Half-Yearly Common Examination, December - 2013
X Standard

Time : 2-30 Hours] Language Part B - ENGLISH - Paper I [Maximum Marks : 100

Instruction : 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
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Section-I (Vocabulary : 20 marks)

Part-I

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words : 5 x 1 = 5
   We were denied (i) permission to enter the driveway. Our house had caught fire while we were away and had erupted (ii) into flames. The firemen who were fighting the flames were staunch (iii) in their task of quenching (iv) the fire. We stood forlorn (v) watching them and wondering where we would sleep that night.
   (i) (a) debarred (b) discharged (c) refused (d) renewed
   (ii) (a) bristled (b) spread (c) kindled (d) grew
   (iii) (a) alert (b) fast (c) rapid (d) steadfast
   (iv) (a) filling (b) satisfying (c) extinguishing (d) wetting
   (v) (a) forsaken (b) longing (c) angry (d) afar

2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words : 5 x 1 = 5
   Mother advised Vishal not to panic (i) at times of disaster. He should act with courage, avoid being invidious (ii) work with diligence (iii) and treat elders with reverence (iv) seldom (v) do we get an opportunity to listen to such earnest and valuable advice!
   (i) (a) confront (b) fear (c) calm (d) command
   (ii) (a) greedy (b) hardworking (c) tactful (d) just
   (iii) (a) laziness (b) alertness (c) gloom (d) rage
   (iv) (a) dejection (b) disloyalty (c) disrespect (d) dignity
   (v) (a) rarely (b) annually (c) often (d) occasionally

Part-II

10 x 1 = 10

3. The common expansion of SBI is :
   (a) Selection Board of India (b) Security Bureau of India
   (c) State Bank of India (d) Security Board of India

4. Choose the sentence that is correct in meaning :
   He is weak with fever. He is sick with fever.

5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word :
   Load the lorry with goods.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word heart to make a compound word ?
   (a) ache (b) condition (c) pain (d) attack

7. What is the plural form of the word ‘child’? (a) child (b) children (c) childless

8. Add a prefix to the word ‘violence’ from the list given below to complete the sentence.
   Gandhiji preached ——-violence. (a) un— (b) non— (c) under— (d) in—

9. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning : The old man died yesterday.
   (a) passed on (b) passed by (c) passed away (d) passed for

10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words :
    (a) understanding (b) popularity (c) appropriate

11. Choose an appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence.
    Prem ------- more money in his job. (a) searches (b) earns [P.T.O.]
12. Construct a sentence using one of the following words given below:
   (a) Sympathy  (b) Sympathetic  (c) Sympathetically
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a verb: His behaviour is remarkable.
14. Which of the two sentences given below convey the following meaning?
   a) We meet only now  b) We have met before

Section-II (Grammar 25 marks)

Part-I

Answer all the following: Respond to the following as directed. 10 x 1 = 10

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence?
   If you called me
   (a) I would have come  (b) I would come  (c) I will come

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:
    My brother is going to Bangalore.
    (a) SVO  (b) SVC  (c) SVA

17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement:
    Let's go for a movie?
    (a) shall we  (b) can we  (c) will we

18. Complete the sentence: The Nile is ______ river in the world.
    (a) the longest  (b) one of the longest  (c) longer than

19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below:
    Nobody can forget how India won her freedom.
    (a) Everyone cannot forget how India won her freedom.
    (b) Everyone can remember how India won her freedom.
    (c) Everyone cannot remember how India won her freedom.

20. Complete the sentence: _______ the criminal realized his mistake.
    (a) Along with  (b) In case of  (c) In due course of

21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence:
    You are strong enough ______ this heavy box.
    (a) lifted  (b) to lift  (c) lifting

22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence: My mother is busy ______ clay dolls.
    (a) of making  (b) at making  (c) with making

23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence: He will be back in ______ hour.
    (a) the  (b) a  (c) an

24. Choose the appropriate preposition: This is a cheque ______ Rs. 500/-.
    (a) of  (b) for  (c) with

Part - II

Answer all the following: Rewrite as directed. 5 x 2 = 10

25. Combine the two sentences to form a single sentence:
    He reached Chennai. He visited his friend.

26. Rewrite these sentences using the passive voice:
    Santa Claus gave sweets to all the children. They thanked him.

27. Rewrite the sentence in the direct speech:
    Meera asked him if his wife was a teacher.

28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using the 'If' clause. They play well. They win the cup.

