

PRE HALF YEARLY EXAM MODEL QUESTION PAPER

STD:X

MARKS:100

SUB:ENGLISH

TIME: 2.30 Hrs

Part- I

- i. Answer all the questions. 14×1=14
 ii. Choose the most suitable answer from the options.

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words.

- The whole school seemed so strange.
 a. normal b. new c. odd d. different
- Indian innovations are helpful to the disabled.
 a. novelties b. findings c. beginnings d. conventions
- I have confidence in you.
 a. strength b. doubt c. trust d. love

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words.

- There was a click of hand cuffs.
 a. movement b. decline c. collapse d. sound
- Languages frees enslaved people.
 a. impartial b. engulfed c. imprisoned d. freedom
- A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was concerned about people with disability.
 a. sympathetic b. disliked c. unhappy d. indifferent

7. Choose the correct plural form of radius from the following:

- a. radiuses b. radi c. radii d. radium

8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word appear

- a. Ness b. ance c. ment d. full

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation CPU

- a. central property unit b. central processing unit
 c. central process unit d. centre property unit

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:

The crew _____ of water and food before they could complete their expedition.

- a. ran on b. ran out c. ran in d. ran about

11. choose the suitable option to pair it with the word hand to form a compound word:

- a. paint b. cook c. made d. clean

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:

Francis Bennett heard this _____ her tent.

- a. by b. at c. from d. for

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:

Nancy _____ already _____ (ask) for help.

- a. have asked b. has asked c. had asked d. was asking

14. Choose the most appropriate linker.

_____ he is ninety years old, he is in the pink of health.

- a. when b. since c. even though d. yet

Part- II

10×2=20

SECTION - I

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

3×2=6

- Suggest the ways of making our society inclusive.
- Who is Mr. Calverton Smith?
- What was Franz sorry for?
- Why is technology important according to David?

SECTION - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:

3×2=6

- They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
 Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.
 a. What is the common for all of us?
 b. How are we fed?

20. We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,

We were melted in the furnace and the pit
 a. Who did 'we' refer to in this first stanza?
 b. What was melted in the furnace?

21. What happened inside the house?
 I really don't know
 I guess it will always be a mystery.
 a. Does the poet know what happened in the house?
 b. What is the mystery about the house?
22. Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
 Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
 a. What is found beneath all uniforms?
 b. what is same for every one of us?

SECTION - III

Answer any THREE of the following. $3 \times 2 = 6$

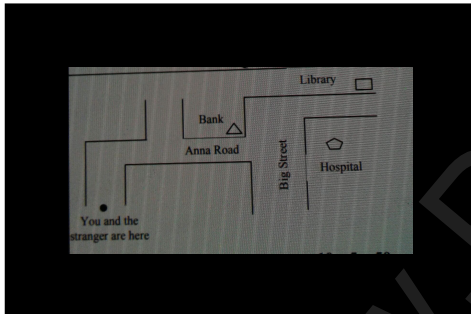
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.
 Sudharam told the truth to her friend
24. Rewrite using indirect speech.
 Raja said, "I am very busy."
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
 pardeep said to his father will you allow me to go on an excursion to kerala
26. Transform the following sentence into complex sentence.
 At the age of six, Vandhaanda started learning music.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make a meaningful sentence.
 Everything/ will/ sense/ make/ perfect/ someday.

SECTION - IV

Answer the following questions.

$1 \times 2 = 2$

28.



A stranger wants to visit the library. Write the steps to guide to reach his destination.

PART - III

$10 \times 5 = 50$

SECTION - I

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines. $2 \times 5 = 10$

29. How do we use technology in our day to day lives?
30. How did Holmes trap Mr. Calverton Smith to confess the murder?
31. We appreciate the value of something only when we are about to lose it. Explain this with reference to the French language and Mr. Hamel.
32. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.

SECTION - II

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines. $2 \times 5 = 10$

33. What is the central theme of the poem 'No men are foreign'?
34. Where is the house located? Why is it a mysterious place?
35. i) But remember, please, the law by which we live,
 We are not built to comprehend a lie,
 We can neither love nor pity nor forgive
 If you make a slip in handling us you die!
 a. pick out the rhyming words from these lines.

- b. write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
 c. pick out the alliteration words from first line.
 ii) we can pull and haul and push and lift and drive.
 a. Identify the figure of the speech.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,
 We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,
 We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,
 We can see and hear and count and read and write!

