

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - DECEMBER 2018

STANDARD - X

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PART II - ENGLISH PAPER - II

Marks: 100

Time : 2.30 hours

Instructions: 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

2. Use Black or Blue ink to write and underline.

Note: This questions paper contains four sections.

SECTION - I [NON - DETAILED - 35 MARKS]

SECTION - I

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases given below to form a complete meaningful paragraph: 5×1=5

Hubert's first act was to create a storm in a cupboard. He ____ (i) ____ the old man to toss him ____ (ii) ____ . He commanded others to follow him ____ (iii) ____ , lest his magic spell ____ (iv) ____ , he ____ (v) ____ to the cupboard.
[i) be broken ii) in silence iii) beckoned iv) his snuff - box v) tip-toed]

2. Read the following sentences and identify the character/speaker: 5×1=5

- a) I bought your mum a Piano. b) We'll the'ring the fire brigade.
c) We have lifted off. d) He gazed at the flock flying back home.
e) He blew the snuff into the cupboard.

3. Match the following appropriately: 5×1=5

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| i) Blind Lady | - | a) Outwitted robbers |
| ii) Rex Coker | - | b) Fond of Piano |
| iii) Hubert | - | c) Escaped unhurt |
| iv) Mom | - | d) Struggled to find model for Judas |
| v) Painter | - | e) Real owner of Goldy |

4. Complete the following sentence choosing the correct answers from the options given below: 5×1=5

- i) Serge believed his wife was _____. a) alive b) marooned c) dead d) hurt
ii) When the bond between Shelly and Goldy had become very strong, he had to _____.
a) choose another dog b) give up the dog to the dog catcher
c) handover the dog to the real owner d) adopt the dog
iii) The tragic paradox in the story "The face of Judas Iscariot is that _____.
a) Model for child Jesus was from a slum b) The model for Jesus was drunkard
c) The Model for both child Jesus and Judas Iscariot was the same
d) The masterpiece could not be completed
iv) Kumar left the room with a _____.
a) determination to settle in USA b) determination to give up Indian citizenship
c) determination to seek green card d) determination to go back to India
v) _____ tackling the problems of life calls for yet another form fo creativity.
a) Intelligently b) Creatively c) Innovatively d) Strongly

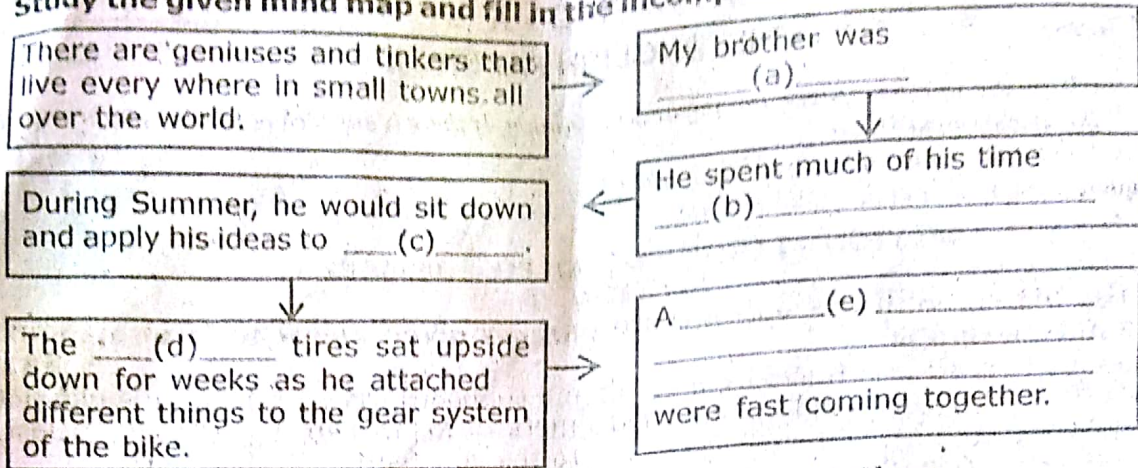
5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5×1=5

At the height of Mum's happiness, however, I began to notice that Dad was moping around the house and looking increasingly sad and worried. It turned out that, since returning from the war, he'd been unable to find a job. At the time I was too young to understand why anyone would get sad and worried about that, because I thought I would be as happy as a cat in a fish-shop to have such a long holiday.

