

PRE HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2019

Exam No.

Time: 2-30 Hrs.

IX - ENGLISH

Marks: 100

PART - I

i) Answer all the questions.

(14x1=14)

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

Choose the appropriate synonym for the Bold italicised words.

- The schedule was **rigorous**
a) severe b) retreat c) easy d) disciplined
- His dreams were **shattered**
a) loved b) remain c) strengthen d) break
- The voice in his head asked the narrator to eat the **evidence**
a) proof b) contradict c) disprove d) refute

Choose the appropriate Antonym for the Bold italicised words.

- It is the **common** plain water
a) known b) uncommon c) familiar d) unknown
- I can **remember** those days
a) remove b) revise c) forget d) remind
- Pongo **locked** the narrator inside the cabin
a) closed b) sealed c) released d) choked
- Choose the correct plural form of **datum** from the following.
a) date b) datus c) data d) datae
- Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word **drive**
a) __vee b) __r c) __er d) __ing

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **SSLC**.

- School Secondary Leaving Certificate
- Secondary School Leaving Certificate
- School Secondary Living Certificate
- Secondary School Living Certificate

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.

My maths homework was too difficult so I _____

- gave on
- gave
- gave up
- gave in

11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'watch' to form a compound word.

- hall
- house
- man
- clock

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.

I will reach there _____ 6 O'clock.

- at
- on
- of
- a

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.

Chella _____ English very well, but she doesn't understand Hindi.

- speak
- speaks
- spoke
- will speak

14. Sanjai is a talented player _____ he is out of form.

- when
- though
- but
- and

PART - II

SECTION - I

Answer any three of the following questions sentence or two.

(3x2=6)

- 'I own my self to him'-What does Sachin mean by this?
- Who is the owner of the house now?
- Who were taken in the boat? Who were left behind?
- Who is Pongo?

SECTION - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of

(3x2=6)

19. And out of its leprous hide
Screaked leaves
a) What does the phrase 'leprous hide' mean?
b) What comes out of the leprous hide?
20. I was angry with my friend
I told my wrath 'my wrath did end'
a) Who does 'I' refer to?
b) How did the anger of the poet come to an end?
21. "On no, no", said the little Fly, "kind Sir, that cannot be,
I've heard what's in your pantry, and I do not wish to see!"
a) Is the fly willing to enter the Spider's pantry?
b) Can you guess what was in the pantry?
22. The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep
a) How are the woods?
b) Who does 'I' refer to?

SECTION - III

Answer any THREE of the following.

(3x2=6)

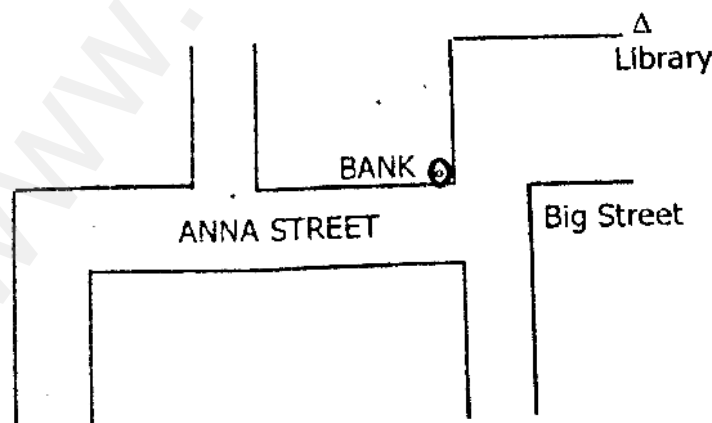
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the Superlative Degree.
Mango is sweeter than pineapple.
24. Identify the dependent clauses or phrases in the following sentences and underline them.
I enjoy painting during my holidays.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
today tommy found a real book
26. Transform the following sentence into a infinitive.
Walking is a healthy habit.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
a) can / do / I / is / all / try.
b) easy / trying / is.

SECTION - IV

Answer the following question.

(1x2=2)

28. A stranger wants to visit the library. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



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**PART - III
Section - I**

(2x5=10)

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.

29. 'Achrekar was a sincere coach'. Substantiate.
30. Explain: "Blessings rest on the house where the shadow of a tree falls".

31. Elaborate the rescue operation undertaken by Mr. Peter.
 32. Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.

Section - II

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.

