

KALLAKURICHI -D.T

CLASS : 10

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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023-24

ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

PART - I SECTION - I

Note : Answer all the question

Choose the most appropriate answers from the four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicized words.

- Downstairs, we could hear the *tromping* of the other police.
(a) walking heavily (b) limping (c) staggering (d) stumbling
- We drove to Bramhapur of which Aditya's *ancestors* were once the Zamindars.
(a) descendant (b) forerunner (c) children (d) people
- I was in great *dread* of a scolding.
(a) courage (b) confidence (c) patience (d) fear

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.

- I saw a *frail* man with bald head sitting.
(a) strong (b) thin (c) weak (d) lazy
- He then *trotted* back and forth from one end of the ledge to the other.
(a) rushed (b) hurried (c) stopped (d) jogged.
- Navika Sagar Parikrama was a project undertaken in *consonance* with the National policy.
(a) misunderstand (b) advantage (c) disagreement (d) opposition
- Choose the correct plural form of "*piece of furniture*" from the following.
(a) pieces of furniture (b) pieces of furnitures (c) piece of furnitures (d) piece of furniture
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word "*lingual*".
(a) non - (b) dis - (c) mis - (d) multi -
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "*VR*".
(a) Value Reality (b) Virtual Reality (c) Versus Radiance (d) Virtual Radiance
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
The plane ----- as scheduled.
(a) took away (b) took off (c) took apart (d) took in
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'brow' to form a compound word.
(a) brown (b) hair (c) eye (d) thick
- Fill in the blank with the appropriate prepositional phrase given below.
I can't accept your invitation ----- a previous engagement.
(a) instead of (b) in spite of (c) in addition to (d) owing to
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
Niralina ----- all the chocolates before she came home.
(a) eating (b) ate (c) had eaten (d) has eaten
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
----- I like tea, I prefer coffee.
(a) If (b) Though (c) When (d) Since

PART - II
SECTION - I

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

3x2=6

- How did Holmes plead with Smith?
- What appeared so desperate to the seagull?
- What are the benefits of the internet to the common man?
- Where was the grandfather sleeping?

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SECTION – II

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

3x2=6

19. *Away he set off to a miserly ant,
To keep it, to keep him alive, he would grant
Him shelter from rain,
And a mouthful of grain.*
(a) Whom did the cricket want to meet? Why?
(b) What would keep him alive?
20. *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?
21. *We can see and here and count and read and write.*
(a) What is specified here in this line? (b) Are machines important in our life?
22. *Beside the house sits a tree
It never grows leaves,*
(a) What does the poet say about the tree? (b) Do leaves grow in the tree?

SECTION – III

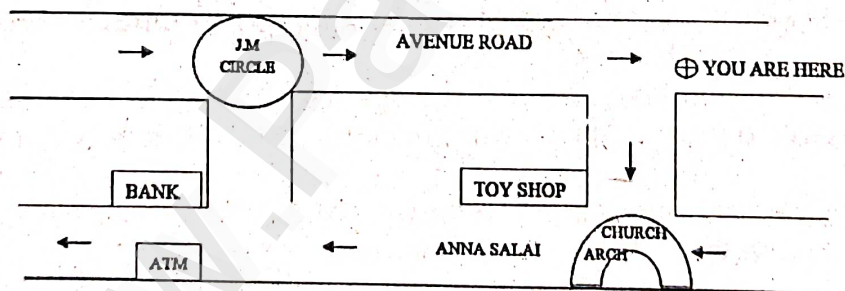
Answer any three of the following

3x2=6

23. Sweets were given to all the children by Santo. (Change into another voice)
24. Change into indirect speech.
Jeflin said to Rani, "I am going to give you a puppy as a birthday present".
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
grandfather shot him i said what for she demanded
26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.
Since he was ill, he could not attend the meeting.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:
(a) in Russia / ISRO is / its technical footprint / all set to increase
(b) is a / pollution / in India / major issue.

SECTION – IV

28. A stranger wants to go to Bank. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination. 1x2=2



PART – III

SECTION – I

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2x5=10

29. What is the theme of the story 'The Night of the Ghost got in'?
30. How did David's life change with the use of Technology?
31. Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in school.
32. How did Holmes trap Mr. Culverton Smith to confess the murder?

SECTION – II

Answer any two of the following

2x5=10

33. What is the message of the poem "Life"?
34. What qualities have made women powerful?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.
*Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,
It will vanish and the stars will shine again,*

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**Because, for all our power and weight and size,
We are nothing more than children of your brain!**

- Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines.
- Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
- Identify the figure of speech used in the last line.
- Pick out the alliterating words in the first line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

*It sat alone.
What happened there is still today unknown.
It is a very mysterious place,
And inside you can tell it has a ton of space,*

SECTION – III

1x5=5

Answer any one of the following

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- Miranda soon after found Ferdinand almost dying with fatigue.
- Miranda hung upon her father and asked him why he was so ungentle.
- Ferdinand replied to her that he should finish his task before he took his rest.
- She told Ferdinand that he could take rest as her father was at his studies.
- Prospero had commanded Ferdinand to pile up some heavy logs of wood.

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

Once more he shouldered his burden (how light it seemed now) and hastened down the path, through the shadows and the moonlight, to the little hut in the valley. Beneath the kitchen floor was a walled closet for food, which was covered and hidden from view. There the son hid his mother, supplying her with everything she needed, continually watching and fearing she would be discovered. Time passed, and he was beginning to feel safe when again the governor sent forth heralds bearing an unreasonable order, seemingly as a boast of his power. His demand was that his subjects should present him with a rope of ashes.

