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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION-2022

Standard - IX

Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

14×1=14

Part - I

Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words:

- 1) Achrekar informed Ajit that he had the Potential to be a good cricketer.
 a) Capacity b) Weakness c) inability d) thought
- 2) I used to keep some of my Treasures in a small hole in the Jackfruit tree
 a) tiffin box b) tree bed c) unimportant d) precious
- 3) You have to swallow the pips too
 a) pipes b) part c) seeds d) plant

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words:

- 4) Probably she loves that play house.
 a) Likely b) purposefully c) possibly d) certainly
- 5) He was holding the lid down tightly
 a) fillingly b) fixedly c) carefully d) loosely
- 6) The entire soil of the Nile Valley is the creation of the river itself.
 a) construction b) contention c) destruction d) inspection
- 7) Choose a suitable prefix to the word - 'Meter'
 a) Lia b) dia c) fiya d) thaya
- 8) Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:
 We have been living in chennai _____ eight years.
 a) for b) since c) at d) of
- 9) Choose the correct pharasal verb given below:
 Our workers _____ their jobs well.
 a) Carry off b) Carry over c) Carry out d) Carry for
- 10) Fill in the blank with suitable homophone given in bracket
 The house is nearby the _____ (see/sea)
- 11) Choose the correct compound word that can be placed after the word
"boarding" - a) pause b) pass c) parts d) fast
- 12) Choose the appropriate degree given below: Mango is _____ than pineapple.
 a) Sweeter b) sweetest c) sweet d) so sweet
- 13) Write the fullform of the word they've
 a) they has b) they had c) they are d) they have
- 14) Complete the sentence with one of the Model verbs:
 Sachin is a famous cricketer. He _____ bat well.
 a) Can b) Could c) Will d) Would

Part - II

Section - I (Prose)

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

- 15) What was coach Achrekar's first impression on Sachin?
 16) What was the local Superstition about trees?
 17) How did Jim want the girls to 'get organised'?
 18) What is the main cause of Soil erosion?

Section - II (Poetry)

Answer any three of the following questions:-

Read the following lines and answer the questions given below: 3×2=6

"He will not see me stopping here
 To watch his woods fill up with snow"

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- 19) a) Whom does 'he' refer to?
b) Identify the season in these lines.
"I was angry with my friend
I told my wrath, my wrath did end"
- 20) a) Whom does 'I' refer to?
b) How did the anger of the poet come to an end?
"The source, white and wet,
The most sensitive, hidden"
- 21) a) What is the source?
b) How is the root?
"Oh no, no" Said the little fly, "for I've often heard it said"
They never, never wake again, who sleep upon your bed."
- 22) a) Did the fly go to sleep on the Spider's bed?
b) What did the fly hear about the Spider's bed?

Section - III (Grammar)

3×2=6

Answer any three:-

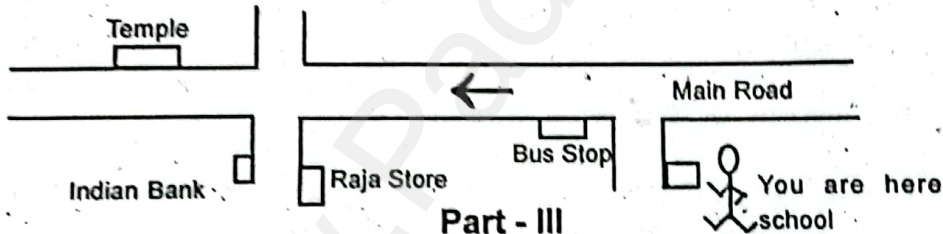
- 23) Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice
You are making a cake now
- 24) Rewrite using indirect speech
The teacher said, "The sun rises in the East".
- 25) Write the correct gerund/infinitive form
a) Mani is too tired _____ (finish) this form.
b) _____ (walk) is a good exercise.
- 26) Punctuate the following:
but the cat will run away. clem said again.
- 27) Rearrange the following words and make a meaningful sentence.
a) to chennai / our way / we / are on
b) the first cricket / cup in 1983 / world / India won.

Section - IV (Compulsory)

Answer the following questions:-

1×2=2

- 28) Guide the stranger to the nearby temple.

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Section - I

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:-

2×5=10

- 29) "Achrekar was a Sincere Coach". Substantiate.
30) What did Ruskin Bond observe about the house?
31) How did Amy manage the situation at home?
32) How does C.V. Raman Show that water is the real elixir of life?

Section - II

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:-

2×5=10

- 33) How did the poet's anger with his friend end?
34) How does the poet bring out the pain of the tree?
35) Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:
I was angry with my friend;
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was aury with my foe;
I told it not my wrath did grow

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- Pick out the rhyming words
- What is the rhyming scheme of the above stanza?
- Pick out the alliterating words in the second line?
- Mention the figure of speech used in this stanza.

