

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2019

STANDARD - IX

Time : 2.30 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Part I

I. Answer all the Questions.

14 x 1 = 14

II. Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words

1. Practice hard and see what magic can transpire
 a) stop b) remove c) vanish d) reveal
2. It was on the tip of his tongue to make a witty remark
 a) funny b) intelligent c) awkward d) foolish
3. Hark what's that? a) stand up b) watch c) listen d) stay

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words

4. Seventeen oranges were hidden in die the narrator's pockets
 a) exposed b) masked c) concealed d) buried
5. The harnessing of our rivers is a great national problem
 a) controlling b) using c) exploiting d) unharnessing
6. Winning the one rupee coin used to give me immense satisfaction
 a) extensive b) little c) enormous d) great
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'staff' from the following
 a) staff b) staffs c) staffses d) staffss
8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'conscious'
 a) sub b) in c) dis d) semi
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation SIM
 a) subscriber information module b) subscriber identification module
 c) student identification module d) student information module
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:
 Due to the strange incident in the office the manager the meeting
 a) put up b) put on c) put out d) put off
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'child' to form a compound word.
 a) ship b) hood c) law d) game
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below
 There is a bridge the river
 a) on b) across c) along d) above
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below
 She a kamatic song for ten minutes
 a) is singing b) was singing c) has been singing d) can be singing
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives
 the thief saw the police . He ran away
 a) As b) Unless c) As soon as d) If

10 x 2 = 20

Part II
Section I

Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two

3 x 2 = 6

15. How did the act with the one rupee coin help sachin become a good cricketer?
16. What was the local superstition about trees?
17. Why were the policemen not able to bring any charges against the narrator?
18. How does soil erosion happen and what are its main causes?

Section II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following

3 x 2 = 6

19. The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep
 a) How are the woods?

- b) What are the promises the speaker is talking about?
20. 'And now dear little children, who may this story read To idle, silly, flattering words, I pray you never give need.
a) Who does 'I' refer to?
b) What is the advice given to the readers
21. Tending onward to the ocean, just like mortal prime.
a) Where is the river flowing to?
b) What does the poet mean by mortal prime?
22. And I watered it in fears
Night and morning with my tears;
a) What does 'it' refer to?
b) How is 'it' watered?

Section III

Answer any THREE of the following:

3 x 2 = 6

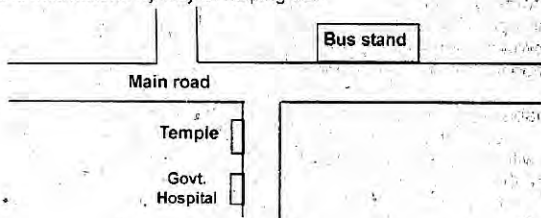
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice
The special classes are being conducted in the class
24. Rewrite the sentence using indirect speech
The teacher asked the boy, "Why were you absent yesterday?"
25. Punctuate the following sentence
no I wasnt thinking of buying it back
26. Transform the following sentence into simple sentence
When my grand father took his walking stick he went out for a walk.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentence
the key / punctuality / of, success / is

Section IV

Answer the following question:

1 x 2 = 2

28. Guide a person from the bus stand to the nearby government hospital. Here you find the road-map. Write the instructions by way of helping her.



Part III

10 x 5 = 50

Section I

Answer any TWO of the following in at most 10 lines:

2 x 5 = 10

29. Achrekar was a sincere coach - substantiate
30. Trace the purpose of the narrators visit to the house and the treasure he retrieved in the end
31. How did jim prove himself as a good rescuer in the flood situation?
32. Describe the confrontation between the Narrator and Pongo.

Section II

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:

2 x 5 = 10

33. Describe how the poet's anger kept growing
34. 'A Tree doesn't growing day' explain.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

I was angry with my friend
I told my wrath, my wrath did end
I was angry with my foe
I told it not, my wrath did grow

- (i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines
(ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza

- (iii) Pick out the alliterating words
 (iv) Identify the figure of speech in the title of the poem

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

It sat alone,
 What happened there is still today unknown.
 It is a very mysterious place
 And inside you can tell it has a ton of space,
 But at the same time it is bare to the bone.

