

## ANNUAL EXAMINATION - 2024

STD: 9

Time :2.30 Hrs

ENGLISH

Marks : 100

Part - I

i. Answer all the questions

ii. Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicized words:

14 x 1 = 14

- I have to *survive* those intense fifteen minutes  
a. Ease      b. evolve      c. endure      d. progress
- In her outstretched hand a *rusty* old medal  
a. ancient      b. modern      c. operational      d. renewed
- Thank God for the *rescue*.  
a. easy      b. hazard      c. endanger      d. save

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.

- The old house wasn't *altered* at all.  
a. Changed      b. fixed      c. turned      d. transferred
- Pongo *carefully* searched the narrator's pockets.  
a. attentively      b. obviously      c. carelessly      d. ruthlessly
- We have to respect India's *honour*.  
a. dishonour      b. applaud      c. glorify      d. praise
- Fill in the blanks with suitable **homophone** given in the brackets.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_. (Watt/What)
- Add a **prefix** to the word *play* to complete the sentence.  
Her boss did not \_\_\_\_\_ play any human traits.  
a. Mis      b. dis      c. in      d. un
- Fill in the blank with suitable **preposition**  
Mani divided his toys \_\_\_\_\_ his brothers and sisters.  
a. among      b. between      c. behind      d. within
- Fill in the blank with a suitable **prepositional phrase**  
\_\_\_\_\_ the rains, we went out.  
a. In case with      b. In case      c. In case of      d. In spite of
- Fill in the blank with suitable **gerund / infinitive form** of the verb  
Their mission appeared \_\_\_\_\_ in jeopardy.  
a. To being      b. being      c. to be      d. be
- Fill in the blank with suitable **modal verb**  
You \_\_\_\_\_ not drive fast. It's not safe  
a. should      b. dare      c. must      d. used
- Choose the correct tense form of the verb.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden since morning.  
a. Working      b. is working      c. had working      d. has been working
- Fill in the blank using appropriate **connector**.  
I'll stay \_\_\_\_\_ you need me.      a. except      b. as long as      c. thus      d. meanwhile

## Part - II Section I - Prose

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

3 x 2 = 6

- What did the visitor hide in the jackfruit tree?
- What did the voice in the narrator's head tell him to do?
- What did the Indian Mathematician Bhaskara prove?
- Who were Sachin's favourite players?

## Section II - POETRY

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any three of the following

3 x 2 = 6

- 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. It takes much time to kill a tree,  
Not a simple jab of the knife will do it.  
a. Can a „simple jab of the knife“ kill a tree? b. Why does it take much time to kill a tree?
21. If one should come too close to earth  
The atmosphere will shake.  
a. What will make the atmosphere shake? b. What is the „one“ mentioned in the first line?
22. “With buzzy wings she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew  
Thinking only of her brilliant eyes, and green and purple hue-”  
a. Who does „she“ refer to? b. What was she thinking of?

### Section III - GRAMMAR

3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three of the following

23. Rewrite the following sentence into other voice.  
Do not hurt the animals.
24. Rewrite using indirect speech  
Maha said, “Lakshman, you should get up early in the morning.
25. Punctuate the following sentence  
im a grizzly from alaska.
26. Change into comparative degree.  
Smartphone is the trendiest gadget.
27. Rearrange the words in the coherent order to make meaningful sentences  
a. Experience / never / forget / will / I / this  
b. TV / set / mended / already / the / has / he

### Section IV – WRITING (Compulsory)

1 x 2 = 2

Answer the following question

28. You are near the market street. A stranger asks you to direct him to the Post Office.  
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 x 5 = 10

29. Achrekar was a sincere coach – substantiate.
30. Elaborate the rescue operation undertaken by Mr.Peter.
31. How C.V.Raman does shows water is the real elixir of life?
32. Explain the important elements of Nehru’s letter.

### Section II - POETRY

2 x 5 = 10

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

33. 'A tree doesn't grow in a day' Explain it with reference to the poem.
34. Narrate how the poet describes the comet.
35. 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.  
a. Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza  
b. Write down the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.  
c. Identify the figure of speech employed in the last line.  
d. Pick out the alliterating words from the given stanza.

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

River, river! Swelling river!  
 On you rush through rough and smooth;  
 Louder, faster, brawling, leaping.  
 Over rocks, by rose-banks, sweeping.

