

## COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION - 2023

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Standard IX

Reg.No. 180423

ENGLISH

Time : 2.30 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 100

14 x 1 = 14

Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words.

- I often tried to emulate the mannerisms of my favourite players.  
a) imitate ✓ b) disregard c) overlook d) observe
- Clem looked at Pongo furiously.  
a) politely b) gently c) angrily ✓ d) calmly
- You will grow up a child of the light, unafraid and serene.  
a) rough b) peaceful ✓ c) sad d) afraid

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words.

- Pongo carefully searched the narrator's pockets.  
a) attentively b) carelessly ✓ c) cautiously d) strictly
- We are not afraid of what we do or what we say.  
a) scared b) fearful c) brave ✓ d) alarmed
- I complete my practice session.  
a) incomplete ✓ b) end c) finish d) stop
- Choose a suitable prefix to the word "way".  
a) un b) sub ✓ c) dis d) ir
- Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate preposition given below.  
Mani divided his toys \_\_\_\_\_ his brothers and sisters.  
a) among ✓ b) between c) after d) for
- Find out the anagram of the given word LEMON.  
a) OMENL b) MELON ✓ c) MENOL d) MOLEN
- Fill in the blank with suitable degree.  
Mango is the \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.  
a) sweeter b) sweetest ✓ c) as sweet d) sweet
- Complete the sentences with one of the modal verbs given below.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ not smoke in the hospital.  
a) must ✓ b) shall c) can d) may
- Choose the correct determiner for the following sentence.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Earth revolves around the sun.  
a) a b) an c) the ✓ d) this
- Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence.  
All children \_\_\_\_\_ something new everyday.  
a) learn ✓ b) learns c) learnt d) learned
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.  
Irine felt cold \_\_\_\_\_ she was wearing a winter coat.  
a) thus b) because c) except d) ✓ although

Part - II

Section - I (Prose)

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

- Who were Sachin's favourite players? Sunil Gavaskar and Viv Richards
- What was the reaction of the classmates of Ramanujan's questions?
- From which prison did Nehru write this letter? Naini poison
- Where did the narrator work? Swift Delivery Company

Section - II (Poetry)

3 x 2 = 6

- My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farm house near.  
a) Who is the speaker? The poet
- Why should the horse think it queer?



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20. The gladdest people living are the wholesome folks who make  
A circle at the fireside that no power but death can break  
a) Where do they gather? *at the fireside*  
b) What can break their unity? *no power but death*
21. But I know no better spectacle  
Than a comet in full flight  
a) Who does 'I' refer to? *the poet*  
b) What is the best spectacle mentioned in the above lines?
22. In the morning glad I see  
My foe outstretched beneath the tree.  
a) How did the poet feel in the morning? *glad / happy*  
b) Who is the foe referred to here? *anger*

## Section - III (Grammar)

3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three of the following :

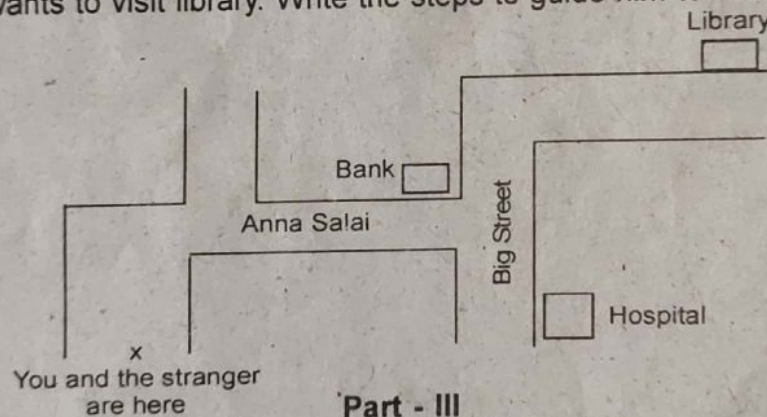
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.  
My grandfather built this house in 1943. *This house was built by my grandfather in 1943*
24. Rewrite into indirect speech :  
Pushpa said "Do not spoil the Ecosystem". *Pushpa advised not to spoil the ecosystem.*
25. Punctuate the following sentence :  
right the teacher said *"Right," the teacher said.*
26. Write the correct gerund or infinitive form of the verb:  
a) *Walking* is a healthy habit. (walk)  
b) We must study *to learn*. (learn)
27. Rearrange the words in correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
a) *8* heroic / ordinary / women / and / *3* men / are / usually / not *6*  
b) *3* a / *2* found / *1* Ramanujam / *5* at / *4* stranger / Cambridge

## Section - IV

1 x 2 = 2

28. Answer the following question :

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



## Part - III

## Section - I (Prose)

Answer any two paragraph from the following questions :

2 x 5 = 10

29. "Achrekar was a sincere coach" - Substantiate.  
30. Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.  
31. Describe the life of Srinivasa Ramanujan in India.  
32. Explain the important elements of Nehru's letter.

