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Tenkasi District Common Examinations
Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2022

**Standard 9****ENGLISH**

Time: 3.00 Hrs.

Marks: 100

PART - I**Answer all the questions.****14×1=14****Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words:**

- 1) The schedule was rigorous.
 a) severe b) retreat c) easy d) dixiplined
- 2) There was sprightliness in his step.
 a) shaky b) inactive c) lively d) slippery
- 3) Clem Jones pealed the oranges.
 a) removed b) feel c) eat d) cut

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words:

- 4) Pongo carefully searched the pockets.
 a) attentively b) carelessly c) cautiously d) strictly
- 5) Sara is sobbing softly.
 a) crying b) murmuring c) whispering d) laughing
- 6) Water is trickling.
 a) falling b) flow slowly c) flowing d) rising
- 7) Frame sentences on your own using the Homonym "bank".

8) Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones:

We saw a _____ lorry in front of a _____ shop.
 (stationary, stationery)

9) Complete the sentence with appropriate modal verb:

When she was eighteen, she _____ run fast.
 a) could b) should c) can

10) Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositional phrases:

_____ the rains, we went out.

a) In spite of b) In spite c) In spite on

11) Write an anagram using the word "EARTH".**12) Complete the sentence:**

The nurse _____ the elderly.

a) cares of b) cares at c) cares for

13) Ants work _____ any other insect.

a) hardest than b) harder than c) hardest

14) Fill in the blanks with verbs in the present continuous:

Latha _____ (wait) for her daughter.

PART - II**Section - I****3×2=6****Answer any three of the following questions:**

- 15) What acted as a safety valve?
- 16) When did the visitor actually hide the Ironcross?
- 17) Why were the policeman not able to bring any charges against the narrator?
- 18) How does water help in the formation of fertile lands?
- 19) Why is Jim climbing on the roof?

Section - II**3×2=6****Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:**

20) "My little horse must think it queer
 To stop without a farmhouse near"

- a) Who is the speaker?
- b) Why should the horse think it queer.

21) "In the morning glad I see
 My foe outstretched beneath the tree"

- a) How did the poet feel in the morning?
- b) Why was the 'foe' found lying outstretched beneath the tree?

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- 22) "The way into my parlour is a winding stair,
And I've many curious things to show".....
a) How can the fly reach the spider's parlour?
b) What will the fly get to see in the parlour?
- 23) O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,
Through the flowers and foliage glancing.
a) How does the river flow?
b) What is meant by 'foliage'?

Section - III

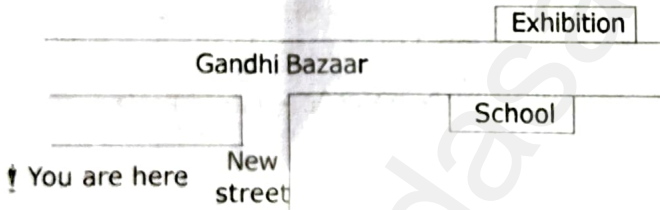
3×2=6

Answer any three of the following:

- 24) Rewrite as directed:
a) I _____ (join) the duty. [into present perfect tense]
b) Ashwin _____ (complete) M.B.A in another two years.
[into future continuous tense]
- 25) Identify the dependent clauses or phrases in the following sentences:
a) I enjoy the painting during my holidays.
b) We climbed up the hill to see the full view.
- 26) Change into positive degree:
The Nile is longer than any other river in the world.
- 27) Punctuate the following sentence:
and its probably time for tommy too

Section - IV

- 28) Answer the following question: 1×2=2
Your friend wants to visit the Exhibition. Guide him to reach his destination.



PART - III

Section - I

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following:

- 29) Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer.
- 30) Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.
- 31) Water exists in all plant and animal forms - Explain.
- 32) Imagine yourself as the writer. Narrate the story of your ancestral house.

