

## COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

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Standard X

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ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

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Marks : 100

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Part - II

Section - 1

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

3 x 2 = 6

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Section - 2

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- Let me but love my life from year to year  
 With forward face and unreluctant soul.  
 a) Whom does the word 'me' refer to?  
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20. Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song  
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong.  
a) What does the people expect everyone to learn?  
b) What should we do when things go wrong sometimes?
21. Not a flower could he see  
Not a leaf on a tree.  
a) Who does he refer to?  
b) Mention the season when he could not see a flower or a leaf on a tree.
22. Beside the house sits a tree  
It never grows leaves  
a) What is found near the house? b) Why does it never grow leaves?

## Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

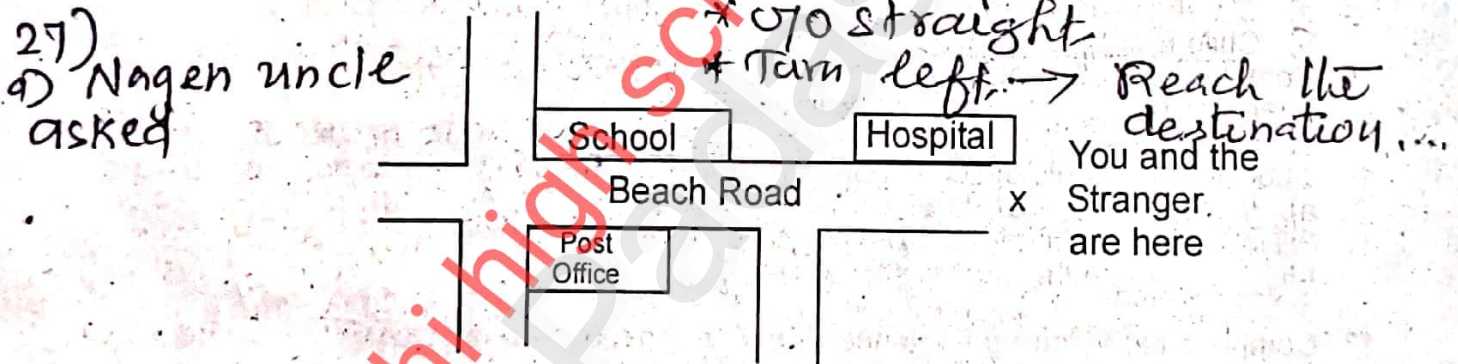
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23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice :  
Don't be careless
24. Rewrite the sentence in reported speech :  
The captain said to the soldiers, "March fast".
25. Punctuate the following sentence :  
the general is a woman yelled the soldiers
26. Combine the following sentence into a simple sentence :  
I saw a tiger. It was wounded.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
a) why / Nagen / uncle / asked / there / were / we  
b) speaks / Ruben / besides / German / languages two

Answer the following question.

1 x 2 = 2

28. A stranger wants to visit the post office. Write instructions to help him.



## Part - III

## Section - 1

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

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29. Explain the experience of The young seagull in "His First Flight" written by Liam 'O' Flaherty.
30. Highlight the factors responsible for the All-Women Indian Navy crew to carry out their expenditure.
31. Technology is a boon to the disabled. Justify.
32. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

## Section - 2

Answer any two of the following.

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33. Write a paragraph on "The Grumble Family" and their attitude towards other folks.
34. How is the mystery depicted in the poem "The House on Elms Street"?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below :  
She's a lioness : don't mess with her.



She'll not spare you if you're a prankster  
 Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self respect  
 She knows how to thaw you saw you-so beware

- Pick out rhyming words.
- Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
- Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line.
- Pick out the alliterating words in the fourth line.

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza :**

We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,  
 We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,  
 We can run and race and swim and fly and dive  
 We can see and hear and count and read and write

**Section - 3**

37. **Answer any one of the following:**

1 x 5 = 5

**Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**

- When their maid switched on the fan it was raining papayas and bananas.
- Mrs. Krishnan was not interested in having zigzag.
- She was worried about her painting exhibition.
- Zigzag perched on the curtain rod and fell asleep.
- Somu requested Dr. Krishnan to take care of his pet.

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

Holland is a country where much of the land lies below sea level. Only great walls called dikes keep the North Sea from rushing in and flooding the land. For centuries the people of Holland have worked to keep the walls strong so that their country will be safe and dry. Even the little children know the dikes must be watched every moment, and that a hole no longer than your finger can be a very dangerous thing.

**Questions :**

- What is the name of the country?
- How is the country located?
- What are dikes?
- How it is useful?
- Do the children know about it?

**Section - 4**

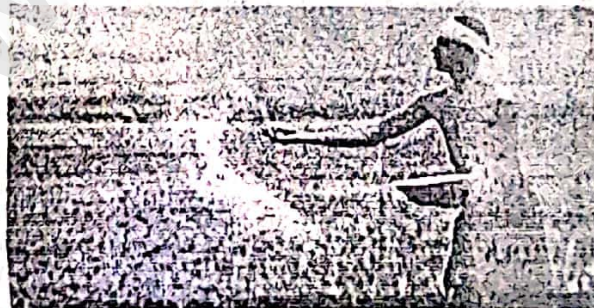
**Answer any four of the following:**

4 x 5 = 20

39. **Prepare and attractive advertisement using the hints given below :**

Colour and beautiful toys - Eco - Friendly - non-toxic - handy - buy one get one - discount 10% - 4, Amman Koil Street, Salem.

- Write a letter to the manager of famous daily / popular children's magazine, ordering subscription for your school library.
- You are Kiran / Keerthi School Pupil leader, GHSS, Karur. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all students of your school to take part in the "English Club Inauguration" which is to be held on next month.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.**



43. **Make notes OR write a summary.**

There are different kinds of books that are published each year. These are the new titles available for us to read. Besides these, there are books that have been published



**Kindly Send me your Answer Keys to email id - Padasalai.net@gmail.com**



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