

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - DECEMBER 2025

ENGLISH

12 - STD

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

MAXIMUM MARKS: 90

PART - I

20 x 1 = 20

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.**

1. We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened we went over.
a) shortened b) reduced c) extended d) increased
2. It was a great thrill to look straight down this enormous rock face.
a) rough b) steep c) lofty d) huge
3. We have a whole kingdom, in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ridiculous.
a) comical b) logical c) serious d) sensible

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.

4. I experienced not only agony, fear but also anger.
a) surprise b) pleasure c) sorrow d) pain
5. China tea has virtues which are not to be despised nowadays..
a) hated b) liked c) respected d) defeated
6. Maamanar was unmatched.
a) superior b) inferior c) comfortable d) weak
7. Choose the correct combination of the compound word 'grandmother'.
a) Noun + Noun b) Verb + Noun c) Adjective + Noun d) Noun + Adjective
8. Replace the underlined word with the polite form of expression.
I saw a disabled man in the park.
a) gifted b) dyslexic c) physically challenged d) handicapped
9. Choose the unclipped form of 'champ'.
a) champagne b) champion c) chamberlain d) champaign
10. Replace the underlined word with suitable phrasal verb.
It took three hours for the firemen to extinguish the fire.
a) put off b) put on c) put out d) put on
11. Replace with the American word for the British word 'time table'.
a) vacation b) period c) notice d) schedule
12. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'noble'.
a)ance b)ity c)ness d)tion
13. Choose the appropriate Idiom for the underlined words.
Our Leader always thinks carefully before announcing his decisions.
a) round the corner b) do the math c) fetch and carry d) break the ice
14. Choose the appropriate determiner. "How _____ sugar do you want?"
a) many b) little c) more d) much
15. Choose the tri-syllabic word from the options given below.
a) emigrant b) merchant c) education d) command
16. Identify the pattern of the sentence 'The sky is clear now.'
a) SVCA b) SVOC c) SVOA d) SVAA
17. Choose the appropriate question tag.
The employees are seldom allowed to meet their boss,?
a) are they b) did they c) didn't they d) aren't they
18. Choose the correct expansion for **RAW**.
a) Results and Analysis Wing b) Review and Analysis Wing

19. c) Resource and Application Wing d) Research and Analysis Wing
Choose the word with the correct spelling.
a) hippocrites b) hypocrites c) hyppocrites d) hipocrites
20. Fill in the blank with the correct prepositional phrase.
..... Kiran, Rajesh may attend the meeting.
a) In spite of b) In case of c) In favour d) Instead of

PART - II SECTION - 1

Choose ANY FOUR of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

4 x 2 = 8

21. "That ever with a frolic welcome took
The thunder and sunshine, and opposed"
a) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?
b) What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?
22. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung,
In crimson clusters all the bough among!"
a) Who is the giant here?
b) pick out the words in alliteration.
23. "Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong
and the final decisions are made in silent rooms"
a) Can being solitude help a strong human being? How?
b) What is the figure of speech used here?
24. "Then the whining school boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like a snail"
a) What is the satchel?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.
25. "Oh then our maze of tunnelled stone
Grew thin and treacherous as air
The castle was lost without a groan,
The famous citadel was overthrown"
a) Bring out the contrast in the first two lines?
b) What is the rhyming scheme of the given stanza?
26. "You are wounded, 'Nay', his soldier's pride
Touched to the quick, he said."
a) Why did the boy contradict with Napoleon's words?
b) Why was his pride touched?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

Answer any THREE questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Vidhya asked Kanya, "Will you help me to pack my bag".

(Change into Indirect Speech)

28. Our television is being repaired now. (Change the Voice)

29. Unless you have a valid passport you cannot leave the country.

30. Teaching is one of the noblest professions.

(Change into Compound Sentence)

(Change into Comparative Degree)

PART - III SECTION - 1

Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context.

2 x 3 = 6

31. "How can be this shameful act be told?"
32. "It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we know"

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33. "To see your flag-bird flap his vans
Where I, to heart's desire,"

SECTION - 2

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

2 x 3 = 6

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
35. How did the boy who played the mechanic lose his eyesight?
36. What does the rule of the road mean?

SECTION - 3

3 x 3 = 9

Answer any THREE of the following.