**Section III - SUPPLEMENTARY****Answer any one of the following**

1 x 5 = 5

37. Complete the story with the help of the hints given in the mind map.

1. Aunt Polly was concerned about Tom.
2. Tom pretended to like the pain-killer and asked it very often.
3. Becky Thatcher, Tom's friend had stopped coming to school.
4. So, Tom became unhappy.
5. She tried different remedies on Tom.

38. Read the following passage 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. Quick as a flash, outshot Cyclone's right paw, as only a grizzly can strike, and caught the would-be hazer on the side of the head. Amazed and confounded, Czar fled in wild haste. Next in order, a black bear cub, twice the size of Cyclone, made a pass at the newcomer, and he too received so fierce a counter charge that he ignominiously quitted the field and scrambled to the top of the cliff.

Questions:

1. Who is Little Czar?      2. What did Little Czar aimed?
3. What happened to Little Czar?      4. What was next in order?
5. What happened to the Black Bear cub?

**Section IV – WRITING****Answer any four of the following**

4 x 5 = 20

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

Solar Lamps – Cheap cost – Long Lasting – Maintenance Free – Good for Hotels, Homes and Offices – 50% Offer for Bulk Order.

40. Your friend who lives in another town/city has won his/her championship trophy in the recent sports meet. Write a letter congratulating him/her.

41. You are Aruna/Akash, the Literary Association Secretary of GHSS, Madurai. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school, inviting the students to participate in the oratorical competition to be conducted next month.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



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

Moral Courage is of the mind, while physical courage is of the body: but mind and body are so closely connected that I think it is impossible to separate the one sort of courage from the other. In many instances of human daring, the moral courage combined with physical to a resolute endurance of physical suffering becomes added to a consciousness of duty. But while physical courage in a human being implies at the least, the moral courage implies much more. This moral courage is the courage which braces us always to do our duty. This is the noblest form of courage and yet it is the courage most

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commonly required. It is the courage which every day, almost every hour, demands of us all.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.
1. If you will work hard, you will pass.
  2. His father is a MLA.
  3. She is the smaller girl in the class.
  4. I am absent yesterday.
  5. Sita goes to college in car.

#### Section V - MEMORITER

Quote from Memory

1 x 5 = 5

45.

From : River River.....  
To : .....Child at Play.

#### Part IV - Supplementary

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 1 x 8 = 8

a) Margie - eleven year- had not seen - books - Tommy- thirteen year - mechanical teacher- study - at home - Tommy - found - attic - book - real one - yellow and crinkly - letters - were - still - funny - moving - screen - mechanical teacher - large - black - ugly - big screen - questions - slot - homework - test papers - punch code - old school - separate building - study - taught - human teacher - love and care.

(OR)

b) Little cyclone - from Alaska - vigour - ill - treatment - mother fired - cyclone captured - taken - newyork - zoological society field - bear nursery - many cubs - no fear - little czar - European cub - blow- ran away - black cub - attacked and ran away - top of the cliff - others - realized - capable - counter charge - all bears - treated with respect - dignified one - never attacked - never had - fight.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below. 1 x 8 = 8

Kung fu - 'kung' meaning 'energy' and 'fu' meaning 'time' - is a Chinese martial art whose recorded history dates back to around 525 CE, during the Liang dynasty. The man credited with introducing martial arts to China is said to be an Indian monk known as Bodhidharma. Many people have a misconception that Chinese Kung Fu is about fighting and killing. It is actually based on Chinese philosophy and is about improving wisdom and intelligence. Taoist philosophy is deeply rooted in and had a profound influence on the culture of Chinese martial arts. The five traditional animal styles of Shaolin Kung Fu are the dragon, the snake, the tiger, the leopard and the crane. The union of the five animal forms clearly displayed the efficacy of both hard and soft movements, of both internal and external energy - this form of Chinese martial arts was known as Shaolin Kung Fu, named after the temple in which it was developed.

Questions:

- i. Which country does the martial art belong to?
- ii. What is the meaning of the term „Kung Fu“?
- iii. Write any two martial arts of India?
- iv. What are the five animal styles followed in Shaolin Kung Fu?

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

(OR)

I know what the caged bird feels, at last  
When the sun is bright on the up and slopes;  
When the wind stirs soft through the  
Springing grass,  
And the river flows like a stream of glass;  
When the first bird sings and the first bud  
Ope,  
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals-  
I know what the caged bird feels.

Questions:

- i. Where did the wind stir?
- ii. What does the „opes“ mean?
- iii. How does the river flow?
- iv. Suggest a suitable title for the poem?