

## HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

Class-X  
ENGLISH

Full Marks– 90+10

Time– 3 Hours

*( The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions. )***PART-I****( Multiple Choice Questions )**

[ From question No. 1 to 45, there are four options, viz. a, b, c, d for each question, out of which only one option is correct. Darken the oval shape against the correct option in the OMR sheet ] 1x45

1. Lencho wrote a letter to God asking for money because—  
a) He was a poor farmer    b) His cornfield was destroyed  
c) He needed some money    d) He had an absolute faith in God
2. What kind of person would you say Lencho was after reading the story—  
a) Greedy    b) Naive    c) Ungraceful    d) Stupid
3. A violent tropical storm with very strong wind is called—  
a) Hailstorm    b) Cyclone    c) Typhoon    d) Tornado
4. The conflict in the story 'A letter to God' is between—  
a) Humans and nature    b) Humans and God  
c) Humans and animal    d) Both humans and nature and Humans themselves
5. Lencho began to write his first letter to God on—  
a) Sunday, at night    b) Sunday, at day break  
c) Monday, at night    d) Monday, at day break
6. The inauguration ceremony took place on— a) 10 May, 1884  
b) 10 May, 1994    c) 10 May, 2004    d) 10 May, 2014
7. A political system that separates people according to their race is called— a) Atrocities    b) Apprehension  
c) Anxieties    d) Apartheid
8. The colours of South African Flag that a Chevron of Impala Jets left as a smoke trail were—  
a) Black, Red, Green, Blue and Yellow  
b) Black, Red, Green, Blue and Golden  
c) Black, Red, Green, Blue and White  
d) Black, Red, Green, Blue and Silver
9. Who was sworn in as 'the First Deputy President' of South Africa— a) Nelson Mandela    b) Mr. de Klerk    T.O.

- c) Thabo Mbeki                      d) Zenani
10. Nelson Mandela learnt the meaning of courage from—  
 a) His parents                      b) His teachers  
 c) His fellow comrades      d) His oppressors
11. The season of joy commences in Coorg from—  
 a) January      b) April      c) August      d) September
12. The Coorgi homes are famous for the tradition of—  
 a) Super speciality      b) Hostility  
 c) Hospitality              d) Charity
13. The traditional dress worn by the Kodavus is known as—  
 a) Kuffia      b) Kuppia      c) Cuffia      d) Qupia
14. The bravery of the Coorgi people is recognized in modern India by—  
 a) Forming the Coorg Regiment  
 b) Permitting them to carry guns without license  
 c) Awarding gallantry awards      d) All of the above
15. 'The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army' —here the term 'most decorated' implies—  
 a) Fashionable      b) Beautified  
 c) Ornamented      d) Glorified with awards for bravery
16. Mahaseer is a kind of—  
 a) Marine Fish      b) Ornamental Fish  
 c) Fresh water Fish      d) Brackish water Fish
17. The poet of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' is—  
 a) Robert Frost  
 b) Leslie Norris      c) Robin Klein      d) John Berryman
18. The tiger is locked in the zoo basically for the—  
 a) Protection of the tiger      b) Conservation of the tiger  
 c) Education of the public  
 d) Security and benefit of human being
19. In the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' the poet advocates—  
 a) The Conservation of the tiger  
 b) The Conservation of the forest  
 c) The rehabilitation of the tiger      d) The freedom of the tiger
20. 'Where plump deer pass' —here the underlined word refers to—  
 a) Petty      b) Healthy      c) Skinny      d) Slender
21. 'The few steps of his cage' —here the underlined word rhymes with—  
 a) Face      b) Dress      c) Rage      d) Less
22. "But he's locked in a concrete cell" —what is the literary device used in the underlined phrase—  
 a) Repetition                      b) Alliteration  
 c) Personification              d) Metaphor

23. Amanda is a teenager. It is known from—  
 a) The instructions given to her    b) Her habit of nail biting  
 c) Her fantasy    d) All of the above
24. 'You are always so moody' –Amanda is so moody because—  
 a) Her parent do not love her    b) She is being indulged  
 c) She is a teenager    d) She feels that her freedom is curtailed
25. What does Amanda think – Life in a tower is—  
 a) Cheerful    b) Sorrowful    c) Lonely    d) Tranquil and rare
26. Amanda yearned for—  
 a) Love    b) Friendship    b) Freedom    c) Admiration
27. Amanda ignores her mother's instructions because—  
 a) She is moody girl    b) She is busy with her homework  
 c) She lives in her own fantasy world    d) She dislikes her mother
28. Amanda wants to be Rapunzel because—  
 a) She likes to keep long hair    b) She likes to live in a tower  
 c) She likes to have a free life    d) She wants to be a princes
29. Fowler was disappointed to see Ausable as—  
 a) Ausable stayed in a French hotel  
 b) Ausable spoke French and German passably  
 c) Ausable was too fat and sloppy to fit for the profession  
 d) All of the above
30. Fowler's first authentic thrill of the day was—  
 a) Meeting Ausable    b) Seeing Ausable in a gloomy hotel  
 c) Finding the report  
 d) Looking Max with a pistol in his hand
31. In the story 'The midnight visitor' Ausable shows his—  
 a) Presence of mind    b) Ability to think quickly  
 c) Ability to act calmly    d) All of the above
32. Horace Danby found the detailed information of the Shotover Grange in— a) Newspaper    b) A magazine article  
 c) A detective story    d) A television news
33. What was Horace allergic to—  
 a) Dust    b) Smell of flowers    c) Pollen    d) Medicines
34. The lady encountered by Horace Danby at the Shotover Grange was— a) The owner of the house  
 b) Owner of the jewels    c) A burglar    d) A police officer
35. Choose the right determiner to complete the following sentence :— ..... mother loves her child.  
 a) All    b) Each    c) Every    d) Any

