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Tenkasi District  
Common Half Yearly Examination - 2023



15-12-2023.

Time: 3.00 Hours

**Standard 10****ENGLISH****Part - I**

Marks: 100

i) Answer all the questions. ii) Choose the most suitable answer 14x1=14  
Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words:

- 1) I forgot all about Mr.Hamel's ruler and how cranky he was  
a) Unusal                      b) familiar                      c) Unfamiliar                      d) Strange
- 2) The program covered the expedition in the five legs  
a) anxious                      b) effort                      c) Journey                      d) guard
- 3) Burglars, she shouted intuitively  
a) instinctively                      b) indignantly                      c) fearfully                      d) awfully

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words:

- 4) His father was preening the feathers.  
a) cleaning                      b) clearing                      c) dirtying                      d) colouring
- 5) The Sun was Soothing  
a) Pleasing                      b) relaxing                      c) disturbing                      d) burning
- 6) The sick room was a gloomy spot  
a) dark                      b) dim                      c) dull                      d) bright
- 7) **Choose the correct plural form of eskimo from the following:**  
a) eskimos                      b) eskimoes                      c) eskii                      d) eskimo
- 8) Attach a suitable suffix to the word "appear"  
a) - able                      b) - ence                      c) - ance                      d) - ible
- 9) **Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation CCTV**  
a) Closed - circle Television                      b) Closed - circuit Television  
c) Close - circuit Television                      d) Closer - circuit Television
- 10) **Complete the following sentences with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.**  
Don't ..... the poor people  
a) look to                      b) look down on                      c) looking down                      d) lookup to
- 11) **Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word under to form a compound word.**  
a) world                      b) water                      c) store                      d) room
- 12) **Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.**  
Peter closed the hole ..... his finger  
a) in                      b) with                      c) on                      d) into
- 13) **Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.**  
She ..... Since morning  
a) has studied                      b) has been studying                      c) have studied                      d) has study
- 14) **Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives**  
..... you workhard, you can not secure good marks  
a) When                      b) But                      c) How                      d) Unless

**Part - II****Section - I (PROSE)**

Answer any Three of the following questions in a sentence or two. 3x2=6

- 15) Why did the seagull fail to fly?
- 16) Why did Holmes pleaded with Smith.
- 17) Who were the narrator's neighbours?
- 18) How does Kim help Alisha?

**Section - II (POETRY)**

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any Three of the following 3x2=6

- 19) **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?
- 20) **At last by starvation and famine made bold,**  
**All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold**  
a) What made the cricket bold?  
b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?

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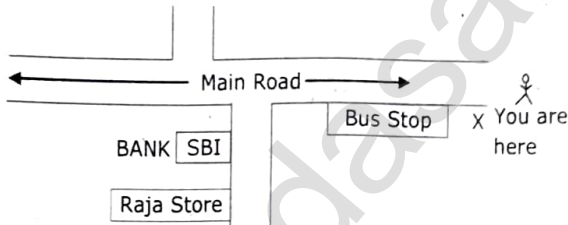
- 21) **They growl at that and they growl at this  
What ever comes, there is something a miss**  
a) What does the word 'growl' mean here  
b) Why do they find everything amiss?
- 22) **It Sat alone  
What happened here is still today unknown**  
a) What does 'It' refer to?  
b) What happened inside it?

**Section - III (GRAMMAR)****Answer any Three of the following:****3x2=6**

- 23) **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice?**  
Raja had bought a colourful hat for her daughter
- 24) **Rewrite using indirect speech**  
Prospero said to Ariel, "How have you performed your task?"
- 25) **Punctuate the following sentence.**  
be not so amazed daughter miranda said prospero
- 26) **Transform the following sentence as directed**  
At the age of six, Vajeela started learning music (in to complex)
- 27) **Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentence.**  
a) Your / today / put on / new / Since / is / birthday / dress / the  
b) as / I / healthy / are / you / am / as

**Section - IV (COMPULSORY)****Answer the following questions.****1x2=2**

- 28) A stranger wants to go to the bank. Guide him to reach his destination

**Part - III****Section - I (PROSE)****Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.****2x5=10**

- 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 carryout their expedition.
- 31) Give an account of the last day of M.Hamel in school.
- 32) Give a detailed account of all thoughts and questions inthe narrator's mind while accompanying Aditya from the teashop to sanyal's house.

**Section - II-(POETRY)****Answer any Two of the following in utmost 10 lines.****2x5=10**

- 33) What are the position aspects mentioned in the poem 'Life'?
- 34) How do machine confess they are inferior to human brain?
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.**  
The weather is always too hot or cold  
Summer and Winter alike they scold  
Nothing goes right with folks you meet  
Down on the gloomy complaining street  
i) Pickout the rhyming words from the above lines  
ii) Write the rhyme scheme or the given stanza  
iii) Pickout the alliterating words  
iv) Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line of the given stanza.
- 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 swim and fly and dive  
We can see and hear and count and read and write



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## Section - III

Answer any one of the following:

1x5=5

37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order

- i) The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way on the way to help her son return
- ii) Once in shining, a cruel ruler declared that all old people must be put to death
- iii) Filled with dread, he hid his mother in his home
- iv) A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain
- v) The Son made up his mind to take back his mother home.

