

**CLASS : 10**

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**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022 - 23**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

**ENGLISH**

[Max. Marks : 100

**PART - I SECTION - I**

Note : Answer all the question

Choose the most appropriate answers from the four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.  
 Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words. 14x1=14

1. They continue to grapple with the changes.  
 a) settle      b) fight      c) move      d) stop
2. His brothers and his sister ran to the brink.  
 a) bark      b) sea      c) water      d) edge
3. The teacher's great ruler was tapping on the table.  
 a) biting      b) hanging      c) striking      d) pulling
4. We witnessed the brilliant southern lights from sea.  
 a) famous      b) superb      c) dull      d) bright
5. Technology helps one to live in comfort.  
 a) comfy      b) discomfort      c) misuse      d) easiness
6. 'Nothing', he said gruffly.  
 a) happily      b) roughly      c) sadly      d) plainly
7. Choose the correct plural form of the word alga from the following.  
 a) alga      b) algi      c) algae      d) algas
8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word - dismiss.  
 a) al      b) ul      c) ment      d) ait
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation MRI.  
 a) Magnified Resonance Imaging      b) Magnified Reasoning Imagery  
 c) Magnetic Resonance Imaging      d) Magnetic Resonance Imagery
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.  
 It helps to ----- the calories.  
 a) warm up      b) stretch out      c) put on      d) burn off
11. Choose the suitable options to pair it with the word 'mouth' to form a compound word.  
 a) dry      b) wash      c) clean      d) brush
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.  
 There was pin drop silence ----- the room.  
 a) in      b) to      c) near      d) with
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.  
 John always ----- for a walk in the morning.  
 a) go      b) went      c) goes      d) gone
14. Choose the appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.  
 ----- you work hard, you cannot secure good marks.  
 a) But      b) when      c) unless      d) whenever

**PART II Section - I**

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

3x2=6

15. What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?
16. What does INSV stand for?
17. Why didn't Holmes let Watson examine him?
18. What are the benefits of the internet to the common man?

**Section - II**

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

3x2=6

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'?

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30. A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing  
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer
- What was the routine of the cricket?
  - Name the seasons mentioned here?
31. It never grows leaves  
Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall  
It just sits there never getting small or ever growing tall
- What does 'it' refer to?
  - In what was the tree is a mystery?
22. And now if you will set us to our task  
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day
- Who does 'you' refer to?
  - Whose task is referred here?

## Section - III

3x2=6

Answer any THREE of the following.

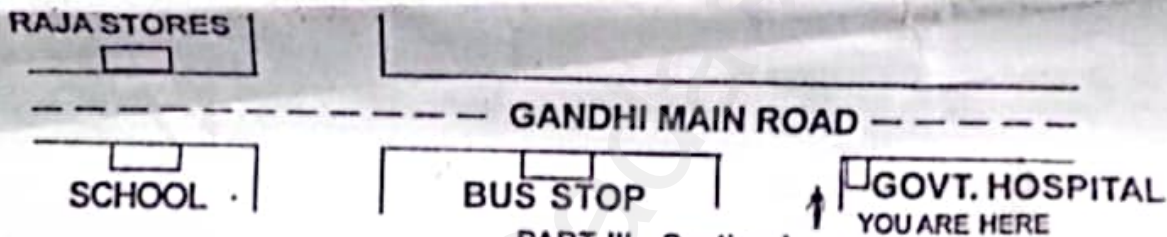
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice. Our army was defeated the enemy.
24. Rewrite using indirect speech. She said to her mother, "I am very tired".
25. Punctuate the following sentence: Of course thats true said mulan
26. Transform the following sentence into a complex sentence.  
One seeing the teacher, the children stood up.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
- School / late / I / morning / for / that / started / very
  - as / I / healthy / are / you / am / as

## Section - IV

Answer the following question.

1x2=2

28. You are near the Government Hospital. A Stranger asks you to direct him to a near by school. Guide him in about 50 words.



## PART III Section I

Answer any two of the following in utmost ten lines.

2x5=10

29. "Technology is a boom to the disabled". Justify.
30. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
31. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?
32. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.

## Section II

Answer any two of the following in utmost ten lines.

2x5=10

33. How are today's women portrayed by the poet?
34. How is mystery, depicted in the poem the house on Elm Street?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

*The weather is always too hot or cold  
Summer and winter alike they scold  
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet  
Down on that gloomy complaining street.*

- Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
- Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
- Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line of the given stanza.
- Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.

