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Virudhunagar District

Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2024



## Standard 10

## ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 Hrs.

Marks: 100

i) Answer all the questions.

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

## PART - I

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate SYNONYMS for the italicised words:

- 1) The mother seagull *swooped* upwards.  
a) leaped                      b) rushed                      c) moved very quickly                      d) ascended
- 2) Tara, Tarini is the *Patron* deity for sailors.  
a) opposing                      b) supporting                      c) friendly                      d) destroying
- 3) There was a sudden rush and *scuffle*.  
a) give up                      b) war                      c) surrender                      d) small fight

Choose the appropriate ANTONYMS for the italicised words:

- 4) He was the spoilt child of *affluent* parents.  
a) nice                      b) wealthy                      c) poor                      d) anxious
- 5) The boy was in great dread of *scolding*.  
a) breaking                      b) giving                      c) praising                      d) attending
- 6) It is the disease from Sumatra. It is deadly and *contagious*.  
a) non-contagious                      b) infectious                      c) communicable                      d) dangerous
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of *loaf* from the following:  
a) loafs                      b) loaf                      c) loaves                      d) loave
- 8) Attach a suitable prefix to the word "*understand*":  
a) dis                      b) in                      c) mis                      d) im
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the Abbreviation "*NEET*":  
a) National Entrance cum Eligibility Test                      b) Near Entrance cum Equal Test  
c) Native Entrance cum Equalent Test                      d) National Eligibility cum Entrance Test
- 10) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate idiom given below:  
Bala Kavin was *extremely* happy.  
a) sharp as a tack                      b) on the ball                      c) once in a blue moon                      d) over the moon
- 11) Choose the correct compound word for '*Fare*':  
a) engine                      b) play                      c) away                      d) well
- 12) Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:  
There was a completely new expression \_\_\_\_\_ his face.  
a) in                      b) with                      c) on                      d) by
- 13) Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:  
Abiraj \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) music classes regularly.  
a) attends                      b) attended                      c) will attend                      d) will be attend
- 14) Choose the most appropriate linker from the given options:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Senthil is poor, he cannot pay the fees.  
a) So                      b) Though                      c) As                      d) But

## PART - II

## Section - I

3×2=6

Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two:

- 15) Why did the young bird utter a joyful scream?
- 16) What did Aditya visit?
- 17) Why didn't Holmes let Watson examine him?
- 18) Suggest ways of making our society inclusive.

## Section - II

3×2=6

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

- 19) Let me but live my life from year to year,  
With forward face and unreluctant soul.  
a) Whom does the word 'me' refer to?  
b) What kind of life does the poet want to lead?

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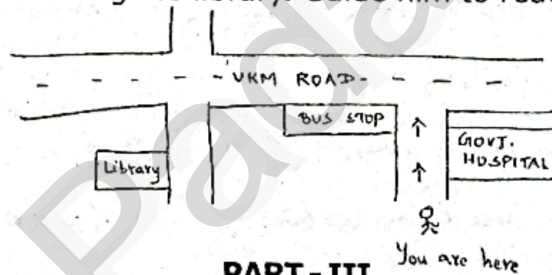
- 20) **Beside the house sits a tree,  
It never grows leaves,  
Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.**  
a) What is found near the house?  
b) What are the seasons mentioned here?
- 21) **"Oh! what will become" says cricket, "of me"?  
At last by starvation and famine made bold  
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold.**  
a) What made the cricket bold?  
b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?
- 22) **She's a lioness; don't mess with her.  
She'll not spare you if you're a prakster.**  
a) How is the woman described?  
b) Who is a prankster?

**Section - III****3×2=6****Answer any THREE of the following:**

- 23) **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:**  
Please do not use mobile phones here.
- 24) **Rewrite the following sentence into Indirect speech:**  
Kaviya said, "People in Africa are starving".
- 25) **Rewrite the following sentence into a compound sentence:**  
Besides being an athlete, he is a singer.
- 26) **Punctuate the following sentence:**  
thats my delicate ariel said prospero
- 27) **Rearrange the words in to correct order to make meaningful sentence:**  
a) Speaks / Ruben / besides / German / languages / two  
b) Mr. Culverton Smith's / I / house / reached.

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

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

**PART - III****Section - I (Prose)****2×5=10****Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph:**

- 29) "Technology is a boon to the disabled" - Justify.
- 30) Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in school.
- 31) How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?
- 32) Describe the struggle underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

**Section - II (Poetry)****2×5=10****Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:**

- 33) What is the 'Central theme of the poem' No men are foreign!
- 34) Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke?
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**  
A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing,  
Though the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring,  
Began to complain when he found that, at home,  
His cupboard was empty and winter was come.  
i) Pick out the rhyming words of the given stanza. (2)  
ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza. (1)  
iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza. (1)  
iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line. (1)

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36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**

Remember, we who take arms against each other  
 It is the human earth that we do file,  
 Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence  
 Of air that is everywhere our own,  
 Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries.

