

B COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

Standard - IX

Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Part - I

Note:- I) Answer all the questions.

II) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer:- $14 \times 1 = 14$

Choose the appropriate Synonym for the italicised word:

- 1) When Pongo caught the narrator with the oranges, he was very *frightened*
 - a) undaunted
 - b) afraid
 - c) brave
 - d) valiant
- 2) Winning the one rupee coin used to give me *immense* satisfaction.
 - a) small
 - b) trivial
 - c) great
 - d) immediate
- 3) He would swing on the turnstile, until he was quiet *dizzy*
 - a) drilling
 - b) brisk
 - c) shaky
 - d) delighted

Choose the appropriate Antonym for the italicised word:

- 4) Pongo *carefully* searched the narrator's pockets
 - a) attentively
 - b) carelessly
 - c) cautiously
 - d) strictly
- 5) The medal was awarded for *bravery* during the war
 - a) skill
 - b) strength
 - c) cowardice
 - d) bold
- 6) The entire soil of the Nile valley is the *creation* of the river itself
 - a) construction
 - b) contention
 - c) destruction
 - d) inspection
- 7) Add a prefix to the word way.
 - a) sub
 - b) un
 - c) re
 - d) en
- 8) Choose the appropriate preposition.
Mani divided his toys his brothers and sisters.
 - a) among
 - b) between
 - c) for
 - d) since
- 9) Choose the appropriate prepositional phrase
 the rains, we went out.
 - a) in spite of
 - b) in spite
 - c) in spite on
 - d) in spite by
- 10) Complete the following sentence using appropriate verb form.
 is a healthy habit
 - a) walking
 - b) walked
 - c) walk
 - d) to walk
- 11) Choose the appropriate degree given below
Mango is than pineapple
 - a) sweeter
 - b) sweetest
 - c) sweet
 - d) so sweet
- 12) Complete the sentence using one of the modal verb
It rain tomorrow.
 - a) can
 - b) must
 - c) used to
 - d) may
- 13) Find out the anagram of the given word "LEMON"
 - a) MELON
 - b) MON
 - c) NOLEM
 - d) NOL
- 14) Fill in the blanks with suitable tense form
All children something new everyday.
 - a) learns
 - b) lean
 - c) learned
 - d) learn

Part - II

Section - 1

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two:- $3 \times 2 = 6$

- 15) Why was Sachin asked to change the school?
- 16) What did the visitor hide in the jackfruit tree?
- 17) What did Pongo consider as evidence against the narrator?
- 18) What according to the writer is the real elixir of life?

Section - 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following: $3 \times 2 = 6$

- 19) He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow
 - a) Whom does 'he' refer to?
 - b) Identify the season in these lines.
- 20) And I watered it in fears
Night and morning with my tears;
 - a) What does 'it' refer to?
 - b) How is 'it' watered?

(2)

- 21) "The way into my parlour is up a winding stair,
And I've many curious things to show when you are there"
a) How can the fly reach the spider's parlour?
b) What will the fly get to see in the parlour?
- 22) Over rocks, by rose-banks, sweeping
Like impetuous youth.
a) Where does the rose grow? b) Which stage of man is compared here?

Section - 3

3×2=6

Answer any three of the following:-

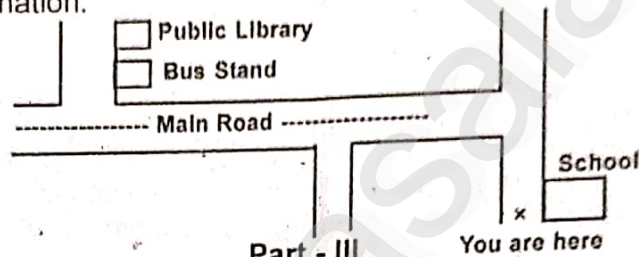
- 23) Identify the main clause and sub-ordinate clause
If you study well, you will pass
- 24) Write your own sentence using the following pair of homophones
a) know b) no
- 25) Punctuate the following:
what are you looking at she said
- 26) Punctuate the following:
same with mine said margie
- 27) Rearrange the words in the correct order.
a) dear / tiger / The / was / the / chasing
b) a / has / written / She / novel

Section - 4

1×2=2

Answer the following question:-

- 28) A stranger wants to go to the Public Library. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.

Part - III
Section - 1

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph:-

- 29) 'Achrekar was a Sincere Coach' Substantiate.
- 30) How did Jim prove himself as a good rescuer in the flood situation?
- 31) Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.
- 32) Life cannot exist on earth without water - Explain.