29. Read the following sentence about the trees and write your observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison:
    (a) The mango tree is 6.5 feet high.
    (b) The neem tree is 5.5 feet high.
    (c) The coconut tree is 7.5 feet high.
    (d) The palm tree is 7.5 feet high.
    (e) The banyan tree is 6 feet high.
Part-III
30. Punctuate the following: alas the old man is dead said she.

Section-III (Prose 15 marks)
Part-I 5 x 2 = 10
Answer briefly any five of the following questions. Your answer should not exceed 30 words:
31. What made the old man look a typical beggar?
32. What is the significance of art?
33. How would you define the true spirit of discipline?
34. What does Kamal Bhaite the local astrologer do every morning?
35. What are the causes for the increase in domestic workers?
36. Why does the abode for Shiva echo mount Kailash?
37. Who were the brave little voyagers? Which is the smallest of all birds?

Part-II 1 x 5 = 5
Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words:
38. Briefly describe the scene at Chaya's street from the arrival of the water tanker till its departure. OR
The importance of character in life. OR
The contribution of the Cholas to art and architecture.

Section-IV (Poetry 20 marks)
Part-I 1 x 5 = 5
Quote from memory any one of the following extract:
39. (a) The first five lines from the poem "Manliness".
   From: "If you can dream To: ............ and Sinew".
(b) The last five lines from the poem "Migrant Bird".
   From: "I breed my brood To: ............ make them last".

Part-II 5 x 1 = 5
Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below:
40. Not both to have excuse to go
   Because the autumn eve was fair.
   Where were the speakers going? Why?
41. The world in gloom and splendour passes by
   Which are the two words in this line are contrast in meaning?
42. Softly in the dusk a woman is singing to me;
   What is the woman doing?
43. If you can meet with triumph and disaster. Give the meaning of 'triumph'.
44. A mirror of his changing mood
   not sure now steeped in thought.
   Whose mood keeps changing?

Part-III 5 x 1 = 5
Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below:
45. 'And win not honour such as gold can give
   While the vain multitudes plod on, and live'.
   Pick out the rhyme word in these lines.
46. "And pressing the small, poised feet of
   a mother who smiles as she sings".
   Pick out the words in alliteration.
47. The globe's my world, The cloud's my kin.
   I care not where the skies begin;
   I spread my wings through all the din;
   Point out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
48. "Like gnomes that hid us from the moon"
Identify the figure of speech in this line.

49. A slender tinkling fall that made
What is the figure of speech employed in this line?

Part - IV
Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words.

50. Describe the various qualities of Manliness. OR
What are the poets reminiscences about his childhood days in the poem "Piano"? OR
Write in a paragraph the sufferings of the child labourers as depicted in "The Cry of the Children".

Section - V (Language Functions : 20 Marks)

51. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
Hockey is the national game of India. It had a glorious past in India. The Indian Hockey Team had won six consecutive Olympics. But its present condition is dismal, because hockey is not being given much importance. Still the banner of hockey is held aloft, thanks to the two great players Dhyan Chand and Dhanraj Pillai.
Questions:
(a) Which is the national game of India?
(b) State the condition of the game in the past.
(c) What is the condition of the game now?
(d) Why is it so?
(e) Who are the two great Indian hockey players mentioned in the passage?

52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:
(a) I had bought a book yester.
(b) We has a new car.
(c) He is not only a writer but a painter.
(d) Many people behaves rudely now-a-days.
(e) Cow is an domestic animal.

53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

This is a drawing of a child's room.

