

FIRST HALF PORTION EXAM 2023

(Unit 1 to 4)

Time allowed: 3.00 hours

Maximum Mark : 100

CLASS : X

ENGLISH

Instructions:

1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing if there any lack of printing If there is any lack of fairness inform the hall supervisor immediately.
2. Use blue or black ink to write or underline.

Part - 1

I. All the questions

14 x 1 = 14

II. choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicized words

1. They were *beckoning* to him.
a) Sadly b) invite c) strong d) narrow
2. I *slammed* shut the door at the stairs top.
a) Hammer b) gently c) hopeful d) keen
3. She is *honoured* with the noble peace prize in 2014.
a) Privileged b) guard c) organisms d) agreement

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicized words

4. I noticed a sudden change in Aditya's *expression*
a) Quiet b) annoying c) calm d) modern
5. A retired *engraver* named Bodwell and his wife.
a) Affected b) permission c) obliterate d) squeaking
6. Then *scraped* each side of her beak on the rock.
a) Middle b) store c) boon d) wide
7. Choose the correct plural form of **Loaf** from the following
a) Lovaes b) loavas c) loaves
8. Form the derivative by adding the right **suffix** to the word - **Enjoy**
a) able b) ment c) tion d) sub
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **ROM**
a) Real only memory
b) Random only memory
c) Read only memory
d) Release only monitory

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

I never ___ in the gym

- a) Work in b) work out c) work away d) work up

11. Choose the suitable option to pair with the word **Kitchen** to form a **compound word**

- a) Jug b) spoon c) garden d) house

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

Share the apples ____ your friends.

- a) From b) above c) among d) until

13. Complete the following sentences using the most appropriate **tense form** of the given below

The boys usually _____ (play) cricket in this ground.

- a) is playing b) are playing c) play d) played

14. Choose the most appropriate **linker** from the given four alternatives.

On Friday night we watched a drama ___ a movie.

- a) Though b) and c) but d) even

Part - II

10x2=20

Section - I

Answer any three of the following question in a sentence or two $3 \times 2 = 6$

15. What did the young bird's family do when he started flying?
16. What made the reporter gaze at the author?
17. Where did the crew undergo their basic training?
18. Why did Sanyal recite the poem in the tea shop earlier?

Section - II

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

$3 \times 2 = 6$

19. The worst thing is that if anyone stays
Among them too long, he will learn their ways;

- a) What is the worst thing that can happen if anyone stays with them?
 b) What are the ways of the grumble family?
20. Let me but live my life from year to year,
 With forward face and unreluctant soul;
 a) How does the poet want to live his life?
 b) What does he say about past events?
21. The summer of life she's ready to see in spring
 She says, "Spring will come again, my dear
 Let me care for the ones who're near".
 a) What does the word summer mean here?
 b) How does she take life?
22. Not a grumble to be found
 On the snow - covered ground;
 a) What couldn't he find on the ground?
 b) Why was the ground covered with snow?

Section - III

Answer any three of the following

3x2=6

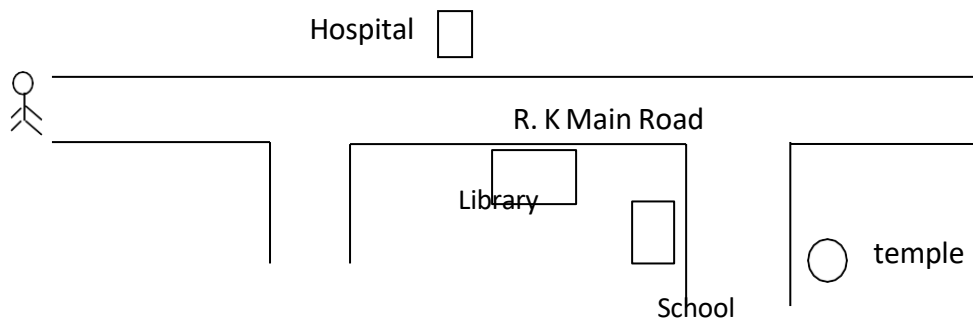
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice
 Radha is playing cricket very well.
24. Rewrite using indirect speech
 She said to me, " I have completed my project work".
25. Punctuate the following sentence
 o my dear lady said Ferdinand I dare not
26. Transform the following sentence
 As soon as the children saw the teacher, they stood up. (change into Simple sentence)
27. Re arrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
 a) Speaks / Ruben / besides / German / languages / two
 b) Your / today / put on / new / since / is / birthday / dress / the

Section - IV

Answer the following question.

