

A COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION- 2024

Standard - VIII

8C21

Time : 2.30 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Part - I

14×1=14

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words:-

- 1) The poor woman is in a panic
 - a) grid
 - b) fear
 - c) crash
 - d) happy
- 2) Some automotives are hazardoues
 - a) Safe
 - b) dangerous
 - c) not dangerous
 - d) friendly
- 3) He stood astounded
 - a) casual
 - b) excited
 - c) shocked
 - d) usual

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words:-

- 4) A stranger was roaming around the street
 - a) well known
 - b) newcomer
 - c) unknown
 - d) foreigner
- 5) Vetri's wife replied angrily
 - a) calmly
 - b) annoyed
 - c) irritated
 - d) seriously
- 6) The boy seemed to have a taste for Mathematics
 - a) delicious
 - b) sweat
 - c) tasty
 - d) distaste
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of medium
 - a) media
 - b) mediums
 - c) medium
 - d) mediae
- 8) Attach a suitable suffix to the word friend
 - a) able
 - b) ship
 - c) ful
 - d) ness
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of PAN
 - a) Permanent Application Number
 - b) Permanent Postal Number
 - c) Permanent Account Number
 - d) Permanent Admission Number
- 10) Fill in the blanks with suitable collective noun
A _____ of birds.
 - a) flock
 - b) group
 - c) team
 - d) troop
- 11) Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verb
Shanthy has to _____ her brother
 - a) takeover
 - b) go through
 - c) look after
 - d) get on
- 12) Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word soft
 - a) play
 - b) run
 - c) ware
 - d) cycle
- 13) Choose the correct preposition
It is always cold _____ january.
 - a) on
 - b) at
 - c) in
 - d) with
- 14) Choose the correct syllabification of the word tomorrow
 - a) to-mo-rrow
 - b) to-mo-r-row
 - c) tomo-rr-ow
 - d) to-mor-row

Part - II

Section - I [Prose]

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two:- 3×2=6

- 15) What did Issac manufacture at his young age?
- 16) Where did the bird drop the diamond stud?
- 17) What should every household have?
- 18) Where did Vetri and Asif meet?

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Section - II [Poetry]

Answer any three of the following questions:-

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Read the following lines and answer the questions given below:

- 19) Mistress, Master, hear me yelp,
I'm out of doors, I want your help,

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- Let me in-oh, Let me in
Before the fire works begin
- 20) a) Whom does the dog call for help? b) Where is the dog?
'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake,
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk rose bloom
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink
- 21) I wish
If all the children could read,
In constructing a vigorous society
Then we shall succeed
- 22) Lessons in life aren't always so simple
Nothing you're given will ever come free
Even the smallest gifts deserves 'Thank you'
I respect you and you respect.

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Section - III [Grammar]**Answer any four of the following questions:-****4×2=8**

- 23) **Change the possessive adjectives into possessive pronouns**
a) This is my pen _____
b) His bicycle is blue _____
- 24) **Fill in the blank with correct form of adjective:**
- | Positive | Comparative | Superlative |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| a) tall | _____ | tallest |
| b) good | better | _____ |
- 25) **State whether the following sentences are compound or complex:**
a) I called him but he gave no answer
b) John returned home because he was tired
- 26) **Complete the sentences:**
a) I will come if I _____ time
i) have ii) had iii) will have
b) If you _____ to learn a musical instrument, you have to practise.
i) wants ii) wanted iii) want
- 27) **Write the correct sentence pattern of the following sentences**
a) He bought a book. i) SVO ii) SVOA iii) SVIDO iv) SV
b) My mother is a teacher i) SVO ii) SVA iii) SVC iv) SVOC
- 28) **Punctuate the following**
i like playing with my friends ramesh kala and meena

Part - III**Section - I****Answer any two of the following in about 100 words:****2×5=10**

- 29) What happens if someone is addicted to mobile phone?
30) Write about road safety rules

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- 31) In what way the River Ganges and its bank have changed?
 32) Write about Ilavazhagi and her achievements.

Section - II

Answer any one of the following in about 10 lines:

1×5=5

- 33) Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem "My special Hero"
 34) List out four things that the computer could not do after it became absent-minded.
 35) What can children do to society if they read well?

Section - III

1×5=5

36) Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow:

My computer doesn't check that my spellings are right,
 And hides my files, so that they vanish from sight
 And one day, my naughty computer actually gobbled a worm,
 And behaved so erratically that it made me squirm.

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the stanza
 b) Write the rhyme scheme of the stanza.
 c) Mention the figure of speech used in the third line
 d) Pick out the alliterated words in the fourth line.

