

# ARIYALUR DISTRICT

Register Number :

010301

## HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

STD: 10

ENGLISH

Marks : 100

Time : 3.00 hrs

### PART - I

Note : Answer all the questions

14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words:

1. With his eyes dilated he began to recite a poem.  
a) narrowed b) widened c) built d) constructed
2. Lessons are repeated in unison  
a) simultaneous utterance b) speech c) laugh d) cry
3. Women are empowered to attain their full potential  
a) personality b) existent c) capability d) involvement

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

4. They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly,  
a) resonantly b) acutely c) terribly d) calmly
5. Grandfather grabbed the cop's gun.  
a) snatched suddenly b) used forcefully  
d) shot carefully d) catch quickly
6. They continue to grapple with the changes.  
a) agree b) fight c) move d) stop
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'photo' from the following  
a) photoes b) photos c) photo d) photse
8. Attach a suitable suffix to the word 'magic'  
a) ist b) ate c) ian d) able
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'INSV'  
a) Indian national ship vessel b) international navel ship vessel  
c) Indian Naval super vessel d) Indian naval ship vessel
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.  
Many students \_\_\_\_\_ of schools due to poverty.  
a) Drop in b) drop up c) drop out d) drop on
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'pop' to form a compound word.  
a) shop b) deep c) sight d) corn
12. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate preposition given below.  
He dropped his legs to stand \_\_\_\_\_ the green sea.  
a) in b) of c) on d) off
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below. She \_\_\_\_\_ in this house for five years.  
a) have lived b) lives c) had lived d) has lived
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.  
\_\_\_\_\_ the teacher enter the class then the boys stood up  
a) No sooner did b) As soon as c) Hardly had d) Scarcely did

### PART - II SECTION - I

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

3x2=6

15. What did the narrator think the unusual sound was?
16. When did Aditya leave the local school?
17. What kind of news was usually put up on the bulletin board?
18. According to Holmes what was the disease he was suffering from?

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**SECTION – II (Poetry)**

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following 3x2=6

19. In the dim past, nor holding back in fear.  
From what the future veils; but with a whole  
a) What does the poet mean by the phrase 'in the dim past'? b) Is the poet afraid of future?
20. Beside the house sits a tree.  
It never grows leaves.  
a) What does 'it' refer to? b) In what way the tree is mystery?
21. They, too, aware of sun and air and water,  
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starved  
a) What is common for all of us? b) How are we fed?
22. They growl at that and they growl at this;  
Whatever comes, there is something amiss;  
a) What does the word 'growl' mean here? b) Why do they find everything amiss?

**SECTION – III (Grammar)**

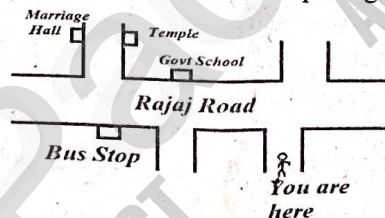
Answer any Three of the following 3x2=6

23. Rewrite the following sentence to other voice :  
Raja will teach the mother tongue to him
24. Rewrite the following sentence using indirect speech.  
Rajiv said to Arivu, "Where will you be tomorrow , in case I have to ring you?"
25. Punctuate the following sentence.  
Who is this maid said he
26. Transform the following sentence into a compound sentence.  
Though Ramya is sick, she attends the school
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
a) halts / junction / the / every / train / at  
b) could / the questions / answer / the / correctly / students

**SECTION -IV**

Answer the following question 1x2=2

28. A stranger wants to go to a marriage hall. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.

**PART -III (SECTION -I)**

Answer any two of the following questions given below: 2x5=10

29. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.
30. Describe the struggle underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
31. Give an account of the last day of M.Hamel in school.
32. Write the character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal in detail

**SECTION -II (Poetry)**

Answer any two of the following :

2x5=10

33. Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble Family' and their attitude towards other folks.
34. How do machines confess they are inferior to human brain?
35. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions given below.

So let the way wind up the hill or down,  
O'er rough or Smooth, the journey will be joy?  
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,  
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,

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**Questions :**

- i) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza,
- ii) Pick out the rhyming scheme of the given stanza.
- iii) Mention the figure of speech used in the first line,
- iv) Pick out the alliterated words in the THIRD line.

**36. Paraphrase the following stanza.**

I drive past the house almost every day.  
The house seems to be a bit brighter  
On this warm summer day in may.  
It plays with your mind.  
To me I say, it is one of a kind

**SECTION - III (Supplementary)****Answer any one of the following****37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order: -****1x5=5**

- i) Francis Bennet went on into the reporter's room.
- ii) That morning Francis Benet awoke in a rather bad temper.
- iii) The telephone, completed by the telephoto, is another of our time's conquests.
- iv) He quickly jumped out of the bed and went into his mechanized dressing room.
- v) "well, cash, what have you got?"

