

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION-2024-25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 100

PART - I

- I. Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.

14x1=14

1. Winning the one rupee coin used to give me immense satisfaction.
a) small b) great c) less d) little
2. She was tried of pruning rose bushes.
a) trimming b) enlarging c) extending d) expanding
3. Clem looked at Pongo furiously.
a) politely b) gently c) angrily d) softly

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

4. I'd be completely exhausted by the end of all.
a) tried b) dull c) pale d) energetic
5. The narrator replied carefully.
a) responded b) reacted c) questioned d) answered
6. Rivers ultimately finds their way to the sea.
a) finally b) end c) last d) initially

Choose the most appropriate preposition.

7. We have been living in Chennai ----- eight years.
a) for b) since c) on d) in
8. What is the plural of 'news'?
a) news b) newss c) newss d) newsses

9. Fill in the blanks with correct homophone?

----- the ----- answer. (right / write)

10. Add suitable suffix to the word 'punctual'.
a) ity b) ness c) ly d) ment

11. Choose the correct prepositional verb.

I ----- everything you've said.

- a) laugh at b) agree with c) attend to d) care for

12. Complete the following sentence using appropriate prepositional phrases.

----- fire, break the glass to escape.

- a) In case of b) In case c) In case with d) In case to

13. Choose the correct modal verb.

When she was 'eighteen, she ----- run fast.

- a) can b) cannot c) could d) may

14. Choose the correct phrasal verb.

The narrator is ----- oranges.

- a) gave up b) fond of c) bring up d) figure out

PART-II

SECTION-1

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

3x2=6

15. What acted as a safety value?
16. How did the visitor get back the Iron Cross?
17. Why did Pongo want to bring another police man ?
18. What are the two sources of water?

SECTION - 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following: 3x2=6

19. The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep

a) How are the woods?

b) Whom does 'I' refer to?

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20. *I was angry with my friend
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.*

a) Whom does 'I' refer to ?

b) How did the anger of the poet come to the end?

21. *The bleeding bark will heal
And from close to the ground
Will rise curled green twigs,
Miniature boughs*

a) What will happen to the bleeding bark?

b) What will rise from close to ground?

22. *Over rocks, by rose - banks, sweeping
Like impetuous youth.*

a) Where does the rose grow?

b) Which stage of man is compared here?

SECTION - 3

3×2=6

Answer any three of the following.

23. Change into superlative degree:

The Nile is longer than any other river in the world.

24. Identify and underline the phrases in the following sentences.

a) Texting on his phone, the man swerved into a ditch.

b) I enjoy painting during my holidays.

25. Punctuate the following: oh my god i said

26. Write the gerund / infinitive form of the verbs in the blanks.

a) They learned how ----- (survive) in space without gravity.

b) I'm sure they would enjoy ----- (travel) with our crew.

27. Rearrange the words in order to make meaningful sentences.

a) found / Tom / real / a / book.

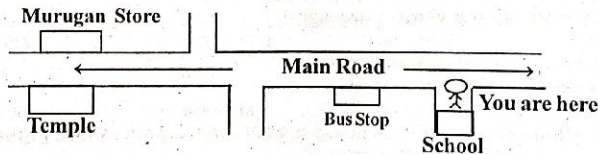
b) dull / was / depressed / and / Tom.

SECTION - 4

28. Answer the following question.

1×2=2

You are near the school. A stranger asks you to direct him to the temple. Guide him with your directions in about 50 words.



PART - III

SECTION - 1

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

29. Achrekar was a sincere coach substantiate.
30. How did Any manage the situation at home?
31. Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.
32. How does C.V Raman show that water is the elixir of life?

SECTION - 2

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following

33. How does Robert Frost describe the beauty of the woods?
34. Write a character sketch of the spider.
35. Read the following poem lines and answer the question given below.
*Bright you sparkle on your way;
O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,
Through the flowers and foliage glancing,
Like a child at play.*

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
b) Identify the rhyme scheme of the above lines.
c) What is the figure of speech used in the fourth line?
d) Pick out the words in alliteration in the third line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

*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.*

SECTION - 3

1×5=5

Answer any one the following.

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- Little Czar aimed a sample blow at Cyclone's left ear.
- Little Cyclone was brought to the Bears Nursery.
- Quick as a flash, outshot Cyclone's right paw.
- He too received a fierce counter charge.
- Next passed a black bear cub.