(a) How many drawings of apples do you see? Where are they?
(b) Where do you find the flowers in this picture?
(c) How many pictures hang on the wall? What does each picture show?
(d) Name the movable toys in this picture.
(e) Which toy do you like the best in this picture? Why?
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Section-I (Non-Detailed : 35 marks)
Part- 1
1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases given below to form a complete
meaningful paragraph : 5 × 1 = 5
(a) A few moments later (i) ______, clip - clopped up the road, (ii) ______ with a
(iii) ______, perched majestically on top. In no time at all (iv) ______ had
positioned the piano near the window of our (v) ______ and we all stood back and
started at this magnificent piece of furniture.
(i) small living room (ii) the delivery men (iii) brand new piano
(iv) a large horse (v) pulling a cart

2. Read the following sentences and identify the character/speaker. 5 × 1 = 5
(i) "I will call you Goldy". (ii) "More snuff". (iii) "Oh Ma! How I miss you".
(iv) At least we had some quality time together today. (v) I'll never see her again

3. Match the following appropriately : 5 × 1 = 5
(a) Goldy - wife of Serge
(b) Model for Judas - waylaid Hubert
(c) Celine - ever loving and caring
(d) Mother - a dirty young man
(e) Three hefty men - name given by Shelly to his dog

4. Complete the following sentences choosing the correct answer from the options
given below : 5 × 1 = 5
(i) Diana had called her dog--------.
   (a) Sweety (b) Goldy (c) Browny (d) Sam
(ii) Dad at last got a job with an ______ firm.
   (a) international (b) auction (c) engineering (d) accounting
(iii) Jack Poderoso was a 45 year old--------.
   (a) priest (b) policeman (c) butcher (d) teacher
(iv) The most fun part of the summer was this test of the--------.
   (a) game (b) genius (c) invention (d) quality time
(v) The danger lurking in the cupboard refers to --------.
   (a) a king cobra
   (b) the three thieves (c) the hidden wealth (d) a disputable will

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 5 × 1 = 5
An old priest told me this story when I was very young. I have since wondered
many times where it came from. No one has been able to tell me.

Centuries ago a great artist was engaged to paint a mural for the cathedral in a
Sicilian town. The subject was the life of Jesus. For many years the artist laboured
diligently and finally the painting was finished except for the two most important
figures; the child Jesus and Judas Iscariot. He searched far and wide for models for
those two figures.

One day while walking in an old part of the city, he came upon some children
playing in the street. Among them was a twelve year old boy whose face stirred the
painter's heart. It was the face of an angel - a very dirty one, perhaps but the face he
needed. The artist took the child home with him, and day after the day the boy sat
patiently until the face of the child Jesus was finished. But the painter still found no
one to serve as model for the portrait of Judas. For years, haunted by the fear that his
master piece would remain unfinished, he continued his search.

[P.T.O.]
6. Study the given mind map and fill in the incomplete details: 

- Dad returned from the World War II
- He walked up ___(i)___
- In his excitement he dropped ___(iii)___
- Dad saw Mum and me ___(ii)___
- I was quick to notice ___(iv)___ among the scattered articles.
- Dad told me that ___(v)___
- Mum squealed with delight

7. Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following questions: 
   (a) Narrate the story of “Sam” in your own words.
   (b) Attempt a character sketch of Celine.
   (c) What did Kumar recollect of his trip to Vedanthangal when he saw the migratory birds?

Section-II (Language Functions: 15 Marks)
8. Make notes of the following passage and prepare a summary using the notes: 5+5=10

The female cassowary is a flightless bird with ‘leadership qualities’. Evolving from the jungles of New Guinea, the cassowary belongs to the same family of flightless birds as the ostrich, rhea, emu and the now-extinct moa. It is the third largest bird in the planet after the ostrich and the emu. The cassowary is six feet tall with powerful muscular legs and a sharp dagger-like claw on its inner toe. The male birds are smaller than the females. Cassowaries have black-brown loose feathers on the body with a bare blue-purple neck and head. They have a helmet-like crest on the head. The females have two red wattles hanging from the neck. The males build nests and incubate about three to five large pea-green coloured eggs for a couple of months. The duty of the females is to lay the eggs and the males guard the eggs until the little brown striped chicks hatch out. Cassowaries are found all along the islands of New Guinea and Indonesia. They are found in the varied habitats of the region such as tropical rainforests, coastal regions and snow-capped mountains. Their lifestyle is quite admirable and wonderful. (193 words)

9. Complete the following dialogue appropriately: 5 × 1 = 5

Patient: Doctor, I have a problem.
Doctor: __________________________
Patient: Doctor, I am unable to read for a long time.
Doctor: __________________________
Patient: For about three months.
Doctor: __________________________
Patient: I get a headache if I read for half an hour continuously. My eyes start watering.
Doctor: __________________________
Patient: For how many days should I take this medicine Doctor?
Doctor: __________________________
Patient: Thank you Doctor! Your fees
Doctor: A hundred rupees.