**38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Gone was zigzag's bored and grumpy expression. Instead the bird looked happy and alert as it went about the job it had been trained for, first with the African witch doctor and then with Dr. Somu. Dr. Krishnan's clinic, usually a noisy sea of tears and tantrums, was transformed into a calm, orderly place as zigzag efficiently soothed the frightened patients, scolded the naughty ones and made the crying ones smile. And best of all, zigzag ever slept, or snored. Even for a second.

**Questions :**

- a) How was zigzag in Dr. Krishnan's clinic?
- b) For whom did zigzag work?
- c) How did Dr. Krishnan's clinic transform into?
- d) Whom did zigzag scold in the clinic?
- e) Did zigzag sleep again? Why?

**SECTION - IV****Answer any Four of the following****4x5=20****39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.**

CREED, KVK Farm – Fruits, plants and vegetables – avail organic fertilizer – Healthy – Fresh – Tasty – 100% organic – low price - CREED, KVK, Cholamadevi, Ariyalur.

**40. Write a complaint to the officer of the PWD department to take immediate action for maintaining cleanliness in the children's park in your locality.****41. Write a report of the following**

You are the school pupil Leader. You have been asked to write a report on the Inaugural ceremony of English Literary Association of your school. Which was held recently.

**42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in above five sentences.****43. Make note or write a summary of the following passage.**

Motivation is an essential factor that changes positive thought into instant action. It switches a great idea into action and can undoubtedly affect the world around you. However, not all are born with motivation. People sometimes have disbelief in themselves; they often say, "I can't do that" or "the timing is not right". Being demotivated means living a life as a worn-out machine. Your life will become dull without any spark. So to gain inner peace and satisfaction in life, you must always stay motivated.

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44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.
- a) Have any one seen my book?                      b) We bought some furniture's  
c) I have great confidence on you.                d) Look to this beautiful picture  
e) Each one of you has to write dairy daily.

## SECTION - V

## 45. Quote from memory :

1x5=5

From : The summer of life .....

To : ..... Her faith and beliefs.

## PART - IV (supplementary)

## 46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints                      2x8=16

- a) Prospero lived – daughter Miranda – island cave – help of Ariel – raised storm – Antonio, king of Naples – Ferdinand – ship wrecked – prospero commands Ariel – bring Ferdinand – to cave – Miranda – sees first time – human being – Ferdinand. Surprised to see - Miranda – prospero – engages – Ferdinand – hard tasks – Miranda – pleads with father – prospero chides Miranda – Ariel brings king of Naples – Antonio – to prospero – they realize – mistake – repent – restores the dukedom to prospero – prospero agrees – marriage of Miranda and Ferdinand. (OR)
- b) Holland – land – below sea level – dikes protected – everyone did best – protect – Holland – years ago – little boy – peter – lived – father – attended – dike gates – opened – closed dikes – peter mother – gave cakes – peter – given – old blind friend – across dike – peter – returned – heard – water trickling see small hole – called help – vain- finger – throughout – night – slept near – dike morning – found – passers by – altered people – peter and Holland – saved.

## 47. a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.                      4x2=8

Kallanai also known as the Grand Anaitut is an ancient dam. It is built in running water across the kaveri river flowing from Trichirapalli District to Thanjavur district, Tamil Nadu. The dam is located in Thanjavur district. The dam was originally constructed during the reign of chola king karikalan in 150CE. The idea behind the construction of the dam was to divert the river to the delta districts there by boosting irrigation. It is the fourth oldest water diversion or water – regulator structure in the world and the oldest in India that is still in use. Because of its spectacular architecture, it is one of the prime tourist spots in Tamil Nadu.

Questions :

- a) Where and across which river is the Grand Anaicut constructed?  
b) Who constructed the dam and when was it constructed?  
c) Why did the chola king construct this dam?  
d) What is unique about kallanai?                      (OR)

## b) Read the following poem and answer questions given below.

I look a piece of plastic clay.  
And idly fashioned it, one day.  
And as my fingers pressed it, still,  
It moved and yielded to my will

I came again, when days were passed  
That bit of day was hard at last  
The form I gave it, still it bore,  
And I could change that form no more

Questions :

- a) What did the poet do with the clay?  
b) How was the clay?  
c) How was the clay when we returned after same days?  
d) Did it retain the same form?

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