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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

Standard - IX
ENGLISH

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Marks:100

Time: 3,00 hrs.

PART - I
SECTION - I

Answer all the questions:

14×1=14

- I. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined word:
- I had learnt to take these remarks in my stride.
a) progress b) return c) regret d) deteriorate
 - He stood on the grass verge by the side of the road.
a) middle b) inside c) edge d) outside
 - Gosh, girls, its a aloud burst.
a) clouds movement b) snow c) rain storm d) earthquake
- II. Choose the appropriate antonym of the underlined word:
- Winning the one rupee coin used to give me immense satisfaction.
a) gaining b) rewarding c) losing d) getting
 - Even elderly friends like me?
a) young b) old c) aged d) mature
 - Hark to the announcements given in the railway station.
a) listen b) pay attention c) deny d) take note
 - Form a derivative by adding right suffix to the word - 'Joy'
a) ment b) al c) ous d) ly
 - Choose the meaning of the idiom 'have cold feet'
a) unafraid of anything b) too fearful to do anything
c) suffering from cold d) fearless to do something
 - Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:
I am standing here _____ my friends.
a) in behalf of b) on behalf of c) with behalf of d) of behalf of
 - Write the gerund / infinitive form of verb in the blank:
We astronauts must keep on _____ for our space.
a) to prepare b) have been preparing c) preparing d) is to prepare
 - Fill in the blanks with most appropriate preposition:
keep the books _____ the table.
a) on b) in c) into d) with
 - Complete the following sentence using the correct tense form of the verb given:
Our education minister _____ our schools in the month of December.
a) visits b) has been visiting c) is visiting d) will have visited
 - Choose the most appropriate linker from the given alternatives and Fill in the blank: _____ you work hard, you cannot secure good marks.
a) when b) but c) unless d) whenever
 - Choose the suitable option to pair it the word black to form a compound word:
a) man b) board c) race d) rain

PART - II
SECTION - I

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

3×2=6

- What was the suggestion Achrekar gave to Sachin's father?
- What was the local superstition about trees?
- What was the narrator's job in the docks?
- What is the imaginary elixir of life?

SECTION - II

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any three of the following: 3×2=6

- Over rocks by rose banks sweeping
Like impetuous youth
a) Where does the rose grow?
b) Which stage of man is compared here.
- And from close to the ground

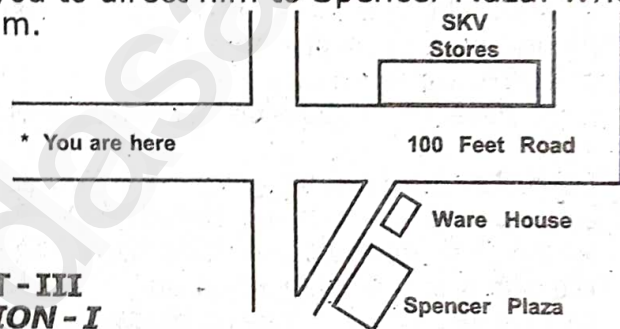
- will rise cured green twigs
miniature boughs
21. a) What will rise from close to the ground? b) What is the colour of the twigs?
My little horse must think it queer
To stop with out a storm house near
22. a) What does the horse think queer? b) Whose is the little horse?
And I watered it in fears.
Night and morning with my tears
- a) What does it refer to? b) How is it watered?

SECTION - III**Answer any three of the following:****3×2=6**

23. Rewrite the following sentence into active voice: My mother is cooking food now.
24. Rewrite the sentence into in direct speech:
She said, "Be happy with what you have".
25. Change the following into superlative degree:
No other boy is so intelligent as Ragu in the class.
26. Punctuate :
do you know how facinated you were when you read the story first.
27. Rearrange the following words in correct order to make meaningful sentence:
a) A letter / of a talk / take / hardly / can / the place.
b) She / speaks / besides / English / Languages / two.

SECTION - IV**Answer the following question :****2**

28. A stranger approaches you and asks you to direct him to Spencer Plaza. Write the instructions in 50 words to help him.

**PART - III
SECTION - I****Answer any two of the following paragraphs in utmost 100 words:****2×5=10**

29. Elaborate the rescue operation undertaken by Mr. Peter.
30. Achrekar was a sincere coach - substantiate.
31. How does C.V. Raman show that water is the real elixir of life?
32. Write about the man's reminiscences of his youthful days at the old house.

SECTION - II**Answer any two of the following paragraphs about 100 words:****2×5=10**

33. Bring out Robert Frost's adoration of nature in the poem stopping by the words.
34. How does the poet bring about the comparison of life with the river? Explain it with reference to the poem.

Read the following lines and answer the questions given below:

35. And it grew both day and night,
Till it bore an apple bright,
And my foe beheld it shine
And he knew that it was mine
- i) Pick out the rhyming words. ii) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
iii) Identify the figure of speech in the second line.
iv) Write down the alliterated words in the second line.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza:
"I'm sure you must be weary dear,
with soaring up so high,
"Will you rest upon my little bed?"
said the spider to the fly
There are pretty curtains drawn
around : the sheets are find and thin
And if you like to rest a while,
I'll shugly tuck you in.

SECTION - III**1×5=5****Answer any one of the following:**

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order :

- i) Margie's mother has sent for the country Inspector.
- ii) Margie's performance in geography has been poor.
- iii) He set it right with in an hour.
- iv) Margie always hated school.
- v) The mechanical teacher gave test after test in geography.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

Little cyclone is a grizzly cub from Alaska who earned his name by the vigour of his resistance to ill treatment. When his mother was fired at, on a timbered hill side facing chillkal - River, he and his brother ran away as fast as their stumpy little legs could carry them. When they crept where they had last seen her, they thought her asleep ; and cuddling up close against her yet warm body they slept peacefully until morning.

Before the early morning sun had reached their side of the mountains the two orphans were awakened by the grasp of human hands. valiantly they bit scrated and bawled aloud with rage one of them made of fight so fierce and terrible that his nervous captor let him go, and that one is still on the chilkoat.

1. Where did Little cyclone live?
2. What was the reaction of the two orphans when they were awakened by the human?
3. At which place did the little cyclone find his mother fired at?
4. When did they reach the mountains?
5. Who was called by the nickname Little cyclone?

SECTION - IV**4×5=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, T.V. Malai.

40. Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for the Diwali Dress that he had sent to you elaborately write to him about your celebration of Diwali.
41. You are the co-ordinator of the science forum of your school. An event had been organised on account of National science Day for the members of the forum. Now prepare a poster high lighting all the activities to be held in Science Forum.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph.



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 anti bodies against viruses. Some others consume and digest bacteria.

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

- a) Many students has turned up for the Seminar.
- b) One of the boys are missing.
- c) I bought an book this morning.