Questions:

- Where was the walled closet?
- Where did he hide his mother?
- What did the governor demand for?
- Was it covered and hidden from view?
- What was the feared him?

SECTION – IV

Answer any four of the following.

4x5=20

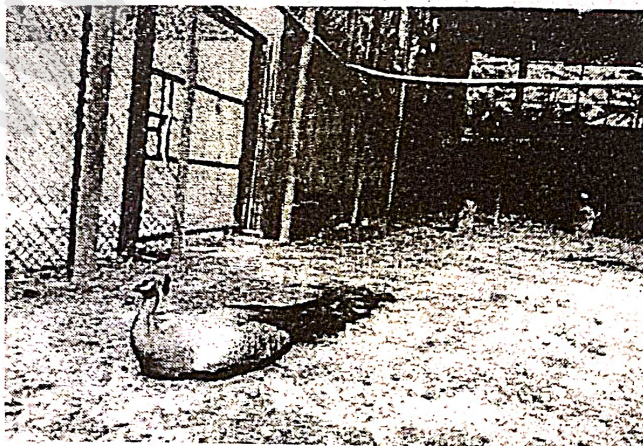
39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below

Ryan fashions – for men - all varieties – latest collection – low cost – authorised cotton showroom – festival offer – good customer service – Market complex – Vannarapettai- Chennai.

40. You have found a Gold ring in the school premises. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be put on the school notice board to find the owner of the ring. You are Sabarinathan / Vasugi, Head Boy / Girl of St. Anne's Public School, Pune.

41. Write a letter to your friend Riya to ask her if she could spend her holidays with you.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



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43. **Make Notes or write summary of the following passage.**

Red blood cells, or erythrocytes, give blood its distinctive color and make up about 40-45% of blood's volume. Red blood cells are produced in our bone marrow where they typically live for about 120 days. The red blood cell's main function is to carry oxygen from the lungs and deliver it throughout our body. Red blood cells also transport waste such as carbon dioxide back to our lungs to be exhaled. Red blood cells can carry oxygen due to a protein called hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is made of two main parts: the "heme" group and the "globin" group. The heme group contains iron which gives the red color to the red blood cell. The globin group is a protein that helps the red blood cell carry and hold oxygen in place as it moves throughout the body.

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

- (a) Much water go waste. (b) He is working since 9 AM.
 (c) The police is investigating the criminals. (d) Meena is junior than Sudha.
 (e) Though he is poor but he is happy.

SECTION - V

45. **Quote from memory**

1x5=5

Remember, we who

..... no countries strange.

PART -IV

46. **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.** 2x8=16

- (a) Uncle Philip - a bachelor - cunning malicious - alone - death bed - Tom - declared heir - iron box - pigeon-blood rubies - diamonds - pearls - extreme care - read carefully - a letter - sensitive dynamite - fear - explode - curious - iron box - possible ways - explode the box - dropped the plan - losing the rubies - Professor Clinch - Dr. Schaff - open the box - matter to the collector - the absurdity condition - Tom leave - society. (OR)
 (b) Chinese emperor - one member - family - join army - Mulan - teen girl - trained in Kung Fu - joins disguise - boy - wins battles - General - sick - doctor - reveals identity - emperor forgives - re- unites family - six horses and swords.

47. (a) **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions 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.

Questions:

- a) Who is a patriot?
 b) What do the best soldiers do?
 c) Why do they risk their lives?
 d) What do they love? (OR)

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

*A man, severe he was and stern to view;
 Yet he was kind; or if severe in aught
 The love he bore to learning was in fault.
 The village all declared how much he knew
 'T was certain he could write and cipher too;
 In arguing too, the parson owned his skill.*

Questions:

- (a) Who was a strict disciplinarian?
 (b) How was he to view?
 (c) What did all the villagers know about him?
 (d) Who admitted his skill on any subject?

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ENGLISH – ANSWER KEY

MARKS: 100

PART - 1**Answer all the questions.****I.**

1. a) Walking Heavily
2. b) forerunner
3. d) fear
4. b) thin
5. c) stopped
6. c) disagreement
7. a) pieces of furniture
8. d) multi -
9. b) Virtual Reality
10. b) took off
11. c) eye
12. d) owing to
13. c) had eaten
14. b) Though

**PART – II
SECTION- 1**

15. Holmes pleaded with Smith to cure him of his disease.
16. His failure to gather up the courage to take the plunge appeared to him so desperate.
17. Technology impacts the environment, people, and society as a whole. The Internet benefits a common man to travel, to communicate, to learn, to do business, and to live in comfort.
18. In the attic.

SECTION – II

19. (a) The cricket wanted to meet the miserly ant to ask for shelter and food.
(b) Shelter from rain and a mouthful of grain would keep him alive.
20. (a) The quest sought here by the poet is a courageous heart.
(b) The poet hopes that the end journey in life will be the best to cherish.
21. a)
b) Yes, Machines are important as they have made our lives easier.
22. (a) A tree sits beside the house.
(b) The tree never rows leaves. This is strange about the tree.

SECTION - III

23. Santa gave sweets to all the children.
24. Jeffin told Rani that he was going to give her a puppy as a birthday present
25. ‘ Grandfather shot him’,I said. ‘What for’ she demanded.
26. Due to his illness, he could not attend the meeting.
27. a) ISRO is also set to encourage its technical foot print in Russia.
b) Pollution is a major issue in India.

PART – III

35. a) eyes – size , again - brain
b) abab
c) children of your brain – Hyperpole
d) hide – heavens
39. b) , e) , a) , d) , c)

PART – IV

44.
a) more water got wasted.
b) He has been working since 9 A.M
c) The police are investigating the criminals.
d) Meena is junior to Sudha.
e) Though / but

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