

HSL

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

9th Std ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 Hrs

91 Marks : 100

PART-1 SECTION-A

14 x 1 = 14

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. Choose the appropriate synonym for the underlined words from the options given below.

1. He did not look very prosperous
a. poor b. wealthy c. weaked d. efficient
2. A little stream trickling over the rocks.
a. flow fastly b. fall rapid c. minute d. flow slowly
3. You've have stolen the oranges and concealed them in your pocket.
a. revealed b. bought c. connected d. hidden
4. Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words
They made an immense improvement in English
a. great b. big c. powerful d. little
5. Clem Jones was a careful planner
a. gentleness b. fair c. kindness d. careless
6. Water is the common of liquids
a. uncommon/rare b. accurate c. perfecting d. painful
7. Choose the correct plural form of leaf
a. Leafs b. leaves d. leavies
8. Form a right derivative by adding the prefix to the word popular
a. in b. dis c. un d. ir
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation of RAM
a. Read Only Memory b. Read Access Memory
c. Rapid Accurate Memory d. Random Access Memory
10. Choose the suitable option to pair it with a word air to form a compound word
a. past b. park c. port d. free
11. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition given below.
Abdul has taken _____ his father
a. after b. at c. since d. for
12. complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below
A good student always _____ hard .
a. Work b. works c. worked d. have worked
13. Complete the sentence with one of the modal verbs given below.
Sachin is a famous cricketer . He _____ bat well
a. Must b. can c. may d. should
14. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below
The narrator was _____ oranges.
a. Fond on b. fend about c. fond in d. fond of

PART-II (section-I)

3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three of the following questions.

15. Who is Pongo?
16. Who were Sachin's favourite players?
17. What according to the writer is the real elixir of life?
18. What did the visitor hide in the jack fruit tree?

SECTION-II

3 x 2 = 6

Read the following set of Poetic lines and answer any three of the following.

19. *He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*
a. Who does 'he' refer to?
b. Identify the season with these lines

20. Over the yellow pebbles dancing through the flowers and foliage glancing
 a. How does the river flow?
 b. What is meant by 'foliage'?
21. And I watered it in fears
 Night and morning with my tears
 a. What does 'it' refer to?
 b. How does it watered?
22. The woods are lovely, dark and deep
 But I have promises to keep
 a. How are the woods?
 b. Who does 'I' refer to?

3 x 2 = 6

SECTION-III

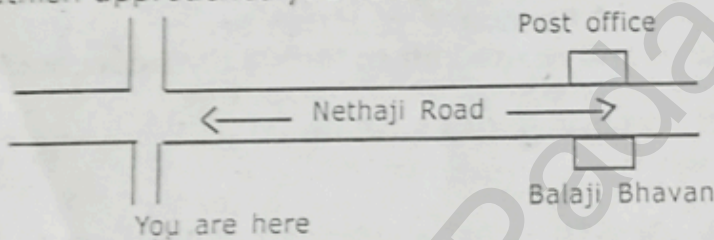
Answer any THREE of the following.

23. Write the Anagram for the following.
 1. MELON 2. ELBOW 3. VIEWER
24. Write the full form for the following words.
 1. they've 2. Wasn't
25. Punctuate the following.
 a human how could a human be a teacher
26. Rearrange the words in correct order to make a meaningful sentence.
 a. dull \ Tom \ and \ was \ depressed
 b. results \ they \ the \ will \ publish
 c. jewels \ in \ my \ safe \ are \ my \ locker
27. Identify the prepositions and underline them.
 a. My dog sat on my hat and squashed it.
 b. The burglar found the keys under the pot in the balcony

2 x 1 = 2

SECTION-IV

28. Sathish approaches you to direct him to the post office. Write 3 instructions.

**PART-III (SECTION-I)**

2 x 5 = 10

Answer any TWO of the following in almost in 10 lines.

29. Achrekar was a sincere coach, substantiate.
 30. How did Amy manage the situation at home
 31. Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo
 32. Life on earth cannot exist without water explain

SECTION-II

2 x 5 = 10

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.