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36. Choose the right determiner to complete the following sentence :- Can you lend me ..... money?  
a) Some    b) Any    c) Many    d) Little
37. Choose the right determiner to complete the following sentence : The lady pays ..... attention to her children.  
a) Some    b) Little    c) A little    d) The little
38. Choose the option having correct form of verb in the sentence :- They (be) in London for 10 years.  
a) are    b) were    c) have been    d) had been
39. Choose the option having correct form of verb in the sentence : The train (leave) before we reached the station.  
a) left    b) had left    c) had been left    d) has left
40. I (go) to the cinema tonight.  
a) will go.    b) will be going    c) went    d) am going  
c) will go.    d) will be going
41. Find a word that means 'difficult to reach or contact' -  
a) Accessible    b) Ineligible  
c) Inaccessible    d) Eligible
42. Choose the right alternative to illustrate the meaning of the sentence :- He will visit my place .....  
a) Shortly    b) Briefly    c) Recently    d) Early
43. Choose a correct single sentence made up of the two simple sentences : The baby is very small. It can't walk.  
a) The baby is too small to walk.  
b) The baby is very small to walk.  
c) The baby is unable to walk.  
d) The baby is small and can't walk.
44. Choose a correct single sentence made up of the two simple sentences : He is innocent. Everybody says this.  
a) Everybody says this that he is innocent.  
b) He is innocent and everybody says this.  
c) Everybody says his innocence.  
d) Everybody says that he is innocent.
45. Choose a correct single sentence made up of the two simple sentences :- Where does he live ? Do you know it.  
a) Where does he live do you know it ?  
b) Do you know if where does he live ?  
c) Do you know where he lives ?  
d) Do you know where he lived ?

**PART-II ( Section -A)**

46. "Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields." –What does the author mean by the statement ? 1
47. In what way 10 May is an 'autumn day' in South Africa ? 1
48. 'Lencho's soul was filled with sadness' –Why ? 2
49. Do think the postmaster was happy after reading Lencho's second letter to God ? Answer with your own point of view. 2
50. How did Mandeta's 'hunger for freedom' change his life ? 2
51. What 'twin obligations' does Mandela mention ? 2
52. What is the story regarding the Greek origin of the people of Coorg ? 2
53. Would you say that Coorg is naturally different from the other part of the country ? Justify your answer. 2

**( Section -B )**

54. Why is the tiger in quiet rage in the zoo ? 1
55. Who was Rapunzel ? 1
56. What is a water hole ? Why does the tiger keep lurking near the water hole ? 1+1
57. What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid ? 2

**( Section -C )**

58. Answer any two of the following questions :–
- a) Who was Fowler ? How did he meet Ausable ? What was his first authentic thrill of the day ? 1+1+2
- b) How does Ausable manage to make a Max believe that there is a balcony attached to his room ? What makes it a convincing story ? 3+1
- c) "Horace Danby was a good and respectable man but not completely honest." –Why do you think this description is apt for Horace Danby ? Why can't he be categorized as a typical thief ? 2+2
- d) What are the subtle ways in which the lady manages to deceive Horace Danby ? Why did not Horace Danby suspect that something was wrong ? 2+2

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**( Section –D )**

59. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions :

**The great advantage of early rising is that one can start one's work long before others. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. Early in the morning the mind is fresh and no sounds or noises disturb our attention. The work done at that time is generally well done. Also one finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air. Exercise supplies him with a good deal of energy that enables him to work hard until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do his work thoroughly. He does not have to hurry over any part of his work. He gets to sleep long before midnight. At that time sleep is most refreshing. After a night's sound rest, he rises early next morning in good health, ready for the labour of a new day.**

**Questions :—**

- a) What advantage does an early riser have over others ?      1
- b) What is the benefit of beginning one's work early ?      2
- c) What are the advantages of going to sleep long before midnight ?

**( Section –E )**

60. a) Write an essay on any one of the following topic :—      5
- i) Life of a great man.
  - ii) Your daily life.
  - iii) Physical exercise

Or,

- b) Develop a short story using the outline given below and add a suitable title to it :—      4+1

A hungry fox sees a crow with a piece of meat — wishes to have the piece of meat — praises the crow — asks the crow to sing — the crow sings — the piece of meat falls from the beak — the fox picks it up and run away.

61. a) Write a letter to your friend describing your plan of further studies after passing the HSLC examination.      4

Or,

- b) Write a report on the basis of the information given below : 4

**Celebration of Teacher's Day at your school — 5th September — function organized by the students — the meeting presided over by the head of the institution — speakers including students and teachers spoke on the significance — students felicitated the teachers — closing of the function.**

62. a) Translate the following sentences into the language as per your MIL (IL) subject :—

- i) Guwahati is situated on the bank of the river Brahmaputra.
- ii) We went to Guwahati during the last summer vacation. <https://www.assamboard.com>
- iii) Have you ever been to Guwahati ?

Or,

62. Give a substance of the following passage : 3

A good book always teaches us something, in fact many things, directly or indirectly if the mind is willing to learn. Books are the best company. they also give man the best society. They help us in establishing contact with many great men of the past and present days. Through books we come to know what they said and did . Though books we even see them as if they were really alive. As we read we share great thoughts with great minds ; we hope and grieve with them. The scenes in which they appeared are described for us and as we turn the pages we come to know what nobleness is. Books work as agents and help us in being better than we are. Therefore books should be treated as friends and guides.