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**T.I. MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, AMBATTUR
Half Yearly Examination 2018**

MARKS:90

ROLL NO :

TIME : 2 ½ hr

Section- A

I) Answer all the questions

20x1 =20

Choose the correct options given below:-

1. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which equates with that of the italicized lexical item in the following sentence
And dip their napkins in his *sacred* blood
a)impure b)sacrifice c)**holy** d)secret

2. Choose the appropriate syllabification for the word - Communication
a)**com-mu-ni-ca-tion** b)com-mu-ni-cat-ion c)com-mu-n-ic-ation d)com-mu-nic-a-tion

3. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which equates with that of the italicized lexical item in the following sentence
There was *perplexity* to be disentangled
a)excitement b)sick c)**complication** d)several

4. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the italicized word in the following sentence
We saw the highest *abandoned* village in the world
a)adapted b)unrestrained c)deserted d)**inhabited**

5. Choose the tetra-syllabic word
a)geographical b)organization c)fantastic d)**comprehensive**

6. Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the italicized word in the following sentence
The teacher pretended to be *indifferent*.
a)similar b)happy c)**interested** d)sad

7. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of LAN
a) **Local Area Network** b) Locality Area Network c) Local Area Net d) Local Area Networking

8. Choose the correct combination for the compound word “ *birth place* ”
a) Noun+ Verb b) Noun + Adjective c) **Noun + Noun** d) Noun + Adverb

9. Choose the correct combination for the blended word ‘Pixel’
a) **Picture + element** b) picture + Electricity c) Picture + electronics d) Pix + Element

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence :
Rangarajan alias Sujatha has written thrilling novels
a)also known as b)**differently known** as c)secretly called d)signed as

11. Choose the right definition for the given term 'theophobia'.
- (a) Fear of food (b) Fear of dreams (c) **Fear of God** (d) Fear of home
12. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence
The leader's death came like a bolt from the blue.
- a) **unexpected event** b) expected happening c) sudden happening d) serious accident
13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb into single word
You must go by the rules of the institution.
- a) **follow** b) avoid c) check d) watch
14. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word- **practice**
- a) **mal**___ b) pre___ c) post___ d) tri___
15. Identify the sentence pattern of the following
We call Gandhiji, Mahatma.
- a) SVIDO b) **SVOC** c) SVOA d) SVCA
16. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.
He ran _____ the street.
- a) by b) at c) **into** d) to
17. Choose the clipped form of the word **internet**.
- a) intern b) **net** c) network d) tern
18. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expression
My mother is a housewife.
- a) homekeeper b) housekeeper c) **homemaker** d) housemaker
19. Choose the correct meaning of the cliché 'Kith and Kin'
- a) kitbag b) bat and ball c) **friends and relatives** d) ladies and gentlemen
20. Fill in with a relative pronoun.
Umar _____ father is an engineer, constructed this building.
- a) who b) **whose** c) which d) whom

Section – B

II. Answer any seven of the following:

7x2=14

i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four (4) of the following: (4x 2 = 8)

21. "So let us unobtrusive and unnoticed,
But happy none the less"

- a. What is meant by unobtrusive?- not easily seen
b. Who are happy none the less?- women

22. *O winged seeds! You crossed the furrowed seas,
To nestle in the warm and silent earth.*

- a. Mention the figure of speech in the given lines.- metaphor
b. Why did they cross the furrowed seas?- To nestle in the warm and silent earth....intermingling of the languages....coming of Britishers

23. *In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life*

- a. What do you mean by bivouac?- temporary camp made by soldiers
- b. Pick out the words in alliteration.- **broad , battle**

24. *The voice of education said to me
He must be killed.*

- a. Who must be killed?- snake
- b. Why did his voice say so?- in Sicily the golden snakes are venomous

25. *Yes : quaint and curious war is !!*

- a. What do you mean by "Quaint"?- strange
- b. Why is war quaint and curious?- Many soldiers are killed in war for no reason

26. *Ceaseless musing, venturing, throwing, seeking the spheres to connect them.*

- a) Who is musing continuously?- human soul
- b) What do you mean by "Venturing"?- entering

Note: Answers must be in complete sentences for the above questions.

ii) Do as directed (Any three)

3x2=6

27. Report the following dialogue :

Sunny : I lost my wallet on the way.

