

**CLASS : 9**Register  
Number**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023 - 24**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

**ENGLISH**

[Max. Marks : 100

**PART - I SECTION - I**

I. Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate **Synonyms** for the underlined words.

14x1=14

1. When Pongo caught the narrator with the oranges, He was very Frightened.  
a) Undaunted      b) Afraid      c) Valiant      d) Brave
2. Betty said, "Hark What's that?  
a) Speak      b) Listen      c) Come      d) Say
3. On one side was visible a sea of billowing sand without a speck of green.  
a) Swelling      b) Shrinking      c) Deflating      d) Flattening
- Choose the appropriate **antonyms** for the underlined words.
4. Oh, Jim, I'm Scared  
a) Tried      b) Created      c) Searched      d) Brave
5. Don't waste your time playing Insane games.  
a) Crazy      b) Wise      c) Balanced      d) Small
6. Clem Jones was ordered to open the box.  
a) Prepared      b) Arranged      c) Forced      d) Requested
7. Choose the most appropriate **Preposition** from the brackets.  
Vimal generally goes to his workplace ----- bus.  
a) by      b) on      c) since      d) behind
8. Fill in the blanks with suitable **Homophones**  
"Do you know ----- are we going"? (were / where)
9. Form a derivative by adding the right **Prefix** to the word -----appear.  
a) mis      b) im      c) dis      d) il
10. Complete the following sentences using appropriate **Prepositional Phrases**.  
I would like to order coffee ----- tea.  
a) Instead of      b) Instead from      c) Instead to
11. Complete the sentence using suitable **Modal Verb**.  
When she was eighteen, she ----- run fast.  
a) may      b) could      c) shouldn't      d) must
12. Choose the correct **tense form of the verb** from the options given.  
Kamali ----- English very well, but she doesn't understand Hindi.  
a) speak      b) speaks      c) spoke      d) will speak
13. Choose the correct meaning of the **Idiom** given below.  
Dull as dishwater  
a) Boring, uninteresting      b) naturally, with ease  
c) no matter what happens      d) to be in a difficult situation
14. Choose the full form of the word **I'll**  
a) I will not      b) would      c) I will      d) I shall

**PART - II, SECTION - I**

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

3x2=6

15. How did the Grandfather get the Iron Cross?
16. Who came to rescue the Children?
17. What did Pongo consider as evidence against the narrator?
18. How does water help in the formation of Fertile Lands?

**SECTION - II**

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

19. *He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake*  
a) Whom does 'he' refer to in these lines?  
b) How does the horse communicate with the poet?

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20. *And I watered it in fears  
Night and Morning with my tears;*  
a) What does 'It' refer to?  
b) How is it watered?
21. *"Oh no, no, "Said the little fly, kind sir, that cannot be  
I've heard what's in your pantry, and I do not wish to see"*  
a) Is the fly willing to enter the Spider's Pantry?  
b) Can you guess what was in the Pantry?
22. *O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,  
Through the Flowers and Foliage glancing.*  
a) How does the river flow?  
b) What is meant by 'Foliage'?

## SECTION – III

3x2=6

Answer any three of the following.

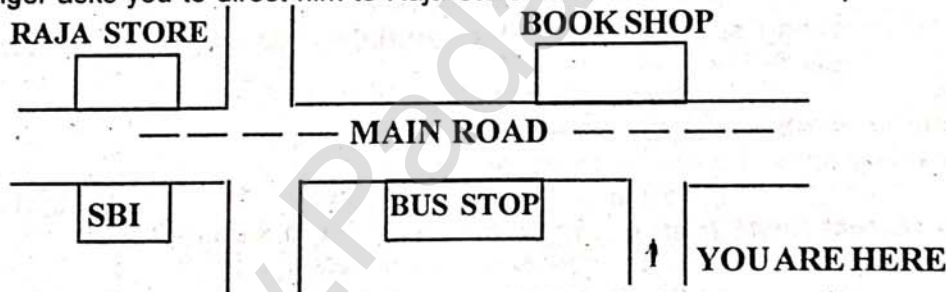
23. Rewrite the following sentence into superlative degree.  
Balu is taller than any other boy in the class.
24. Fill in the blanks with Gerund or Infinitive.  
a) -----(walk) is a Healthy habit.  
b) I wish ----- (Finish) my assignment this evening.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.  
tom what an earth ails that cat
26. Make sentences in the Present Continuous using the verb given in brackets.  
a) My brother ----- (work) in London now.  
b) I ----- (wait) for my mother.
27. Rearrange the word in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
a) Everywhere / the / looked / for / Pongo / oranges.  
b) Of / basis / the / water / is / all / life.

## SECTION – IV

1x2=2

Answer the following question.