(2x5=10)

33. Write the summary of the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' in your own words.
 34. How did the poet's anger with his friend end?
 35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.
*Bright you sparkle on your way;
 O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,
 Through the flowers and foliage glancing,
 Like a child at play.*

- i) Pick out the rhyming words.
 ii) Mention the rhyme scheme of the poem.
 iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line of the given stanza.
 iv) Pick out the alliterating words. (any two lines)

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

And now dear little children, who may this story read,
 To idel, silly flattering words, I pray you ne'er give heed:
 Unto an evil counselor, close heart and ear and eye,
 And take a lesson from this tale, of the Spider and the Fly.

Section - III

Answer any One of the following.

(1x5=5)

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- i) Since all her method failed, finally she gave him a pain-killer.
 ii) Tom was dull and depressed.
 iii) It jumped out of the open window.
 iv) So, Aunt Polly tried different types of remedies on him.
 v) But, Tom gave that pain-killer to the cat Peter.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

It was sheer chance that I was away that night. I had gone to Pauri to buy my school books. I stayed the night at my uncle's house. We felt the tremors. We ran out into the open. Again and again the tremors came. We spent the entire outside. Pauri lived through the night. Molthi did not.

- i) Why did the narrator go to Pauri?
 ii) Where did he stay?
 iii) What did they do when they felt tremors?
 iv) Where did they spend the night?
 v) What happened to Molthi?

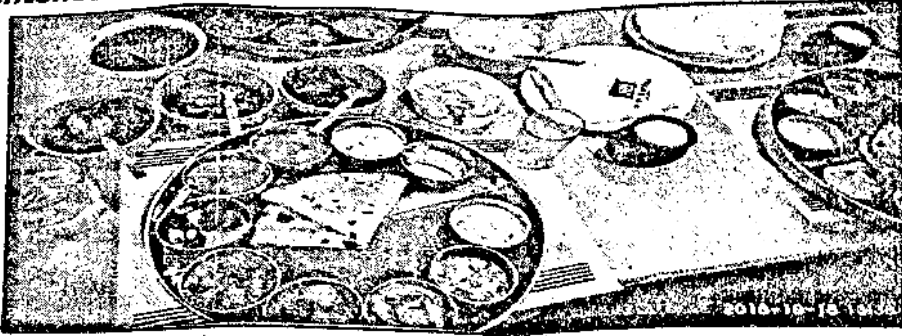
Section - IV

Answer any FOUR of the following.

(4x5=20)

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.
 Mobile Galaxy - smart phones - SIM cards - accessories - Recharge - Free Power banks on Mobile purchase - No.1, Bust stand opp, Pudukoottai.
 40. Write a letter to the manager of a famous daily newspaper, ordering subscription for your school library.
 41. You are Adhira / Athiran, the school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the Parents of the students to celebrate School Annual Day and Sports Day in your school auditorium on the 20th 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:

There are many different kinds of books that are published each year. These are the 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 throughout 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 text book category. We study them to 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 in prose, plays and poetry forms. Books are our best friends.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- Ramya is tallest girl in the class.
- Margie studies on the year 2157.
- If you study well, you would pass the exam.
- Though he was hungry but he did not eat.
- I buy a car yesterday.

Section - V

45. Quote from memory.

It takes much feeding.

(1x5=5)

PART - IV

46. Write a paragraph about 150 words.

(2x8=16)

- a) Bring out the difference between the two neighbours with suitable examples to support your view.

(OR)

- b) Describe the appearance of Little Cyclone.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

Kung Fu - 'kung' meaning 'energy' and 'fu' meaning 'time' - is a Chinese martial art whose recorded history dates back to around 525 CE, during the Liang dynasty. The man credited with introducing martial arts to China is said to be an Indian monk known as Bodhidharma.

Many people have a misconception that Chinese Kung Fu is about fighting and killing. It is actually based on Chinese philosophy and is about improving wisdom and intelligence. Taoist philosophy is deeply rooted in and had a profound influence on the culture of Chinese martial arts.

The five traditional animal styles of Shaolin Kung Fu are the dragon, the snake, the tiger, the leopard and the crane. The union of the five animal forms clearly displayed the efficacy of both hard and soft movements, of both internal and external energy - this form of Chinese martial arts was known as Shaolin Kung Fu, named after the temple in which it was developed.

Questions.

- Which country does the martial art Kung Fu belong to?
- What is the meaning of the term "Kung Fu"?
- Write any two martial arts of India?
- What are the five animal styles followed in Shaolin Kung Fu?