Then, a few weeks later, I observed the same big horse pulling a cart down our street and it clip-clopped right up into our driveway. Soon two men began to load Mum's Piano onto the wagon while all the neighbours gathered around to watch. Mum stayed in the kitchen Sobbing. She was a proud person and couldn't bear to see her beloved Piano sitting on top of the wagon. Dad sat out in the backyard next to the chicken shed, looking sadder than I had ever seen him. Suddenly, it all became clear to me; no job, no money to pay back the loan, no Piano.

- a) Why was the Dad sad? b) When would the narrator be happy as a cat in a fish shop?
c) What did the two men do with the Piano?
d) Where was the Dad? e) Why was the Piano taken back?

6. study the given mind map and fill in the incomplete details:



7. Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following questions:

- a) Narrate the story 'SAM' in your own words.
- b) How did the encounter bring the brothers close to each other?
- c) What lesson had Kumar learnt from the birds?

SECTION - II [LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 15 MARKS]

8. Make notes of the following passage and prepare a summary using the notes: 5+5=10

Today there are about 3000 million people in the world. Fifty years ago only about 2000 million people lived in it. If our mother earth's population were evenly distributed over her land surface, there would be about 550 persons per square mile. But she has vast areas of forest, mountain and desert which are almost totally inhabited. On the other hand, she has great cities each with millions of people living in a few square miles.

To feed the fast growing population of our earth, scientists and planners have to discover new ways to produce more. One possible way is to bring more land under cultivation. This can be done only in places where there is a lot of land not used for productive purposes. A second way is to make use of new type of seeds to produce more. Already a number of new strains of paddy and wheat have been developed in different parts of the world. India is one of the countries where a lot of useful work has been done in the field of agricultural research.

9. Complete the following dialogue appropriately:

5x1=5

- Karuna : Can you help me, Sir?
 Police Inspector : Yes, _____ (a) _____?
 Karuna : Sir, I found this hand bag on a cement bench in the Central Bus Stand while waiting for my bus.
 _____ (b) _____?
 Police Inspector : I don't know I didn't open it.
 Karuna : Give it to me _____ (c) _____?
 Police Inspector : Yes Sir, I am a student of nearby Government High School.
 Karuna : _____ (d) _____?
 Police Inspector : Yes, I come to school daily by bus.
 Karuna : Great! I appreciate your honesty _____ (e) _____?
 Police Inspector : I don't have mobile Sir, I can give my father's Contact Number.
 Karuna :

SECTION - III [COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS - 15 MARKS]

10. Write a dialogue with a minimum of five utterances for the situation given below: 5
 "A telephonic conversation between 108 ambulance and a man who has witnessed a gruesome road accident just now".

11. Vedhavalli wants to join a computer course for which a bonafide certificate is required. Help her complete the letter, that she has begun writing, in about 100 words. 5

21st March 2018

From,

S. Vedhavalli,
 10th Standard 'C' Section
 Govt. Girs'l Higher Secondary School,
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

To,
The Headmaster,
Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School,
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Sir,
Subject : Regarding a Bonafide Certificate

Yours Sincerely,
S. Vedhavalli.

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below: 5

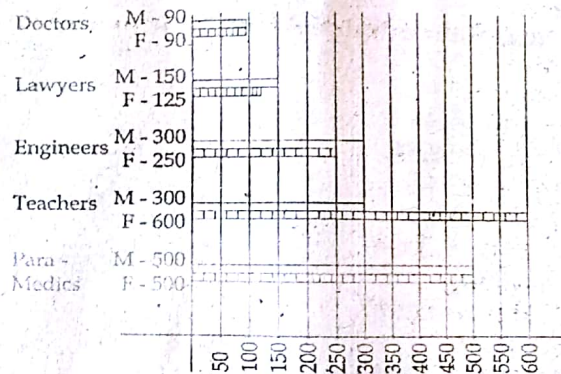
- a) Asian Pen Corner - sure success - variety in colour and shape - long lasting for examinations - imported items also available - surprise gift for schools and colleges - special discount for bulk order. (OR)
- b) Pure Vegetarian - Delicious food - Mouth watering - Hygienic preparation - R.O. Water only - qualified cooks - Using ghee from cow and refined oil - Make you long for more and more.

