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## COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024-25

## ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

## PART - I SECTION - I

Note : Answer all the question

Choose the most appropriate answers from the four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicized words.

- The young bird *pretended* to be falling asleep  
(a) acted (b) believed (c) enact (d) slept
- It is a 55-foot sailing vessel built *indigenously* in India  
(a) extremely (b) comfortably (c) inherently (d) independently
- There was a sudden rush and *scuffle* followed by the clash of iron  
(a) argument (b) laugh (c) fight (d) confusion

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.

- The cops were *reluctant* to leave the house  
(a) eager (b) excited (c) unwilling (d) prepared
- His nerves seemed *overwrought* for some reason.  
(a) upset (b) happy (c) worried (d) sad
- I saw a *frail* man with bald head sitting.  
(a) famous (b) abnormal (c) weak (d) healthy
- Choose the correct plural form of "*shelf*" from the following  
(a) shelves (b) shelve (c) shelfes (d) shelfes
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word "*literate*"  
(a) im\_ (b) dis\_ (c) il\_ (d) un\_
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "*IB*"  
(a) International Bank (b) International Broadcast  
(c) Intelligence Branch (d) Intelligence Bureau
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate Idiom given below.  
Suman felt ----- when he joined in a new school.  
(a) once in a blue moon (b) on the ball (c) Fish out of water (d) lend an ear
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word "*foot*" to form a compound word  
(a) walk (b) shoes (c) fast (d) note
- Fill in the blank with the appropriate prepositional phrase given below  
----- the 2011 Census, 2.21 percent of India's population is disabled.  
(a) in addition to (b) according to (c) an effect of (d) in spite of
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below  
We ----- a point where the road bifurcated.  
(a) reach (b) reached (c) has reach (d) reaching
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives  
We can neither love ----- pity.  
(a) or (b) since (c) both (d) nor

## PART - II SECTION - I

II. Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two 3x2=6

- What was the first catch of the young seagull's older brother?
- What did M. Hamel say about the French language?
- How did the cops manage to enter the locked house?
- Why did Holmes plead with Smith?

## SECTION - II

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any three of the following 3x2=6

- 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?
- Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,  
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;  
(a) What does the poet expect everyone to learn?  
(b) What should we do when things go wrong sometimes?

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21. *Away he set off to a miserly ant,  
To keep if, to keep him alive, he would grant  
Him shelter from rain,  
And a mouthful of grain.*  
(a) Whom did the cricket want to meet? Why? (b) What would keep him alive?
22. *It never grows leaves,  
Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.  
It just sits there never getting small or ever growing tall,*  
(a) What does 'it' refer to? (b) In what way the tree is a mystery?

## SECTION – III

3x2=6

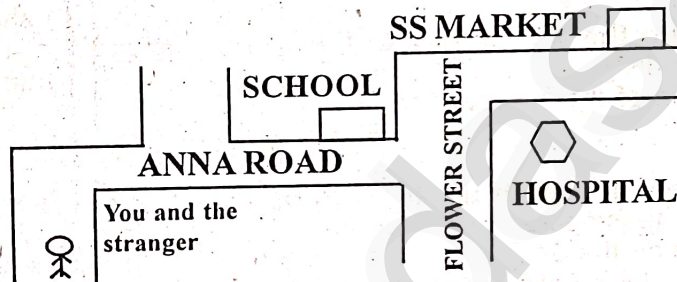
Answer any three of the following

23. Rewrite the following sentence in Passive Voice.  
The Head Master distributed the prizes to the students.
24. Change into indirect speech.  
My sister said to her, "I spent the full day with my friends yesterday."
25. Punctuate the following sentence.  
be not so amazed daughter miranda said prospero
26. Transform the following sentence into a complex sentence.  
Despite his old age, Rajesh walked fast and won the prize.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:  
(a) her / successfully / baking / she / course / completed  
(b) your / today / put on / new / since / is / birthday / dress / the.

## SECTION – IV

1x2=2

28. A stranger wants to go to SS Market. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



## PART – III SECTION – I

2x5=10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

29. How did David's life change with the use of Technology?
30. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.
31. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
32. We appreciate the value of something only when we are about to lose it. Explain this with reference to the French language and M. Hamel.

## SECTION – II

2x5=10

Answer any two of the following.

33. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.
34. How do the machines explain that they were children of human brain?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.  
*A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing  
Through 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.*  
(a) Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines.  
(b) Write the Rhyme Scheme of the given stanza.  
(c) Identify the Figure of Speech employed in the first line.  
(d) Pick out the Alliterating words in the second 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.*

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## SECTION – III

1x5=5

Answer any one of the following.

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- Miranda soon after found Ferdinand almost dying with fatigue.
- Miranda hung upon her father and asked him why he was so ungentle.
- Ferdinand replied to her that he should finish his task before he took his rest.
- She told Ferdinand that he could take rest as her father was at his studies.
- Prospero had commanded Ferdinand to pile up some heavy logs of wood.

