

# COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

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ENGLISH

PART I

Marks : 100  
14 x 1 = 14

Time : 3.00 hrs

Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate synonyms

1. How cranky he was?  
a) normal                      b) strange                      c) abnormal                      d) happy
2. He was delirious  
a) sick                      b) disappointed                      c) troubled                      d) forced
3. The spoilt child of affluent parents  
a) poor                      b) deprived                      c) old                      d) wealthy

Choose the appropriate antonyms

4. Technology is a boon  
a) bonus                      b) bane                      c) blast                      d) block
5. He uttered a delightful scream.  
a) plentiful                      b) beautiful                      c) hopeful                      d) sorrowful
6. His mother swooped upwards  
a) very quick.                      b) very fast                      c) very nice                      d) Very slow
7. Choose the correct plural form of Syllabus  
a) syllabus                      b) syllabum                      c) syllabi                      d) syllables
8. Form a derivative by adding the write prefix to the word understand  
a) dis                      b) in                      c) mis                      d) im
9. Choose the correct expansion of GPS  
a) Geometric position system                      b) Global positioning system  
c) Global pointing structure                      d) Globe position system
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate **phrasal verb** given below.  
Walking helps to \_\_\_\_\_ the calories  
a) put on                      b) get through                      c) burn out                      d) burn off
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word moon to form a **compound word**  
a) day                      b) light                      c) mark                      d) shine
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate **preposition**  
Peter close the whole \_\_\_\_\_ his finger  
a) in                      b) with                      c) on                      d) into
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate **tense form**  
After he \_\_\_\_\_ his lunch he went across to the window  
a) will finish                      b) finish                      c) was finishing                      d) had finished
14. Choose the most appropriate **linkers** from the given four alternatives  
Women are strong brave. resolute  
a) still                      b) but                      c) and                      d) however

PART II

SECTION 1

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

3 x 2 = 6

15. Why did the seagull fail to fly?
16. What does INSV stand for?
17. Where was Nagen uncle's shop?
18. What did Mr. Hamel say about the french language

SECTION 2

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

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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. It sat alone  
What Happened there is still today unknown  
a) What does it refer to?  
b) What happened inside it?
21. And now, if you will set us to our task  
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day  
a) Who does the pronoun you refer to?  
b) Who did we refer to?
22. A woman is beauty innate  
A symbol of power and strength.  
a) How is a woman?  
b) What does she symbolise?

## SECTION 3

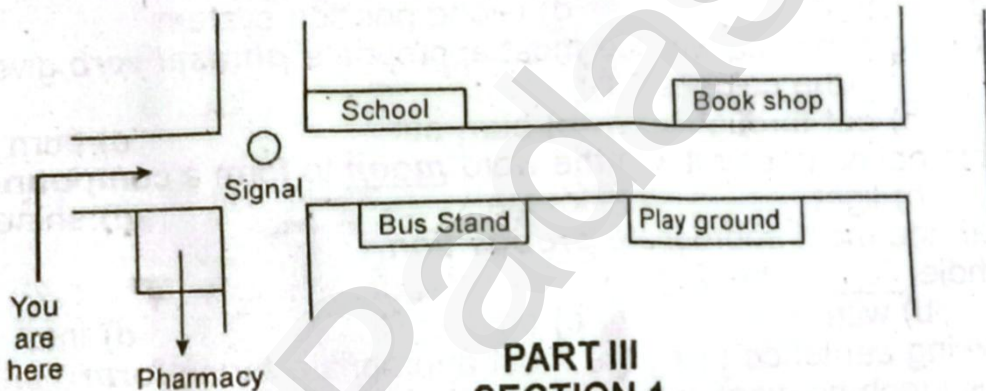
3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three of the following

23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice  
You are requested not to use mobile phones here.
24. Rewrite the sentence in reporter speech  
"Where are we going, sir?" asked the aero-coachman.
25. Punctuate the following sentence  
Stand back stand right back he cried
26. Combine the following into compound sentence  
Radha was ill. She was not hospitalized
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences  
a) as / I / healthy / are / you / am / as  
b) these / of / was / the / Ariel / chief

## SECTION-IV (compulsory)

28. A stranger wants to go to a book shop. Guide him to reach his destination. 1 x 2 = 2

PART III  
SECTION-1

2 x 5 = 10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph

29. Describe the struggles under went by the young Seagull to overcome its fare of flying
30. Highlight the factors responsible for the all women in the Navy crew to carry out their expedition.
31. "Technology is a boon to the disabled" -justify.
32. Give an account of the last day of Mr.Hamal in school.

## SECTION-2

2 x 5 = 10

Answer any two of the following

33. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
34. Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble family' and their attitude towards other Folks.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below  
It sat alone.  
What happened there is still today unknown.  
It is a very mysterious place.  
And inside you can tell it has a ton off space.







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others don't. Some dragons breathe fire; others can't. Some are only a few feet long; others span miles. Some live under the ocean; others can only be found in caves and inside the mountains.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

- I bought an book this morning.
- He has good knowledge of English grammar.
- Myself I am Riya.
- As we were late so we apologised.
- Chennai is one of the biggest city in India

SECTION 5

45. Quote from Memory

A woman is beauty.....  
..... to see in spring

1 x 5 = 5

PART - IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 2 x 8 = 16

- Uncle Philip - cunning- living alone - interest collecting stones - death bed calls Tom - sole heir- hands over iron box - gems - warns- opening - Dynamite- headache- Tom- read books- consults- technicians - doctors- priest - salary- reduce afraid tax-failure - donates- human - vivisection centre. (OR)

- Holland-dikes - lie below level - Peter - prevent seawater - walks - besides the canal - I small hole in the dike - put his finger- Holland drowned while I am here. the little fellow- and screamed - next morning - a man - notice Peter - alarm - people mended - brave hero

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

The Olympic games began in Greece about 3000 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 Roman stopped the Greek Olympic Games because they didn't like them. In 1896 a French Man - Pierre de Coubertin began the Olympic Games again. These days the Olympic Games usually happen every four years. But how did the Paralympics for disabled begin? In the 1940 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**

- Where did the Olympics games begin?
- Why did the Roman stop the Olympic Games?
- How did the Paralympic for disabled begin?
- Who was Sir Ludwig Guttmann?

(OR)

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

A bird came down the walk  
He did not know I saw  
He bit an Angel worm I halves  
And ate the fellow raw  
And then he drank a Dew  
From a convenient Grass-  
And then hopped sidewise to the wall  
To let a Beetle pass-  
He glanced with rapid eyes  
That hurried all abroad  
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,  
He stirred his Velvel Head,

**Questions:**

- What did the poet see?
- How did the bird eat the worm?
- Did the bird drink water? How?
- What are the eyes compared to?

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