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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

Std - X

ENGLISH

Time :3.00 Hrs

Marks: 100

Instructions :

- 1) Use Blue or Black ink to write or underline

Part - I

Answer all the questions

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicized words

14 x 1 = 14

- His ancestors are from an *affluent* family
a) poor b) arrogant c) wealthy d) sharp.
- The entire situation seemed to be *cranky* on that day's class
a) interesting b) strange c) striking d) valuable.
- I saw a *frail* man with bald head sitting in the chair
 a) weak b) healthy c) lean d) bulky

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words

- He looked through the *crumbled* window
a) torn b) unbroken c) decorated d) ugly
- She was speaking *plaintively* on seeing the incident
 a) joyfully b) sadly c) mockingly d) angrily
- It was a *dreadful* experience to them
a) unpleasant b) intuitive c) addictive d) pleasant
- Choose the correct plural form of '*loaf*'
a) loafs b) leaf c) loaves d) loave.
- Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'excellent'
a) ism b) ly c) ment d) ous
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation '*LPG*'
a) Liquidated Petroleum b) Liquefied Petroleum Gas
c) Liquid Petro Gas d) Limited Petroleum Gas
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate 'phrasal verb' given below.
..... the light when you enter the house
a) switch at b) switch on c) switch away d) switch in
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word '*goal*' to form a compound word.
a) sleep b) post c) fast d) chain
- Fill in the blanks with most appropriate preposition
Peter saw the hole and closed it his finger and stopped the water
a) in b) on c) into d) with
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
Prospero storms with the help of Ariel
a) had raised b) raises c) raised d) will raise
- Choose most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
..... he is ninety years old, he is in the pink of health.
a) when b) as c) since d) though

PART - II

SECTION - I (Prose)

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

3 x 2 = 6

- What do you understand by the mother's act of throwing the shoe?
- What does the term circumnavigation mean?
- Why does M.Hamel say that we must guard our language?
- Who is Mr.Culverton Smith?

SECTION - II (Poetry)

3 x 2 = 6

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

- My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.
a) What kind of quest does the poet seek here?
b) What is the poet's hope?

20. There is a family nobody likes to meet;
They live, it is said on Complaining Street
- a) Where does the family live?
b) Why do you name the street as ' Complaining Street'?
21. Began to complain when he found that at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.
- a) Who does he refer to ?
b) Why was his cupboard was empty?.
22. Rumors are constantly being made,
And each day the house just begins to fade.
What happened inside that house?
- a) Does the house remain the same every day?
b) How does the poet consider the house to be a mystery?

Section -III (Grammar)

Answer any THREE of the following

3 x 2 = 6

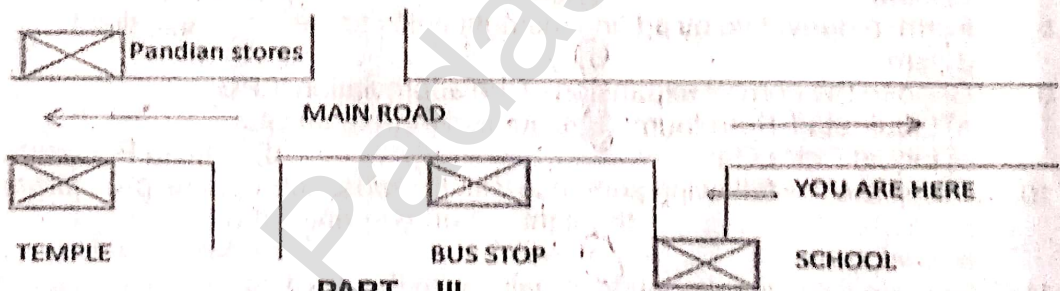
23. Change the following sentence into passive voice
Please assemble in the ground
24. Change into Indirect Speech.
Praveen asked me, " Have you watered the plants?"
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
im keeping the water back peter yelled
26. Combine the following sentences using relative pronoun.
I have a book. It is written by Rabindranath Tagore.
27. Rearrange the following sentences
a. why/ Nagen/uncle/asked / there / were /we
b. himself / preferred / he / mail /by / handling

Section - IV

28. Answer the following question.

1 x 2 = 2

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



PART - III Section - I (Prose)

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 5 = 10

29. Describe the struggles underwent by the seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.
31. We appreciate the value of something only when we loose it. Explain this with reference to the French language and M.Hamel.
32. How do we use technology in our day to day lives?

SECTION - II (Poetry)

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines

2 x 5 = 10

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 Elm street?"
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils, but with a whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll

To youth and age and travels on with cheer.