Saira : Did you have money ?

Sunny : I had fifty rupees and my ID card in it.

Sunny said to Saira that he had lost his wallet on the way. Saira asked him if he had money.

Sunny replied that he had fifty rupees and his ID card in it.

28. The sun was bright. The pictures came out well. (Combine using if)

If the sun was bright, the pictures would come out well.

29. Rewrite the sentence starting with 'should'

If you should be late once again, you will lose your job.

Should you be late once again, you will lose your job.

30. Venkat shared his lunch with the boy. He had only one sandwich. (form a complex sentence using 'though')

Although Venkat had only one sandwich, he shared his lunch with the boy.

Section – C

III. Answer any seven of the following

7x3=21

Part-I

i) Explain any two (2) of the following with reference to the context:

(2 × 3 = 6)

31. *To die, and not a heart that does not love us*

Know where we're laid.

Poem: Women's Rights, Poet: Annie Lousia Walker

32. *The spoils of ages, global merchandise*

Mingling in your strains!

Poem: English Words, Poet: V.K.Gokak

33. *But ranged as infantry,
And staring face to face,*
Poem: The Man He Killed, Poet: Thomas Hardy

Note: ERC format has to be followed. Name of the poet-1 mark, Title of the poem-1mark, ERC- 1 mark

Part-II

ii) Answer any two (2) of the following briefly. (2x3=6)

34. What is a writer of dictionaries doomed to do?

35. Which were the countries that were involved in the bombing of Hiroshima?

36. Give reasons as to why it is difficult to keep warm in the Tibetan mountain range.

Note: Answers must be in complete sentences. The answers must have a minimum of 50 words.

Part -III

iii) Answer any three of the following (3x3=9)

37. Study the data given and answer the questions that follow :

Sales for the Month of June at a Drug Store

Antibiotics 40%

Vitamins 10%

Analgesics 20%

Antipyretics 15%

Sedatives 5%

Cosmetics 10%

Questions :

(a) Name the drug which has the least sale record in the store? - Sedatives 5%

(b) How many types of drugs are being sold at this store? -six

(c) Which drug is twice the sale of analgesics? -Antibiotics 40%

38. Write a dialogue between a tourist and a guide. (Minimum of three exchanges)

Three exchanges should be there. Each exchange carries 1 mark.

39. Describe the process of binding a book .

Minimum of three steps expected. Each step carries 1 mark.

40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:

a) All that glitters is not _____.- gold

b) Make _____while the sun shines.- hay

c) Barking _____ seldom bites.- dog

(Hay, Dog, Gold)

Section- D

IV) Answer the following :

7x5=35

41. Answer in a paragraph (of about 150 words) any one (1) of the following:

a) The aftermath of the bombing on Hiroshima.

b) Gunga Ram and his superstitious beliefs.

Answer must be in complete sentences. The answer must have a minimum of 150 words with suitable quotes. 4 marks can be awarded for a well written answer.

42. Answer in a paragraph (of about 150 words) any one (1) of the following

- a) What is the message of the poem ‘A Psalm Of Life’
b) D.H. Lawrence’s “Snake”.

Answer must be in complete sentences. The answer must have a minimum of 150 words with suitable quotes. 4 marks can be awarded for a well written answer.

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

In the beginning of the world-all animals worked for man -except camel-animals complained to man –man asked him to work double time-animals angry-complained to Djinn-Djinn talked to the camel-camel merely said.”Humph”-Djinn created the humph for the camel-camel could never get rid of that humph.

(or)

Mr.Nuttel came to visit Mrs.Sappleton-met Vera-narrated tragedy-three years ago-Mrs.Sappleton’s husband and two younger brothers went for shooting –didn’t return-Window wide open-Mrs.Sappleton entered –soon the three arrived with the spaniel-Framton Nuttel rushed out-Vera said-he was once hunted by a pack of dogs-her speciality-Romance at short notice.

Answer must be in complete sentences. The answer must have a minimum of 150 words with suitable quotes. 5 marks can be awarded for a well written answer.