SECTION - IV [EXPANSION OF IDEAS - 35 MARKS]

13. Expand the following headlines: 5×1=5

- a) Hima Das creates history in U20 World Athletic Championship.
- b) PM wants Yoga class in schools.
- c) CM to meet Union Finance Minister for more fund.
- d) Imran Khan elected as PM of Pakistan.
- e) Protestors disrupt road traffic in Maharashtra.

14. Study the bar-chart and answer the questions given below: 5×1=5



Professional status of a small city in Tamil Nadu.

- i) Females outshine males in the _____ profession.
a) Medicine b) Law c) Teaching d) Engineering
- ii) Males and Females are equal in _____ profession.
a) Law and engineering b) Para - Medicine and teaching c) Law and teaching d) Medical
- iii) In teaching profession, the females are _____ in number while comparing with their male counterparts.
a) Equal b) Double c) Less d) None of these
- iv) Answer true or false: The male professionals in engineering and teachings are same.
- v) Identify the profession which has less number of professionals though there is a great demand for their services in India.
a) Teaching b) Engineering c) Legal service d) Medicine

15. Write a paragraph on any one of the following outlines in about 100 words: 5

- a) An old out _____
kind people - always _____
watched - a sort of people - always indulged - violence - by way of robbing,
assaulting - looting others - more he saw - less he spoke less - heard more - As a
result - became wiser - wiser - everyday - we - speak less - Listen others - listening
- more powerful - speaking. (OR)

- b) People - friends - talk - each other - spend - time together - also help - when - in trouble - strength - bond friendship - between - two - vary - if bond - strong - call - best friends - this - be achieved - by possessing - elements - true - friendship - by being kind, generous, loyal, honest - others - having fun - with - qualities - you - truly enjoy - bliss - friendship - it - both good - necessary - man - not - live all alone - He social being - needs someone - share - joys and sorrows.

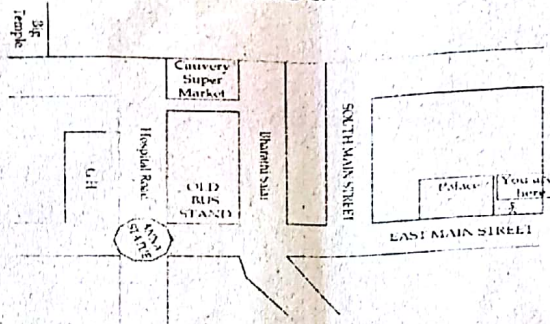
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16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately:

- a) 7 O's clock - Pleasureable journey
 b) Bank - Search anything fast
 c) Britannia - Helps in shaving
 d) Hyundai - Helps in saving
 e) Google - Crispy and Crunchy

17. Study the road map given below. Write the required instructions :

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After visiting the palace, a European tourist approached you for help. Now give instructions for him to reach the Big Temple.

18. Read the poem given below and complete the paraphrase with suitable word and phrases in the given blanks:

5×1=5

What is this life if, full of care,
 We have no time to stand and stare.
 No time to stand beneath the boughs,
 And stare as long as sheep or cows.
 No time to see, when wood we pass,
 Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
 No time to see, in broad daylight,
 Streams full of stars, like skies at night
 No time to turn at Beauty's glance
 And watch her feet, how they can dance.
 No time to wait till her mouth can
 Enrich that smile her eyes began
 A poor Life this is, if full of care,
 We have no time to stand and stare.

We the human beings are the busiest creatures on this planet. Our life is (a)_____. so we can't have time (b)_____ and watch the cattle. We don't see the squirrels hid their nuts in grass (c)_____. The streams full of stars look like (d)_____. We often fail to enjoy the beauty of nature. Thus ours is (e)_____.

19. (a) Translate the following matter into English:

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பயணிகளின் கனிவான கவனத்திற்கு காரைக்குடியிலிருந்து திருச்சி, அரியலூர், விருத்தாசலம், விழுப்புரம் வழியாக சென்னை எழும்பூர் வரைச் செல்லும் வண்டி எண் : 12606 பல்லவன் அதிவிரைவு வண்டி இன்னும் சில வினாடிகளில் முதலாவது நடைமேடைக்கு வந்து சேரும் என எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது.

(OR)

(b) Look at the picture given below and express your views on it in about five sentences:

