

Half Yearly Examination- 2024-25

Class- X

Subject - English

Total Marks : 100

Theory : 90

Internal Assessment : 10

Total Time : 3 Hours

(Bubble the correct option in the OMR Sheet)

Section - A

Total : 1 × 45 = 45 Marks

For each question, four alternatives are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct circle in the OMR given to you with black/blue ball pen.

Read the following statements with reference to "A Letter to God" and choose the correct option:

Statement 1- From Lencho's house one could see the Post Office. ✓

Statement 2-Lencho's house was the only house on the hill top. ✓

(A) Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is false.

☒ (B) Statement 1 is false and statement 2 is true.

(C) Both statement 1 and statement 2 are false.

☒ (D) Both statement 1 and statement 2 are true.

How does the author uses irony to highlight the central theme of the story "A Letter to God"?

☒ (A) By showing that Lencho's faith was misplaced. ✓

☒ (B) By making Lencho's prayers ineffective. ✓

☒ (C) By depicting the Post Office employees as kind but misunderstood. ✓

☒ (D) Lencho losing his faith in God after the incident. ✓

Lencho wished for a downpour or a shower. Pick the option that correctly lists the correct match for the kinds of rain.

☒ (1) Heavy rain

☒ (2) Thunderstorm

☒ (3) Drizzle

☒ (4) Torrential rain

☒ (5) Downpour

(i) Light rain that falls in very fine drops.

(ii) Very heavy rain, tropical rain.

(iii) It's coming down quite strong, and you get very wet very quickly.

(iv) Really very heavy rain that comes very suddenly.

(v) It is a violent, short-lived weather disturbance associated with lightning, thunder and strong winds.

10. What did Mandela learn from his comrades in the struggle for freedom?
- That the struggle was hopeless without external support.
 - That courage could be learned and developed.
 - That freedom could only be achieved through violent means.
 - That compromise was the only solution.
11. What is a significant cultural aspect of Coorgi people as mentioned in the prose piece, "Coorg"?
- Their practice of traditional dance form.
 - Their involvement in high-altitude sports.
 - Their distinctive customs related to hospitality and bravery.
 - Their focus on modern technological advancements.
12. Analyze the description of Coorg's landscape in the prose piece, "Coorg". What effect does the author intend to create by mentioning the rolling hills and lush forests?
- To emphasize the region's agricultural potential.
 - To highlight the challenges faced by the inhabitants.
 - To create a picturesque and inviting image of Coorg.
 - To illustrate the technological advancement in Coorg.
13. Which of the following is not a cultural element mentioned in the lesson "Coorg"?
- Traditional martial arts.
 - Coffee plantation.
 - Large urban shopping malls.
 - Rich folklore and festivals.
14. Which aspect of tourism is most likely to benefit the local economy of Coorg?
- Cultural festivals and events.
 - Adventure sports and activities.
 - Historical tours and museums.
 - Agricultural tours and farm stays.
15. Read the following statements with reference to the lesson, "Coorg" and choose the correct option.
- Statement 1: Every Indian citizen including the Kodavus can carry a gun without a license.
- Statement 2: Coorgi people have to deal with extreme hot and humid temperature throughout the year.
- Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is false.
 - Statement 1 is false and statement 2 is true.
 - Both statement 1 and statement 2 are false.
 - Both statement 1 and statement 2 are true.

16. How does Leslie Norris use imagery to convey the tiger's feelings in the poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo"?
- (A) By describing the tiger's vibrant colours and playful behaviour.
 - (B) By illustrating the tiger's powerful and fearsome hunting skills.
 - (C) By contrasting the tiger's majestic appearance with the dullness of its cage and the bleakness of its surroundings.
 - (D) By emphasizing the tiger's interactions with the other animals in the zoo.
17. In the poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo," how does the poet contrast the tiger's natural habitat with his current situation?
- (A) By describing the lush, dense forests of the tiger's natural habitat and comparing them to the concrete and metal of the zoo.
 - (B) By highlighting the open grasslands of the tiger's original home versus the limited space of the cage.
 - (C) By contrasting the tiger's natural hunting grounds with the zoo's artificial environment.
 - (D) By comparing the tiger's previous freedom with the zoo's entertaining shows.
18. What emotional tone is portrayed about the tiger's experience in the zoo in the poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo"?
- (A) Joyful and content.
 - (B) Indifferent and apathetic.
 - (C) Frustrated and sorrowful.
 - (D) Curious and playful.
19. What does the tiger do to show its agitation in the zoo?
- (A) Roars loudly.
 - (B) Walks back and forth.
 - (C) Sleeps all day.
 - (D) Interacts with other animal.
20. Read the following sentences and choose the correct option with reference to the poem "Amanda!"

Assertion : Amanda feels trapped by the constant demands placed on her by her parents.

Reason : Amanda often daydreams about being a mermaid or a pirate, which symbolizes her desire for freedom and escape.

- (A) Both the assertion and reason are correct, and the reason correctly explains the assertion.
 - (B) Both the assertion and reason are correct, but the reason doesn't explain the assertion.
 - (C) The assertion is correct but the reason is incorrect.
 - (D) The assertion is incorrect but the reason is correct.
21. In the poem, "Amanda!", how does the poet illustrate the contrast between Amanda's inner world and her external environment?
- (A) By using vivid descriptions of nature versus dull tasks.
 - (B) By comparing Amanda's behaviour to that of her peers.
 - (C) Through the use of historical references and analogies.
 - (D) By alternating between Amanda's thoughts and her parents' instructions.

