

## COMMON PRE HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2017

STANDARD - X

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Time : 2.30 hours

ENGLISH PAPER I

Marks: 100

## SECTION - A [VOCABULARY - 20 MARKS]

## I. 1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words: 5×1=5

A popular (i) film star driving his car rashly at the top speed was chased by the police captured (ii) and put in jail. His fans felt that this act of the police was invidious (iii) and went on a riot breaking up shop windows and attacking buses in an act of brutality (iv) seldom (v) had the city seen such violence.

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| i) a) famous      | b) unpopular | c) happy      | d) gentle     |
| ii) a) released   | b) arrested  | c) arrived    | d) returned   |
| iii) a) pleasant  | b) fair      | c) unjust     | d) reasonable |
| iv) a) gentleness | b) kindness  | c) perfection | d) cruelty    |
| v) a) always      | b) rarely    | c) later      | d) often      |

## 2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words: 5×1=5

An immense (i) crowd gathered at the MCC stadium. The spectators were eager to capture (ii) the first glimpse of the fastest (iii) bowler Shoib Akhtar in action. Sachin Tendulkar faced the balls in a brave (iv) manner and helped India win the match. Sachin indeed is an indispensable (v) player for India.

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|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| i) a) small       | b) great       | c) enough    | d) immediate |
| ii) a) call       | b) release     | c) attack    | d) fight     |
| iii) a) cruellest | b) biggest     | c) heaviest  | d) slowest   |
| iv) a) bold       | b) slow        | c) timid     | d) weak      |
| v) a) important   | b) inessential | c) avoidable | d) exposed   |

## II. Answer any ten of the following:

10×1=10

3. The common expansion of ATM is  
 a) Automatic Teller Machine      b) Automated Teller Machine  
 c) Automatic Typing Machine      d) Automated Telling Machine
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning:  
 a) We have to check your name before you leave  
 b) We have to cheque your name before you leave
5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American word:  
 If you like the flat, we will buy it.
6. Which can be placed before brow to form a compound word?  
 a) brown      b) eye      c) hair      d) thick
7. What is the plural form of the word 'goose'?  
 a) geese      b) geoses      c) geeses
8. Attach a prefix to the word 'placed'  
 a) dis      b) un      c) mis
9. Replace the underlined word with a phrasal verb:  
 He will surely pass the exam.  
 a) get out      b) get it      c) get through
10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words:  
 a) music      b) internal      c) embodiment
11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence:  
 Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers.  
 a) break      b) pluck      c) pick
12. Construct a sentence using any one of the following words:  
 a) intelligence      b) intelligent      c) intelligently
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a noun:  
 This is the time to give your performance.

14. Which of the two sentences conveys the same meaning?  
You and I have never met each other.  
a) We meet only now                      b) We have met before

**SECTION - II [GRAMMAR - 25 MARKS]****I. Respond to the following as directed:****10×1=10**

15. Which of the options suit the following sentence?  
If you called me, I \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) would have come                      b) would come                      c) will come
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:  
My brother is going to Bangalore.  
a) SVC                                      b) SVO                                      c) SVA
17. Choose the correct question tag:  
You can study well.  
a) Can you?                              b) Can't you?                              c) Can we?
18. Complete the sentence:  
No other boy is \_\_\_\_\_ Babu.  
a) most smart                              b) more smart                              c) so smart as
19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning:  
We shall remain very grateful to you.  
a) We shall never be grateful to you                      b) We shall always remain ungrateful to you  
c) We shall always be grateful to you
20. Complete with the correct prepositional phrase:  
\_\_\_\_\_ the rain, the match continued.  
a) In the event of                              b) In spite of                              c) Due to
21. Choose the correct phrase to complete:  
My son asked me \_\_\_\_\_ him a pen.  
a) buying                                      b) to buy                                      c) buy
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete:  
He is fond \_\_\_\_\_ with children.  
a) for playing                                      b) in playing                                      c) of playing
23. Choose the appropriate article:  
Karthick is \_\_\_\_\_ famous actor.                              a) an                                      b) a                                      c) the
24. Choose the appropriate preposition:  
The people stood \_\_\_\_\_ the road to watch the procession go by.  
a) across                                      b) along                                      c) on

**II. Rewrite as directed:****5×2=10**

25. From the context of the two sentences into a single sentence:  
The boy is very short. He cannot climb the tree.
26. Rewrite the sentence in other voice:  
The gardener gathered the flowers and put them in his basket.
27. Rewrite the sentence in the direct speech:  
The head master advised us to switch off the fans when we left the class.
28. Combine the two sentences using 'If' clause:  
Sita studies well. She passes the exam.
29. Read the following sentences. Then write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees :  
a) Chandrika is 5 feet tall                      b) Deepa is 5.2 feet tall  
c) Naveena is 5.2 feet tall                      d) Pushpa is 5.5 feet tall                      e) Punitha is 6 feet tall

**III. Punctuate the following sentence:****1×5=5**

30. mother said to her son don't play with fire

**SECTION - III [PROSE - 15 MARKS]****I. Answer briefly any five of the following :****5×2=10**

31. Why was Hughie upset?
32. How is music different from astronomy?
33. What is twofold duty to be acquired by students?
34. What causes the commotion in the street where Chaya lives?
35. What are the age groups covered under the labour laws?
36. Identify the reasons why birds migrate.
37. How old is the Brahadeeswarar temple who built it?

**II. Answer any one of the paragraph questions:****1×5=5**

38. (a) Who was Hughie? How had Hughie treated the model who posed for Trevor? **(OR)**
- (b) Describe the daily routine of Chaya and her family? **(OR)**
- (c) What were the contributions of the Cholas to art and culture?