Section - II

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following:

- 33) How does the poet bring about the comparison of life with the river? Explain with reference to the poem.
- 34) Write a character sketch of the spider.
- 35) Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:
"River, river! swelling river!
On you rush through rough and smooth;
Louder, faster, brawling, leaping,
Over rocks, by rose - banks, sweeping
Like impetuous youth".

Questions:

- i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the last line of the given stanza.
iv) Pick out the alliterating words.

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36) Paraphrase the following stanza:

"Whose words these are I think I know
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here,
To watch his woods of ill up with snow"

1×5=5

Section - III

Answer any one of the following:

37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:

- So they killed and buried it under a pine tree.
- An honest old couple had a dog.
- It brought the honest couple good luck.
- An envious wicked couple borrowed the dog.
- The borrowed dog did not bring them any luck.

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

Little cyclone is a grizzly cub from Alaska. When his mother was fired at, on a timbered hill side facing Chilkat River he and his brother ran away as fast as their stumpy little legs could carry them. When they crept where they had last seen her, they thought her asleep; Although the other cub fought just as desperately, his captor seized him then parcelled to The Bear's Nursery at the Newyork zoological park.

Questions:

- Who is Little cyclone?
- What happened to his mother?
- Where is the Bear's Nursery?
- What did they think when they had seen their mother last?
- Name the river mentioned in this paragraph.

4×5=20

Section - IV

Answer any four of the following:

- Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:
Sale of furniture - wooden chairs - dining tables - teak wood tables - comfortable sofa cum bed - all under one roof - door delivery - 15% - hurry.
- Write a letter to your friend about your experiences during the recent cyclone.
- Write a paragraph on Global warming.
- 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:

Elephant is the biggest land animal found on earth. It is a wild animal but after giving training it, becomes a useful animal for man. It is a huge animal and its colour is grey. It can pick up even a small needle with its trunk. They are the strongest animal in the world. It is very costly too. It lives in herds. They eat small twigs, straw and wild fruits. A pet elephant also eats bananas, bread and sugarcane. Elephants are pure vegetarians. They are very useful for all. In olden time kings and dukes used to keep elephants for wars and their travels. In circus they play very important roles. Even after its death an elephant is useful. Bangles are made of its bones and tusks. It is really a boon for mankind.

Ts9E44) **Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:**

- Neither Jack or Jill fetched any water.
- This is a hardly task to play.
- One of the boy has won a prize.
- Ram as well as Raja are intelligent.
- He asked that where I was going to.

Section - V**1×5=5**45) **Quote from memory:**

"It takes much
 sprouting leaves".

(OR)

"He gives his harness
 dark and deep".

PART - IV46) **Write a paragraph about 150 words:****2×8=16**

The old farmer was a kind person. Justify the statement with suitable examples.

(OR)

Describe Margie's mechanical teacher and her classroom in your own words.

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

For the next 10 years, Nammazhwar was an agronomist for Island of peace, an organization founded by the Nobel Laureate Dominique Pire. His focus was on improving the standard of living through agricultural development in the Kalakad block of Tirunelveli District, TamilNadu. He completely lost trust in conventional farming practices and began experimenting with sustainable agricultural methods. He advocated the "Bread sandwich" method. In this method once the soil is made ready and the suggested practices followed, one need not work on the soil for the second time. They can go on sowing and reaping, all through the year.

Answer the following questions based on the given passage:

- Who is Nammazhwar?
- Did he believe conventional farming practices?
- What was his focus?
- Name the agricultural method he encouraged.

(OR)b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:****Memories of My Dad**

He wasn't a hero
 Known by the world,
 But a hero he was
 To his little girl,
 My daddy was God,
 Who knew all things,
 And better than Santa,
 With the gifts he'd bring.
 I knew his voice
 Before I could speak.
 And loves it when
 He would sing me to sleep.

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Questions:

- Who was the hero of the little girl?
- Who knew all things?
- Dad is better than
- Little girl knew dad's voice before she could speak. (True / False)