1 x 2 =2

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

**Part- III****10 × 5 = 50****Section - I****Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines: 2 × 5 = 10**

29. How was the young seagull's first attempt to fly? Where he search for food?
30. What is the theme of the story 'The night of the ghost got in'?
31. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent
32. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.

Section II**Answer any one of the following in utmost 10 lines 2 × 5 = 10**

33. Write a paragraph on "the grumble family" and their attitude towards other folks.
34. How are today's women portrayed by the poet?
35. **Read the following stanza and answer the question given below**

A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
 Through the warm, sunny months of gay
 summer and spring, Began to complain when
 he found that, at home,
 His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.

- a) Pick out the rhyming word?
- b) Pick out the rhyming scheme of the above lines.
- c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the 1st line.
- d) Pick out the alliterated words in the 2nd line?

36. Paraphrase the following stanza

Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self - respect. She
knows how to thaw you, saw you - so beware! She's today
women. Today's woman, dear
Love her, respect her, keep her near

Section III**Answer any one of the following****1 x 5 = 5****37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order**

1. Though she was sick, she won the final war.
2. So she cut off her hair and went to war as a man.
3. Once the Chinese emperor ordered that one man from each family must join in the army.
4. She returned to her village with gifts.
5. She bravely fought in the war and became the general.

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

You are both quite mistaken their father hastened to explain, seeing his wife's horrified expression. Zigzag is a most harmless, unusual and lovable bird. Apparently, it was bred by a genuine African witch doctor, who gifted it to Somu when he - being a child specialist like me - cured the witch doctor's son while he was touring the deepest jungles of equator Africa last month. Somu says the bird is an absolute treasure and a real help. It's his favorite pet, you know'.

- a) How was the expression of Mrs. Krishnan, after she heard about zigzag?
- b) Who is zigzag?
- c) How was it bred?
- d) Who gifted zigzag to Somu?
- e) What did Somu say about the bird?

Section IV**Answer any four of the following****4 x 5 = 20**

39. **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.**
Mobile Galaxy - smart phones - accessories - SIM cards - recharge
- free power banks on mobile purchase - No.1, toll gate Trichy
40. Imagine that you have parked your two-wheeler/ bicycle inside the school premises. You find it missing in the evening. Write a complaint to the Head of the school regarding this issue.
41. You are the school pupil leader. You have been asked to write a report on the inaugural ceremony of English literary association of your school which was held recently. Write a notice more than 120 words.
42. **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in above five sentences**



43. **Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.**
Books are the greatest treasure of mankind and the habit of reading them is the source of pleasure. He who is in the habit of reading books should buy books for himself. He should start collecting books in his youth. The books collected and arranged properly in a room not only decorate the room but also make the presence of their authors felt. Books contain in them eternal truths and are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.
44. **Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences**
- As the child fell down so it started crying.
 - He is a honest man.
 - Neither the secretary nor the manager were available.
 - The cat drink milk.
 - One of the chairs are broken.

Section v

45. **Quote from memory** **1 x 5 = 5**

A woman is-----in spring

Part IV**2 x 8 = 16**

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

a) Miranda- thought - grave - beards - grey - father - delighted - appearance - beautiful - lovely - place - strange - expecting wonders - thought - goddess - island - timidly - simple - enchanted - maid - herself.

(or)

b) Chinese Emperor - one member - family - join army - Mulan - teen girl - trained Kung Fu joins - disguise - boy - wins battles - general - sick - doctor - reveals identity - emperor forgives reunites family - Six horses and swords.

47. **a. Read the following paragraph and answer the question given below:**

A patriot is a man who loves his country, works for it, and is willing to fight and die for it. Every soldier is bound to do his duty, but the best soldiers do more than this, they risk their lives because they love the country they are fighting for. They love its hills and valleys, its cities and villages, its people and their way of life and they are willing to defend it to the last against enemies who try to conquer it and destroy it.

- a) Risk means: i) miss ii) lose iii) endanger iv) meet
- b) Who is a patriot?
- c) What do the best soldiers do?
- d) Why do they risk their lives?

(or)

b. Read the following poem and answer the question given below

A wealthy city mouse once came
To view his country cousin's clutter
He stayed for lunch but all they ate
Were sandwiches of peanut butter
You call that lunch? The rich mouse
Said, call this a house? He laughed with
Glee, Come into town tonight, he said
Stop up a notch and visit me?

Questions:

- a. Who is the guest and who is the host here?
- b. What was the mice's lunch?
- c. Where did the city mouse invite his cousin?
- d. Does the city mouse like the place and food?

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