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
b) Write the rhyme scheme of the above given stanza.
c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line.
d) Pick out the Alliterating words in the third line
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
- A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the war, sunny months of gay summer and spring,
Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come,

Section III – (Supplementary)

1x5 = 5

Answer any one of the following

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- i) He took care of the orderliness in the clinic.
- ii) Zigzag was of a great trouble in the house
- iii) Dr. Krishnan was surprised at the sudden change in Zigzag
- iv) Dr. Krishnan took him to the clinic.
- v) Gone was Zigzag's bored and grumpy expression.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows

The country Shining was governed by a despotic leader who though a warrior, had a great and cowardly shrinking from anything suggestive of failing health and strength. This caused him to send out a cruel proclamation. The entire province was given strict order to immediately put to death all aged people. Those were barbarous days, and the custom of abandoning old people to die was not uncommon. The poor farmer loved his aged mother with tender reverence, and the order filled his heart with sorrow. But no one ever thought twice about obeying the mandate of the governor, so with many deep and hopeless sighs, the youth prepared for what at that time was considered the kindest mode of death.

Questions:

- a) Who governed the country "Shining"?
- b) What was the Governor's order?
- c) Were those days a kind hearted one?
- d) Explain the love of the poor farmer towards his mother?
- e) How did the youth prepared his mind?

Section - IV (Writing)

Answer any FOUR of the following:

4 x 5 = 20

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

Colorful and beautiful toys – non- toxic- Toys for every age- Child's paradise- Eco-friendly- safest -exciting offers- 10% - 25% discount – buy two get one free – Tom Toys World- River Bank road- Madurai -2

40. You are Pradeep, Your Colony utilizes solar energy to light the common areas. You find many friends of your colony forgetting to switch off the lights in the common area. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to a newspaper, echoing the importance to conserve and preserve solar energy.
41. You are the Secretary of Park Avenue Apartment Residents Welfare Association. Write a notice to inform the residents of your apartment about an awareness programme for protecting our Eyes under the guidance of Dr. R.Reddy. The programme is exclusively for the residents. It will be conducted on the Second Sunday of January from 8.a.m to 10. in the auditorium.
42. Make Notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Vacations are something loved by a person of every age. Taking out time from your tedious days to go on a trip to a new place offers you a much-needed retreat. It is the biggest gift you can give to yourself to rejuvenate yourself from the daily hustle and bustle. Some people desire a long vacation amidst the mountains while others fancy a weekend getaway. Cities, small towns, forests, all have their own attractions to allure different tourists. People select the best location with the sole motive of enjoyment and recreation for a few days. From exploring monuments, relaxing beside a river, to beachside walks, and indulging in some thrilling activities, every kind of trip comes with its own fun element. Either you are planning to travel within India or internationally.

Further, a tour to some new region allows you to expand your mind by interacting with the inhabitants. You can explore more about their tradition by relishing their cuisine, buying the popular souvenirs, visiting cultural and historical sites. No doubt, an expedition is one of the best ways to utilize your vacation. It is something you should never ignore. Thus, no matter how long are your holidays or where you want to head, vacation is essential once in a year for everyone to stay fresh. Do not think any more; coming holidays do go on a tour at some stunning location. You will definitely love to experience this every holiday season.

43. Look at the following picture and express your view on it in a paragraph of five sentence.



44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.
- No sooner had the police reached the spot, the protesters left the place.
 - As he committed the mistake so he apologized.
 - The puppy accidentally fell among the stream.
 - She prefers Kashmir than Delhi for her vacation.
 - Is this a game you wanted to play?

SECTION - V - Memoriter (Compulsory)

1 X 5 = 5

45. Quote from memory

They too aware.....that wake (5 lines)

PART - IV (Supplementary)

1 x 8 = 8

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.
- Prospero lived - daughter Miranda - island cave - help of Ariel - raised storm - Antonio, King of Naples- Ferdinand - ship wrecked - Prospero commands Ariel - bring Ferdinand - to cave - Miranda - sees first time - human beings - Ferdinand surprised- to see Miranda- Prospero - engages- Ferdinand hard tasks - Miranda- pleads with father - Prospero chides Miranda - Ariel brings King of Naples- Antonio - to Prospero- they realize - mistake - repent- restores the dukedom to Prospero - Prospero agrees- marriage of Miranda and Ferdinand.
 - (OR)
 - Uncle - inventor - bachelor- mechanical engineer- quite rich - precious stones- author's mother- uncle - never help - but uncle called him- one week before death - felt sorry- no relations - gave an iron box- dynamite - precious stones- couldn't open fearing dynamite explosion - will - society of Preservation of Human Vivisections

