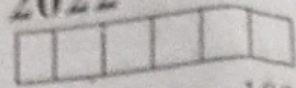


HTJ

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2022

9 - Std

ENGLISH



Marks : 100

Time : 2.30 Hrs.

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. Winning the one-rupee coin used to give me *immense* satisfaction.
a) Surplus b) abundant c) great d) ascend
2. He did not look very *prosperous*.
a) Shining b) flourishing c) lively d) emitting
3. The voice in his head asked the narrator to eat the *evidence*.
a) proof b) contradict c) disprove d) refute
4. **Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words:**
Water is, of course, *necessary* for animal life.
a) healthy b) unnecessary c) essential d) unhealthy
5. Clem Jones was *ordered* to open the box.
a) prepared b) arranged c) forced d) requested
6. Amy returns to the room. She is looking very *scared*.
a) afraid b) progress c) calm d) wise
7. Choose the correct plural form of *data* from the following:
a) datum b) datas c) dataes d) data
8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word '*satisfaction*'.
a) sub- b) un- c) dis- d) il-
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation *ECO*.
a) Ecological Cooperation b) Environmental Coordinating Organization
c) Environmental Children's Organization d) Ecological Children's Organization
10. Fill in the blank with the correct homophone.
The teacher asked the students to _____ (right/write) an essay.
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word flash to form a compound word.
a) light b) beam c) night d) battery
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
Vimal generally goes to his workplace _____ bus.
a) during b) in c) on d) by
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
My brother _____ in London now.
a) works b) is working c) worked d) working
14. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate prepositional phrase given below.
I almost _____ the hope of escaping from the trouble.
a) gave away b) gave in c) gave up d) gave out

Part - II Section - 1

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

15. Who were Sachin's favourite players? 3 x 2 = 6
16. What did the visitor hide in the jackfruit tree?
17. Why did Pongo want to bring another policeman?
18. How can soil erosion be prevented?

Section - 2

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

19. *My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near* 3 x 2 = 6
a) Who is the speaker? b) Why should the horse think it queer?

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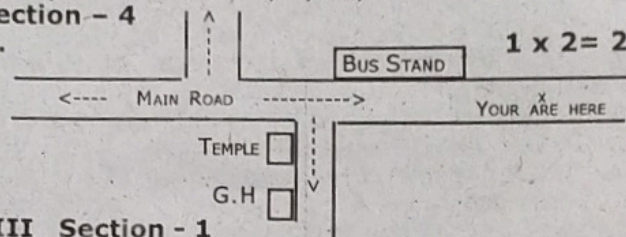
20. "And now dear little children, who may this story read,
To idle, silly flattering words, I pray you ne'er give head."
21. a) Who does 'I' refer to? b) What is the advice given to the readers?
It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife will do it.
22. a) Can a 'simple jab of the knife' kill a tree?
b) Why does it take much time to kill a tree?
23. Tending onward to the ocean,
Just like mortal prime.
24. a) Where is the river flowing to? b) What does the poet mean by 'mortal prime'?

Section - 3**3 x 2 = 6**

23. Answer any three of the following.
Rewrite the following sentence in Active voice.
She has written a novel.
24. Change into a indirect speech.
Raman said, "Do not share this with anyone."
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
so you wont say anything said pongo
26. Transform the following sentence into any other degree.
Ramesh is taller than any other man in this group.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
a) to tell/thestory/I/you/want b) the elixir/water/of/life/is

Section - 4**Answer the following question.****1 x 2 = 2**

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

**Part - III Section - 1**

29. Answer any two of the following in a paragraph. **2 x 5 = 10**
Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer.
30. Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.
31. How does C.V.Raman show that water is the real elixir of life?
32. Narrate the story of Ruskin Bond's visit to his ancestral house in your own words.

Section - 2**Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.****2 x 5 = 10**

33. How did the poet's anger with his friend end?
34. What happens if we fall a prey to flattery? Give instances from the poem 'The Spider and the Fly'

35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

River, river, little river!
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 from the above lines.
(ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given lines.
(iii) Identify the figure of speech employed here in this stanza.
(iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the fourth line.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

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Section - 3

1 x 5 = 5

Answer any one of the following in a paragraph.

Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- (i) The mechanical teacher was black and large with a screen.
- (ii) Tommy found a book which has been printed on paper.
- (iii) Margie hated school because she was having problems with learning geography.
- (iv) Tommy found that it was about the old schools.
- (v) She was thinking about the old school.

