

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

CLASS : 10

ENGLISH

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MAX.MARKS : 100

PART-I (VACABULARY)

14x1=14

Answer all the questions :

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.

- The young bird kept calling her mother plaintively.
a) happily b) ~~sadly~~ c) rigorously d) vainly
- When school began, there was a bustle.
a) ~~rush~~ b) change c) noise d) confusion
- The disease from Sumatra is contagious by touch.
a) transformed b) transcribed c) ~~transmitted~~ d) traveled

Choose the appropriate antonym for the underlined words.

- He forgot all about his ruler and how cranky he was.
a) unique b) ~~known~~ c) peculiar d) strange
- But it would have been frustrating and difficult.
a) ~~pleasing~~ b) annoying c) disappointing d) gigantic
- The project was taken in consonance with the national policy.
a) agreement b) harmony c) constant d) disagreement
- Choose the correct plural form of furniture from the following.
a) furniturea b) furnitures c) ~~furniture~~ d) furnituris
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'practice'.
a) dis b) sub c) mis d) mal
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'MRI'.
(a) Magnified Resonance Imaging (b) Magnified Reasoning Imagery
(c) ~~Magnetic Resonance Imaging~~ (d) Magnetic Resonance Imagery
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below :
They preferred to put you to _____ a farm or at the mills.
a) work out b) work in c) work on d) work done
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'two' to form a compound word.
a) shine b) world c) ~~soar~~ d) storeyed
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below :
Peter closed the whole _____ his finger
a) on b) ~~with~~ c) into d) in
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
The poem _____ about the multifaceted nature of women.
a) is talking b) ~~talked~~ c) talks d) has talked
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
They faced many hardships _____ they are always cheerful.
a) unless b) although c) ~~nevertheless~~ d) otherwise

PART-II (Prose)

(Section-I)

Answer any THREE of the following questions.

3x2=6

- Which devices are controlled using ACTIV controller?
- Where did the crew undergo their basic training?
- How did the seagull fail to fly?
- Why did Holme's plead with Smith?

SECTION II (POETRY)

Answer any three of the following questions :

3x2= 6

- There's a family nobody likes to meet
They live, it is said, on Complaining Street
a) Where does the family live?
b) Why do you think the street is named as "Complaining Street"?

20. Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own.
a) Who does 'their' refer to?
b) What does not differ?
21. My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the roads last turn will be the best.
a) What does 'quest' mean?
b) What is the poet's hope?
22. A woman is beauty innate,
A symbol of power and strength,
a) What is meant by 'innate'?
b) Who is a symbol of power?

SECTION - III (GRAMMAR)

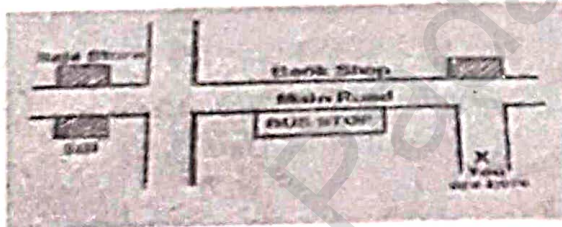
Answer any three of the following questions.

23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.
Please call him at once.
24. Rewrite the sentence using indirect speech.
Maya said, "When is Zigzag coming here?"
25. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.
Raghu is sick but he attends the rehearsal.
26. Punctuate the following sentence.
were you not a good student I asked
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make a meaningful sentence.
a) he sent / At the / for me / I was a / time / clerk .
b) slept / But / on / Zigzag / undisturbed. .

3x2=6
2x2=6

SECTION - IV (COMPULSORY)

28. Guide the stranger who wants to visit the Raja Store. Give instructions to help him.



1x2=2
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PART - III (SECTION - I)

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

29. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. Give a detailed account of all thoughts in the narrator's mind while accompanying Aditya.
31. Give an account of the last day of M.Hamel in school.
32. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

2x5=10

SECTION - II

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

33. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.
34. How is mystery depicted in the poem, 'The House on Elm Street'?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

2x5=10

A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, Sunny months of gay summer and spring,
Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.