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

That night, when the good old man was fast asleep in bed, the dog appeared to him, and, after thanking him for all his kindness, said "Cause the pine-tree, under which I am buried, to be cut down and made into a mortar, and use it, thinking of it as if it were myself". The old man did as the dog had told him to do, and made a mortar out of the wood of the pine-tree; but when he ground his rice in it, each grain of rice turned into some rich treasure. When the wicked old couple saw this, they came to borrow the mortar; but no sooner did they try to use it, all their rice turned into filth: so, in a fit of rage, they broke the mortar and burnt it.

Questions:

- Who appeared in old man's dream?
- What did the dog say to the old man?
- What did he get when he ground his rice?
- Who borrowed the mortar?
- Did the wicked couple get any rich treasure?

SECTION - 4

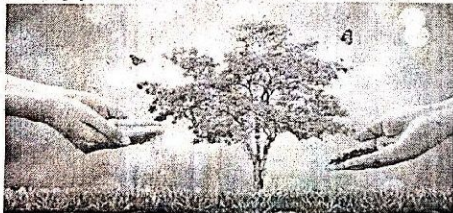
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Answer any four of the following.

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

Home appliances - Aadi Sale - 20-50% - Special Combo Offers - Aadhav & Co., Raja Street, Chempauk, Chennai.

- You are Kannan/Kanishka. Write a letter to your friend describing the joy of celebrating festivals in village.
- 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 the 10th of next month.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



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

Water is the basis of all life. Every animal or plant contains a substantial proportion of free or combined water in its body, and no kind of physiological activity is possible in which the fluid does not play an essential part. Water is, of course, necessary for animal life, while moisture in the soil is equally imperative for the life and growth of plants and trees though the quantity necessary varies enormously with the species. The conservation and utilization of water is thus fundamental for human welfare. Apart from artesian water the ultimate source in all cases is rain or snowfall. Much of Indian agriculture depends on seasonal rainfall and is therefore very sensitive to any failure or irregularity of the same. The problems of soil erosion and of inadequate

or irregular rainfall are closely connected with each other clear that the adoption of techniques preventing soil erosion would also help to conserve and keep the water where it is wanted, in other words, on and in the soil, and such techniques therefore serve a double purpose.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

- a) I have a HMT watch.
c) Mathematics are an interesting subject.
e) He lives in United States.

SECTION – 5

45. Quote from memory.

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It takes much time

..... feeding.

PART - IV

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

- a) An honest couple -dog -luck -envious wicked people -borrowed -not bring luck -killed -buried -pine tree -honest man's dreams -mortal -pine trees -honest man -treasure -borrowed mortal -burnt -dog -appeared -dream -sprinkle ashes -withered- tears -came back -life -prince -rich reward -wicked man -ashes -eyes of the prince -punished. (OR)

- b) Tom's friend -Becky- stop -coming school- depressed -Polly- different remedies-drown -cold water-hot baths-shower baths-pain killer- nuisance-trigger-adverse-reactions-jump around-room-aunt-enter-somersaults-open window - medicine spoon-figure out -Peter-medicine -Aunt Polly notice-what happen-Tom-Peter-medicine-Polly-knows-after effects-pain killer-feels sorry-experimenting Tom-teary eyes.

47. a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

Pollution is the introduction of contaminants into the natural environment that cause adverse change. Pollution is a complex and multifaceted environmental issue that poses a significant threat to the sustainability of our planet. Pollution can take various forms, including air pollution, water, soil, noise. Government plays a crucial role in enforcing regulations, promoting renewable energy sources, and raising awareness about the importance of environmental conservation. The primary sources of pollution include industrial activities, vehicle emissions, improper waste disposal, and deforestation.

Questions:

- Describe pollution.
- How the government plays a crucial role in pollution?
- What are the various forms of pollutions that gets harmful to environment?
- What are the primary sources of pollution? (OR)

- b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
 Be scrub in the valley- but be
 The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
 Be a bush, if you can't be a tree.
 If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass,
 And some highway happier make;
 If you can't be a Muskie, then just be a bass-
 But the liveliest bass in the lake!
 We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
 There's something for all of us here.
 There's big work to do and there's lesser to do
 And the task we must do is the near.
 If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail,
 If you can't be the sun, be a star;
 It isn't by size that you win or you fail-Be the best

Questions:

- a) Where does the best scrub grow?
c) Does size matter? Give reason.
- b) What makes a highway traveler happy?
d) What is the underlying theme of the poem?