

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025	Exam No.						
Time : 3.00 Hours	XI - ENGLISH	Marks : 90					

PART - I**Note: i) Answer all the questions.****(20x1=20)****ii) Choose the best answer and write option code with corresponding answer.****Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined word in each of the following sentences.**

- Thankful I am for the unique honour conferred on me
a) common b) normal c) usual d) one and only
- I shall only reiterate some of the Cardinal Principles
a) accept b) express c) repeat d) adopt
- I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor
a) anxious b) eager c) unwilling d) willing

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

- And then the unexpected happened
a) expected b) sudden c) wanted d) unknown
- I was presented with a traditional shawl
a) modern b) ancient c) costly d) colorful
- Thousands of sparrows scattered on the floor
a) sprinkled b) spread out c) dispersed d) gathered
- Choose the word that can be added after 'back' from the option given to form a compound word.**
a) round b) ground c) sin d) pet
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation of ATM.**
a) Automatic Telling Man b) Automatic Teller Man
c) Auto Telling Machine d) Automatic Teller Machine
- Choose the correct meaning of the foreign word in the following sentence.**
He is received his degree in-absentia.
a) before completion b) in person
c) without attending convocation d) after completing his course
- Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'arrive'.**
a) ____ed b) ____al c) ____ly d) ____ion
- Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.**
Let us play Cricket, ____?
a) Don't we? b) Shall we? c) Shan't we? d) Can we?
- Choose the right definition for the given term 'pathologist'**
a) One who studies diseases b) One who studies insects
c) One who studies earthquake d) One who studies birds
- Fill in the blanks with the suitable preposition.**
How do you use shall we ____ a sentence?
a) on b) of c) at d) in
- Replace the underlined word in the given sentence with the suitable phrasal verb.**
His performance was extraordinary.
a) stood up b) stepped up c) looked up d) picked out
- Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate Eponymous word.**
He is a fat man.
a) bulky b) strong c) full-figured d) heavy weight
- Choose the clipped form of the word 'demonstration'.**
a) demon b) monster c) station d) demo
- Choose the right combination for the given blended word.**
I have taken my lunch in a motel.
a) motor+telegram b) motor+hotel
c) motorway+hotel d) motor highway+hotel

18. Choose the equivalent American English word for the underlined British English word.

He is a lorry driver.

- a) track b) truck c) wagon d) container
19. Choose the correct plural form of 'goose'.
- a) geese b) gooses c) geeses d) gasse
20. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence.
- We completed the work on time.
- a) SVOC b) SVCA c) SVOA d) SVIODO

PART - II (SECTION - I)

Choose any FOUR of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. (4x2=8)

21. "Feel at home.; "come again"
They say _____".
a) Who are 'they'?
b) Do 'they' really mean it.
22. *Is 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'?
23. *We are proud of the position we hold; humble as we are,*
a) What is the speaker proud of?
b) How is the speaker both humble and proud?
24. "For you have but mistook me all this while _____".
a) How is the speaker mistaken by the people?
b) Write the words in alliteration.
25. *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.
26. *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?

SECTION - II

Do as directed.

Answer any THREE questions.

27. Raja said, "Where is the post officer?" (3x2=6)
(Change into indirect speech)
28. If you should need to meet me you can call this number.
(Begin with 'Should')
29. Unless you work hard, you cannot succeed. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)
30. Guhan is singing the prayer. (Change the voice)

PART - III (Section - I)

Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context. (2x3=6)

31. *I have learned to wear many faces
Like dresses.....*
32. *Have I not reason to lament
What Man has made of Man?*
33. "How can you say to me, I am a King?"

Section - II

Answer any TWO of the following questions in no more than 30 words each.

(2x3=6)

34. Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait?
35. What does Lynd actually wonder at?
36. Why are Universities necessary for a society?

Section - III

Answer any THREE of the following.

(3x3=9)

37. **Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.**

(pain, seldom, apple)

- a) Barking dogs _____ bite.
 - b) An _____ a day keeps the doctor away.
 - c) No _____ no gain.
38. Write a note about the valedictory function of English Literary Club in your school.
 39. Write an email to your uncle thanking him for the gift that he had sent from abroad.
 40. Describe the process of opening a bank account.

PART - IV

Answer the following.

(7x5=35)

41. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

a) Why was Mary Kom named the 'Queen of Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'?

(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) How does Gabriel Okara Criticize the modern life in his poem 'Once Upon a Time'?

(OR)

b) 'Nature can nurture'. Describe how this process happens.

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

a) Leacock goes to a studio - The photographers dislikes Leacock's face - passes several comments - Leacock gets irritated - the photo taken - 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.

(OR)

b) Two friends - made a pact - meet after twenty years - Bob arrived - Spoke to policeman on beat - tall man came - claimed to be jimmy wells - Bob realized - not his friend - policeman in plain clothes - arrested Bob, a noted criminal - Policeman on beat - real Jimmy Wells - hesitated to arrest friend - sent another with a note.

44. **Write a summary of the following passage.**

a) We do not realize the facts that our minds are moulded by the books we read. In fact we have several means by which we acquire knowledge today - the radio, the T.V. the newspaper and magazines, the internet etc. But reading books is the most ancient and the most effective of them all. Reading a book is different and it is an activity which gives us immense pleasure. We are never alone when we have the company of books. In the modern world we have very little time, when we have a little leisure, we watch, T.V. gossip or run to parties, clubs or other social activities. We are afraid to be alone with ourselves afraid to sit quietly and think. We are happy with others but not with ourselves. Reading a book on such an occasion gives us the comfort of good accompany and true pleasure.

(OR)

b) Write a Paragraph on "The Importance of Education".

45. a) Read the following advertisement and prepare the Bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions mentioned.

(write XXXX for the name and YYYY for the address)

WANTED
<p>Qualified Nurses for a multi-speciality hospital, Attractive salary, Flexible working hours, Age below 30. Apply to Post Box No.3210, C/o, The Times of India, Chennai - 600 012.</p>

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your friend requesting him to attend the birthday party.

46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- I prefer coffee than tea.
- If you study well, you would get good marks.
- Civics are my favourite subject.
- We met a MP yesterday.
- They are discussing about their picnic.

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- Antony _____ if you have tears, prepare to _____ them now. (shed/said)
- He _____ wake up at 5 o'clock in the morning when he was young.
(Fill in the blank with a semi-modal verb)
- I _____ (hear) a different noise. (Fill in the blank with the right tense form)
- The Chennai Airport is located 60km _____ Mahabalipuram.
(Use the correct preposition word)

47. a) Identify each of the following sentences with the semantic field in the list given below.

(Cricket, Science, Medicine, Education, Nutrition and Dietetics)

- What one learns in school stays with him forever.
- We should take balanced diet every day.
- Newton found the gravitational force from the fall of an apple.
- One doctor is trying to find medicine against ageing.
- Virat Kohli played very well in the World Cup Cricket-2023.

(OR)

- b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Speech is a great blessing but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to others, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different words, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may create the impression to an uneducated listener that he was showing off with his skill unwittingly. We may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to a man of his own class. Thus, speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling. Only a fool would express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of people and situations.

Questions:

- In what way is speech a blessing to mankind?
- Describe how words could make an enemy out of someone you would like to be friend.
- Why is an educated man's speech considered boastful by an uneducated listener?
- How should speech be used?
- How does one prove himself a fool through his use of language?