

PADASALAI'S MODEL HALF YEARLY QUESTION PAPER-1

STD: XII

ENGLISH

MARKS :90

TIME: 2.30 HRS

- Instructions:**(1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
- (2) Use **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline.

Part - I

I. Answer all the questions.

(20 × 1 = 20)

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given.

- We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened we went over.
a) Reduced b) improved c) quick d) fast
- ...then the end of such liberty would be universal chaos.
a) normalcy b) noisy c) dozy d) confusion
- A few days before the race, his shoulder and arm were amputated.
a) treated b) removed c) touched d) joined

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.

- At least four others are acutely controversial.
a) agreeable b) proactive c) debatable d) uncertain
- Scrambling on the rocks and cutting hand holes on the snow, we were able to shuffle..
a) climbing hurriedly b) talking c) climbing slowly d) walking
- It means that in order that the liberties of all may be preserved.
a) destructible b) maintained c) conserved d) preferred
- Choose the correct compound word for the combination "sky blue"
a) Adjective + Verb b) Noun + Adjective
c) Preposition + Verb d) Preposition + Noun
- Choose the correct expansion of "IIT".
a) Indian Institute of Technology b) Indian Institute of Tech
c) Indian Institute of Terminal d) Indian Institute of Tesh
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence.
You must establish a good rapport with your family.
a) choosing from a list of dishes b) for a particular purpose only
c) close relationship with good understanding d) by way of special eminence
- Choose the right combination for the blended word "wifi"
a) wireless + fiction b) wireless + fidelity c) wireless + fility d) wireless + finality
- Choose the clipped word for "gentlemen".
a) man b) men c) gent d) gents
- 'study of heart' is called _____
a) apiology b) cardiology c) areology d) cariology
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word "secure".
a) dis b) re c) im d) in

14. Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun.

The boy _____ stands next to Kumar is my friend.

- a) whose b)who c) whom d) where

15. Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition.

He is confident _____ his success.

- a) under b)for c) since d)of

16. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.

Little do your parents know about this problem, _____?

- a) have they b)do they c) didn't they d)don't they

17. Choose the suitable meaning or the idiom found in the following sentence.

I told him he would have to make good.

- a) to compensate for a wrong doing b)to make people more relaxed
c) to exit the world d)to be the most powerful

18. Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative.

This school is for the blind.

- a) mentally ill b)slow learners c) mortician d) visually challenged

19. Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.

They painted the door green yesterday.

- a) SVOAA b)SVOCA c) SVCAA d) ASVAA

20. Fill in the blank with a suitable phrasal verb.

My friends _____ my house yesterday.

- a) Put on b)drop out c) gave away d)called on

Part – II / Section - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four from it.

(4 X 2 = 8)

21. "A foothold there, no clever trick

Could take us dead or quick"

- a) What was challenging?
b) Which aspect of the castle's strength is conveyed by the above line?

22. "Legs wide, arms locked behind

As if to balance the prone brow"

- a) Whose action is described here?
b) What is meant by 'prone brow'?

23. "Little remains; but every hour is saved

From that eternal silence, something more

A bringer of new things; and vile it were"

- a) How is every hour important to Ulysses?
b) What does the term 'Little remains' convey?

24. "...Free imaginations

Bringing changes into a world resenting change"

- a) How does free imagination help the world?
b) Identify the figure of speech.

25. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung"

- a) Who is the giant here?
b) Why is the scarf colourful?

26. ".....Then a soldier

Full of strange oaths, and bearded like a pard"

- a) What is the soldier ready to do?
b) Explain 'bubble reputation'?

Section - 2

Answer **any three** of the following questions.

(3 X 2 = 6)

27. Report the following dialogue :

Raja: Why are you going there?

Raju: I want to receive my uncle who is coming from Bangalore.

28. Stella did not perform well. She was not selected. (Combine using 'If')

29. Change the following sentence into Passive voice.

Why did your parents scold you?

30. Unless you have a valid passport, you cannot leave the country.

(Change into a compound sentence)

Part - III / Section - 1

Explain **any two** of the following with reference to the context.

(2 × 3 = 6)

31. "How dull it is to pause, to make an end

To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!"

32 "They seemed no threat to us at all"

33. "Then off there flung in smiling joy

And held himself erect"

Section - 2

Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 30 words each.

(2 × 3 = 6)

34. Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?