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

The Emperor was so glad that Mulan had ended the long war, he set aside the rule about being a woman "Mulan stay with me in the palace," he said, "Some one as smart as you would be a fine royal adviser".

Mulan bowed deeply, "You are too kind, sir", She said "But if you please, what I wish most of all is to return home to my family" Then at least take these fine gifts," said the Emperor. "So everyone at your home and village will know how much the Emperor of China thinks of you". Mulan returned to her village with six fine horses and six fine swords. Everyone cheered that she was safe. The person who had saved China was their very own Mulan.

- i) Why was the emperor so glad?
- ii) What did the emperor ask Mulan?
- iii) What made the emperor to see aside the rule about being a women?
- iv) What were the fine gifts given by the emperor to mulan?
- v) How did the villagers celebrate the return of Mulan?

## Section - IV (WRITING)

Answer any four of the following:

4x5=20

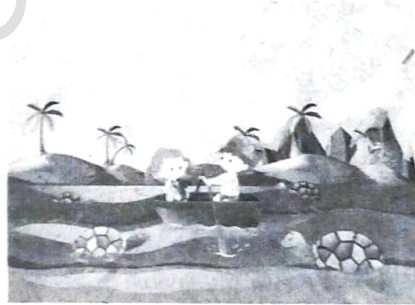
39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using hints given below.

Foot wear for all-all sizes - endless variety - all brands - under one roof - attractive offers - shoes and heels - 74 M.G.Road, Tenkasi.

40) Write a letter to a newspaper highlighting the unhygienic condition of your area.

41) You are Raja/Priya, The literary Association Secretary of GHSS, Tenkasi. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school, inviting the students to participate in the ORATORICAL COMPETITION to be conducted 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.

Mobile phone is a telephone system that works without any wire. Mobile phone is one of the wonderful wonders of science. It has added a new dimension to our life and to communicationsystem. It can be movedeasily and quickly from place to place. Through mobile phone, we can send messages todistant places, play games and sports, know about time. Solve the work of calculation, be aware of different kinds of news and views. At present the popularity of the mobile phones is increasing. Many companies are also being set up for selling mobile phone. The price of mobile phones is also decreasing in comparison with the past. People are being encouraged to buy a mobile-phone set at a cheaper rate. Howeverwith the touch of science and technology, the whole world seems to be a global village, in a very single moment, we can communicate with the people living in a very distant place. With all tis disadvantages, the mobile phone has still some drawbacks in disguise. Though the price of it is decreasing, per minute bill is not decreasing. So everybody cannot possess it. Scientists have recently discovered that mobile phone can cause

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cancer to the users. Besides, it has become a fashion with the young people. Last but not the least, terrorists are using it to spread out terrorism all around the world.

- 44) **Identify the errors in the following sentenced and rewrite them correctly.**
- Games and sports helps in recreation
  - Cricket is watched by millions of fans all over a world.
  - His Uncle is a M.L.A
  - I prefer coffee than Tea
  - Would I have your autograph?

**Section - V****MEMORITER (COMPULSORY)**

- 45) **Quote from Memory:**

A Woman ..... in spring

**1x5=5****Part - IV (Supplementary)****1x8=8**

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

Inhabitants of the island - prospero and Miranda - Prospero Magical power - his brother Antonio, king of Naples, his son Ferdinand and Gonzalo - on the ship - Prospero raised storm - repent for the in Justice - instructed Ariel to bring Ferdinand - Miranda had more concern - prospero set severe task - be for gave all - restored dukedom.

**(OR)**

Holland - dikes - lie below sea level - peter - prevent sea water - walks - besides the canal - small hole in the dike - put his finger - Holland - drowned While I am here - little fellow - and screamed - next morning - a man - notice peter - alarm - people mended - brave hero.

**Part - V (General comprehension)****4x2=8**

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

Bees are special insects because they can fly. They can move through the air like an aeroplane. They fly to get to the flowers. There are three colours in Bees. Yellow, red and orange. All bees are black in some places. Bees have three main parts - a head, a body, and a stinger. The stinger is used to defend against enemies. They use their six legs to climb, to stand, to eat and to collect pollen. Bees live in many places. The only continent that bees do not live on is Antarctica as it is too cold. Generally bees are beneficial to humans. If you do not bother them, they will not bother you.

**Questions:**

- Why do bees need to fly?
- What is the use of a stinger in a bee?
- How do the bees collect pollen?
- Do bees live in cold region? Why?

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

A bird, Came down the walk  
He did not know I saw  
He bit an Angle worm in halves  
And ate the fellow, raw,  
And then, he drank a Dew  
From a convenient Grass -  
And then hopped side wise to the wall  
To let a Beetle pass -  
He glanced with rapid eyes  
That hurried all abroad -  
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought  
He stirred his Velvet Head -

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**Questions:**

- What did the poet see?
- How did the bird eat the worm?
- Did the bird drink water? How?
- What are the eyes compared to?

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