37. Build a dialogue between a passenger and a railway staff about the delay of a train.
(Minimum THREE Exchanges)
38. Study the following table and write three sentences on your inference about the data.

2024 - Paris Olympics Medal Table

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States	40	44	42	126
2	China	40	27	24	96
3	Japan	20	12	13	45
4	Australia	18	19	16	53
5	France	16	26	22	64

39. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list.
i) Don't count the before they are hatched. (eggs / coins / fruits)
ii) A key can open any door. (silver / diamond / golden)
iii) Necessity is the mother of (invention / innovation / adventure)
40. Describe the process of installing a computer at your study room.

PART - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following.

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

a) Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona".

(OR)

b) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.

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

a) The poet immortalises the casuarina tree - elucidate.

(OR)

b) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventure?

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

a) Robert Baldwin - honest - under Greesham - bank - thick friends - over 30 years - Greesham - misappropriated - arrested - Baldwin - testify against him - met Greesham - offered - 1,00,000 dollars - I don't remember - Baldwin's family enticed into accept - money - Mr. Marshall - Third National Bank - offered Baldwin a job - reward for honesty - Greesham confessed his crime.

(OR)

b) Ausable - secret agent - Fowler - a reporter - French hotel on the sixth floor - Max awaited with a pistol - report on new missiles - balcony nuisance - appointment at twelve - knock on the door - Max nervous - sends the cops - jumped through the window - a waiter enters with a tray - Ausable outwits Max

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

We now know many curious things about ants. Some red ants in Europe keep other ants as slaves. They take their slaves from black ants which are smaller in size. When they want slaves, they attack the nests of black ants and carry off some of

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their eggs. These eggs hatch the red ant's nests and produce black ants. These black ants are then treated as slaves. They are taught to obey orders and made to do all kinds of work. The driver ants of Africa are the most fierce ants. They are completely blind and they march like a big army from one place to another. On the way they eat up any living animals like lions and elephants. When these driver ants enter a house the people leave the house and run away into the forest. The ants then eat everything that can be eaten before going away.

(OR)

45. b) Write a paragraph on "The Importance of Reading".
a) Write a letter to your friend advising him not to worry about the illness who is admitted in the hospital.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to the Manager of Aavin Dairy Plant seeking permission to visit with your class mates.
46. a) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.**
i) No sooner did the power resume, when the children screamed in joy.
ii) Each of the cycles are damaged.
iii) This is the most least mark I have scored.
iv) I borrowed these books at the library.
v) The young reporter rised many questions in the interview.

(OR)

b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

- i) The scientists of the world are gathering for discussing the dangers of water pollution. (**eminent / imminent**)
ii) If I were you, I ... not behave like that. (**Fill in the blank with a suitable modal verb**)
iii) They (**talk**) about me when I interrupted their conversation.
(**Fill in the blank with the right tense form**)
iv) I got up early, I managed to reach school on time. (**Use a suitable linker**)

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

Bottlenose dolphins are the most common members of the dolphin family. They are the favourites of many people. They are known for being graceful, friendly and intelligent. Bottlenose dolphins are grey. They are usually 2 to 4 metres long. The Bottlenose dolphin gets its name from its snout that is shaped like a bottle. It has blowholes on the top of its head for breathing.

Bottlenose dolphins use sounds to communicate. They squeak and whistle to each other. They also use body language to communicate. Bottlenose dolphins are very smart. Their intelligence is close to humans and apes. They are also very emotional animals. Bottlenose dolphins are fascinating mammals. We still have a lot to learn about these intelligent creatures.

- i) What are the special qualities of Bottlenose dolphins?
ii) How does the Bottlenose dolphin get its name?
iii) What enables the Bottlenose dolphin to breathe?
iv) How do Bottlenose dolphins communicate?
v) Mention two qualities of human that are found in Bottlenose dolphins.

(OR)

b) **Develop the following hints into a story of 150 words.**

Lion - sleeping in a forest - mouse - playing on it - angry lion - threatened to kill the mouse - mouse asked to forgive - promised to save him - one day - lion laughed - let him off - another day - lion caught by hunter - in net - mouse heard the lion roar - mouse cut the net with his teeth - lion escaped - thanked the mouse.