

# COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

## A

## Standard - IX

Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Part - I

14×1=14

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Part - II

Section - I

Answer any three of the following questions:-

3×2=6

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## Section - II [Poetry]

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two:- 3×2=6  
Read the following lines and answer the questions given below:

- 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 out of its leprous hide  
Sprouting leaves  
a) What does the phrase 'leprous hide' mean?  
b) What comes out of the leprous hide?
- 21) "With buzzy wings she hung aloft, then  
near and nearer drew,  
Thinking only of her brilliand eyes, and  
green and purple hue -"  
a) Who does 'she' refer to? b) What was 'she' thinking of?
- 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 [Grammar]

Answer any three of the following:-

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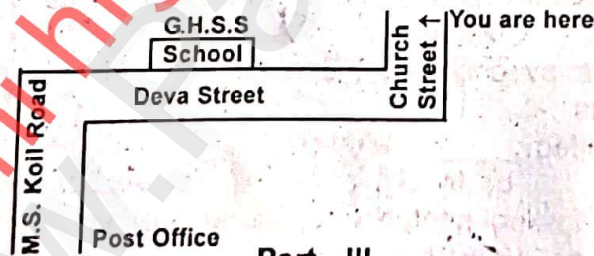
- 23) Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:-  
Why have you left your brother at home?
- 24) Combine the sentence using a relative pronoun:  
I got the book. I lost yesterday.
- 25) Rewrite using indirect speech  
"He is very ill". I answered
- 26) Transform the following sentence as directed  
On seeing the teacher, the children stood up (Into a complex sentence)
- 27) Punctuate the followings  
whats the matter he called are you hurt

## Section - IV

Answer the following question:-

1×2=2

- 28) A stranger wants to go to the Post office. Guide him to reach his destination.



## Part - III

## Section - I [Prose]

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:-

2×5=10

- 29) "Achrekar was a Sincere Coach" Substantiate.
- 30) Explain the narrators visit to his old house.
- 31) Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.
- 32) Life cannot exist on earth without water. Explain.

## Section - II [Poetry]

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:-

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- 33) How did the Poet's anger with his friend end?
- 34) How does the Poet bring out the Pain of the tree?

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- 35) 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.  
i) Pick out the rhyming words.  
ii) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?  
iii) Identify the figure of speech in the title of the poem.  
iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the first line.
- 36) Paraphrase the following stanza.  
River, river! Swelling river!  
On you rush through rough and smooth;  
Louder, faster, brawling, leaping.  
Over rocks, by rose-banks, sweeping  
Like impetuous youth.

## Section - III [Supplementary]

Answer any one of the following:-

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- 37) Rearrange the sentences in coherent order
- 1) Margie had been hoping he would take the teacher away
  - 2) He smiled at her and gave her an apple then took the teacher apart
  - 3) The Mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography.
  - 4) He was round little man with a red face.
  - 5) Margie's mother sent for the exentry inspector.

[or]

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

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 conscientious 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 queen-looking grey follow with the broad head and short nose could strike quick and hard and that he could fight anyother bear on there second's notice. From that time on Cyclones position has been assured. He is treated with the respect that a good forearm inspires but bring 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 a Cyclone's left ear?
- c) What was understand by every bear in the Nursery?
- d) Whose position has been assured?
- e) Who was really fine spirited What does he do?

## Section - IV [Writing]

Answer any four of the following:-

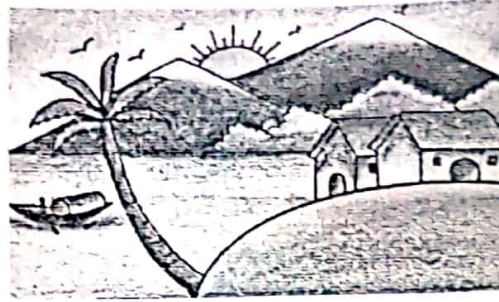
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- 39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints below:-  
Mobile World - Smart phones - Accessories - Recharges - Free Scratch card on every purchase of mobile. Flower Main Road. Trichy.
- 40) You are school Pupil leader. Write a letter to the Inspector of Police requesting him to give awareness to your School children about Road safety.
- 41) You are Rithika. Prepare a notice about the ECO Club meeting in your school.

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- 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:-

Trees not only supply us with many of the conveniences of our daily life, they do much more than that. They support the life of living things. They help to replace the oxygen in the air. Constantly being used up and turned into carbon dioxide when animals breathe and things burn. The green leaves of trees absorb the Carbon dioxide from the air and with the help of sunlight oxygen is released into the atmosphere. The green cells of leaves are wonderful little laboratories. Where all the starch in the world is produced. Thus trees are great friends of man.

- 44) Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:-

- Games and Sports helps in recreation.
- Cricket is watched by millions of fans all over a world.
- Rajan slowly settle down in his retired life
- Have anyone attended the function?
- My grandmother and I was good at drawing pictures.

## Section - V [Memoriter] Compulsory

- 45) Quote from memory:-

1×5=5

Whose woods ..... queer.

## Part - IV [Supplementary]

- 46) Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints:- 1×8=8

a) Tommy and Margie - found schools of past - a real book - yellow and crinkly at present, words on a television screen - millions of books - but old book - attic of his house - tolls of old schools - Margie hated - problems with geography. The mechanical teacher - screen - slot to interest her homework - in her house - Mechanical teacher stood - thinking about the old school. [or]

b) Little cyclone - a grizzly cub - Alaska - earned name by resistance - ill treatment - mother was killed - brother managed to escape - shipped to Newyork Zoological Park proved born fearless met courageously - attack - made upon him - other bears - understood - fight any other bear position - was assured.

## Part - V [General Comprehension]

- 47) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:- 4×2=8

Compared to a motor bike or a car, the bicycle is a slow moving vehicle but its popularity has been on the increase in recent years. There are many reasons for this. First the bicycle is the cheapest mode of transport which does not require petrol or diesel. There are no parking problems and fuel shortage. This is a advantage.

It causes no noise, no smoke and it is eco friendly. Riding cycle a good exercise.

## Questions:-

- What is the important reason for the popularity of the bicycle?
- Is bicycle a health hazard? Why?
- How does cycling keep fit?
- Identify one more reason for the popularity of the bicycle.

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