SECTION - III

Answer any ONE of the following. $1 \times 5 = 5$

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- i) Miranda was attracted by Ferdinand and more concern towards him.
- ii) Prospero wanted to test Ferdinand and gave a severe task to perform.
- iii) Prospero forgave them and restored his Dukedom, Milan.
- iv) Ferdinand was the second human whom Miranda had seen after her father.
- v) The king of Naples, and Antonio the false father, repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.

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

The next room, a broad gallery about the quarter of a mile long, was devoted to publicity, and it well may be imagined what the publicity for such a journal as the earth herald had to be. It brought in a daily average of three million dollars. They are gigantic signs reflected on the clouds, so large that they can be seen all over a whole country. From that gallery a thousand projectors were unceasingly employed in sending to the clouds, on which they were reproduced in colour, these inordinate advertisements. At that movement the clock struck twelve. The director of the earth Herald left the hall and sat down in a rolling armchair. In a few minutes, he had reached his dining room half a mile away, at the fair end of the office.

Question:

- a. What was the next room?
- b. what was its length?
- c. what was it devoted to?
- d. what was the name of the journal?
- e. what was its average?

SECTION - IV

Answer any FOUR of the following. $4 \times 5 = 20$

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

Laptop - computer shop - system for students - special discounts - affordable price - limited period offer - details visit WWW.huge.com

40. Write a letter to the manager of a famous daily, ordering subscription for your school library.

41. You are the school monitor, of the Modern Matriculation School, Villupuram. Your school principal has requested you to inform the Students about a trip to Yercaud for 3 days. Prepare a notice giving the details such as date of journey, mode of transport, amount, dress code etc.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it about five sentences.



43. Identify and correct the error the following sentences.

- i) Either sharma or Ram have to pay the fine.
- ii) Ram a excellent writer. Wrote an historical novel.
- iii) Salt always dissolved in water.

- iv) I had desired to have eaten cake.
v) This is one of the best book.

44. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

With the invention of televisions, many forms of entertainment have been replaced. Lively programs like television serials and world news, have removed from us the need to read books or papers, to listen to radios or even to watch movies. Indeed, the television brings the world into our house. Ends, by staying at home and pressing some buttons world happenings are immediately presented before us. Children nowadays develop faster in language, owing to the early exposure to television programmes. At such tender age, it would be difficult for them to read books or papers. Thus, television programmes are a good source extremely benefits to working parents who are usually to busy or tired to take the kids out for entertainment. Television programmes remove the need to think. Despite the disadvantages of watching television programmes, personally, I think that choosing the 'middle path', which is to do selective television viewing and not over indulging in the habit should be the best solution to reconcile both the merits and demerits of owning a television.

SECTION - V

45. Quote from memory. 1×5=5
From: They, too, aware To: from our own.

PART - V 2×8=16

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

Uncle - Philip - inventor - mechanic engineer- bachelor lived lonely life -Mania for collection of precious stones- he called Tom- told a strange story-Tom as heir-to pay his funeral-leaving-an iron box- with precious stone- not it shake it -died after a week-Tom found-a letter-box contained lot of rubies, diamonds, pearls- also dynamic-if opened with doubt-will explode-he started thinking-possible ways to open-consulted professor clinch- but no solution- read about explosives- lead to suspicions-changed his name- occupation -at last-gave the box- to the society for the preservation of human vivisection.

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

Speech is a great blessing but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our inventions and desires known to the others, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely understood. A slip of the tongue, the use of unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different words, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may create the impression to an uneducated listener that he was showing off with his skill: Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to a man of his own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling: Only a fool would express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of people and situations.

Question:

- In what way is speech a blessing to mankind?
- Describe how words could make an enemy out of someone you would like to be a friend?
- Why is an educated man's speech considered boastful by an uneducated listener?
- How should speech be used?

(or)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

Lies beauty In doing duty
Right in time indeed!
The best of prayers ever it's
For you and I and all
It eases head and pleases heart
And keeps off restless life on earth.
Earn it will a place in heaven
when time comes, life beyond
less of duty or devoid of it
Is just to kill our conscience alone
Where is right for us to claim
If duty is not discharged at all?

Questions:

- Where does our beauty lie?
- How does doing duty help us all?
- What does doing duty keep off?
- What are the ills of not doing one's duty?

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