Section - 2

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following:-

- 33) How did the Poet's anger with his friend end?
- 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.
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.
i) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
ii) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the second line of the given stanza.
iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the third line.
- 36) Paraphrase the following stanza.
It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife
Will do it. It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,

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1x5=5

Answer any one of the following:-

- 37) Rearrange the Following sentences in coherent order.
- 1) They killed and buried it under a pine tree.
 - 2) An honest old couple had a dog.
 - 3) It brought the honest couple good luck.
 - 4) An envious wicked couple borrowed the dog.
 - 5) The borrowed dog did not bring them any luck.

- 38) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (or)

Little Czar, a very saucy but good natured European brown bear cub walked up and aimed a sample blow at Cyclone's left ear. Cyclone conscientiously met every attack real or feigned, that was made upon him. In less than an hour it was understood by every bear in the Nursery that, that queer looking grey fellow with the broad head and short nose could strike quick and hard and that he could fight any other bear on three second's notice. From that time on Cyclone's position has been assured. He is treated with the respect that a good forearm inspires but being really a fine-spirited dignified little grizzly, he attacks no one, and never has had a fight.

Questions:-

- a) Who is little Czar?
- b) Who blew at Cyclone's left ear?
- c) What was understood by every bear in the Nursery?
- d) Whose position has been assured?
- e) Who was really fine spirited What does he do?

Section - 4

Answer any four of the following:-

4x5=20

- 39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:-
Raj appliances - Aadi Sale - 20-50% - special offers - first hundred - special prizes - Vivek and Co. - Gandhi Road - Trichy.
- 40) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting for a bonafide certificate.
- 41) You are the coordinator of the science forum of your school. An event had been organized on account of National Science Day for the members of the forum. Now, Write a report on the observation of "National Science Day" at your school.
- 42) Look at the following picture and express your views on it in above five sentences.



- 43) Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:-

Technology, in simple terms, is the use of scientific knowledge for the practical purposes of humans, whether in industry and business, education, or our everyday lives. We have seen a lot of advancements in technology in recent years. We are all so dependent on technology that it is impossible to do anything without it. Technology is used in many areas of our lives. You may be able to understand technology when you watch TV, use your phone, drive a vehicle, or use a computer. Technology is essential to work, communicating and surviving. The coronavirus epidemic was another example of this. During this pandemic, when everyone was stuck at home, technology helped to do remote work. Online classes, entertainment, and relieve stress.

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

- a) Every student like the teacher
- b) He is taller then me
- c) Ramu is a honest man.
- d) One of the girl sang well
- e) I received some informations.

45) Quote from memory:-
River, river

Section - 5

1×5=5

..... at play

Part - IV

46) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints: 2×8=16

a) Tommy found - a real book - about the old schools - attic - paper - yellow and crinkly - words moving on a television screen - had millions of books - Margie - hated school - problems - geography - mechanical teacher - black, large screen - insert homework - not understand - person - teacher - students were taught - same - schoolroom - house - thinking - old school - fun

[or]

b) Tom's friend - Becky - stop - coming school - depressed - Polly - different remedies - drown - cold water - hot baths - shower baths - pain killer - nuisance - trigger - adverse reactions - jump around - room - aunt - enter - somersaults - sail - open window - medicine spoon - figure out - peter - medicine - Aunt Polly notice - what happen - Tom - Peter - medicine - Polly - know - after effects - pain killer - feel sorry - experimenting Tom - teary eyes.

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

The Olympic games began in Greece about three thousand years ago. All wars stopped for the Olympics in those days. The discus and the Pentathlon began in these early Olympic Games. In 394, the Romans stopped the Greek Olympic Games, because they didn't like them. In 1896, a Frenchman - Pierre de Coubertin began the Olympic games again. These days the Olympic Games usually happen every four years. But how did the Paralympic for disabled begin? In the 1940s Sir Ludwig Guttmann was a doctor at the Stoke Mandeville hospital in England. At the hospital there were many disabled Soldiers from World War II and Guttmann wanted these soldiers to get better by doing Sports.

Questions:-

- i) Where did the Olympic Games begin?
- ii) Why did the Romans stop the Olympic Games?
- iii) How did the Paralympic for disabled begin?
- iv) Who was Sir Ludwig Guttmann?

[or]

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

Summer comes
in a blaze of heat
With sunny smiles
and dusty feet
Then seasons change
to muddy roads
Monsoons and mangoes
leapfrogs and toads
Spring is pretty
but short and sweet
when you can smell the grass
from your garden seat
Autumn is English
in red, yellow and brown
Autumn is Indian
Whenever leaves fall down

Questions:-

- i) How does the poet describe the spring season?
- ii) Which line tells you that the garden is fresh?
- iii) Does the poet welcome the summer? How do you know?
- iv) How is autumn in India?

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