33. How does the Robert Frost describe the beauty of the woods?
 34. Write a character sketch of the spider
 35. Read the stanza and answer the questions given below :

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

But I have promises to keep,
 And miles to go before I sleep,
 And miles to go before I sleep"

- a. Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
 b. Identify the rhyme scheme of the above stanza
 c. What is the figure of speech used in the last two lines?
 d. Pick out the alliterated words in the first line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
*"I was angry with my friend;
 I told my wrath, my wrath did end,
 I was angry with my foe;
 I told it not my wrath did grow".*
37. Answer any one of the following. Rearrange the following sentences. $5 \times 1 = 5$
 i. Amazed and confounded, Czar fled in wild haste.
 ii. Little Czar European Brown bear Cub, walked up.
 iii. Next a black bear cub made a pass.
 iv. Quick as a shot, cyclone outshot the Czar.
 v. He too received a fierce shot.
38. Read the following paragraph and answer the following questions.

Here we are. Welcome to my humble roadside tea shop. Make yourself comfortable on this wooden bench. It looks rickety but it will hold your weight. My name, sir? I am called Brij. I am seventeen years old. I started this tea shop two years ago. Before that I worked in a roadside shop outside Panipat. The heat, the crowd, the pollution-it was all too much. I had saved most of my earnings. I came back and with a little help I started this shop. By the grace of God, it provides me a decent enough livelihood.

QUESTIONS:

- Which one looked rickety?
- How old was Brij?
- When did he start that shop?
- Where did he work at first?
- How did he start his own shop?

SECTION-IV

Answer any four of the following:

$4 \times 5 = 20$

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.
 Colourful and beautiful toys - novel - eco-friendly - non-toxic - handy - buy one get one - sale for 5 days - Abi mall, N.S. Plaza - NH Salai - Vellore - 7.
40. Write a letter to your friend thanking him for the birthday gift.
41. you are Nikitha/ Nikil, school pupil leader of GHSS, Theni. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the grand parents of the students to celebrate World Elders Day in your school auditorium on the 20th of next month.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it about five sentences.



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

Any polished surface which reflects light is a mirror. Most mirrors are made of smooth glass. This glass strips are backed with a very thin layer of aluminium. Not all mirrors are flat. Convex mirrors bulge outwards. They make things look smaller, but they gives us a wider view. They are often used as shaving mirrors, because they magnify things which are close. With distant things, they produce a tiny upside-down image. In large telescope they are used to collect and focus the light.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.
- I am confident on my success.
 - If I were a bird, I will fly.
 - This is a hardly nut to crack.
 - He is richest man in the village.
 - His uncle is a M.L.A.

SECTION - V

1 X 5 = 5

45. Quote from memory.

From: River.....

To :.....at play.

46. Write an essay about 150 words by developing the following hints. $2 \times 8 = 16$
- (a) The farmer- kind man - helped poor - needy - had pet dog - fed with fish. One day dog helped - getting wealthy - old man - gave alms - poor - bought rice fields - Corn fields - Neighbour - Killed dog - wept - keep some food - burnt incense - adored grave - envious neighbours - distressed - gave share - own riches. (OR)
- (b) Narrator Brij - 17 year old - runs tea shop - offers best tea to pilgrims - 4 years ago earthquake struck his villages - he was with his uncle - his family perished - bodies taken to cremation - found his sister missing - an army officer helped to find his sister - army camp leaves next day - narrator sorry he could not thank army officer - one day he met a man looking like army officer - served him tea - refused to take money - felt strange lightness.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:

Tejaswini Sawant is an Indian shooter from the maharashtrian city of Kolhapur. Her father Ravinder Sawant was an officer in Indian Navy. Tejaswini represented India in 2004 at the 9th South Asian Sports Federation Games. She participated in the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Air Rifle singles and women's 50 m rifle prone game held in Germany. In the 2016 commonwealth games, she won one bronze and two silver medals in the women's 50m rifle prime pairs, the women's 50m rifle prone singles and the women's 50 m rifle 3 positions respectively. Tejaswini was the first Indian shooter to win a gold medal at the world championship in 50 m Rifle prone game.

Questions:-

- Who's is Tejaswini Sawant?
- What did she represent?
- Mention her achievements in 2016 commonwealth games.
- Where did her father work? (OR)

Read the Poem and answer the questions:-

A Bird, came down the Walk
He did not know I saw
He bit an Angle 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:-

- What did the poet see?
- How did the bird eat the worm?
- Did the bird drink water? How?
- What are the eyes compared to?