

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH
PART - I SECTION - I

[Max. Marks : 100

Note : Answer all the question

Choose the most appropriate answers from the four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 14x1=14

- He was delirious
a) Sick b) Disappointed c) Forces d) Healthy
- Scraping his beak now and again to whet it.
a) Clean b) Sharp c) discourage d) Wet
- My Contention was to make sure that we by there.
a) Continuous effort b) Disturbed effort c) Unhappy effort d) Strenuous effort
- A Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words.
4. I indulged in baking.
a) dynamic b) Lively c) energetic d) inactive
- The birds were chirping at the end of the woods
a) Singing b) shouting c) tweeting d) alarming
- One can control the computer screen the gaze.
a) Bink b) stare c) look d) trace
- Choose the correct plural form of deer.
a) Deers b) door c) dear d) deer
- Attach a suitable prefix to the word large.
a) en- B) non- c) de- d) dis-
- The Common expansion of GPS is
a) Geometric position system b) Global positioning system
c) Global printing system d) Global position system
- Choose the correct meaning of the Idiom in the following sentence.
Afsar goes to the park once in a blue moon
a) regular occasion b) A rare event c) casual event d) An usual event
- Choose the suitable option to pair with 'sea' to form a compound word.
a) Shine b) shore c) soar d) pool
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:
The fox jumped ----- the well.
a) on b) do c) into d) with
- Choose the suitable phrasal verb for the following.
Doing ----- every day in the morning keeps one healthy.
a) warm in b) warm up c) warm out d) warm into
- Complete the following sentence by using the most appropriate form of the tense given below:
The poem ----- about the multifaceted nature of women.
a) Is talking b) Talks c) Talked d) Has talked

Part - II

Section - I (Prose)

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

3x2=6

- Why is technology important according to David?
- How did the All - Woman Indian Navy crew go about their voyage?
- Why did Herman and the author slam the doors?
- What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?

Section - II (-Poetry)

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following. 3x2=6

- In the dim past, nor holding back in fear.

From what the future veils; but with a whole.

- What does the poet mean by the phrase "In the dim past"?
- Is the poet afraid of the future?

20. *Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
Down on that gloomy Complaining Street.*
a) What is the opinion about the folks you meet down the street?
b) What does the word 'gloomy' mean here?
21. *And now if you will set us to our task,
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day*
a) Who does the pronoun 'you' refer to?
b) Whose task is referred to as 'our task' here?
22. *Their hand are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own*
a) What does the poet mean by 'lines we read'?
b) What does not differ?

Section-III (Grammar)

Answer any THREE of the following.

3x2=6

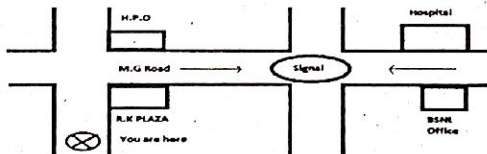
23. Rewrite the following to the other voice: You are making a cake now.
24. Combine the sentences using a relative pronoun.
Kavita is my teacher. She teaches us English.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
i said no im not dont be silly
26. Combine the sentence using the appropriate connector
Sita saw a snake. At once she ran away.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
a) Writing/system/telephone/am/to/ll/about/banking/your/complain.
b) You/believe/hear/should/what/never/you

Section-IV (Compulsory)

Answer the following question.

1x2=2

28. A Stranger wants to go to the Hospital. Guide him to reach his destination.



Part-III

Section I-Prose

Answer any Two of the following in utmost 10 lines

2x5=10

29. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal
30. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.
31. Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the story, "The Night the ghost Got in".
32. How do we use technology in our day-to-day life?

Section II-Poetry

Answer any Two of the following in utmost 10 lines

2x5=10

33. How is mystery depicted in the poem by Nadia Bush?
34. From the poem "The Grumble Family" what kind of behaviour does the poet want the readers passes?
35. Read the following poetic lines and answer the question given below:

*There's a family nobody likes to meet;
They live, it is said, on Complaining Street.
In the city of Never-Are – Satisfied
The River of discontent beside.*

- a) Pick out the rhyming word from the above lines.
b) Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.
c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the second line.
d) Pick out the alliterating words.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

*But remember, please, the law by which we live,
We are not built to comprehend a lie.
We can neither love nor pity nor forgive,
If you make a slip in handing us if you die!*

Section – III

Answer any ONE of the following:

1x5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.
- A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain
- Once in shining, a cruel rural declared that all old people must be put to death.
- When the farmer bade farewell, she advised him to return home with the aid of twigs.
- The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way to help her son return.

