

B COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION- 2024

Standard - IX

Time : 2.30 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

14×1=14

Part - I

Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the italicised words:

- 1) Jawaharlal Nehru did not give a *sermon* to his daughter
a) preaching b) sharing c) discussion d) advice
- 2) Be *brave* and all the rest follows
a) timid b) coward c) valiant d) ignorant
- 3) Do you remember how *fascinated* you were when you first read the story of Joan of Arc.
a) dull b) disliked c) wanted d) attracted

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the italicised words:

- 4) *Honour* is a sacred trust
a) disrespect b) respect c) dishonour d) glory
- 5) In India a great leader ... has inspired our people to great actions and *noble* sacrifice.
a) great b) broader c) open d) ignoble
- 6) Even so in our *private* lives let us make friends with the sun
a) public b) normal c) special d) advanced
- 7) Plural form to *Tomato*
a) tomatos b) tomatoes c) tomatoea d) tomato
- 8) Form the derivative by adding the right prefix to the word "*Scope*"
a) extra b) super c) ate d) micro
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation *ALU*
a) Arts law unit b) Arithmetic and Logic Unit
c) Allover and Legal Unit d) Acquired Language Ultimate
- 10) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below
I don't _____ weight easily. a) Put up b) put with c) put on d) put out
- 11) Choose the suitable option to pair with the word *DRAW* to form a compound word
a) Front b) back c) stream d) paper
- 12) Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below
Everyone talks _____ this across the country. a) above b) about c) to d) From
- 13) Complete the following sentences using most appropriate tense form of the given below
The boys usually _____ (play) cricket in this ground.
a) is playing b) are playing c) play d) played
- 14) Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
I won't go there _____ you go.
a) unless b) while c) because d) untill

Part - II

Section - I

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

3×2=6

- 15) Who were Sachin's favourite players?
- 16) Why did the visitor return to this old house?
- 17) How does Red cross help the children?
- 18) Where did the narrator work and what was this job?

Section - II

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

- 19) My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
a) Who is the speaker? b) Why should the horse think it queer?

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- 20) The way into my parlour is up a winding stair
And I've many curious things to show when you are there
a) How to reach the spider's parlour? b) Whom does I refer to?
- 21) O'er the yellow pebbles dancing
through the flowers and foliage glancing
a) How does the river flow? b) What is meant by 'foliage'?
- 22) Faster than a cheetah
with a tail that's miles long
a) Why is the comet compared to a cheetah? b) Whose tail is compared here?

Section - III

3×2=6

Answer any three of the following grammar questions:-

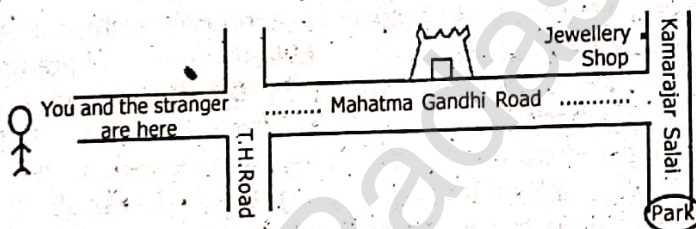
- 23) **Change into other voice.**
Keep silence
- 24) **Change into other speech:**
The teacher said to students, "I will teach grammar tomorrow."
- 25) **Change into simple sentence:**
As Ram is a good traveller he drives alot.
- 26) **Punctuate the following**
alas babu got the seat
- 27) **Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.**
i) Sachin's/Sunil Gavaskar/players/Vivian Richards/are/favourite/and
ii) birthday/since/today/new/puton/dress/your/the/is

Section - IV

1×2=2

Answer the following questions:-

- 28) The stranger wants to visit the jewellery shop. Write the steps to 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) Write the discussion between the narrator and Pongo.
30) Narrate the association of Ramanujan with G.H. Hardy
31) Explain the important elements of Nehru's letter
32) How did Sachin Tendulkar succeed?

