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Tenkasi District Common Examinations
Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2022



Standard 10

Time: 3.00 Hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

PART - I

i) Answer all the questions. ii) Choose the most suitable answer. 14×1=14
Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words:

- 1) His father was *preening* the feathers on his white back.
 a) cleaning b) screaming c) blazing d) praising
- 2) Herman rushed to his room and *slammed* the door.
 a) struck b) shut c) pulled d) pushed
- 3) I saw a *frail* man.
 a) strong b) weak c) week d) happy

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words:

- 4) I had counted on the *commotion* to get to my desk without being seen.
 a) confusion b) disturbance c) unrest d) calmness
- 5) Technology is a *boon* to citizens with special needs.
 a) blessing b) harm c) bane d) device
- 6) We had reached a point where the road *bifurcated*.
 a) crumbled b) merged c) divided d) dilated
- 7) **Choose the correct plural form of *lady* from the following:**
 a) ladiies b) ladyes c) ladies d) ladeis
- 8) **Form a derivative by adding suffix to the word "*different*":**
 a) ate b) iate c) te d) ite
- 9) **Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "*MRI*":**
 a) Magnified Resonance Imaging b) Magnified Rosoning Imagery
 c) Magnetic Reonance Imagery d) Magetic Resonance Imaging
- 10) **Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:**
 The mother instructed the maid to _____ the child carefully.
 a) look on b) look upon c) look after d) look into
- 11) **Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word "*table*" to form a compound word:**
 a) food b) spoon c) hole d) book
- 12) **Fill in the blank with the most appropriate prepositions given below:**
 Peter closed the hole _____ his finger.
 a) in b) on c) with d) of
- 13) **Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:**
 It _____ outside now.
 a) was raining b) is raining c) rain d) rained
- 14) **Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives:**
 Call me _____ you need money.
 a) so that b) in order that c) in case d) though

PART - II

Section - I

3×2=6

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

- 15) Why did Herman and the author slam the doors?
- 16) What was engraved on the medal?
- 17) What did M. Hamel say about the French language?
- 18) How was Holmes able to look sick?

Section - II

3×2=6

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

- 19) **There's a family nobody likes to meet**
They live, it is said, on complaining street.
 a) Where does the family live?
 b) Why do you think the street is named as 'Complaining Street'?
- 20) **Not I**
My heart was so light
That I sang day and night
 a) Who does 'I' refer to?
 b) What did it do all day and night?

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21) **Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes****Like ours, the land our brothers walk upon****Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie**

a) What is found beneath all uniforms?

b) Where are we all going to lie finally?

22) **It never grows leaves****Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall****It just sits there never getting
small or ever growing tall**

a) What does "it" refer to?

b) In what way the tree is a mystery?

3×2=6**Section - III****Answer any three of the following:**23) **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:**

Please donot use mobile phones here.

24) **Rewrite using indirect speech:**

He asked me, "Do you know why she is unhappy"?

25) **Punctuate the following sentence:**

come on young man said prospero to the prince

26) **Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence:**

He is sick but he attends the rehearsal.

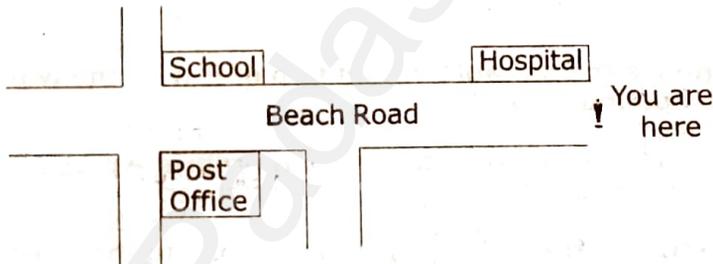
27) **Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:**

a) was / alone / the / seagull / young / his / on / ledge.

b) speaks / Ruben / besides / German / languages / two.

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 his destination.

**PART - III****Section - I****2×5=10****Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:**

29) Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

30) Highlight the factors responsible for the all-women Indian Navy crew to carry out their expedition.

31) Give a character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.

32) Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in school.

Section - II**2×5=10****Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:**

33) Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.

34) What is the central theme of the poem "No men are foreign"?

35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**

Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,

It will vanish and the stars will shine again,

Because, for all our power and weight and size,

We are nothing more than children of your brain!

i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.

ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.

iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the last line.

iv) Pick out the alliterating words.

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- 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**
 Rumours are constantly being made
 And each day the house just begins to fade
 What happened inside that house?
 I really don't know.

