

HTJ

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

10 - Std

ENGLISH

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Time : 3.00 Hrs.

Marks : 100

PART - I

Note: (i) Answer all the questions.

(ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicized words.

14 x 1 = 14

1. His father was *preening* the feathers on his white back.
(a) gesturing (b) scolding (c) cleaning (d) crying
 2. They were *apprehensive* and supportive too.
(a) shouted (b) anxious (c) destroy (d) commotion
 3. Technology is a *boon* to citizens with special needs.
(a) distraction (b) disadvantage (c) blessing (d) excuse
- Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.
4. Herman rushed to the room and *slammed* the door.
(a) pulled (b) closed (c) opened (d) pushed
 5. Aditya was the spoilt child of *affluent* parents
(a) wealthy (b) poor (c) unhappy (d) calm
 6. The black Formosa plague is a *deadly* disease.
(a) harmful (b) harmless (c) dangerous (d) fatal
 7. Choose the correct plural form of '*shelf*', from the following:
(a) shelve (b) shelvies (c) shelfies (d) shelves
 8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word '*stupid*'
(a) ity (b) ty (c) ety (d) aty
 9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **IMD**
(a) Indian Metropolis Department. (b) India Management Department.
(c) India Meteorological Department. (d) India Meteorological Development.
 10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below. The children _____ the clown.
(a) laughed out (b) laughed at (c) laughed with (d) laughed away
 11. Choose the option that pairs with word '*play*' to form a compound word.
(a) back (b) step (c) ball (d) throw
 12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
The interior _____ the house is mind blowing. (a) on (b) in (c) at (d) of
 13. Complete the following sentence using the appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
I _____ on this project for five hours and I am tired now.
(a) am working (b) have been working (c) had been working (d) will be working
 14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
_____ you work hard, you cannot win the competition.
(a) Because of (b) Unless (c) Though (d) In spite of

PART II SECTION - 1

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

15. What did the parents do, when the young seagull failed to fly? 3 x 2 = 6
16. When was INSV Tarini commissioned to Indian Navy service?
17. How many years had M.Hamel been in the village?
18. Why didn't the landlady call the doctor?

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SECTION - 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following.

19. *My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.* 3 x 2 = 6
(a) What kind of quest does the poet seek here?
(b) What is the poet's hope?
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 'Complaining Street'?
21. *Despite the sighs and groans and moans,
She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!*
(a) Is she complaining about the problems of life?
(b) Pick out the words that show her grit.
22. *They, too aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd*
(a) What is common for all of us? (b) How are we fed?

SECTION - 3

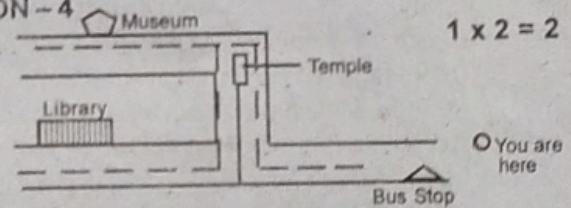
Answer any three of the following.

3 x 2 = 6

23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice.
The salesman answered all the questions patiently.
24. Change into indirect speech.
Raghav asked me, "What is your name?"
25. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.
Ramu is so poor that he cannot buy a bicycle.
26. Punctuate the following sentence. we had ghosts I said
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
(a) the / was / it / trickling / sound / of / water (b) policeman / quickly / the / arrived

SECTION - 4

28. Answer the following question.
You are on the road and a stranger asks you to direct him to the museum. Give instructions to him to reach the destination.



1 x 2 = 2

PART III SECTION - 1

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2 x 5 = 10

29. Describe the struggles undergone by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. 'Man does change with time' - What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?
31. Narrate the methods followed by Holmes to trap Mr. Culverton Smith.
32. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 5 = 10

33. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.
34. How are today's women portrayed by the poet?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.
*Thus ending, he hastily lifted the wicket,
And out of the door turned the poor little cricket.
Folks Call this a fable. I'll warrant it true:
Some crickets have four legs, and some have two.*
(a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
(b) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
(c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line of the given stanza.
(d) Pick out the alliterating words from the third line of the given stanza.

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36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
*We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,
 We were melted in the furnace and the pit
 We were cast and wrought and hammered to design
 We were cut and filled and tooled and gauged to fit.
 Some water, coal, and oil is all we ask,*

SECTION - 3

Answer any one of the following.

1 x 5 = 5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
 (i) Using his powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
 (ii) He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.
 (iii) Ariel was instructed to bring Ferdinand, the prince of Naples to his cave.
 (iv) Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.
 (v) He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.