28. A stranger asks you to direct him to Raja Store. Give instructions to help him.



## PART – III, SECTION – I

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2x5=10

29. Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer?
30. Elaborate the rescue operation undertaken by Mr. Peter.
31. Describe the Confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.
32. How does C.V Raman show that water is the real elixir of life.

## SECTION – II

Answer any two of the following:

2x5=10

33. How does the poet bring out the pain of the Tree?
34. What happens if we fall a prey to Flattery? Give instances from the poem "The Spider and the Fly"
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

*River, River! Swelling river!  
On you rush through rough and smooth;  
Louder, Faster, brawling, leaping,  
Over rocks, by rose - banks, sweeping  
Like Impetuous youth.*

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.  
b) Identify the rhyme scheme of the above stanza.  
c) Pick out the alliterated words in the second line.  
d) Identify the figure of speech in the last line.



36. Paraphrase the following stanza:

*Then the matter  
Of scorching and choking  
In sun and air,  
Browning, hardening,  
Twisting, withering  
And then it is done.*

### SECTION – III

5x1=5

Answer any one of the following.

37. Rearrange the following sentence in coherent order.
- It was about School.
  - He said their teacher was human.
  - Tommy found a real book.
  - He said he found it in his house.
  - It is not their kind of school.

(OR)

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

The Epicentre was in a valley not far from here. There were Six Hundred and Seventy villages in the valley. Six hundred and two were destroyed. The Earthquake lasted less than five minutes. Time enough to set these centuries - old mountains crashing, to reduce our villages to rubble, to snuff out hundreds of lives. It was sheer chance that I was away that night. I had gone to pauni to buy my school books. I stayed the night at my uncle's house. We felt that tremors. We ran out into the open. Again and again the tremors came. We spent the entire night outside. Pauni lived through the night.

**Questions:**

- How many Villages were there in the Valley?
- How many Villages were destroyed?
- Why did he go to Pauni?
- Where did he stay at night?
- Where did they spend the night?

### SECTION – IV

4x5=20

Answer any four of the following:

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.  
Mobile Galaxy - Smart phones - accessories - SIM cards - recharge - Free Power banks on Mobile Purchase - No. 1, Toll Gate, Trichy.
40. Write a letter to your friend describing your Ancestral House.
41. Prepare a speech in about 80 - 100 words for the morning assembly, stressing on the importance of Games and Sports in ensuring a healthy body and mind.
42. Write a paragraph in about 50 words describing your favourite sport when you were young.
43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:

Our Blood consists of three types of blood cells. Red Blood Cells, White Blood Cells and Platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped. They are composed of an Iron containing component called Haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs each Haemoglobin molecule picks up Four oxygen molecules and Supplies them to the body's tissues. Red Blood Cells also transport the Carbon - di - Oxide from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas. When we exhale. The White blood cells are big and few compared to red cells numbering only one for every 700 red cells. They are body's defenders, The soldiers that fight bacteria and other Enemies. One kind, for instance destroys dead cells. Other kinds produce Antibodies against Viruses. Some others consume and digest bacteria.

44. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph about Five Sentences.



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## SECTION - V

45. Quote from memory:

My little horse .....  
 ..... bells a shake.

1x5=5

## PART - IV

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

a) Old Couple - dog - dug - treasure - neighbour - borrowed - killed - dug - pine tree - mortar - rice - gold - neighbour - rice - Foul - smelling - burnt - ashes - sprinkled - withered leaves - blossom - prince - gifted - neighbour - thrashed.

(OR)

b) Tom - distracted - Becky - stops coming - school - she is ill - Aunt Polly - all sorts of remedies - water treatment - Tom - sad - protest - pours medicine - crack - cat - drinks - pain killer - jumps - bangs - topples - Ant polly - knows reason - regret - felt sorry.

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

Elephants are considered Keystone and Umbrella species as they play a key role within the environment that they live in. As Elephants live in herds and require large habitable areas, they tend to change the surrounding. Atmosphere from forests to grasslands and help to disperse the seeds in an Eco System that has no natural means of Pollinating the area. An elephant requires around 70 to 100 litres of water everyday. Therefore, The elephants in dry zones and dry seasons, dig holes in riverbeds in order to collect water and help sustain water for other species as well. The elephants habit of clearing the path they roam has acted as natural buffer zones when forest fires take place.

## Questions:

- i) What are the Elephant considered as ?
- ii) How many litres of water does an Elephant require everyday?
- iii) Where do they dig holes to Collect water?
- iv) What acts as buffer zones during the forest fires?

(OR)

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

A Bird, came down the walk -  
 He did not know I saw  
 He bit an Angel worm in halves  
 And ate the fellow, raw,  
 And then, he drank a Dew  
 From a Convenient Grass -  
 And then hopped sidewise 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, -

## Questions:

- i) What did the Poet see?
- ii) How did the bird eat the worm?
- iii) Did the bird drink water? How?
- iv) What are the eyes compared to?