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**A COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2024**  
**Standard - IX**

**Time : 2.30 hrs**

**ENGLISH**

**Marks: 100**

**Part - I**

**14×1=14**

**Answer all the questions:-**

**Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the Italicised words:**

- 1) Winning the one rupee coin used to give me **immense** satisfaction  
a) great                      b) light                      c) heavy                      d) little
- 2) There was **sprightliness** in his step  
a) laziness                      b) lively                      c) sleepy                      d) tiredness
- 3) The voice in his head asked the narrator to eat the **evidence**  
a) proof                      b) contradict                      c) disprove                      d) refute

**Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the Italicised words:**

- 4) From early **childhood** he was a prodigy  
a) aware                      b) wise                      c) adulthood                      d) young
- 5) Clem Jones was **ordered** to open the box  
a) prepared                      b) arranged                      c) forced                      d) requested
- 6) A **blessing** rest on the house when the shadows of the tree falls.  
a) cursing                      b) hurry                      c) disorder                      d) fear
- 7) Find out the anagram of the given word '**ELBOW**'  
a) lebow                      b) below                      c) lowbe                      d) bowle
- 8) Choose the most appropriate preposition from the brackets.  
We have been living in chennai \_\_\_\_\_ eight years. a) for b) since c) at d) on
- 9) Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositional phrases  
\_\_\_\_\_ of fire, break the glass to escape.  
a) Incase of                      b) in case with                      c) In case                      d) In case in
- 10) Complete the sentences with one of the modal verbs given below  
Students \_\_\_\_\_ be quiet when they write the examination.  
a) can't                      b) couldn't                      c) shouldn't                      d) must
- 11) Choose the correct form of the present tense verb from the options given  
A good student always \_\_\_\_\_ hard  
a) work                      b) works                      c) worked                      d) is working
- 12) Complete the following sentences using appropriate connectors given below:  
I am not going to the party tonight \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't get an invitation.  
a) although                      b) above all                      c) except                      d) because
- 13) Choose the correct determiner given below  
India is \_\_\_\_\_ largest democracy in the world. a) a b) an c) the d) any
- 14) Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'Sudden'  
a) un                      b) -ion                      c) -ance                      d) -ly

**Part - II**

**Section - I [Prose]**

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

**3×2=6**

- 15) Which historical character inspired young Indira?
- 16) What were the subjects neglected by Ramanujan in College?
- 17) What is the imaginary elixir of life?
- 18) Who were Sachin's favourite players?

**Section - II**

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

- 19) The gladdest people living are the wholesome folks who make  
A circle at the fireside that no power but death can break  
a) Who are the gladdest people living? b) What can break their unity?
- 20) The woods are lovely, dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep  
a) How are the woods? b) Whom does 'I' refer to?

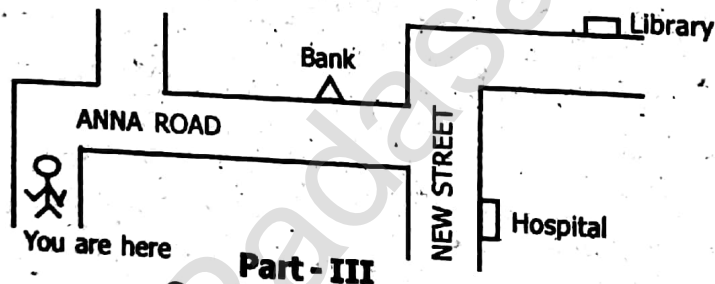
- 21) It takes much time to kill a tree  
Not a simple job of the knife will do it  
a) Can a simple job of the knife 'kill a tree'?  
b) Why does it take much time to kill a tree?
- 22) The way into my parlour is up a winding stair  
And I've many curious things to show when you are there  
a) How can the fly reach the spider's parlour?  
b) What will the fly get to see in the parlour?

**Section - III [Grammar]****Answer any three of the following:-****3×2=6**

- 23) **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.**  
Stanley will inform you later
- 24) **Rewrite into Indirect speech:**  
Ebin said, "Have you booked the tickets to Delhi?"
- 25) **Punctuate the following sentence:**  
a smart boy replied each will get one
- 26) **Write the gerund/infinitive form of the verbs in the blanks**  
a) I like \_\_\_\_\_ early in the morning. (walk)  
b) \_\_\_\_\_ is easy (Try)
- 27) **Rearrange the words in correct order to make meaningful sentences.**  
a) very/have/long/a/I/to/you/written/very  
b) Job/Ramanujan/a/for/look/began/to

**Answer the following questions:-****1×2=2**

- 28) A stranger wants to visit a library. Guide him to reach his destination.

**Part - III****Section - I [Prose]****Answer any two paragraph from the following questions:-****2×5=10**

- 29) Describe the life of Srinivasa Ramanujan in India.
- 30) Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer
- 31) Explain the important elements of Nehru's letter
- 32) Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo?