Section - IV

1×5=5

Answer any one of the following:-

37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order

- Just then, the other man at the tollgate on the other side ran out, flashing a torch.
- 'Thank God' said my master.
- The moment my feet touched the ground the first part of the bridge I made a dead stop.
- We were going along at a good speed.
- "Hoy, Hoy, Hoy, Stop!" he cried.

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

Vetri was once a successful business man in Coimbatore. Vetri Constructions was once a leading construction company. His company constructed many shopping complexes, houses and a few apartments in an around Coimbatore. Everything went well, until his father died. After his father's death, his brothers demanded to split the wealth as they wanted to start their business separately.

- a) Who was Vetri?
 b) Where was Vetri Constructions situated?
 c) What happened to Vetri's father?
 d) What did his brothers demand?
 e) How did Vetri pay his loans?

Section - V

4×5=20

Answer any four of the following:-

39) Choose the correct answer and fill in the blanks:-

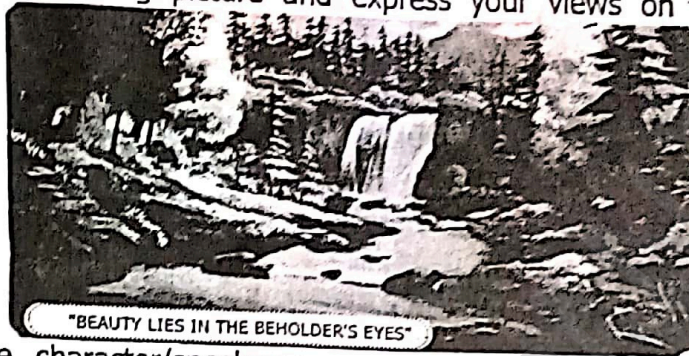
- a) Akka went to _____ to get help
 i) the police man ii) the station master iii) the Head master
 b) Satish and Arun were _____ year old boys
 i) 12 ii) 11 iii) 13 iv) 10
 c) The Hermit lived in a _____
 i) Palace ii) Cottage iii) Wood
 d) _____ dogs accompanied the homeless man
 i) 5 ii) 10 iii) 4 iv) 7

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- e) The bearded man was _____ of the king
 i) a friend ii) an advisor iii) an enemy iv) a relative
- 40) Write a letter to your father asking permission to go on an educational tour.
- 41) You are Nikil/Nikitha, head girl/boy of Government High School, Thirupur. Your school is soon going to publish the Annual Magazine next month. Write a notice inviting students to submit write-ups.
- 42) Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences:



- 43) Identify the character/speaker:
 1. "Tell the boatman how pleased I am with him"
 2. "Come on, Arun, this one's empty"
 3. "I wish we were out of this wood."
 4. "He ate some and saved a bit to give the dogs later"
 5. "Fee, fi, fo, fun, I smell the blood of a human".
- 44) Fill in the Blanks with suitable American English words:
 1. Flat - 2. Lift - 3. Petrol - 4. Chips - 5. Biscuits -

Section -VI [Memoriter] Compulsory

- 45)
- Quote from memory:-**

From: Having a friend..... To: so simple. **1×5=5**
 From: Every soul, To: kindly thought **[or]**

Part - IV

- 46) Develop the following hints into a meaningful passage. Give a suitable title and moral. **1×8=8**
 a) Tortoise - hare - forest - tortoise walking - seen by a hare - hare laughs - tortoise speed - tortoise sad - bet - race - tortoise moving - slow speed - hare - moves - fast - sleeps - tortoise - reaches winning point - first - wins the bet. **[or]**
 b) Akbar - Birbal - courtiers jealous of Birbal - ask Akbar - test Birbal's wisdom - courtiers put a question - How many arrows in Agra - Birbal asks for a week - everyday sitting on the terrace - looking at the crow - after a week - courtier asks - Birbal says 156757 crows - asks the courtier to check - Akbar laughs.

Part - V [General Comprehension]

- 47) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: **1×8=8**
 Sir Alexander Flemming who discovered Penicillin was once forced into an interview in New York by two journalists just as he was about to have breakfast. One of them asked him "Sir, what are you thinking about right now? We wish to know what a great scientist think while getting ready for breakfast. Flemming mused a while on the question and he replied, "I am thinking of something special". The journalists, who were all ears, drew themselves forward. "I am thinking whether to have one egg or two.
 a) Name the Scientist. c) When did the journalists meet the scientist?
 b) What did he discover? d) Who forced him into an interview?