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30. Paraphrase the following stanza.

We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive  
We can print and plough and weave and beat and light  
We can run and race and swim and fly and dive  
We can see and hear and count and read and write

### Section III

Answer any one of the following.

Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:

- He lifted his helpless old mother and went up the mountain.
- Pinning was governed by a despotic leader who sent out a cruel proclamation.
- Obabiyama is a mountain of the "atavism of the aged".
- On he went towards the high bare summit Obabiyama.
- The old father loved his aged mother and the order filled his heart with sorrow.

1x5=5

Read the following Passage and answer the questions that follow.

Come, Zigzag. Come in, dear! Coaxed Visu, and it trotted the straightest, whitest - looking bird the Krishnan family had ever seen. About a foot and a half tall, its body was tinged with a crown of shocking pink feathers while the rest of its plumage was in various shades of the muckiest bluish-green. Its curved beak was sunflower-yellow and its eyes were the colour of cold steel to sunlight. This is Zigzag! announced Visu with a flourish. His full name is Zigzag - Zigzag - King - of - the Tropic. It talks beautifully. He can even recite French poetry.

Questions

- Describe Zigzag's plumage?
- What is the full name of Zigzag?
- Who brought home Zigzag?
- What was the colour of Zigzag's eyes?
- What can Zigzag do according to Visu?

### Section IV

4x5=20

Answer any four of the following.

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

Movie Galaxy - smart phones - accessories - SIM cards - Free power bank on Mobile Purchase.

- Write a letter to the manager of a famous daily, ordering subscription for your school library.
- You are Niki / Nikita, school pupil leader of GHS, Tiru. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the grandparents of the students to celebrate World Elder's Day in your school auditorium on the 10<sup>th</sup> of next month.
- 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

There are many different kinds of books that are published each year. There are many new titles available for us to read. Besides these, there are books that have been published through the years. Together there are millions of books available through out the world in as many languages as are spoken by people. There are different genres in which books are published. There are fiction and non-fiction categories in books and each of these categories has many different genres of books. The academic books we study at school belong to the next book category we study them to a complete our syllabus and pass the examinations at the end of each academic session. There are other books that we read for our pleasure and enrichment. We read story books of different types. There are comedy, horror, detective and thriller, stories. Books are our best friends.

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44 Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences

- a) One of the boy has own the prize  
 b) Two - thirds of the content were rubbish  
 c) He is wiser than I  
 d) Divide this apple among Ram and Shyam  
 e) Arun is senior than Varun

### Section V

1x5=5

45 Quote from memory

Let me but -----  
 ----- back in fear.

### Part IV

1x8=8

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

- a) Hero of Holland - 8 year old - saved - dike - broke - friend - cake - small hole - finger - dark - stood there - through out night - next morning - people - rescued - called - hero  
 (or)  
 b) Prospero lived - daughter Miranda - island cave - Ariel - Strom - ship wrecked - Ariel - bring - Ferdinand - Miranda - Sees - Ariel brings - Antonis - mistake - repent - restores - dukedom - prospero

### PART - V

4x2=8

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

Amazon rainforest is a rainforest in Brazil. The rainfall is more than 1800 mm. The total area is 2,300,000 square miles (6,000,000 sq km) It is about 40 percent of Brazil's total area, 5 percent of world's total area. It is the largest and the richest rainforest in the world. Containing 2.5 million types of insects and 40,000 types of plants. Many of them still unrecorded by science. There are many different types of organisms that you haven't seen in the other place. Such as Spider monkey. major wild life includes jaguar, manatee, tapir, red deer, poison dart frog and so on. It also have many plants. The most famous one is canopy. Canopy is the tallest in the world. It is about 61 meters. It helps to protect the harsh sunlight.

Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) Where is the Amazon rain forest situated?  
 (b) What is the total area of the Amazon rain forest?  
 (c) Mention some of the major wild life of the Amazon?  
 (d) What is a Canopy?

(OR)

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

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
 When the road you're treading seems all uphill,  
 When the funds are low, and the debts are high;  
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;  
 When care is pressing you down a bit  
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit;  
 Success is failure turned inside out,  
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;  
 And you can never tell how close you are;  
 It may be near when it seems afar  
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit  
 It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.

Questions.

1. According to the poet what happens to our funds and debts?
2. What must do when care presses us down?
3. What is success?
4. How far can the silver tint be?