Section - II [Poem]

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

2×5=10

- 33) Write a character sketch of the Spider.
34) How does the comet travel in the space.
35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**
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) Identify the figure of speech in the above lines
ii) Pick out the words that are alliterated in the third line

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- iii) Pick out the rhyming words
 iv) What is the rhyming scheme of the stanza.
- 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**
 River, river, little river!
 Bright you sparkle on your way;
 O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,
 Through the flowers and foliage glancing,
 Like a child at play

Section - III [Supplementary]

1×5=5

Answer any one of the following:-

- 37)
- Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**

- The cat started to jump around the room.
- Tom admitted that he gave the medicine to Peter
- She felt sorry for experimenting Tom with tear eyes
- Tom gave the pain killer to Peter
- Aunt polly came to know about the effects of the pain killer.

- 38)
- Read the passage below 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 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 queer looking gray fellow with the broad head and short nose could strike quick and hard and that he could fight any other bear, on three seconds notice from that time on cyclone's position has been assured. He is treated with the respect that a good forearm inspires but being really a fine spirited, dignified little grizzly he attacks no one and never has had a fight.

Questions:-

- Who is little Czar?
- Who blew at Cyclone's left ear?
- What was understood by every bear in the nursery?
- Whose position has been assured?
- Who was really fine spirited?

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, Trichy.
- 40) Ms. Deepa an NGO writes a letter to the wholesale book shop dealer, placing order for 100 copies of medium size English Oxford dictionary.
- 41) You're Radha/Raja school pupil leader of G.H.S. Chennai. Write a notice on behalf of your school inviting the students for the sports meet to be held on next week.
- 42) **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in five sentences.**



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- 43) **Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.**
The poetess addresses the river and calls it little. The river is sparkling and dancing as it flows over the yellow pebbles. The river passes through the flowers and foliage and is compared to a child that is playing. This implies that the river is joyful and lively like a child who plays. The river is now bigger and less gentle as it brawls and leaps through smooth and rough surfaces. The second stanza illustrates the river to be acting as an impetuous youth, who is driven by zest and acts without much thought.
- 44) **Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:-**
- Shyam is one of the talkative boy in the class
 - Surya prefers coffee than tea
 - Kiran is so ill to go to school
 - Remove the furnitures from here
 - He is a honest man.

Section - V

1×5=5

- 45)
- Quote from memory:-**

From: "Whose woods To: think it queer"

1×8=8

Part - IV

- 46) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.**
- Plastics - dangerous to environment - never decompose - never allow rain water into the ground - destroy trees - stop flow water - burning plastics - pollutes - air, ground water - avoid plastics - create awareness
 - T.V. modern invention - found in every home - almost all watch - amusement - world news - information about new products - cultural programmes - movies and mega serials advantage and disadvantages - children's studies affected - bad for eyes - however we known a lot of information.

- 47)
- a) Read the following paragraph and answer the question given below: 1×8=8**

Francis Bennett went on into the reporter's room. His fifteen hundred reporters, placed before an equal number of telephone, were passing on to subscribers the news which had come in during the night from the four quarters of the earth, in addition to his telephone, each reporter has in front of him is a series of Commutators, which allow him to get into communication with this or that telephotic line. Francis Bennett questioned one of the astronomical reporters - a service which was growing because of the recent discoveries in the stellar world.

Questions:

- Where did Francis go?
- How many reporters were there?
- What were they doing?
- What does each reporter have in front of him?

[or]

- b) Read the following poetic line and answer the questions given below:**

Seven Ages of Man

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players,
They have their exits and entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts.
His acts being seven ages. At first the Infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms,
Then, the whining schoolboy with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school. And then the lover

- Shakespeare

Questions:-

- What is the world compared to?
- What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' mean?
- What is the first stage of a human's life?
- Describe the second stage of life as depicted by Shakespeare.
