

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2024 - 25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

PART - I

- Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.
Choose the synonym of the underlined word in the following sentences: 20x1= 20
 - They were childish and in many ways artless
a) innocent b) artistic c) foolish d) wicked
 - Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today.
a) bearable b) massive c) unattended d) common
 - Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.
a) welfare b) anxiety c) lawlessness d) deprivation
- Choose the Antonym of the underlined word in the following sentences.
 - There he was sitting in splendor on chair.
a) dejection b) simplicity c) shame d) laziness
 - One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic
a) pessimistic b) realistic c) pragmatic d) naturalistic
 - From here, the ridge narrowed to a knife.
a) Enlarged b) widened c) big d) broad
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'wind' to form a compound word
a) fan b) proof c) man d) pulse
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
Fertile soil is essential for the growth of plants.
a) un b) ir c) in d) dis
- Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
The enemies stopped the water supply to the city.
a) put out b) broke in c) cut off d) let in
- Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom in the following sentence.
The finance Department should get the ducks in a row before the audit.
a) be well - connected b) be well - trained
c) be well - organized d) be well - advanced
- The study of principles of beauty is -----
a) aesthetics b) numismatics c) phonetics d) linguistics
- Complete the sentence choosing an appropriate linker.
----- you register your name, you cannot participate in the Kalai Thiruvizha.
a) If b) otherwise c) as d) unless
- Identify the correct combination of the word 'Sunlight'
a) Adjective + verb b) Noun + Noun c) Gerund + verb d) Adverb + Noun
- Choose the unclipped form of 'Sci - fi'.
a) Scientist Fiction b) Science Fiction c) Scientific Fiction d) Sensitive Fiction
- Find out the correct sentence pattern
Ravi gave Raja a pen on his birthday
a) SVOA b) SVIDOAA c) SVOAA d) SVOCA
- Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Don't commit this mistake again -----?
a) do you? b) would you? c) will you? d) won't you?
- Pick out the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.
a) awefully b) awfully c) awefully d) awfully
- Choose the monosyllabic word from the given option.
a) trifle b) alarm c) vague d) worthy
- What is the expansion of 'EMI'?
a) Easy Monthly installment b) Easy Money Investment
c) Equated Monthly installment d) Equal Modern Income
- Choose the right plural form of the word 'apparatus'.
a) apparatuses b) apparati c) apparatusis d) apparaties

PART - II
SECTION - 1

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

21. "Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow".
(a) Whose action is described here?
(b) What is meant by 'prone brow'?
22. "..... and free imaginations
Bringing changes into a world resenting change".
a) How does free imaginations help the world?
b) Identify the figure of speech.
23. "..... for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die".
a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life?
b) How long would his venture last?
24. Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation".
a) Which stage is referred here and what's its feature?
b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
25. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung,
In crimson clusters all the bough amongst".
a) Who is the giant here?
26. Pick out the words of alliteration in the given lines
"Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could wind".
a) How safe was the castle?
b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed

Answer any three questions

27. Rewrite in Indirect Speech:
Teacher said, "The Govt. exams begin from 3rd of March 2025".
28. If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview. (Begin with 'Had')
29. My mother is knitting the sweaters. (Change into the other voice)
30. After removing the shoes, the boy jumped into the river. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)

PART III - SECTION - 1

Answer ANY SEVEN of the following questions.

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

31. "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield".
32. "I am killed, Sire! And his Chief beside,
Smiling, the boy fell dead".
33. "And one man in his time plays many parts".

SECTION - 2

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

34. How did the liberty cause universal chaos and define the word 'Liberty drunk'?
35. What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicola and Jacopo?
36. How was the chair made and how were they compared?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following:

37. Write a slogan on each of the following topics.
 - a) Avoid junk food
 - b) Save Electricity
 - c) Planting trees