clause)

(OR)

- b) Read the following sentences. Spot the errors and correct them:

- a) The dog jumped in the wall.
- b) I bought a blue colour shirt and a tie.
- c) He said that he can drive a car.
- d) Earth revolves around the sun.
- e) The news are very thrilling.

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

- a) 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 disease like cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever. All insects which carry germs and spread disease live and breed only in dirty places. So we can prevent such disease if we keep our houses free of dirt.

Questions :-

- i) How harmful is the bite of the black widow spider?
- ii) What are the diseases caused by mosquitoes?
- iii) How do mosquitoes play a part in spreading disease?
- iv) Why are flies harmful to us?
- v) What is the necessity of keeping our surroundings clean? (OR)

- b) Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:

- a) Dr. Shela is a gynaecologist.
- b) Paddy is cultivated more in Tamilnadu.
- c) It may rain heavily tomorrow.
- d) We want to Kolkata by Coromandel Express.
- e) Our National Anthem is an extract from Tagore's Gitanjali. (Music, Medicine, Literature, Agriculture, Weather, Politics, Travel).