**Section - II [Poem]****Answer any two of the following questions:-****2×5=10**

- 33) Write a short paragraph on stopping by the woods on a snowy evening.
- 34) Give a detailed account of the various effects caused by the comet to the earth.
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**

River, river! Headlong river!  
Down you dash into the sea  
Sea that line hath never sounded  
Sea that sail hath never rounded

- a) Pick out the rhyming words (2)  
b) Mention the rhyming scheme of the poem (1)  
c) Identify the figure of speech in the first line. (1)  
d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line (1)
- 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**  
It's the stick together family that win the joys of the earth  
That hears the sweetest music and the finds the finest murth.



(3)

It's the old home room that shelters all the charm that life can give  
There you find the gladdest play-ground, there the happiest spot to live.

## Section - III

1×5=5

Answer any one of the following:-

37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:

- i) They killed and buried it under a pine tree
- ii) An honest old couple had a dog
- iii) It brought the honest couple good luck.
- iv) The borrowed dog did not bring them any luck.
- v) An envious wicked couple borrowed the dog.

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. Cyclone conscientiously 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 grey fellow with the broad head and short nose could strike quick and hard and that he could fight any other bear on three second notice from that time on Cyclone's position has been assured. He is treated with the respect that a goods forearm inspires but being really a fine spirited, dignified little grizzly he attacks no one and never had a fight.

Questions:-

- 1) Who is little Czar?
- 2) What was understood by every bear in the nursery?
- 3) Whose position has been assured?
- 4) What was understood by every bear in the Nursery?
- 5) Who is European brown bear cub?

## Section - IV

Answer any four of the following:-

4×5=20

39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:

Fruit land - fresh fruits and vegetables - fresh from organic farms - Healthy, juicy - Tasty. Nature's gift - care for health - 125. Greams Road, Chennai.

- 40) Your friend lives in another town has won his / her championship trophy in the recent sports meet. Write a letter congratulating him/her.
- 41) You are Sujith/Sujitha school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Your Headmistress has requested you to inform the students about the "Dance Competition to be held in your school. Prepare a notice giving the details such as the date of the competition, time and venue.
- 42) Look at the following picture and express your views on its in a paragraph of five sentences.



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

Any polished surface which reflects light is a mirror. Most mirrors are made of smooth glass. These glass strips are backed with a very thin layer of aluminium. Not all mirrors are flat. Convex mirrors bulge outwards. They make things look smaller. But they give as a wider view. They are often used as driving mirrors in cars. They are also used as security mirrors in shops. Concave mirrors curve inwards. They are used as shaving mirrors, because they magnify things which are close. They are used as sharing mirrors, because they magnify things which are close. With distant things, they produce a tiny upside-down image. In large telescopes they are used to collect and focus the light.

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- 44) **Identify the errors in the following sentence and rewrite them clearly.**
- Earth revolves around the sun.
  - I prefer coffee than juice.
  - Though he is rich but he is not happy
  - I am fond at sweets
  - This is a hardly nut to crack.

**Section - V**

- 45) **Quote from memory:-**

Whose woods ..... think it queer.

1×5=5

**Part - IV**

2×8=16

- 46) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.**
- Tommy found - real book - about the old schools - paper yellow and crinkly - words moving on television screen - had millions of books - margie hated school - problems - Geography - mechanical teacher - black, large screen - insert homework - not understand person - teacher - students were taught - same - school room - house - thinking - old school - fun.
  - British soldier - Tom letter sister - Janet battle between - British Germans many - lost lives worldwar - British soldier hated - Germans they did the same - John woke him - see what the Germans doing - Christmas trees - Candles, lights - singing carols - Britishers joined together - together celebrate Christmas - war zone. Exchanged gifts with each other - German soldier asked why can't we just - have peace go home - replied emperor - British soldier wrote - hoped that a day would - be no wars - would good wishes instead - warnings gifts.

[or]

**Part - V**

- 47) **a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow:**

Water use in a country depends very much on its efficiency in water use. Even in most technologically advanced country the efficiency of irrigation is only 30 percent. As the people of California, in the United States of America, and Israel use water ethically and with enormous care the efficiency in use is high. They are also give water management activities. For example, drip irrigation has been used in Israel as well as California to best effect. The farmers and horticulturists make the water drip drop by drop at the roots of the crop plants. This system of irrigation has now come into use in India too. With this method of irrigation a high output of crops is being harvested with small amount of water. In this way, salination of the lands is also averted to a great extent.

Questions:

- Which countries are good in watermanagement activities?
  - Who make the water drip drop by drop at the roots of the crop plants.
  - Why is efficiency in water use high in some countries?
  - What is the use of drip irrigation?
- b) Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:** [or]

Ants in pairs  
 when the ants go out  
 to search for food  
 they like to march in pairs  
 Its dangerous work  
 With heavy loads  
 and each one does a share  
 They march in twos  
 in long straight lines  
 They look for crumbs and scraps

Questions:-

- How do the ants march and where do they go?
- What sort of work the ants undergo?
- What are they looking for?
- What does the poem express about the ant?

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