

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - DECEMBER 2019

Standard 10

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Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours . PART - II - ENGLISH

Maximum Marks: 100

- 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

14×1=14

Note: i) Answer all the questions.

ii) Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words:

- 1) They continue to *grapple* with the challenges.
a) confuse b) fight c) cry d) grumble
- 2) Scraping his beak now and again to *whet* it.
a) wet b) blunt c) sharpen d) crack
- 3) I saw a *frial* man.
a) strong b) weak c) happy d) weak

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words:

- 4) 'Nothing' he said *gruffly*.
a) sadly b) happily c) angrily d) partly
- 5) A project was undertaken in *consonance* with the National policy.
a) concern b) agreement c) disagreement d) confidence
- 6) The spoilt child of *affluent* parents.
a) happy b) healthy c) wealthy d) poor
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of *loaf* from the following.
a) loafs b) loaf c) loaves d) loave
- 8) Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word comfort.
a) ise b) ory c) ation d) ably
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation *GPS*.
a) Grand Positioning System b) Global Patrolling System
c) Global Positioning System d) Global Positioning Standard
- 10) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate idiom given below:
She was *extremely* happy.
a) sharp as a tack b) on the ball c) once in a blue moon d) over the moon
- 11) Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'green' to form a compound word:
a) colour b) house c) ribbon d) tape
- 12) Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:
All _____ once the church clock struck twelve.
a) in b) on c) of d) at
- 13) Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:
_____ paid our bill and ascertained the location, we got into the car.
a) Had b) Have been c) Having d) Has
- 14) Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives:
_____ a long minute, I slowly opened it again.
a) When b) But c) After d) Who

PART - II
SECTION - I

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two:

3×2=6

- 15) What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?
- 16) Who was Mrs. Hudson? Why was she worried?
- 17) Mention the celebrations which the crew enjoyed during their long voyage.
- 18) What did Aditya offer Sanyal?

SECTION - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:

3×2=6

- 19) On this warm summer day in May,
It plays with your mind.
a) What is the season mentioned here? b) What does 'It' refers to?
- 20) Not a crumb to be found,
On the snow-covered ground.

- a) What couldn't be found on the ground?
 b) Why was the ground covered with snow?
- 21) **Let me but live my life from year to year,
 With forward face and unreluctant soul.**
 a) Whom does the word 'me' refer to?
 b) What kind of life does the poet want to lead?
- 22) **They too aware of the sun, and air and water,
 Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starved.**
 a) What is common for all of us? b) How are we fed?

SECTION - III**Answer any three of the following:**

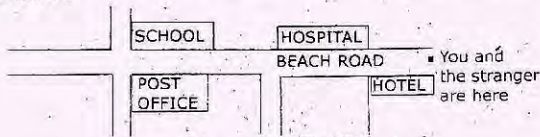
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- 23) **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:** Is he watching us?
 24) **Rewrite using indirect speech:** "He is very ill", I answered".
 25) **Punctuate the following sentence:** We'll sell the house and go back to Peoria.
 26) **Transform the following sentence into a compound sentence:**
 Besides being an athlete, he is a singer.
 27) **Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:**
 a) these / of / was / the / Ariel / Chief b) jewels / in / My / safe / are / my

SECTION - IV**Answer the following question:**

1×2=2

- 28) A stranger wants to visit the **Post Office**. Write the steps to guide him to reach the destination.

**PART - III
SECTION - I****Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:**

2×5=10

- 29) Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in school.
 30) "Technology is a boon to the disabled" - Justify.
 31) Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
 32) Give a brief character sketch of Sasanika Sanyal.

SECTION - II**Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:**

2×5=10

- 33) Write a paragraph on "The Grumble Family" and their attitude towards other folks.
 34) Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**

It sat alone.

What happened there is still today unknown.

It is a very mysterious place,

And inside you can tell it has ton of space,

But at the same time it is bare to the bone.

a) Pick out rhyming words from the above lines.

b) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.

c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.

d) Pick out the alliterating words.

- 36)
- Paraphrase the following stanza:**

Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,

No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;

And then be our station high or humble,

We'll never belong to the family of Grumble.

SECTION - III**Answer any one of the following:**

1×5=5

- 37)
- Rearrange the following sentences:**

- a) The road was long and steep.
 b) He ordered to put to death all aged people.

- c) The poor farmer who loved his mother was struck with grief.
 d) The country shining was governed by a despotic leader.
 e) He carried his old mother to the mountains.

38) **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

There was an island in the sea, the only inhabitants of which were an old man, named Prospero, and his daughter Miranda, a very beautiful young lady. She came to this island so young, that she had no memory of having seen any other human face than her father's. They lived in a cave made out of a rock; it was divided into several apartments, one of which Prospero called his study; there he kept his books, which chiefly treated of magic. By virtue of his art, he had released many good spirits from a witch called Syeorax who had them imprisoned in the bodies of large trees. These gentle spirits were ever after obedient to the will of Prospero.

Questions:

- a) Who were the only inhabitants of the island?
 b) Where did they live?
 c) What is the name of the witch?
 d) How had Prospero helped the gentle spirits?
 e) What had the witch done to the spirits?

SECTION - IV

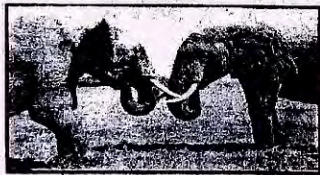
Answer any four of the following:

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39) **Prepare an advertisement using the hints given below:**

Shoes for all - leading brands - suits your heels and toes - Attractive offers - Dass Shoe World - No : 40, Kaveri Street - Vellore.

- 40) You are Ravi. The street lights of your area do not work properly. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the newspaper enlightening them about the problem and also suggest ways to brighten the area.
- 41) You are Kevin / Keerthi, the school pupil leader of GHSS, Villupuram. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all the students to take part in the Drawing Competition, to be held in your school on behalf of Children's Day on the 10th of next month.
- 42) **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in five sentences:**



43) **Make notes or write summary of the following passage:**

Millions of books have been written and published since centuries. Man began writing from the ancient times and this is one practice he hasn't given up even in today's modern era.

Numerous learned and experienced authors have penned down several books on different topics. Both fictional and non-fictional books have been written on various genres including Science, Astrology, Fashion, Beauty, Lifestyle, History, Culture, Philosophy and Technology. These books contain knowledge about different topics and have been enlightening the readers. The habit of reading a book is one of the best habits a person can inculcate.

A person who love reading books can never feel lonely or bored as books are always there for his rescue. These can easily be carried on the go and can be read just anywhere. Books do not only help kill boredom and avoid feeling of loneliness but also render knowledge. A person who reads different types of books and indulges in reading regularly is well learned and worldly wise. He can handle various situations better compare to those who do not indulge in reading.

Reading books makes one confident and this reflects in his / her personality. People look up to a person who is well read and well learned.

