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Virudhunagar District Common Examinations
Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2022

Standard 10

Time allowed: 3 hours

ENGLISH

Maximum Marks: 100

PART - I

14×1=14

i) Answer all the questions.

ii) Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words:

- 1) Oh! the *wretches*; that was what they had put up at the town hall.
a) reckless creatures b) wealthy people c) tamed d) poor creatures
- 2) He said in an *unperturbed* manner.
a) undisturbed b) wise c) happy d) bored
- 3) The seagull's brother and sister were *dozing*.
a) shouting b) flying c) sleeping d) jumping

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words:

- 4) He controls his divice with a *bespoke* switch system.
a) esteemed b) costomised c) mass-produced d) perfect
- 5) The night had been *distinctly* a defeat for them.
a) hardly b) clearly c) ambiguously d) directly
- 6) It was *rare* to watch those animals.
a) difficult b) common c) hard d) special
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of *mosquito* from the following:
a) mosquitos b) mosquitoes c) mosquitoe d) mosquito
- 8) Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word:
___ activate
a) dis b) en c) de d) mal
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **SSLC**.
a) Senior School Leaving Certificate b) Secondary School Leaving Certificate
c) Secondary School Leaving Course d) Secondary School Left Certificate
- 10) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:
The confidence was _____ due to incessant rain.
a) put by b) put for c) put off d) put on
- 11) Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word **respect** to form a compound word:
a) mis b) pro c) self d) long
- 12) Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition:
What a thunderclab these words were _____ me.
a) for b) to c) of d) on
- 13) Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:
She _____ the lost keys for more than three hours.
a) have been searching b) had searching
c) has been searching d) will be searching
- 14) Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives:
No sooner did he see the snake _____ he took to his heels.
a) while b) when c) if d) than

PART - II

SECTION - I [PROSE]

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

- 15) What was the first catch of the young seagull's older brother?
- 16) Why do you think Mrs. Bodwell wanted to sell the house?
- 17) Who were Aditya's ancestors?
- 18) What were the various things that tempted Franz to spend his day outdoors?

SECTION - II [POEM]

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer ANY THREE of the following: 3×2=6

- 19) In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils; But with a whole
a) What does the poet mean by the phrase 'in the dim past'?
- b) Is the poet afraid of future?

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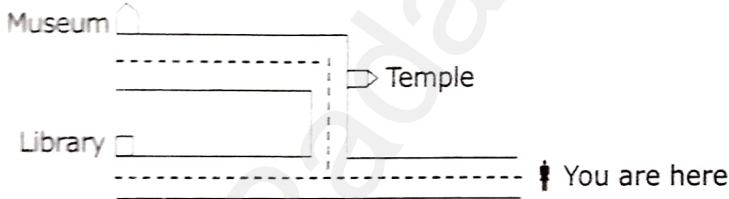
- 20) **There's a family nobody likes to meet;
They live, it is said, on complaining, street**
a) Where does the family live?
b) Why do you think the street is named as 'complaining street'?
- 21) **Began to complain when he found that, at home
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come**
a) Who does 'he' refer to?
b) Why was his cupboard empty?
- 22) **Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own**
a) What is common for all of us?
b) What does not differ?

SECTION - III**Answer ANY THREE of the following:****3×2=6**

- 23) **Change the following sentence in other voice:**
Cross the busy roads carefully.
- 24) **Rewrite using indirect speech:**
Balu said, "Asia is the largest continent".
- 25) **Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence:**
Ramu is poor. He cannot buy a bicycle.
- 26) **Punctuate the following sentence:**
i said no i m not don't be silly
- 27) **Rearrange the jumbled sentence:**
a) as / I / healthy / are / you / am / as
b) was / alone / the / seagull / young / his / on

SECTION - IV [COMPULSORY]**1×2=2**

- 28) A stranger wants to visit the museum. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.

**PART - III****SECTION - I [PROSE]****Answer ANY TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:****2×5=10**

- 29) Describe the struggle underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
- 30) "Technology is a boon to the disabled" - Justify.
- 31) Highlight the factors responsible for the all - Woman Indian Navy crew to carry out their expedition.
- 32) How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

SECTION - II [POEM]**Answer ANY TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:****2×5=10**

- 33) Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble Family' and their attitude towards other folks.
- 34) What feelings are evolved in US by the machines in the poem "The Secret of the machines"?
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**

A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay
summer and spring,

Began to complain when he found that at home
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above line. **(2)**
- b) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza. **(1)**
- c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza. **(1)**
- d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line. **(1)**

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36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**

It sat alone
 What happened there is still today unknown
 It is a very mysterious place,
 And inside you can tell it has a tone of space,
 But at the sametime it is bare to the bone.