## Section - II (Poetry)

Answer any two of the following :

2 x 5 = 10

33. Narrate how the poet describes the comet.  
34. It is said, "The choices made by one, shapes one's destiny". Ponder on the thought and write a paragraph.  
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



- (3) way, play / dancing, abba  
 a) Pick out the Rhyming words. [2]  
 b) Write the Rhyming scheme of the poem. [1]  
 c) Identify the figure of speech in the last line. [1] simile  
 d) Pick out the alliterating words in the third line. [1] through, the flowers, fo

36. Paraphrase the following stanza :

I was angry with my friend  
 I told my wrath, my wrath did end  
 I was angry with my foe  
 I told it not, my wrath did grow

Section - III (Supplementary)

5 x 1 = 5

Answer any one of the following :

37. Rearrange the jumbled sentence in coherent order.

- a) Since all the methods failed, finally she gave him a pain killer. 3  
 b) The pain killer triggered adverse reactions on Peter. 5  
 c) Tom was dull and depressed. 1  
 d) But, Tom gave that pain killer to the cat Peter. 4  
 e) So Aunt Polly tried different types of remedies on him. 2

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

During the day, there was little shelling or rifle fire from either side. And as darkness fell on our Christmas Eve, the shooting stopped entirely. We hoped it might promise a peaceful holiday, but didn't count on it. We'd been told the Germans might attack and try to catch us off guard. I went to the dugout to rest, and lying on my cot, I must have drifted asleep. All at once my friend John was shaking me awake, saying, "Come and see! See what the Germans are doing!" I grabbed my rifle, stumbled out into the trench, and stuck my head cautiously above the sandbags. I never hope to see a stranger and more lovely sight. Clusters of tiny lights were shining all along the German line, left and right as far as the eye could see. 2

Questions :

- a) When did the shooting stopped? b) Where did he take rest?  
 c) How he stumbled out? d) What was his friend name? John  
 e) Where was the lights shining?

Section - IV

Answer any four of the following :

4 x 5 = 20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below :

Foot wear for all - all sizes - endless variety - all brands - under one roof - attractive offers - shoes and heels - 43, M.G. Road, Chennai.

40. Your friend who lives in another town has won his/her championship trophy in the recent sportsmeet. Write a letter congratulating him/her.  
 41. You are Raja / Rani 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 organised on your school campus on the 10<sup>th</sup> of next month.  
 42. Look at the following picture and express your view on it in about five sentences.





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

Vitamins are substances which are required in tiny amounts in food. They promote normal health and metabolism of the body. For instance Vitamin A is necessary for normal growth. It is essential for properly functioning eyesight. Liver, butter, milk, eggs and cod liver oil are rich in vitamin A. Vitamin C increases the resistance to infection. It keeps the skin in a healthy condition. It improves blood circulation and the condition of gums. Citrus fruits, tomatoes and fresh vegetables are rich in vitamin C. Deficiency of this vitamin causes dental caries, anaemia and scurvy. Vitamin D is found in butter, egg yolk, oily fish and yeast. It is essential for the proper growth of bones and teeth. Deficiency of this vitamin will cause rickets in children.

44. **Identify the error in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**

- a) India is largest democracy in the world. b) It was a unforgettable experience.  
c) I prefer coffee than tea. d) The cat drink milk  
e) He is taller than me.

## Section - V

45. **Quote from memory :**

1 x 5 = 5

Rampaging ..... Cheetah

## Part - IV

2 x 8 = 16

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

- a) Young Astronaut - mother - explorer - convince - neighbouring galaxy - never return - invites - mom - moon - admire - enjoyed her voice - depart - aches - she pleads - visit - holidays - unlucky mother - Autumn - sports and fruits - different world - pushes - button - screen went dark - plays recording of Mom's voice - because invisible to earth.

(OR)

- b) Margie - diary - old book - Tommy - grandfather school - human teachers - past book - printed - Margie - hated - millions of books - hated computer school - test paper wondered - person - teach - longed for fun - thinking about old school - fun they had.

47. **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow :**

- a) Soil erosion occurs in successive steps, the earliest of which may easily pass unnoticed. Sudden bursts of excessively heavy rain resulting in a large run of surplus water are the principal factors in causing soil erosion. Contributory causes are the slope of the land, removal of the natural protective coat of vegetation, the existence of ruts along which the water can flow with rapidly gathering momentum, and the absence of any checks of such flow. Incredibly large quantities of precious soil can be washed away if such conditions exist, as is too often the case. The menace which soil erosion presents to the continuance of successful agriculture is an alarming one in many parts of India, calling urgently for attention and preventive action. The terracing of land, construction of bunds to check the flow of water, the practice of contour cultivation and the planting of appropriate types of vegetation are amongst the measure that have been suggested.)

- a) What is the main cause for soil erosion?  
b) What are the measures that have been suggested for soil erosion?  
c) Which problem may pass unnoticed?  
d) Does the soil erosion protects the agriculture? Justify your answer. **No,**

b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :**

I know what the caged bird feels, alas !  
When the sun is bright on the upland slopes,  
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass  
And the river flows like a stream of glass  
When the first bird sings and the first bud opens  
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals -  
I know what the caged bird feels.

**Questions :**

- a) Where did the wind stir? b) How does the river flow?  
c) What is bright? d) Suggest a suitable title for the poem.

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