36) Paraphrase the following stanza.

River, river, little river!
 Bright you sparkle on your way,
 O'er the yellow pebbles dancing
 Through the folwers and foliage glancing
 Like a child at play.

Section - III (Supplementary)

37) Answer any one of the following:-

1×5=5

Rearrange the sentences in coherent order

- Margie had been hoping he would take the teacher away. ⑤
- He smiled at her and gave her an apple then took the teacher apart. ④
- The Mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography. ①
- He was round little man with a red face. ③
- Margie's mother sent for the exentry inspector. ②

[or]

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

Little czar, a very sauey but good - national European brown bear cub, walked up and aimed a sample blow at cyclone's left ear. Cyclone conscientiously met every attack real or feigned, that was made upon him. In less than an hour it was understood by every bear in the Nursery that, that queen - looking grey fellow with the broad head and short nose could strike quick and hard and that he could fight anyother bear on there second's notice. From that time on cyclones position has been assured. He is treated with the respect that a good forearm inspires but bring really a fine spirited dignified little grizzly, he attacks no one, and never has had a fight.

Questions:-

- Who is little Czar?
- Who blew a Cyclone's left ear?
- What was understood by every bear in the Nursery?
- Whose position has been assured?
- Who was really fine spirited? What does he do?

Section - IV (Writing)

4×5=20

Answer any four of the following:-

- Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:
 Three bed room - both attached flats - sale - chennai all amenities - playground - mini theatre - near railway station - semi furnishing free - 15% discount for immediate cashdown purchase.
- You are the school pupil leader. Write a letter to the Inspector of Police requesting him to give awareness to your school children about Road Safety.
- You are Madhan. Prepare a Notice about the ECO club meeting in your school.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in above five sentences.



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- 43) Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:
 Trees not only supply us with many of the Conveniences of our daily life, they do much more than that. They support the life of living things. They help to replace the oxygen in the air. Constantly being used up and turned into Carbon dioxide when animals breathe and things burn. The green leaves of trees absorb the carbondioxide from the air and with the help of sunlight break it up into Carbon and Oxygen. The Carbon is used to make starch and oxygen is released into the atmosphere. The green cells of leaves are wonderful little laboratories. Where all the starch in the world is produced. Thus, trees are great friends of man.
- 44) Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:
 a) Neither Jack or Jill fetched any water.
 b) There is a hardly nut to crack.
 c) One of the boy has won a prize.
 d) Ram as well as shyam are intelligent
 e) He asked that where I was goind to.

Section - V (Memoriter) compulsory

1×5=5

- 45) Quote from memory:-
 Whose woods queer

Part - IV (Supplementary)

- 46) Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints: 1×8=8
 a) Tommy and Margie - found - schools of past - a real book - yellow and crinkly at present, words on a television screen - millions of books - but old book - attic of his house - tells of old schools - Margie hated - problems with geography. The Mechanical teacher - screen - slot to insert her homework - in her house - Mechanical teacher stood - thinking about the old school. [or]
 b) Little cyclone - a grizzly cub - Alaska - earned name by resitance - ill treatment - mother was killed - brother managed to escape - shipped to New York zoological Park proved - born fearless met courageously - attack - made upon him - other bears - understood - fight any other bear position - was assured.

Part - V (General Comprehension)

- 47) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below: 4×2=8
 Some Insects are harmful to human beings. (The poison of the black widow spider causes unbearable pain. It stiffens the muscles of the abdomen and causes death to some of the victims.) (Some kinds of mosquitoes carry germs that cause diseases, such as malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness.) (the mosquitoes pick up the germs and pass them on to the people they site.) (Flies play a part in spreading such diseases as cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever.) All insects which carry germs and spread diseases live and breed only in dirty places. So we can prevent such diseases if we keep our houses free of dirt.

Questions:-

- a) How harmful is the bite of the black widow spider?
 b) What are the diseases caused by mosquitoes?
 c) How do mosquitoes play a part in spreading diseases?
 d) Why are flies harmful to us?

[or]

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:-

A bird, came down the walk
 He did not know I saw
 He bit an Angle worm in halves
 And ate the fellow, raw,
 And then he drank a Dew,
 From a convenient Grass -
 And then hopped sidewise to the wall
 To let a Beetle pass - He glanced with rapid eyes,
 That looked like frightened Beads, I thought
 He stirred his Velvet Head.

Questions:-

- a) What did the poet see? b) Did the bird drink water? How?
 c) How did the bird eat the worm? d) What are the eyes compared to?