(OR)

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Antonio with tears; and sad words of sorrow and true repentance, implored his brother's forgiveness and Prospero forgave them; and, upon their engaging to restore his dukedom, he said to the King of Naples, "I have a gift in store for you too", "and opening a door showed him his son Ferdinand playing chess with Miranda. Nothing could exceed the joy of the father and the son at this unexpected meeting, for they each thought the other drowned in the storm. The King of Naples was almost as much astonished at the beauty and excellent graces of the young Miranda, as his son had been.

Questions:

- Who was Antonio?
- Whom did Prospero forgive?
- What was the gift given to the king of Naples by Prospero?
- What game did Ferdinand and Miranda Play?
- Who was astonished at the beauty and excellent graces of Miranda?

Section-IV (Writing)

Answer any Four of the following.

4x5=20

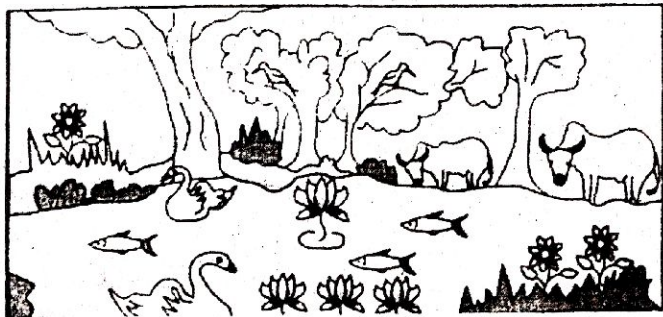
39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Footwear for all - all sizes - endless variety all brands-under one roof - attractive offers shoes and heels - 43 M.G. road - Villupuram.

40. Write a letter to the Inspector of Police, complaining about the loss of your bicycle.

41. You are the coordinator of the science forum of your school. An event had been Organised on account of National Science Day for the members of the forum, now, write a report on the observation of "National Science Day" at your school.

42. Look at the picture and express your views on it in about five sentences



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

There are many different kinds of books that are published each year. There are many new titles available for us to read. Besides these, there are books that have been published through the years. Together there are millions of books available throughout the world in as many languages as are spoken by people. There are different genres in which books are published. There are fiction and non-fiction categories in books and each of these categories has many different genres of books. The academic books we study at school belong to the next book category. We study them to complete our syllabus and pass examinations at the end of each academic session. There are other books that we read for our pleasure and enrichment. We read story books of different types. There are comedy, horror, detective and thriller, story books are our best friends.

44. Identify and correct the following sentence.

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| a) The Tamil is my mother tongue. | b) I and you love music. |
| c) Dinesh is my cousin brother. | d) Her friends as well as she is hard working. |
| e) As we were late, so we apologized. | |

Section - V

45. Quote from Memory:

If you make... .. Children of your brains.

1x5=5

Part - IV (Supplementary)

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

1x8=8

- a) Dr. Somu requested Dr. Krishnan – take care of pet – Zigzag – lovable, harmless bird – Mrs. Krishnan – not happy busy in drawing – offered fruits and nuts – deposited on the blades of fan – began on Mrs. Krishnan's painting – angry – took to hospital – talked to all the patients – radical change – ruined painting – sold for Rs. 5000/- incidents – change the family.

(OR)

- b) China faces great war - king commands men from - ever house - take part war- Mulan father weak - Mulan - wears amour - sword - goes for war disguised man - fights bravely - promotes chief - king happy - fever sweeps - war camp Mulan affected - fever Doctor finds- Mulan woman - soldiers- resent to the fact - Mulan doesn't mind - fights wins war for China - King rewards her offer - position at palace Mulan - rejects goes back village - royal gifts - people happy - Mulan.

Part-V (General Comprehension)

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

4x2= 8

Charlie Chaplin was born on April 16, 1889, in London, England. His birth name was Charles Spencer Chaplin, though he had many nicknames growing up such as Charlie, Charlot, and the little Tramp. His father Charles Chaplin, and his mother Hannah Chaplin were inducted into the music hall of fame, leading the way to his exposure even as a young boy. His first on stage moment was when he was five years old, he sang a song that was intended to be sung by his own mother, she had become ill at the time of the performance, so little Charlie Chaplin stood instead and performed for his mother.

Questions:

- When and where was Charlie Chaplin Born?
- The birth name and nicknames of Charlie Chaplin?
- How old was Chaplin during his first onstage moment?
- How did Charlie Chaplin get a chance to perform on stage?

(OR)

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!
When the Sun is bright on the upland slopes,
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass,
And the silver flows like a stream of glass;
When the first bird sings and the first bud opes,
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals,
I know what the caged bird feels.

Questions:

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| a) Where did the wind stir? | b) What does 'opes' mean? |
| c) How does the river flow? | d) Suggest a suitable title for the poem. |