

CLASS : 10Register
Number**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022 - 23**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 100

PART - I SECTION - I

Note : I. Answer all the question

II. Choose the most appropriate answers from the four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the *italicized* words.

1. He *slammed* the door in fear.
a) shut b) opened c) held d) pulled
2. He *ascertained* the location of his friend from Nagen uncle.
a) assessed b) marked c) confirmed d) followed
3. She was *startled* by the sudden appearance of him.
a) excited b) perplexed c) calm d) shocked

Choose the appropriate antonym for the *italicized* words.

4. The mother seagull *whetted* its beak before tearing the fish.
a) prepared b) blunted c) sharpened d) caught
5. We had ensured all the *auxiliary* equipment when we set off.
a) primary b) secondary c) additional d) upgraded
6. I want all of you to be very *attentive*.
a) watchful b) careful c) united d) inattentive
7. Choose the correct plural form of the word '*policeman*'.
a) police b) policemen c) policemen's d) police men
8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the appropriate option and complete the sentence.

I have no _____ of hurting you by any means. (intend)

- a) tion b) ly c) ing d) ed
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation PDF.
a) Portable Document Fixer b) Portable Document Feeder
c) Portable Document Flyer d) Portable Document Format
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.

The court will _____ the evidence.

- a) call on b) bring up c) look into d) lock up
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'bird' to form a compound word.
a) day b) watching c) house d) cage

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition give below.

His great spectacles were lying _____ the pages.

- a) across b) at c) against d) about
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.

Women _____ almost all the major positions in the society.

- a) occupies b) is occupying c) has occupied d) occupy
14. Choose the appropriate linker from the given alternatives.
Slow _____ steady wins the race.
a) but b) with c) and d) or

PART II Section - I

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

3x2=6

15. What made the young seagull go mad?
16. How did the cops manage to enter the locked house?
17. What did Aditya visit?
18. Why did Franz dread to go to school that day?

Section - II

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following.

3x2=6

19. *Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear*
a) Why do you think the poet is not in a hurry?

b) What should one not mourn for?

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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. **But we ants never
borrow; we ants never
lend.**
a) Why do you think ants neither borrow nor lend?
b) Who says these lines to whom?
22. **It is a very mysterious place,
And inside you can tell it has a ton of space,**
a) What does 'It' refer to?
b) Pick out the line that indicates the size of the house?

Section - III

3x2=6

Answer any THREE of the following.

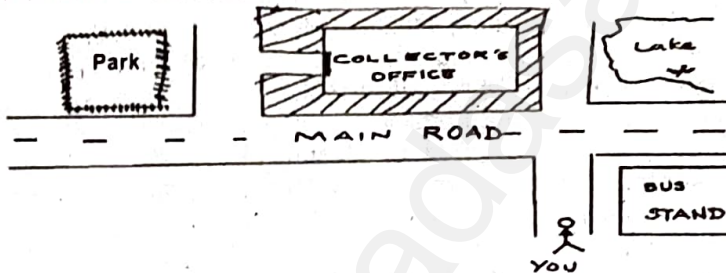
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice. Our army has defeated the enemy.
24. Rewrite into Indirect speech. The teacher said, "Why do volcanoes erupt?"
25. Punctuate the following. theres something down there i said
26. Combine the pair of sentences given below into a compound sentence.
She was ill. She was hospitalized.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
a) difficult / the / boat / was / to / sea / take / it / to / out
b) is / harmless / unusual / Zigzag / lovable / most / bird / a / and

Section - IV

1x2=2

Answer the following question.

28. You are near the bus stand. An old woman asks you to direct her to the collector's office. Guide her with your directions to reach the destination.



PART III Section I

Answer any two of the following in utmost ten lines.

2x5=10

29. Your parents sometimes behave like the young bird's parents. They may seem cruel and unrelenting. Does it mean that they do not care for you? Explain your views about it with reference from the story.
30. Highlight the factors responsible for all Indian women crew to carry out the expedition.
31. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.
32. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

Section II

Answer any two of the following in utmost ten lines

2x5=10

33. What qualities have made women powerful?
34. Where is the house located? Why is it a mysterious place?
35. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions given below.
**We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,
We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,
We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,
We can see and hear and count and read and write!**
i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.
iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
iv) Pick out the alliterating words.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

She's a lioness; don't mess with her.
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.
Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.
She knows how to thaw you, saw you - so beware!

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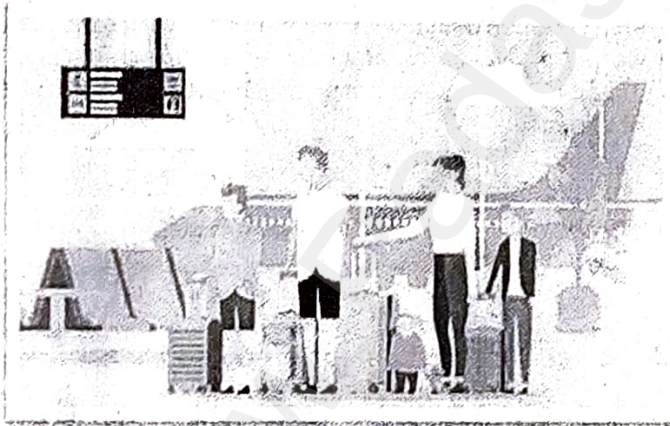
Section III

37. Answer any one of the following. 1x5=5
 Rearrange the following sentences in coherent Order:
 i) The letter read that the box contained jewels.
 ii) The uncle had collected precious stones.
 iii) The narrator was sent for, by his uncle when he was on his deathbed.
 iv) His uncle announced Tom as his heir and wanted him to pray for his funeral.
 v) Leaving an iron box for Tom, his uncle instructed him not to shake the box.