Section-III (Communicative Skills: 15 Marks)
10. Write a dialogue with atleast five utterances between a customer and a shopkeeper.

11. Dhanya wanted to write a letter to her friend Riya to ask her if she could spend Pongal holidays with her. She had started the letter but had not completed it. Complete the content of her letter in about 100 words.
Dear Riya,

Your loving friend,
Dhanya

Address on the envelope:
To,
Selvi R. Riya.
201, Sannithi St.
Thirunelveli.

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below:
(a) Mouth watering - delicious food - hygienic preparation - affordable price - makes you long for more.
Crave and Rave vegetarian Restaurant - 23, Nehru St. Coimbatore. OR
(b) Latest designs in Men's and Lady's wear - For three days only - 30% discount available on all items - venue: Fair Grounds, Fashion Hall - stall no. 117 Ravi Mahal - Chennai.

Section - IV (Expansion of Ideas: 35 Marks)

13. Expand the following headlines:
(a) Mobile phones banned in schools
(b) Foreign Minister meets CM to discuss rehabilitation
(c) Dutch teens arrive for reunion with family
(d) PM leaves for Russia.
(e) India takes Bangladesh in World Cup Opener

14. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions given below:

 Sources of Energy in the World

(i) Which is the most available source of energy?
   (a) nuclear (b) oil (c) hydropower (d) coal

(ii) State whether the following sentence is true or false:
'Hydropower is the lowest source of energy produced in quantum'.

(iii) Which is the second largest source of energy in the world?
   (a) gas (b) oil (c) coal (d) hydropower

(iv) Which source of energy occupies the fourth place in the descending order?
   (a) gas (b) nuclear (c) oil (d) hydropower

(v) Conventional sources of energy like coal, oil and gas make up----of the total energy available.
   (a) 90% (b) 90.5% (c) 91% (d) 92%

15. Write a paragraph using any one of the following outlines in about 100 words:
(a) So many TV channels? Do we need them? Advertisements - varieties to choose from - tastes and likes differ - plays, music - desire for knowledge - humour - viewing movies - disadvantages: time consuming - children become addicted - distracted from studies - values get broken down - 'idiot box' to those who don't use it sensibly - a 'viewing encyclopaedia' to those who utilise it properly. (OR)
(b) Good health - base - work, education - peace and enjoyment - health education and physical education - part of general education - wealth useless to a sick person - no hardwork - no pleasure - develop good health - with care - good exercise.
16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately:
(a) books - smooth flooring
(b) colour pencils - browse into the world
(c) tiles - refresh yourself
(d) computers - sharpen your knowledge
(e) coffee - aim for the skies
- paint your world.

5 x 1 = 5

17. Observe the map given below and write the instructions required:
An old man approaches you asking you to direct him to Raju Hospital. With the help of the road-map given below, write the instructions to direct him to Raju Hospital, in about 50 words.

18. Read the poem given below and complete its paraphrase with suitable phrases in the given blanks:

Deep in the night When all is still
A moon beam climbs the window - sill
Over your bed
It softly flies
To see if sleep has closed your eyes
A pinch of gold
Some fairy sand
It clasped within that moon beam's hand
And if by chance
You're not asleep
It comes tip - toe on gentle feet
To touch your eyes
With golden beams
And take you to the land of dreams.
It is the time of night when everything is calm and ------- (i). The moon beam tries to find out if (ii) -------. The moon beam's hand holds some (iii)----. If you are not asleep it touches your eyes with (iv) -------and takes you to the (v)-------?

5 x 1 = 5

19. a) Translation:
A foreigner is driving a car. He comes to a river which has two bridges. He sees before him a board in Tamil. As he does not know Tamil, help him to understand the instructions through your Translation in English.

b) Look at the picture given below: Express your views on it in about five sentences.

A Joy In The Rain