

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

Standard X

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ENGLISH
Part - I

Marks: 100

14 x 1 = 14

Time: 3.00 hours

Answer all the questions

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

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicized words

1. The mother Seagull swooped upwards.
a) leap b) rush c) move very quickly d) ascend
2. They continue to grapple with the changes.
a) settle b) fight c) move d) stop
3. The spoilt child of affluent parents.
a) influenced b) wealthy c) happy d) poor
4. Choose the most appropriate antonyms for the italicised words
The project was taken in consonance with the National Policy.
a) agreement b) constant c) disagreement d) harmony
5. The cops were reluctant to leave without getting their hand.
a) willing b) opposed c) unwilling d) averse
6. India's disabled or deprived by attitudinal barriers as they grapple with the challenges of acceptance and inclusion.
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'alumnus'.
a) alumna b) alumnae c) alumni d) alumnuses
8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'relevant'.
a) il b) im c) ir d) mal
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation IMF.
a) Indian Monetary Fund b) International Mutual Fund
c) International Monetary Fund d) Indian Mutual Fund
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
The crew _____ of water and food before they could complete their expedition.
a) ran on b) ran about c) ran in d) ran out
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with 'boarding' to form a compound word.
a) pause b) pass c) parts d) fast
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
The entire province trembled ____ dread.
a) in b) of c) on d) with
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:
After he _____ his lunch, he went across to the window.
a) will finish b) finish c) was finishing d) had finished
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
They faced many hardships _____ they are always cheerful.
a) although b) nevertheless c) whenever d) otherwise

Part - II

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two. 3 x 2 = 6

15. What did the young bird do to seek the attention of his parents?

16. What did Aditya offer Sanya?

17. How does Kim help Alisha?

18. Why didn't Holmes let Watson examine him?

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any three of the following. 3 x 2 = 6

19. Let me but live my life from year to year,

With forward face and unreluctant soul.

a) Whom does the word 'me' refer to? b) What kind of life does the poet want to lead?

20. They, too, aware of sun and air and water,

Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd

a) What is common for all of us? b) Mention the season referred here?

(2)

A English

- 21 At last by starvation and famine made bold,
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold.
a) What made the cricket bold? b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?
22 Beside the house sits a tree
It never grows leaves.
a) What is found near the house? b) Why does it never grow leaves?

Section - III (GRAMMAR)

3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three of the following :

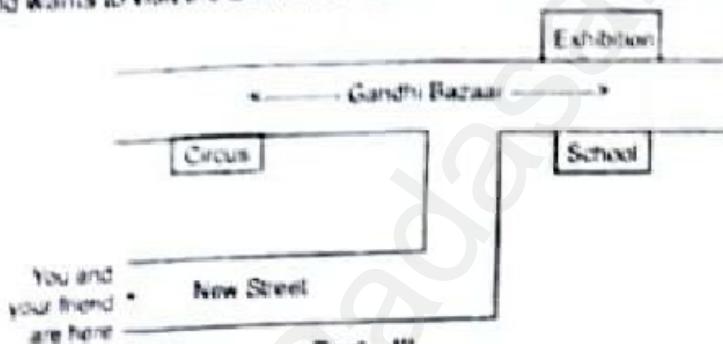
- 23 Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.
Please assemble in the ground.
24 Rewrite using indirect speech.
He said, "I am glad they are strong."
25 Punctuate the following sentence.
no as the inhabitants carry replied
26 Transform the following sentence into a complex sentence.
He is sick but he attends the rehearsal.
27 Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences
a) he saw when in the platform / the train / be rushed
b) results / they / the / will / publish

Section - IV

1 x 2 = 2

Answer the following question :

- 28 Your friend wants to visit the Exhibition. Guide him to reach his destination.

**Part - III****Section - V (PROSE)**

2 x 5 = 10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

- 29 Describe the struggle undergone 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 Technology is a boon to the disabled - Justify.
32 How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

Section - II (POETRY)

2 x 5 = 10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

- 33 Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble Family' and their attitude towards other folks.

- 34 Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket?

- 35 Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

Beside the house sits a tree

It never grows leaves

Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.

It just sits there, never getting small or ever growing tall.

How could this be?

Question

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines?

36. Paraphrase of the following stanza : (3)

We can pull and haul and push and lift and dive,
 We can print and plough and weave and the 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!

English

Section - III (SUPPLEMENTARY)**Answer any one of the following :****37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order. (1+5=5)**

- The letter read that the box contained jewels.
- The uncle had collected precious stones.
- The narrator was sent for by his uncle when he was on his deathbed.
- His uncle announced Tom as his heir and wanted him to pray for his funeral.
- 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.