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

Dr. Krishnan sent an e-mail message to Somu, asking him for clear instructions on how to stop Zigzag from snoring. Six days passed. Six frantic days of checking their email day and night. Six torturous days of having the deafeningly loud KNGRRDRRWHEEZE resound in their home, most nerve wrackingly, Maya complained that she heard a permanent rumbling sound in her ears even when she was miles away from home and that her ears ached all the time. Arvind confessed that, for the first time in his life, he was actually looking forward to going to school considering it was as calm as a monastery compared to their house. Mrs. Krishnan had lost interest in painting. Zigzag would sometimes wake up briefly when he wanted to eat some fruit, and sometimes he would sit on the veranda looking sulky and bored as he stared at the sunset at Marina beach-the real view.

- Questions :** (a) Why did Dr. Krishnan send an email to Somu?
 (b) How was their six days of waiting for the reply from Somu?
 (c) What was Maya's complaint? (d) What happened to Mrs. Krishnan?
 (e) What did Zigzag do after waking up?

SECTION - 4

Answer any four of the following.

4 x 5 = 20

39. Sun Home Appliances - New Year Sale - 20-50% - Special Combo Offers - Quality products - affordable price - No. 01, South Rampart, Thanjavur.
 40. Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting a bonafide certificate.
 41. You are Moorthy/Thilaga Head boy/ Head girl of your school. Write a notice for your school notice board informing the students about the 'Fancy Fete' that is going to be organized in your school campus on the 10th of next month.
 42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Llamas are about twice the size of Aplacás, and the two look so similar it would be easy to confuse and alpaca for a young llama. Despite being so much larger, llamas actually produce far less fleece than alpacas. Llamas, rather than being kept for their fleece, are actually bred to be used as a form of transport. The two animals are often

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seen together. Llamas produce less wool, though they are larger than alpacas. Alpacas and llamas are both domesticated animals. Llamas are the biggest animals and they can grow up to 1.8 metres tall. They are very sociable and live in groups. Alpacas are smaller than Llamas. They are a bit more timid and like to stay with their herd. Llamas are independent and more confident when threatened. When a predator is nearby, the llama will distance itself from the herd of alpacas and draw the predator away from the herd of alpacas.

44. **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**
 (a) Aadhira love her father. (b) As he was late so he apologized.
 (c) Pranav have a good knowledge in Geography
 (d) One of the toys are missing (e) I prefer coffee than tea.

SECTION - 5

45. **Quote from memory.**

1 x 5 = 5

*So let the way
 of the quest.*

PART - IV

2 x 8 = 16

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

(a) China faces - great war - king commands men - every house - take part - war - Mulan father weak - Mulan - wears - armour - sword - goes - war - disguised man - fights bravely - promotes chief - king happy - fever sweeps - war camp - mulan affected - fever - Doctor finds - Mulan woman - soldiers - resent - fact - Mulan - not - mind - fights - wins war - King rewards her - offers position - palace - Mulan rejects - goes back - village - royal gifts - people happy.

(b) Holland - land - below sea level - dikes protected - country - everyone did best - protect - Holland - years ago - little boy Peter - lived - father attended - dykes gates - opened - closed - dykes - Peter mother - gave cakes - Peter - given - old blind friend of Peter - across dyke - Peter happily left home - Peter visited - old man - returned - dye - heard - water trickling - stopped - see - small hole - called - help - vain - put his finger - throughout - night - slept near - dyke - morning - found - passers by - alerted people - Peter and Holland - saved.

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

Stamp collecting is a hobby enjoyed by millions of people around the world. Stamps bear witness to the culture of our nation. People use stamps to mail letters, Bills and postcards. Those who wish to send letters, bills or postcards need to pay the postal department. Stamps are proof of such payments. During the mid-eighteenth century, mails were delivered by messengers. The cost of delivering mails depends on the amount of pages in a letter and the distance travelled. The very first postage stamp was printed on 1 May 1840, by the Royal Mint of England, It bore the image of Queen Victoria and was valued at one penny apiece, Later on, this stamp came to be known as 'Penny Black'. Stamps can be brought from a post office or from vending machines at specific locations. Once a stamp has been used, a cancellation mark is imprinted over the stamp to prevent re-use.

Questions:

- (a) What are stamps? (b) When was the first postage stamp printed?
 (c) Whose image was printed on the first postage stamp?
 (d) How many times can we use a stamp? **OR**

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

Not gold but only man can make

People great and strong

Men who for truth and honour's sake

Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work, while others sleep

Who dare while others fly-

They build a nation's pillars deep

And lift them to the sky.

Questions: (a) Who can make the people great and strong?

(b) Who works, while others sleep? (c) Is gold a nation's strength?

(d) According to the poet who suffer a lot?

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