Section III

1 x 5 = 5

Answer any ONE of the following:

37. Rearrange the following sentence in coherent order.
 (i) Tom said, 'Don't ask for it unless you want it'
 (ii) Peter was sure
 (iii) One day Tom was in the act of closing the crack, when Peter came along purring and begging for a taste.
 (iv) But Peter signified that he did want it
 (v) You better make sure

38. Rewrite the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

He stood in the middle of a small hollow. The wall had caved in at that spot. I recognized a part of a door. Beneath it, a small foot. Feverishly the soldiers began to clear the hollow. Then, they lifted the door. "She is alive!" someone said. It was a miracle. She had been buried under the debris for a hundred and sixteen hours. She had survived the earthquake, the cold nights and the wild animals. A ragged cheer went up and the soldier wrapped her in a warm blanket and carried her to the tent, where a makeshift hospital had been set up. Bhuli lived. The next day, I went to thank the Army Officer. But he was gone. I did not even know his name.

- Where did one of the soldiers stand?
- When the soldiers saw a small foot beneath a part of a door, what did they do?
- How many hours was the little girl buried under the debris?
- What steps were taken by the soldiers to save Bhuli?
- What made Brij to go the area, where the soldiers were laboring?

Section IV

4 x 5 = 20

Answer any FOUR of the following:

39. **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below**

Best furniture - for class rooms, houses - Teakwood and Rose Wood - elegant style - comfort - cheap and best - Discount for bulk orders.

40. Write a letter to your friend, describing the joy of celebrating festivals in a village.
 41. You are Swetha, the school pupil leader of GHSS, Salem. Prepare notice on behalf your school inviting the parents of the students to celebrate 'Mother's Day' in your school auditorium on the 28th of this month.
 42. **Look at the following picture and express your view on it about five sentences.**



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

Vegetable oil, mineral oil and animal oil are the three kinds of oil. Vegetable oil is obtained from oil seeds. Animal oil is got from animal fats. Mineral oil is pumped out from oil wells. Mineral

oil is found below the ground. We get crude oil from earth. We obtain kerosene, petrol and diesel from crude oil. We get shark liver oil from the shark whale. The vegetable oil is used for cooking, mineral oil for fuel and animal oil is used as medicine.

44. **Identify and correct the errors to the following sentences**

- a) I have accompanied with my father. b) Everybody know English
 c) Though he ran fast but he missed the bus. d) My uncle is a MLA in the city
 e) No sooner did the bell ring then the students came out from the class

Section V

45. **Quote from memory**

River, river youth

1 x 5 = 5

Part IV

46. **Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints** 2 x 8 = 16

The dog - killed by neighbours, - not shown - dirt hasty offal - buried the dog - It appeared - farmer's dream - pine tree - buried place make mortar - honest man grounded his rice - rice turned into some rich treasure - The dog appeared again - told him collect ashes and spray upon the plants in dream - collects ashes - spray upon plants - got relief - became rich - The dog helped - even after death. (OR)

Tom sawyer felt dejected - stopped - coming to school - Aunt polly - concerned his health condition - began to cry - various remedies on him - water treatment tried - polly had him out every morning - wood shed drowned - cold water - one of treatments - rubbed him - rolled him up - wetsheet put him away - under blankets - shower baths and plunges - began to assist - died - blister plasters

47. **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below**

Speech is great blessing but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to others, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different words, and the ordinary speech of an educated man many create the impression to an uneducated listener that he was showing off with his skill; unwittingly, we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to a man of his own class. Thus, speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling: Only a fool would express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of people and situations.

Questions:

1. In what way is speech a blessing to mankind?
2. Describe how words could make an enemy out of someone you would like to befriend.
3. Why is an educated man's speech considered boastful by an uneducated listener?
4. How should speech be used?
5. How does one prove himself a fool through his use of language? (OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,
 Who never to himself hath said,
 This is my own, my native land?
 Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd
 As home his footsteps he hath turn'd
 From wandering on a foreign strand?
 If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
 For him no Minstrel raptures swell;
 High though his titles, proud his name,
 Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;
 Despite those titles, power and pelf,
 The wretch, concentred all in self,
 Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
 And doubly dying, shall go down
 To the vile dust, from whence he sprung
 Unwept, unhonour'd, and unsung.

Questions:

1. When do you consider a man spiritually dead?
2. Who is an unpatriotic person? 3. Will he be remembered after death?
4. What are the advantages he has while living? 5. What does 'doubly dying' mean?