38. Read the following Passage and answer the questions that follow.
 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 Sycorax who had them imprisoned in the bodies of large trees. These gentle spirits were ever after obedient to the will of Prospero. Of these Ariel was the chief.
 (a) Who lived in the cave? (b) How was it divided?
 (c) What did Prospero keep in one of his apartments? (d) How did he release many good spirits?
 (e) Who was the chief of all the spirits?

Section IV

39. Answer any four of the following. 4x5=20
 Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.
 Mobile Shop - Smart phones- 30% discount on all accessories-Free Bluetooth speakers- All recharges done here - Free power banks on mobile purchase- No 12, big bazaar, Villupuram.
 40. You are Ajith living in a remote village in Tirunelveli. You participated in health camp organized by your school. Write a letter to the editor of newspaper stating that most of the residents are unaware of health and hygiene so organizing health camp in your area is very important.
 41. You are the coordinator of the English club of your school. An event was organized in your school last week by English club members. Many events were organized during that day and prizes were distributed to the winners. Now write a report on the observations of "English club activities".
 42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following the passage.
 Kabaddi is a contact team sport. Played between two teams of seven players, the objective of the game is for a single player on offence, referred to as a "raider", to run into the opposing team's half of a court, touch out as many of their defenders as possible, and return to their own half of the court, all without being tackled by the defenders, and in a single breath. Points are scored for each player tagged by the raider, while the opposing team earns a point for stopping the raider. Players are taken out of the game if they are touched or tackled but are brought back in for each point scored by their team from a tag or tackle.

It is popular in the Indian subcontinent and other surrounding Asian countries. Although accounts of kabaddi appear in the histories of ancient India, the game was popularised as a competitive sport in the 20th century. It is the national sport of Bangladesh. It is the state game of the Indian states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.

There are two major disciplines of kabaddi; "Punjabi kabaddi", also referred to as "circle styles", comprises traditional forms of the sport that are played on a circular field outdoors, while the "standard style", played on a rectangular court indoors, is the discipline played in major professional leagues and international competitions such as the Asian Games.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.
- a) You may speak politely to the elders. b) Many people behave rudely now a days
 c) He come late to school. d) I have great confidence on you.
 e) Is this a book you want to buy.

Section V

45. Quote from memory.
Remember, no men are air and water

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Part IV (16 Marks)

46. Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints. 8
- a) Inhabitants of the island- Prospero and Miranda- Prospero, magical powers- His brother Antonio, King of Naples, his son Ferdinand, and Gonzalo- On the ship- Prospero raised storm- repent for the injustice- instructed Ariel to bring Ferdinand- Miranda had more concerns- Prospero set severe task- he forgave all- restored dukedom. (OR)
- b) Holland - below sea level - dikes - stops flooding - people - watchful - ensure no hole - Peter - little boy - one day - her mother - sent him - deliver cake - to blind man - asked - return before sunset - stayed a while - with blind man - on the way home - found - little hole in dike - dark - understood the danger - acted immediately - thrust fingers into the hole - water stopped flowing - cried for help - groaned in pain - numbness - stopped water- whole night - next day - a man - found Peter - whole country - praised his bravery - little hero of Holland
47. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 4x2=8

Knowledge of English is important as we can get to know how to frame sentences, how to use words in dialogues while speaking to others. As every word has a particular context where it fits right, using words in such a manner in English is an art that can only be mastered by practice. And with such command, we can easily communicate with others on any level. Mostly, listening and speaking improves our command on English language. Daily listening to English speakers and trying speaking in English, helps you to know how to use the language, where to use each word and when to use it in a correct manner.

Concentration on learning English communication skills in this new millennium, is a tremendous move towards speaking and writing fluently in English. Also, our way of pronunciation of different words will be improved if we learn good communication. We can make conversation, practice dialogues, give high-quality presentations if we learn English communication language skills. Communicating with people in English on a daily basis also improves our pitch & voice/tone of our speech how to speak in a correct form & for correct usage.

Questions:

- a) Why is knowledge of English important?
 b) Which skills of English improves your command over the language?
 c) How can you improve your language usage?
 d) Suggest some ways to improve your pitch and voice.

(OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

Have you seen a little dog anywhere about?
 A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, who's always looking out
 For some fresh mischief which he thinks he really ought to do.
 He's very likely, at this minute, biting someone's shoe.
 If you see that little dog, his tail up in the air,
 A whirly tail, a curly tail, a dog who doesn't care
 For any other dog, he meets, not even for himself,
 Then hide your mats, and put your meat upon the topmost shelf.
 If you see a little dog, barking at the cars,
 A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, with eyes' like twinkling stars,
 Just let me know, for though he's bad, as bad as can be;
 I wouldn't change that dog for all the treasures of the sea!

Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) What has happened to the poet's dog? How do you know that?
 (b) How shall we know that the dog belongs to the poet if we see it on the road?
 (c) What does the poet instruct others to do to avoid damage to be done by his dog?
 (d) In spite of all his naughtiness, what does the poet say about his dog? Why?

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