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" is a novel about a young boy Tom Sawyer growing up along the Mississippi River at St. Petersburg. Tom Sawyer lives with his Aunt Polly and his brother Sid. He is up to all sorts of mischief. But very cleverly he escapes from the punishments that are given to him. He finds school life miserable. But after Becky Thatcher's arrival in town, he is a bit happy to go to school. Even that happiness does not last long as Becky falls ill and does not come to school for a very long time. Bored of school, Tom, with his best friends, Joe Harper and Huck, runs away to an island in the Mississippi called Jackson's Island to become a pirate. People in their hometown think that they are dead, but to the pleasant shock of everyone they arrive at their own funeral.

- (i) Where does Tom Sawyer live and grow up?
- (ii) Who are the best friends of Tom Sawyer?
- (iii) Where do Tom and his friends run away?
- (iv) When did Tom feel a bit happy to go to school?
- (v) Do you like novels? What kind of novels do you like?

Section - 4

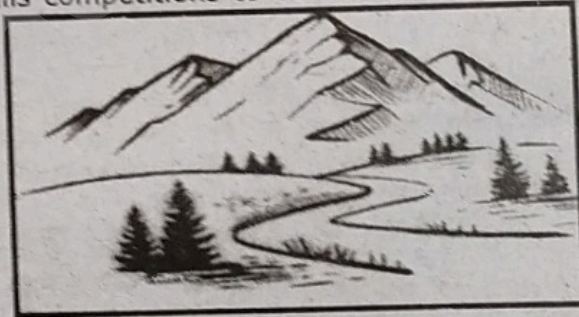
4 x 5 = 20

Answer any four of the following.

Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

39. RKP Book Shop - more than 2000 books - 10% Discount for students - stationery, newspapers & Magazines available - Main road, Vallam - Thanjavur - 613 403.
40. Write a letter to your friend, describing the joy of celebrating festivals in a village.
41. You are Karthik/Karthi, the President of English Literary Association at GHSS, Thanjavur. Prepare a notice on behalf of the association, inviting all the students to participate in the Language Skills competitions to be held 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.

Preethi Srinivasan is a former cricketer from Tamil Nadu who played domestic cricket in the 1990's. At the age of eight, she was the youngest girl to play in the State cricket team. At the age of 17, she captained the Tamil Nadu women's under -19 cricket team in a national tournament in 1997, and registered its only victory ever. She was also a state-level gold winner in the 50m breaststroke swimming event. But the following year, she suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident in Puducherry that left her quadriplegic. Her own trauma inspired her to create SoulFree, a foundation that aims to help Indian youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries, and how suitable precautions can help them out. Instead of the term 'differently abled', SoulFree employs the term 'positively-abled' for those suffering from a disability. She is active in social life and earned many honours too. In 2018, she received the Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise.

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44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.
- You may speak politely to the elders.
 - This is the boy whom won the race.
 - He come late to school everyday.
 - Raj is tallest boy in the class.
 - Mr. Mahesh is a MLA.

Section - 5

1 x 5 = 5

45. Quote from memory :

My little horse
..... is some mistake.

Part - IV

2 x 8 = 16

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

(a) Honest man and his wife - pet dog - found a treasure - covetous old couple - borrowed the dog - found nothing - killed the dog - dream - mortar out of pine - tree - more richness - neighbor - borrowed the mortar - only filth - burnt the mortar - dream - collected the ashes - withered plants came to life - prince gave rewards - envious neighbor - collected the ashes - nothing happened - prince's retainers - beat him - honest couple - shared their richness.

(OR) (b) Little Cyclone - a grizzly cub - Alaska - mother shot dead - brother taken away - fought valiantly - captor let him go - rescued by Zoological Society - taken to New York - The Bear's Nursery - newcomers are scared - Cyclone was devoid of fear - Czar attacked by Cyclone - another black bear cub - received a blow - Cyclones position was assured - dignified little grizzly.

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

In 1902, American President Theodore Roosevelt also known as Teddy participated in a bear-hunting trip in Mississippi. While hunting Roosevelt declared the behavior of the other hunters "unsportsmanlike" after he refused to kill a bear they had captured.

As news of the hunting trip spread, many newspapers around the country featured political cartoons starring "Teddy" and "the bear".

Meanwhile, in Brooklyn, New York, a shop owner named Morris Michtom saw one of the cartoons and had an idea. Michtom and his wife created plush, stuffed bears and placed them in the front window of their shop. With permission from Roosevelt, Michtom named the bears "Teddy bears".

Questions:

- Which American President was known as Teddy?
- How did Roosevelt call the behavior of the other hunters?
- What name did Michtom give his bears?
- Is hunting legal today? What role do animals play in our Ecosystem? (OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

I Wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten Thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

Questions:

- What was the poet doing?
- What did he see all at once?
- How does the poet describe the daffodils?
- Have you ever seen a similar sight? Describe your experience.

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