SECTION - III

1×5=5

Answer ANY ONE of the following:37) **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**

- i) Dr. Somu thought Dr. Krishnan said 'Yes' though he clearly said 'No'.
- ii) Dr. Somu rang Dr. Krishnan if he could keep zigzag.
- iii) Dr. Krishnan's clinic usually sounded like Chinese torture chamber.
- iv) It's all because his patients, the tiny children left out yells and sobs.
- v) In the midst of this commotion there was a phone call.

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

Holland is a country where much of the land lies below sea level. Only great walls called dikes keep the North sea from rushing in and flooding the land. For centuries the people of Holland have worked to keep the walls strong so that their country will be safe and dry. Even the little children know the dikes must be watched every moment, and that a hole no larger than your finger can be a very dangerous thing.

Questions:

- i) In which country much of the land lies below sea level?
- ii) What keeps Holland from the North sea?
- iii) Why did people work for centuries to keep the walls strong?
- iv) What do even the little children know?
- v) What is a very dangerous thing?

SECTION - IV

4×5=20

Answer ANY FOUR of the following:39) **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:**

Summer classes - Handwriting - Drawing - Spoken English - Hindi - Computer courses - painting - music - 20% Discount for school students - No. 5, Gandhi Nagar - Trichy.

40) Write a letter to the Postmaster requesting for change of your address.

41) You are Kavin / Kavitha the School People Leader of GHSS, Virudhunagar. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all the students to take part in the slogan writing competition.

Regarding voter's awareness to be held in your school on 15th of next month.

42) **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences:**43) **Make notes or write summary of the following passage:**

Food safety or food hygiene is used as a scientific method / discipline describing handling, preparation, and storage of food in ways that prevent food - borne illness. The occurrence of two or more cases of similar illness resulting from the ingestion of a common food is known as a food-borne disease outbreak. This includes a number of routines that should be followed to avoid potential health hazards. In this way, food safety often overlaps with food defence to prevent harm to consumers. The tracks with in this line of thought are safety between industry and the market and then between the market and the consumer. In considering industry to market practices, food safety considerations include the practices relating to food labelling, food hygiene, food additives and pesticide residues, as well as policies on biotechnology and food and guidelines for the management of Governmental import and export inspection and certification systems for food.

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- 44) **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly:**
- If you had reached there on time, you would receive.
 - Many people behave rudely now a days.
 - The king with all his ministers are present.
 - He started to UK last week.
 - Mumbai is one of the biggest city in India.

SECTION - V

- 45) **Quote from memory:**

1×5=5

The summer of life

..... faith and beliefs.

PART - IV

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

2×8=16

- a) In habitant of the island - Prospero and Miranda - Prospero magical powers - Brother Antonio - King of Naples, his son for - Ferdinand - Gonzalo - on the ship - Prospero raised storm - repent for the injustice - instructed Ariel - bring Ferdinand - Miranda had more concern - Prospero set severe task - forgave all - restoked duke dom.

(OR)

- b) Bennett - lonely - phonotelephote - wife's voice - happy mood - mechanized dressing room - reporters room - exciting discovery - Gandomo - had lunch alone - Pneumatic tubes - aero car to - Niagara - listened to petitions - talked to his wife - got ready for a bath.

- 47) a) **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow:**

Micro plastics are fragments of any type of plastic less than 5 mm (0.20 in) in length, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the European Chemicals Agency. The term microplastics is used to differentiate microplastics from larger plastic waste, such as plastic bottles. Two classifications of microplastics are currently recognized. Primary microplastics includes any plastic fragments or particles that are already 5.0 mm in size or less before entering the environment. These include micro fibres from clothing, microbeads, and plastic pellets. Secondary microplastics arise from the degradation (break down) of larger plastic products through natural weathering processes after entering the environment. Such sources of secondary microplastics include water and soda bottles, fishing nets, plastic bags, microwave containers, tea bags and fire wear. 35% of all ocean microplastics come from textiles / clothing, primarily due to the erosion of polyester, acrylic, or nylon based clothing often during the washing process. However, microplastics also accumulate in the air and terrestrial ecosystems.

Questions:

- Define the term micro-plastics.
- What do you mean by primary micro-plastics?
- What are secondary micro-plastics?
- State whether true or false:**

Microplastics have made pollution in aquatic and marine ecosystems.

(OR)

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

Voice of the sea that calls to me,
Heart of the woods my own heart loves,
I am part of your mystery -
Moved by the soul your own soul moves,
Dream of the stars in the night sea's dome,
Somewhere in your infinite space,
After the years I will come home,
Back to your halls to claim my place -

Questions:

- Who calls the poet?
- Does the poet love the woods?
- Who is the part of mystery?
- What will be claimed by the poet?