22. In the poem, "Amanda" by Robin Klein, how does the poet characterize Amanda's responses to her parents' demands?
- (A) As complaint and respectful. (B) As indifferent and passive.
(C) As enthusiastic and proactive. (D) As rebellious and resentful.
23. What feeling does Amanda often experience in the poem "Amanda"?
- (A) Joy (B) Excitement
(C) Boredom (D) Curiosity
24. What crucial detail do we find reading the story 'The Midnight Visitor' about Max's identity?
- (A) He is a detective investigating a case.
(B) He is an undercover agent with a specific mission.
(C) He is a journalist writing a feature on the writer.
(D) He is a fan of the writer looking for an autograph.
25. What is the central conflict in "The Midnight Visitor"?
- (A) Struggle between the writer and the antagonist.
(B) The challenge of a midnight meeting that turns dangerous.
(C) The tension between two individuals with conflicting goals.
(D) The suspense of a hidden manuscript being discovered.
26. Read the following statements and choose the correct option with reference to "The Midnight Visitor".
- Statement 1- Ausable has all the looks of a secret agent that is conventionally described in books and novels.
Statement 2- Ausable outwits Max in his attempt of taking away the report from him.
- (A) Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is false.
(B) Statement 1 is false and statement 2 is true.
(C) Both statement 1 and statement 2 are true.
(D) Both statement 1 and statement 2 are false.
27. "Horace Danby was a meticulous planner but still he faltered" - here the underlined word refers to-
- (A) Irrational. (B) Sloppy. (C) Clumsy. (D) Careful.
28. Read the following statements and choose the correct option.
- Statement 1 - Horace Danby stole every year to accommodate his luxurious life.
Statement 2 - Horace Danby was a well respected businessman.
- (A) Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is false.
(B) Statement 1 is false and statement 2 is true
(C) Both statement 1 and statement 2 are false.
(D) Both statement 1 and statement 2 are true.

29. In the lesson 'A Question Of Trust' ,the term ' honour among thieves' refers to-
- (A) Thieves are honourable individuals.
 - (B) Thieves are good people.
 - (C) Thieves don't deceive an another thief.
 - (D) Thieves deceive everyone.
30. Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence:
- "If it rains tomorrow, we _____ the picnic."
- (A) will cancel
 - (B) cancel
 - (C) cancelled
 - (D) will have cancelled
31. Select the correct verb form to complete the sentence in the past perfect continuous tense:
- "By the time the meeting started, she ----- for over an hour."
- (A) had been waiting
 - (B) has been waiting
 - (C) was waiting
 - (D) will have been waiting
32. Identify the correct tense of the sentence:
- "By the time we arrive, she will have finished her homework."
- (A) Future Perfect Continuous.
 - (B) Future Perfect.
 - (C) Present Perfect.
 - (D) Present Perfect Continuous
33. Complete the sentence with the correct tense. <https://www.assamboard.com>
- "I _ my homework when my friend called."
- (A) have done
 - (B) was doing
 - (C) did
 - (D) had done
34. Which of the following sentences is in Future Continuous Tense?
- (A) They will have completed the task.
 - (B) They are completing the task.
 - (C) They will be completing the task.
 - (D) They have been completing the task.
35. Which determiner correctly completes the sentence in a way that implies an unspecified quantity? "I need _____ help on this project."
- (A) much
 - (B) many
 - (C) any
 - (D) few
36. Find the sentence where the determiner 'every' is used correctly.
- (A) Every of the students needs to submit the form.
 - (B) Every students needs to submit the form.
 - (C) Every student needs to submit the form.
 - (D) Every students need to submit the form.

37. Which sentence demonstrates the correct usage of 'few' and 'a few'?

- (A) Few people attended the meeting because few invitations were sent out.
- (B) Few people attended the meeting because a few invitations were sent out.
- (C) A few people attended the meeting because few invitations were sent out.
- (D) A few people attended the meeting because a few invitations were sent out.

38. Find the word that is most dissimilar to 'Kind'.

- (A) Benevolent
- (B) Cruel
- (C) Charitable
- (D) Compassionate

39. Choose the word that is most similar to the word 'resilient'.

- (A) Fragile
- (B) Weak
- (C) Adaptable
- (D) Stubborn

40. Identify the word that best fits the blank:

The _____ writer was invited as the chief guest.

- (A) Obscure
- (B) Imminent
- (C) Eminent
- (D) Ordinary

41. Which word best completes the sentence?

The students were _____ by the complexity of the problem.

- (A) Enlightened
- (B) Astonished
- (C) Assisted
- (D) Motivated

42. Identify the correctly synthesized sentence:

Original sentences:

She studied hard.

She wanted to pass the examination.

- (A) She studied hard, so she she wanted to pass the examination.
- (B) She studied hard and she wanted to pass the examination.
- (C) She studied hard because she wanted to pass the examination.
- (D) She wanted to pass the examination to study hard.

43. Choose the most appropriate combination of the following sentences.

The car broke down.

We arrived late.

- (A) The car broke down; we arrived late.
- (B) The car broke down but we arrived late.
- (C) We arrived late because the car broke down.
- (D) Although the car broke down, we arrived late.

44. Choose the option that has used participle to join the following sentences:

He was tired. He went to sleep.

☒ (A) He went to sleep because he was tired.

(B) He was tired and went to sleep.

(C) He was tired, so he went to sleep.

(D) Being tired, he went to sleep.

45. Choose the option that has used an infinitive to join the following sentences:

He is going to Delhi. He will establish his business there.

(A) He is going to Delhi for establishing his business there.

(B) He is going to Delhi to establish his business there.

(C) He is going to Delhi intending to establish his business there.

(D) He is going to Delhi because he wanted to establish his business there.