**Section - III (Supplementary)****1×5=5****Answer any ONE of the following:**37) **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**

- i) Any child in Holland is frightened at the thought of a leak in the dikes.
- ii) He stopped and looked down.
- iii) There was a small hole in the dike.
- iv) Just then Peter heard a noise.
- v) It was the sound of trickling water.

38) **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:**

"Where are you going, Sir?" asked the aero-coachman. "Let's see. I've got time ....." Francis Bennett replied. "Take me to my accumulator works at Niagara".

The aero-car shot across space at a speed of about four hundred miles an hour. Below him were spread out the towns with their moving pavements which carry the wayfarers along the street, and the country side, covered, as though by an immense spider's web, by the network of electric wires.

**Questions:**

- a) Where was Bennett going?
- b) How did he go to Niagara?
- c) What was the speed of the aero-car?
- d) What are the electric wires compared to?
- e) What did the morning pavements carry?

**Section - IV (Writing)****Answer any FOUR of the following:****4×5=20**39) **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:**

Mobile world - Smart phones - Accessories - Recharges - Free scratch card on every purchase - Easy EMI.

40) You are Sangari. As a responsible citizen, write a complaint to the officer of the PWD department to take immediate action of maintaining cleanliness in the Children's Park in your locality.

41) You are Mathesh / Mallika school pupil leader of GHSS, Virudhunagar. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all students of your school to take part in the Science Club Inauguration which is to be held in your school on the 17th of this month.

42) **Make notes of the following passage or write a summary:**

TamilNadu is a state in the southeastern part of the Indian Peninsula. TamilNadu is previously a part of the United Madras province, which was later partitioned based on languages. TamilNadu has more than 4,000 years of continuous cultural history. TamilNadu has some of the most remarkable temple architecture in the country, and living tradition of music, dance, folk arts and fine arts. TamilNadu is well renowned for its temple towns and heritage sites, hill stations, waterfalls, national parks, local cuisine and the natural environment and wild life. The state has the largest tourism industry in India with an annual growth rate of 16%. In 2015, the number of domestic arrivals was 333.5 million making the state the most popular tourist destination in the country and the foreign arrivals numbered 4.6 million, the highest in the country, making it the most popular state for tourism in the country.

43) **Look at the picture and express your views on it in about five sentences:**

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44) Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly:

- a) It poured outside now.
- b) Rohini is angry on me.
- c) Every student like the teacher.
- d) Though Sundar was hungry but he did not eat.
- e) Dharshini is either a singer nor a dancer.

## Section - V

45) Quote from memory:

She's a lioness .....

..... Today's woman dear.

1×5=5

## PART - IV

46) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

2×8=16

- a) Years ago - China - emperor - ordered - one from - family - join army - Mulan - father - very old - Mulan wishes - to join army - Kung fu - art - leaves - villages - fights - bravely - raised - to top position - fever - war camp - Mulan affected - Doctor examines - finds - the truth - Mulan girl - soldier objects - Mulan ignores - wins war - Emperor pleased - royal gifts - returns back - village - happy.

(OR)

- b) Uncle Philip - sends word for Tom - death bed - gives his treasure box - letter - warns of explosion - if opened - Tom worries of opening - wishes to possess - precious stones - jewels - gets help - advise - of many - but in vain - neither science - nor religion - helps him - moves to village - hides the box - writes - letter to officials - hesitates - finally donates.

47) a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:

The olympic games began in Greece about three thousand years ago. All wars stopped for the olympics in those days. The discus and the pentathlon began in these early olympic games. In 394, the Romans stopped the Greek olympic games, because they didn't like them. In 1896, Frenchman - Pierre de Coubertin began the olympic games again. These days the olympic games usually happen every four years. But, how did the Paraolympics for disabled begin? In 1940s Sir Ludwig Guttmann was a doctor at the stoke Mandeville hospital in England. At the hospital there were many disabled soldiers from World War II and Guttmann wanted these soldiers to get better by doing sports.

## Questions:

- a) Where did the olympic games begin?
- b) Why did Romans stop the olympic games?
- c) How did the Paraolympic for disabled begin?
- d) Who was Sir Ludwig Guttmann?

(OR)

b) Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

Not gold but only man can make  
People great and strong  
Men who for truth and honours sake  
Stand fast and suffer long  
Brave men who work, while others sleep  
Who dare, while others fly  
They build a nations pillars deep  
and lift them to the sky.

## Questions:

- a) Who can make the people great and strong?
- b) Which is the strength of the nation?
- c) Who work, while others sleep?
- d) Is gold a nation's strength?
- e) Mention the pillars of a nation.