**SECTION - IV [POETRY - 20 MARKS]****I. Quote from memory one of the following :****1×5=5**

39. (a) **Five lines of the poem: "Manliness"**  
From : "Except the will ..... To : ..... my son. **(OR)**
- (b) **Five lines of the poem, "The cry of the children"**  
From : "The reddest flower ..... To : ..... and round.

**II. Read the poetic lines and answer the question:****5×1=5**

40. "A geode can split to reveal  
A dazzling sight to view"  
What is geode?
41. "Only bloodshot eyes betray  
Deep pride, then reverence"  
What do the bloodshot eyes betray?
42. "If you can meet with triumph and disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same"  
Who are two impostors?
43. Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron  
In the factories, round and round  
What do the children do all day?
44. Decades of practice  
Heirlooms of rich traditions  
How many years make a decade?

**III. Read the lines and answer the questions :****5×1=5**

45. 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;  
Pick out the words that rhyme in these lines.
46. A mirror of his changing moods?  
Pick out the words in alliteration.
47. The well was dry beside the door  
And so we went with pail and can  
Across the fields behind the house  
To seek the brook if still it ran  
Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
48. Like pearls, and now a silver blade  
Identify the figure of speech employed here
49. Down in the flood of remembrance.  
What is the figure of speech used here?

**IV. Answer any one of the paragraph questions:****1×5=5**

50. (a) What does the poet of 'Beautiful Inside' say about 'inner beauty'?
- (b) Describe the various qualities of 'Manliness'.
- (c) Describe how the shilpi gradually changes a Virgin rock into a statue of God?

**SECTION - V [LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 20 MARKS]****51. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:****5×2=10**

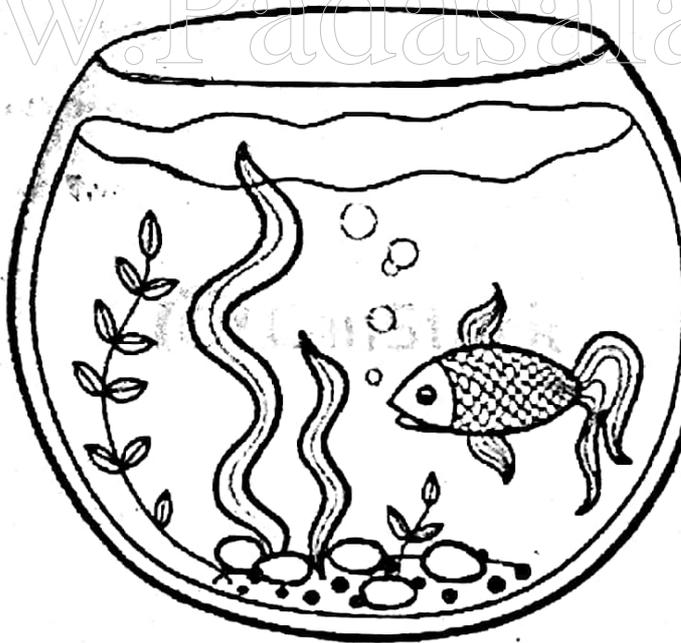
Books are the greatest treasure of mankind, and the habit of reading them is the source of pleasure. He who is the habit of reading books should buy books for himself. He should start collecting books in his youth. The books collected and arranged in a room not only decorate the room but also make the presence of their authors felt. Books contain in them eternal truths are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.

**Questions :**

- a) What are the treasures and what gives pleasure?
- b) When should one start collecting books?
- c) What do books contain in them?
- d) Mention any two uses of books.
- e) ..... are better friends. Choose the best.
- a) Books                      b) flesh and blood

**52. Identify and correct the errors:****5×1=5**

- a) The elephant is largest animal on land.
- b) If I were a bird, I will fly in the sky.
- c) I prefer milk than tea.
- d) One of the girl is tall.
- e) The dog fell along the river.

**53. Look at the picture given below and answer the questions in one or two sentences of your own:****5×1=5****Question :**

- a) What do you see in the picture?
- b) Would you like to have a fish tank in your home?
- c) Usually where do you see fish?
- d) How many leaves are there?
- e) What would happen if you take the fish out of water?
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**10<sup>th</sup> English Paper 1 - ANSWER KEY**

I. 1. SYNONYMS : i) a. ii) b. iii) c. iv) d. v) b

2. ANTONYMS : i) a. ii) b. iii) d. iv) c. v) c

II. 3 - b. 4 - a. 5 - apartment. 6 - b. 7 - a. 8 - c. 9 - c. 10 - mu-sic. in-ter-nal.

Em-bo-di-ment. 11- b. 12 - any meaningful sentence. 13 - You should perform at this time. 14 - a

Section - II.

I. 15 - b. 16 - c. 17 - b. 18 - c. 19 - c. 20 - b. 21 - b. 22 - c. 23 - b. 24 - b.

II. 25. The boy is too short to climb the tree/ The boy is so short that he can not climb the tree/ The boy is very short and so he can not climb the tree.

26. The flowers were gathered and put in his basket by the gardener/ The flowers were gathered by the gardener and they were put in his basket by him.

27. The headmaster said to us, "Switch off the fans when you leave the class".

28. If sita studies well, she will pass the exam.

29. Sentence with any degree (taller)

30. Mother said to her son, "Don't play with fire".

III. 45. kin - begin - din. 46. Mirror - Moods. 47. abcb. 48. Simile. 49. Metaphor

52. Spot the Error

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