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

Francis Bennett went on into the reporters' room. His fifteen hundred reporters, placed before an equal number of telephones, were passing on to subscribers the news which had come in during the night from the four quarters of the earth. In addition to his telephone, each reporter has in front of him a series of commutators, which allow him to get into communication with this or that telephotic line. Thus the subscribers have not only the story but the sight of these events. Francis Bennett questioned one of the ten astronomical reporters – a service which was growing because of the recent discoveries in the stellar world. 'Well, Cash, what have you got?' 'Photo telegrams from Mercury, Venus and Mars, Sir.' 'Interesting! And Jupiter?' 'Nothing so far! We haven't been able to understand the signals the Jovians make.'

Questions:

- How many Astronomical reporters are there?
- What did Cash get from other planets?
- What is the name called for the inhabitants of Jupiter?
- What were the reporters passing to their subscribers?
- Name the planets that took place in the passage.

## SECTION – IV

Answer any four of the following

4x5=20

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

V V Cars – Drive your Dreams - Exhibition cum sale – Sales and Service - All variants available – EMI available – Free Test drive – 20% discount on accessories - Book your car - A.M Garden – Chennai.

40. You are Vijay / Viji. You are the Secretary of your school English Literary club. English Cultural Festival is organised in your village on coming 24 th November 2024. Various kinds of cultural competitions will be held on that day and prizes will be distributed to the winners. Now as the organiser of the event, prepare a notice inviting your school students and parents to the function.

41. You are Laksha. Your neighbour has a pet dog that barks continuously. Write a letter to the Editor of a weekly newspaper of your locality, highlighting the nuisance and noise pollution created thus. Also suggest ways to solve the problem

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



43. Make Notes or write summary of the following passage.

Drug addiction has an adverse impact on a person's brain. People lose their self-control. They become so addicted to drugs that all they can think about is consuming them. This is the only thing that interests them. They are unable to concentrate on work and lose interest in it. Even if they try to work, they feel lethargic and withdrawn. Drugs have an impact on their cognitive skills, analytical skills and decision-making power. This impacts their professional life adversely. Drug addicts also display irrational behaviour. They grow aggressive, develop impaired judgement and become impulsive. Such behaviour is unacceptable in an office setting. It puts them in a bad light and bars the chances of professional growth. Drug addiction can cause behavioural issues that can impact a person's personal as well as professional life negatively. It is an addiction that one must get rid of as soon as possible. A person may struggle to make positive changes in his behaviour long after he has left drug addiction. Drug addiction can be extremely hard to leave. However, it is not impossible to do so. Strong determination and support from friends and family can help in getting rid of drug addiction.

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44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.
- Though he is poor but he is happy.
  - I place great confidence on you.
  - Either Varman nor Balan will have to buy vegetables from the market.
  - Jack is working since 9 AM.
  - Shanthi writes a short note on piece in a peace of paper.

## SECTION – V

5x1=5

45. Quote from memory.  
The Summer of life .....

.....faith and beliefs.

## PART –IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 2x8=16
- An aged mother - his son – Shining - despotic ruler - very cruel - declared - aged people – useless - the son carried - mountain long - steep - narrow - picked up - twigs markers - safe return - son leave - mother Later - the a rope of ashes - mother - burning a twisted straw - windless night - the governor - the wisdom - abolished .

(OR)

- China faces – Great War – king commands men from – every house – take part – war – Mulan father weak – Mulan – wears – armour – sword – goes for war – disguised man – fights bravely – promotes chief – king happy – fever sweeps – war camp – Mulan affected – fever- Doctor finds – Mulan woman – soldiers – resent to the fact – Mulan doesn't mind – fights – wins war for China – King rewards her – offers position at palace – Mulan rejects – goes back – village – royal gifts – people happy – Mulan.

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

Electricity is a form of energy that is all around us and plays a vital role in our daily lives. It is the force that powers everything from the lights in our homes to the computers we use at school. Electricity is a flow of tiny particles called electrons. These electrons flow through wires and create a current, which is what powers our lights and appliances. The electricity that we use in our homes is created at power plants, where generators use fuel like coal, natural gas, or wind to create the flow of electrons. It is sent through a network of transmission and distribution lines, which are like a big spider web, to reach different parts of the country. From there, it is sent to homes and buildings through smaller wires called service lines. It is important to remember that electricity can be both helpful and dangerous. It is important to follow safety rules when using electricity. For example, it is important to never touch electrical wires with wet hands or to plug too many things into one outlet. Always be sure to ask an adult for help if you have any questions or concerns about electricity.

- Define Electricity?
- How does the current get created?
- What is called as service line?
- What must we do when we have any concern about electricity? (OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

*I once had a sweet little doll, dears,  
The prettiest doll in the world;  
Her cheeks were so red and so white, dears,  
And her hair was so charmingly curled.  
But I lost my poor little doll, dears,  
As I played in the heath one day;  
And I cried for her more than a week, dears,  
But I never could find where she lay.  
I found my poor little doll, dears,  
As I played in the heath one day;  
Folks say she is horribly changed, dears,  
For her paint is all washed away.  
And her arm trodden off by the cows, dears,  
And her hairs, not the least bit curled:  
Yet for old sake's she is still, dears,  
The prettiest doll in the world.*

## Questions:

- What kind of a doll did the little girl have?
- Where was the doll found?
- What changes were found in the doll?
- Why did the little girl still love the doll?

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