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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

Std - VIII

Time :2.30 Hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Section - A

Part - I (14 marks)

14 x 1 = 14

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words :

1. My mother consoled her little girl.
a) pretended b) comforted c) left d) protected
2. Miniature paintings depict Indian culture.
a) warp b) portray c) twist d) falsify
3. Dixie was feeling very exhausted.
a) joy b) wounded c) tired d) rejoice

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words:

4. Isaac possessed a wonderful faculty of acquiring knowledge.
a) owned b) controlled c) lacks d) have
5. Karan visited his ancestral village.
a) offspring b) family c) house d) relative
6. It is a latest mobile.
a) updated b) outdated c) new d) modern
7. Expand the following abbreviation: EMIS
a) Education Management Information System
b) Education Management Identify System
c) Enrolled Management Information System
d) Education Management Information Scheme.
8. Write the plural form of the given word: tooth
a) tooth b) teeth c) tooths d) teeths
9. Choose the best answer to make a compounds word.
Which can be placed after 'water'?
a) food b) stick c) fall d) out
10. Add a suitable suffix to the following:
He feels so comfort in his grandma's house.
a) ly b) able c) ion d) ise
11. Write the clipped word for 'examination'.
12. Give the blended word for 'electronic + mail'.
13. Complete the conditional sentences:
If we listen to the radio, we the news.
a) would hear b) will hear c) would have heard
14. Fill up the blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given.
You will certainly, rewards for what you are doing.
a) get b) had got c) was getting d) be getting

Section - B (Grammar)

Answer any three of the following:

3 x 2 = 6

15. Identify the Sentence pattern for the given sentence.
During the war, many people lost thier homes.
16. Punctuate the following:
he said to her what do you want

17. Change the given possessive adjective into possessive pronoun.
My bike is costly.
18. Syllabify the following words:
i) delay ii) beautiful
19. Fill in the blanks with adjectives.
- | Positive | Comparative | Superlative |
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| a) Strong | ----- | ----- |
| b) ----- | more | ----- |

Section - C

Part - I (Prose) (24 marks)

Answer any three of the following:

3 x 2 = 6

20. Where did the sparrows build the nest?
21. What happened to Ajay at the age of three?
22. Who was taking care of Newton after his father's death?
23. How were the rooms arranged in his house?
24. Which should be used with adults; supervision?

25. Fill up the blanks:

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- i) Medicines should be kept in
ii) the author speaks about the river
iii) Isaac constructed a model of
iv) Ilavazhagi won her first match against

26. Write true or false

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- i) Hobbies are unique to people.
ii) Ajay displayed 150 paintings.
iii) Prasanth's friends came by walk.
iv) Isaac Newton was born in England.

27. Answer any Two in a paragraph:

2 x 5 = 10

- a) Describe how the river looks when Tagore rows back.
b) How can you make yourself cyber safe?
c) Write a note on Ilavazhagi.
d) Explain how Ramayya's wife reacted when she saw the nose jewel.

Part - II (Poetry)

28. Read the poetic lines and answer the question follow:

3 x 2 = 6

- i) My hobby is reading
It helps me
In thought breeding
a) What is the hobby of the poet?
b) How does it help the poet?
- ii) One glimpse of brighter skies
To make this life worthwhile
And heaven a surer heritage
a) What is needed to make the life worthwhile?
b) Which is mentioned as a surer heritage?
- iii) Mistress, master, hear me yelp
I'm out-of-doors, I want your help
a) Whom did the dog ask for help?
b) Where is the dog?

29. Answer any two of the following:

2 x 5 = 10

- a) Write a paragraph on Father's Love as depicted in the poem.
b) How a thing of beauty is joy forever?

c) Read the poetic lines and answer the questions that follow:

Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing
Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing

- Pick out the rhyming words.
- Identify the rhyme scheme.
- Pick out the alliteration in the fourth line.
- Identify the figure of speech in the third line.

30. Quote from memory:

From : A Thing To : breathing

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Part - III (Supplementary) (10 marks)

31. Match the following:

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| i) Train | - passenger boat |
| ii) ritual | - wise |
| iii) ferry | - have special knowledge |
| iv) black beauty | - waves of stream |
| v) animals | - vow |

32. Identify the character/speaker:

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- Are you all alone my son?
- Yes, I'm going to school.
- Good bye, mother.
- But I apply the secret.
- Tell the boatman how pleased I am with him.

Section - D

33. Develop the following hints into a paragraph:

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Farmer in a village - had a hen - golden egg - farmer became rich - selling golden eggs - he is greedy - an egg everyday - not enough - thought to get all eggs - kill to get all eggs - killed the hen - found no eggs - former is very sad.

34. Sharmila is the incharge of the Cultural Committee of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Trichy. She has been asked to notify the students of the school about the Inter School Singing Competition. Write a notice with relevant details.

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35. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner about the noise caused by the loudspeaker in a music shop near your school.

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Section - E

36. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 5 x 2 = 10

The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Commenced work on establishing a 2,000 MW thermal power plant at Cheyyar in Kancheepuram district in April 2007. Top level officials of NTPC held talks regarding the project with the TNEB on November, 30. Wrok on the project was completed in three years. The Project cost was estimated at Rs.8,000 crore and the entire investment was made by the NTPC. The Tamilnadu Government was only providing land and a No Objection Certificate from the Environment Department.

Questions:

- What did NTPC plane to establish?
- When did the meeting take place between the managers of TNEB and NTPC?
- How long did it take to complete the project?
- What was the role of the Government of Tamilnadu in this project?
- Give the expansion for NTPC and NOC.