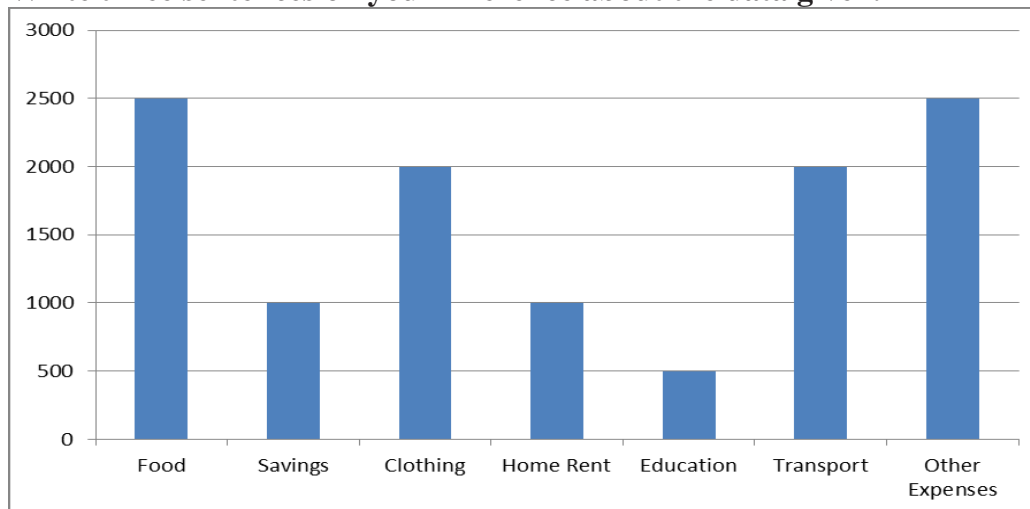
35. Why did Hillary become clumsy-fingered and slow-moving?

36. What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?

Answer **any three** of the following:

(3 × 3 = 9)

37. Write three sentences on your inference about the data given.



38. Build a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between a parent and a teacher.

39. Describe the process of preparing a cup of tea.

40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.

a. All that glitters is not _____. (fight, soul, gold)

b. Knowledge is _____. (power, force, stable)

c. Haste makes _____. (waste, waist, drooping)

Part - IV**Answer the following questions:****(7 × 5 = 35)****Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words.****41. Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words.**Give an account of the medical problems for which the two boys were hospitalized. **(OR)**

Describe the feelings of Hillary and Tenzing as they reached the top of the Summit?

42. Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words.Bring out the message of the poem, "Ulysses"? **(OR)**

What is the role of the young soldier in the victory of the French at Ratisbon?

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

all summer in a day- venus – sun appears – seven years – small stories – poems- margot – others children teased – no games – ohio – USA – school shower rooms – her parents – earth – children hated her – locked in the room – teacher arrives – sun coming out – flaming bronze – cheeks like a warm iron – play hide and seek – a few cold drops – faces – unlock the door – margot out.

(OR)

Pi – 16 – zoo – Canada – ship encounters – heavy storm – life boat – rough sea – ship sinks – family – crew – zebra – orangutan – orange juice – hyena emerges – trap – limited food – water – tiger – to quench his thirst – shining water cans – joins his family – tiger goes inside a forest.

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

We must seek out problems and convert them to challenges! We need to welcome problems with arms open. Embrace them because this can well be some of the finest parts of living. Many older people look back on the years they spent wondering how they would meet the expenses of raising a family, coping with the problems, the illness - in some instances, the vexations of their children. They look back now and think, 'those were the most developmental, the most rewarding, the most wonderful years of my life. If I could have only recognised it then.' What they're saying, in effect, is that they should have welcomed problems. Encountering a stream of problems day after day made their lives warm and meaningful. It gave them confidence. Welcome problems, reach out for them, charge into them and convert them in your mind immediately to challenges. The negative way to look at a problem is to think of it as a problem. Search it out, isolate it as a problem, then in your mind convert it to a challenge, determine the steps that you will need to surmount it just as the pole-vaulter needs to first determine steps and then work at it.

45. Read the following advertisement and prepare a bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions mentioned. [Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address]**WANTED**

Qualified Salesman for Achi masala Productions.

Attractive salary, Flexible working hours, Age below 30.

Apply to

Post Box No : 3210

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Chennai - 600002.

(OR)**Write a paragraph of 150 words "Water Conservation"**

46. Spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- a. I had my evening meals in a restaurant near my office.
- b. After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped of complete recovery.
- c. Abdul as well as Karim deserve praise.
- d. Professor Usha is not only a writer but an orator.
- e. No sooner did the power resume when the children screamed in joy.

(OR)

Fill in the blanks correctly.

- a) The book which has been _____ for the B.A. class has been _____ for containing some remarks on religion. (*prescribed, proscribed*)
- b) We _____ help the needy. (*use a quasi modal verb*)
- c) We _____ obey our superiors. (*use a modal verb*)
- d) They _____ (*talk*) about me when I interrupted their conversation. (*use a proper tense*)

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

- a) Spicy food can cause acidity in the stomach.
- b) A painting displayed in the exhibition was beautiful.
- c) The Nilgiri's Biosphere has been affected by pollution.
- d) He hit a sixer in the very first over of the match.
- e) For programming, people use the binary system.

(Environment, Sports, Art, Computer, nutrition and dietetics)

(OR)

Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words :

Preserving Nature is man's prime responsibility. The earth does not belong to us for us and abuse. It belongs to our children. As man became civilized, he slowly lost his attachment with Nature. In his quest for development, man cleared pristine forests and polluted the environment. The magnitude of destruction increased in proportion to the magnitude of his greed. As man drifted away from Nature, his problems increased and his heart became hard and cold. The many calamities, misfortunes and problems of our times are but the manifestation of this greed. This is why we have injured people, animals and environment. If we want to set things right we must reconnect with Nature.

Questions:

- a. *What is the prime responsibility of man ?*
- b. *Whom does the earth belong to ?*
- c. *When does man lose attachment with Nature ?*
- d. *What is the manifestation of man's greed ?*
- e. *What do you do to set things right ?*

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