- a) Identify the rhyming words of the given lines.
b) What is the rhyming scheme of the above stanza?
c) Mention the figure of speech employed in the first line of the stanza.
d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

Some water, cold, and oil is all we ask,
And a thousandth of an inch to give us play;
And now, if you will set us to our task,
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!

SECTION - III

1 x 5 = 5

Answer any one of the following.

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- Even the little children of Holland are aware of the importance of the dikes.
- Holland is situated below sea level.
- They know the Dikes must be watched every moment.
- Peter was a little boy who lived in Holland.
- A wall called Dike protects the country from the North Sea.

38. Read the following passage and answer the question that follow.

"Twelve years ago, Miranda," continued Prospero, "I was Duke of Milan, and you were a princess and my only heir. I had a younger brother, whose name was Antonio, to whom I trusted everything; My brother Antonio being thus in possession of my power, began to think himself the Duke indeed. The opportunity I gave him of making himself popular among my subjects awakened in his bad nature a proud ambition to deprive me of my dukedom: this he soon effected with the aid of the King of Naples, a powerful prince, who was my enemy."

Questions :

- Who was Prospero?
- What was his daughter's name?
- Who was his younger brother?
- What is meant by 'deprive'?
- Who was the enemy of Prospero?

SECTION - IV (WRITING)

4x5=20

Answer any four of the following.

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Home appliances - Aadi sale - 20 - 50% - Special Combo Offers - Muthusamy & Co, Raja Street, Gingee.

40. You are Raja. The street lights of your area do not work properly as a responsible citizen, write a letter to the newspaper enlightening them about the problem and also suggest ways to brighten the area.

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 about five sentences:



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

Family is where we all belong to and from where our identity comes from. A person is valued based on his family and upbringing. Family is a bond, a long lasting relationship that holds a bond with each other. There are many values that one has to learn to get the family bonding in the right manner. Bonding does not happen overnight. It forms with every second, every minute that you spend with your loved ones. The understanding, the acceptance, the belonging and the security all enclosed together is how a family bond is formed.

A close family bond is like a safe harbour, Where we feel secure and where we trust that we have someone always there to whom we could turn to when we need them most. It is through a family that we learn the values of love, trust, hope, belief, cultures, morals, traditions and every little matter that concerns to us. A strong foundation for any individual comes from being with the supportive family.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- He has good knowledge of English grammar.
- He come late to school everyday.
- This is the pen where I lost.
- Is this a book that you wanted to buy?
- One of the boys are missing.

SECTION - V (MEMORITER) COMPULSORY

1x5=5

45. Quote from memory :

From: Remember, no.....

To :air and water.

PART - IV (SUPPLEMENTARY)

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

a) True story- little boy named Peter - rescues his fellow men - sees a small hole - water flows like a stream - thrusts his finger - stops the leaking water - next morning - people repair the hole - thank Peter.

(or)

b) Dr Ashok - entrusts his pet bird - Dr. Krishnan - children excited of his entry - it can speak - 21 - African languages - Zigzag - sleeps endlessly - with heavy snore - no peace at - home - Mrs. Krishnan - not happy - shouts and asks for solutions - Dr. Krishnan writes - to Ashok - finding solutions - no reply - Dr. Krishnan - takes Zigzag to clinic - turn of event - Zigzag - takes - care of - the orderliness - clinic - very quiet - all surprised - Zigzag commands - Dr. Krishna happy - finds - secret - Zigzag - must be engaged - if not he sleeps - family is happy with his presence.

PART - V (GENERAL COMPREHENSION)

4x2=8

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

Elephants are considered keystone and umbrella species as they play a key roll 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 disburse the seeds in an ecosystem that has no natural means of pollinating the area. An elephant requires around 70 to 100 liters 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:

- What are the elephants considered as?
- How many litres of water does an elephant require everyday?
- Where do they dig holes to collect water?
- What acts as buffer zones during the forest fires?

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:

- How does the poet describe the spring season?
- Which line tells you that the garden is fresh?
- Does the poet welcome the summer?
- How is autumn in India?