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

The Cacti, a native in American deserts, adapts to the dry surroundings by having unique body structures. The plant has swollen stems to help store water that carries it through months. By having sharp pines instead of leaves, water loss through respiration is minimized. Besides, these pointed pines also help the plant ward off grazing animals, thus enhancing its survival period. Besides plants, there are also animals with distinct surviving tactics in deserts too. For instance, Skinks (desert lizards) metabolize stored fats in their bulbous tails, producing water to supplement their needs, just like what camels do with the stored food in their humps during long journeys through deserts. Antelopes like the addax, have very low water needs and hence are able to tolerate the conditions in deserts, extracting moisture from the food they eat. Finally, there are the sandgrouses (desert birds) which do not have special features to overcome the drought-like nature in deserts. Hence, to survive in these hot, dry deserts, they need to spend a large part of their time flying in search of waterholes.

Summary- title 1 mark, summary -3 marks

Making notes- title 1 mark, rough draft- 1 mark, fair draft- 2 marks

45. Read the following advertisement and prepare a resume considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified:

[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]

Situation Vacant

Post Graduate Teacher (English) Specialized in extra – curricular activities (NSS,NCC,etc),
Minimum : 3Years of Experience. Salary Negotiable.

Apply to : Post Box No : 1307

C/o. The Hindu

Chennai - 02.

Or

Write a paragraph on “ Punctuality”

Letter

From to – 1 mark

Body of the letter 1 mark

Resume 3 marks

Paragraph- Title – 1 mark, Well written Paragraph with quotes – 3 marks

46. i) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them :**

- a. Neither of the boys are guilty.- is
- b. Balaji is junior than me.- to
- c. He is a honourable man.- an
- d. Slow and steady win the race.- wins
- e. The news are very good. –is

Answers must be in complete sentences.

(or)

ii) **Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- a. Vandana's _____ daughter _____ to the new situation well. (Adopted(1)/ adapted(2))
- b. Daniel _____ play the piano. (Fill in with a modal verb) will, can, should.....
- c. He _____ read many books during his school days (Fill in with a semi-modal)- used to
- d. _____ you have an entry pass, you can get in (Use a suitable link word) - If

47. Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:

- a) Shakespeare's plays are read by many people.
- b) The yield of wheat has increased.
- c) Fastfood is a growing health hazard.
- d) My brother is planning to go to the US.
- e) Dhoni was declared the Man of the Series.

(Sports-5, Nutrition and Dietetics-3, Travel-4, Literature-1, Agriculture-2)

(Or)

Read the following passage and answer in your own words.

The first flags were probably in China. People flew flags in China over 4,000 years ago. Each part of the army had its own flag so the soldiers could see their leaders. Early flags were sticks of wood. They had pictures cut into the wood. Iran had metal flags about 3,000 years ago. Old Greek coins show pictures of flags. People in Rome also used flags over 2,000 years ago. People first made flags of cloth about 2,000 years ago. Those flags looked like today's flags. Flags are important at sea. Most ships fly their own country's flag and the flag of the country they are visiting. When a ship flies only its own flag, it is ready to fight. Every country now has a flag. Every U.S. state has a flag. Clubs, teams, and schools have flags. The Olympics has a flag. The Olympics flag has five rings of five colours. Each ring stands for, or represents, a continent. It means that people from five continents – Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America – come to play. Railway lines also use flags. Railway flags tell the trains what to do. For example, a red flag tells the train to stop, just like a stop sign. A blue, white, or green flag tells the train that it can go. A blue flag on the side of a train means someone is working on the train. It means nobody can move the train.

- a. Where were the flags initially made?- The first flags were probably in China
- b. What were the first flags made of?- . Early flags were sticks of wood.
- c. Does every country have a flag? -Every country now has a flag.
- d. Mention the role of a railway flag.- Railway lines also use flags. Railway flags tell the trains what to do. For example, a red flag tells the train to stop, just like a stop sign. A blue, white, or green flag tells the train that it can go. A blue flag on the side of a train means someone is working on the train. It means nobody can move the train.
- e. Describe the Olympic flag.- The Olympics has a flag. The Olympics flag has five rings of five colours. Each ring stands for, or represents, a continent. It means that people from five continents – Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America – come to play.