The next room, a broad gallery about a quarter of a mile long, was devoted to publicity, and it well may be imagined what the publicity for such a journal as the Earth-Herald had to be. It brought in a daily average of three million dollars. They are gigantic signs reflected on the clouds, so large that they can be seen all over a whole country. For that gallery a thousand projectors were unceasingly employed in sending to the clouds, on which they were reproduced in colour. These enormous advertisements! At that moment, the clock struck twelve. The director of the Earth Herald left the hall and sat down in a rolling arm chair. In a few minutes, he had reached the dining room half a mile away, at the far end of the office.

Questions :

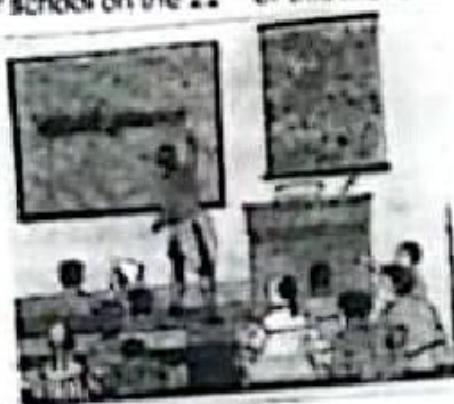
- What was the next room devoted to?
- What was the breadth of the gallery?
- How much did the gallery bring in?
- How was advertisement done here?
- Where did the director of the Earth Herald sit?

Section - IV

4 x 5 = 20

Answer any four of the following :

- Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below
Tasty and hygienic - homemade taste - 200 varieties to select - Pure vegetarian - Mani Vilas - V.E. Read - Tasty
- Write a letter to the Headmistress / Headmaster of your school requesting for a Bonafide certificate.
- You are Kiran / Keerthi, School Pupil leader of GHSS, Karur. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all students of your school to take part in the Science Club inauguration, which is to be held in your school on the 22nd of this month.



- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences

- Make notes or write a summary of the following passage :
Dragon tales are known in many cultures from the America to Europe and from India to China. It's not clear when or where stories of dragons first emerged, but the ancient Greeks and Sumerians

The word dragon comes from the ancient Greek word *drakon*, meaning 'to watch' suggesting that the dragons are recognizable for guarding valuable. Dragons typically guard treasures such as mountains of gold coins or gems. Some dragons have wings others don't. Some dragons breathe fire others can't. Some are only a few feet long, others span miles, while live under the ocean others can only be found in caves and rock the mountains.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly
 i) I bought an book this morning. ii) She goes to the market yesterday.
 iii) We have not eaten anything from a long time.
 iv) Sunder is either a cricket player nor a football player.
 v) We watched the sheep grazing in the field.

Section - V

1 x 5 = 5

45. Quote from memory :

Let us remember as before

Part - IV (SUPPLEMENTARY)

1 x 8 = 8

46. Write a paragraph by developing the following hints.

The emperor of shining - orders - old people - to be converted in valley - farmer - very sad - carries out mother - to matsuyama - leaves mother - mother - arranged to sleep - mother warns - son of danger is in forest - asks to follow twigs - son moved - love and affection - carries mother back home - hidden - at the home - emperor order - hope of ashes - farmer worried - old mother helps - farmer - prepare root of ashes - emperor surprised - farmer - tells the truth - emperor ashamed of order - calls back the order - old people restored to shining.
 (OR)

Holland - land - below sea level - dikes protected the country - everyone did best to protect - Holland - years ago - little boy Peter - lived Holland - His father - attended - dyke gates - opened - closed dykes - one day - Peter mother - gave cakes to Peter - to be given - old blind friend of Peter - across the dyke - Peter happily left home - Peter visited - old man - returned near by the dyke - heart - water trickling - stopped to see - small hole dyke - called for help - in vain - he put his little - finger - throughout the night - slept near the dyke - morning - found by passer by alerted the people - Peter and Holland saved.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below : 4 x 2 = 8

Tejaswini Sawant is an Indian Shooter from the Maharashtra city of Kolhapur. Her father Ravinder Sawant was an officer in the Indian Navy. Tejaswini represented India in 2004 at the 9th South Asian sports Federation games. She represented India in 2006 Commonwealth Games. Air Rifle singles and women's 10m Air Rifle pair. In 2009, in the 50m Rifle-3 positions, she won a bronze and in 50m Rifle Prone game held in Germany. In the 2010 Commonwealth Games, she won one bronze and two silver medals in the women's 50m Rifle Prone pairs, the women's 50m Rifle Prone Indian Shooter to win a gold medal at the world championship in 50m Rifle Prone Game.

Questions:

- Who is Tejaswini Sawant?
- What did she represent?
- Mention her achievements in the 2010 Commonwealth Games.
- Where did father work?

(OR)

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!

When the sun is bright on the upland slopes:

When the wind stirs this soft through the sponging grass,

And the river 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:

- Where did the wind stir?
 - How does the river flow?
 - What 'opes' mean?
 - Suggest a suitable title for the poem.
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