Part - V- (General Comprehension)

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the question given below: 4x2=8

Education is an essential part of our life. It not only helps us acquire knowledge and skills but also helps in building our character and values. Education plays an important role in our personal and professional development and is an investment in our future. Education is an essential part of our life. It not only helps us acquire knowledge and skills but also helps in building our character and values. Education plays an important role in our personal and professional development and is an investment in our future. Education has many benefits. It helps us understand the world around us and think critically and creatively. It also gives us the skills we need to succeed in the workforce and contribute to our communities

Education can open up new opportunities and give us a sense of accomplishment and self-satisfaction. Additionally, education helps to promote equality and social mobility. It gives individuals the tools and knowledge they need to rise out of poverty and achieve their full potential. Education is also a key factor in reducing discrimination and promoting understanding and tolerance between different cultures and groups. In short, education is an important part of our lives and has the power to transform individuals and communities.

Questions:

- What is the importance of education in our lives?
- Write some benefits of education ?
- How does education promote equality and social mobility?
- How can education change individuals and communities?

(OR)

- Read the following poem and answer the questions given below

In the dreamy silence
Of the afternoon, a
Cloth of gold is woven
Over wood and prairie;
And the jaybird, newly
Fallen from the heaven,
Scatters cordial greetings,
And the air is filled with
Scarlet leaves, that, dropping,
Rise again, as ever,
With a useless sigh for
Rest-and it is Autumn.

Questions

- What season is described in the poem?
- How does the poem make you feel about autumn?
- What kind of imagery does the poet use to describe the season?
- How does autumn compare to summer in the poem?

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ANSWER KEY

PART-1

1. a) wealthy
2. b) strange
3. a) weak
4. b) unbroken
5. a) joyfully
6. d) pleasant
7. c) loaves
8. b) ly
9. b) liquified Petroleum Gas
- 10.b) switch on
- 11.b) post
- 12.d) with
- 13.c) raised
- 14.d) though

PART -2

SECTION-1 (PROSE)

15. Not want to take risk by getting down- wanted the police to come- to seek help
16. To travel around the world in a ship.
17. When people are enslaved, the hold on language would act as the key to the prison.
18. A planter- The culprit-killed his nephew Victor Savage.

SECTION -2 (POETRY)

- 19.a) the courageous quest

- b) that last turn in his life's journey will be the best.
- 20.a) complaining street.
- b) all the people in the street would always be complaining .
21. a) the cricket
- b) did not save any food or grains.
22. a) No- begins to fade each day.
- b) nobody knows what happened inside the house.

SECTION-3 (GRAMMAR)

23. You are requested to assemble in the ground.
24. Praveen asked me if I had watered the plants.
25. "I'm keeping the water back!", Peter yelled.
26. I have a book which is written by Rabindranath Tagore.
27. a) Nagen uncle asked why we were there.
- b) He preferred handling mail by himself.

PART-3 SECTION-2 (POETRY)

35. a) fear, cheer, whole , toll
- b) abba
- c) Contrast
- d) happy, hear
37. ii) Zigzag was of a great trouble in the house.
- iv) Dr.Krishnan took him to the clinic.
- iii) Dr.Krishnan was surprised at the sudden change in Zigzag.
- ii) He took care of the orderliness in the clinic.
- v) Gone was Zigzag's bored and grumpy expression.
38. a) A despotic leader who though a warrior.
- b) strict order to immediately put to death all aged people.

- c) No, those were barbarous days.
- d) The poor farmer loved his aged mother with tender reverence.
- e) The youth prepared what at that time was considered the kindest mode of death.

SECTION-4 (WRITING)

44. a) No sooner had the police reached the spot than the protesters left the place.
- b) As committed the mistake he apologised.
- c) The puppy accidentally fell into the stream.
- d) She prefers Kashmir to Delhi for her vacation.
- e) Is this the game you wanted to play?

SECTION-5- (MEMORITER)

45. They too aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.
Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own.
Remember they have eyes like ours that wake

PART-5 (GENERAL COMPREHENSION)

47. a) The importance of education in our lives is that it not only helps us acquire knowledge and skills but also assists in building our character and values. Education plays a crucial role in personal and professional development, and it's an investment in our future.

- b) Helps us to acquire knowledge and skills-building our character and values.
- c) Education promotes equality and social mobility by providing individuals with the tools and knowledge they need to rise out of poverty and achieve their full potential.

d) Reducing discrimination and promoting understanding and tolerance between different cultures and groups.

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