Section - III**1×5=5****Answer any one of the following:**

- 37) **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**
 i) The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.
 ii) A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain.
 iii) Once in shining, cruel ruler declared that all old people must be put to death.
 iv) When the farmer bade farewell, she advised him to return home with the aid of twigs.
 v) The mother dropped the small twigs on the way to help her son return.

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

Now I repent of my wickedness to you all, and desire to live in the memory of atleast one of my family. You think I am poor and have only my annuity. You will be profitably surprised. I have never parted with my precious stones; they will be yours. You are my sole heir. I shall carry with me to the other world the satisfaction of making one man happy.

Questions:

- i) What did he repent of?
 ii) What didn't he part with?
 iii) Who would be his sole heir?
 iv) What kind of satisfaction was he going to have?
 v) Was he a poor man?

Section - IV**4×5=20****Answer any four of the following:**

- 39) **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:**
 Shoes for all - leading brands - suits your heels and toes - Attractive offers
 - Baby shoe world - No. 5. M.G. Road - Bangalore - 24.
- 40) Write a letter to the newspaper about the problem of non-working of street lights of your area.
- 41) You are Akila / Arya, school pupil leader of your school. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school to inform the students about the ECO club meeting that is going to be conducted in your school campus on the 15 of next month.
- 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 passage:**

Tamil Nadu is a state in the southeastern part of Indian Peninsula. Tamil Nadu is previously a part of the united Madras province, which was later partitioned based on languages. Tamil Nadu has more than 4000 years of continuous cultural history. Tamil Nadu has some of the most remarkable temple architecture in the country, and a living tradition of music, dance, folk arts and fine arts. Tamil Nadu is well renowned for its temple towns and heritage sites, hill stations, waterfalls, national parks, local cuisine and the natural environment and wildlife. The state has the largest tourism industry in India with an annual growth rate of 16%. In 2015, the number of domestic arrivals was at 333.5 million making the state the most popular tourist destination in the country, and foreign arrivals numbered 4.68 million, the highest in the country, making it the most popular state for tourism in the country.

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44) Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:

- No news are good news.
- Games and sports helps in recreation.
- She is the girl whom won the prize.
- Chennai is a biggest city in TamilNadu.
- He is rich. So he is unhappy.

Section - V

45) Quote from memory:

She'll not spare you

..... keep her near.

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1x5=5

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PART - IV

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2x8=16

46) Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints:

- Dr. Somu requested Dr. Krishnan - take care of pet - zig zag - loveable, harmless bird - Mrs. Krishnan - not happy - busy in drawing - offered fruits and nuts - deposited on the blades of fan - began to sleep and snore - disturbed everyone - Lakshmi switched on the fan - slice of papaya - splattered - on Mrs. Krishnan's painting - angry - took to hospital - talked to all the patients - radical change - ruined painting - sold for Rs. 5,000 - co-incidents - change the family.

(OR)

- Holland - land - below sea level - dikes protected the country - years ago - little boy - Peter - gave cakes - to old blind friend - across the dyke - happily left home - heard water - trickling - while returning - stopped to see - small hole - called for help - in vain - put his little morning - found by passer by - alerted the people - Peter and Holland - saved.

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

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 music hall of fame, leading the way to his exposure even as a young boy. His first on stage moment was when he was 5 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. He came to the United States in 1910, at the age of 21. He was brought to Newyork to become a professional actor. His first movie premiered in 1914, "Making a Living" and went on to make over 35 movies total in that year alone. He had a great career and life, dying on 25, 1977, in vevey, Switzerland. He had apparently died of natural causes in his sleep from old age.

Questions:

- Where was Charlie Chaplin born and what was his birth name?
- Write the nicknames of Chaplin.
- When was his first onstage moment and what was the reason behind it?
- Charlie Chaplin died on _____.

(OR)

b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

Wandering Singers

Where the voice of the wind calls our wandering feet,
Through echoing forest and echoing street,
With lutes in our hands ever-singing we roam,
All men are our kindred, the world is our home.
Our lays are of cities whose lustre is shed
The laughter and beauty of women long dead;
The sword of old battles, the crown of old kings,
And happy and simple and sorrowful things.
What hope shall we gather, what dreams shall we sow?
Where the wind calls our wandering footsteps we go
No love bids us tarry, no joy bids us wait;
The voice of the wind is the voice of our fate.

- Sarojini Naidu

Questions:

- What kind of life do the singers lead?
- What is the voice of their fate?
- What are the themes of the singers' song?
- What do they have in their hands?