

<b>HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024</b>	Exam No.	3	75
Time : 3.00 Hours	<b>X - ENGLISH</b>	10	Marks : 100

**PART - I****Note: i) Answer all the questions.****(14x1=14)****ii) Choose the best answer and write option code with corresponding answer.****Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.**

- The seagull even gnawed at the dried pieces of eggshell  
a) bite                      b) gulp                      c) build                      d) starve
- The voyage had stopovers at four ports for replenishment of ration  
a) journey                      b) selling                      c) recall                      d) restoration
- The gaunt face of Holmes horrified Mrs. Hudson  
a) fat                      b) lean                      c) happy                      d) big

**Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.**

- Your parents were not anxious enough to have you learn  
a) careful                      b) fearful                      c) calm                      d) nervous
- The spoilt child of affluent parents  
a) wealthy                      b) poor                      c) rich                      d) nice
- At regular intervals the board creaked  
a) irregular                      b) usual                      c) automatic                      d) similar
- Choose the correct plural form of 'formula' from the following.**  
a) formulea                      b) formules                      c) formulae                      d) formuly
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'urban'.**  
a) sub-                      b) in-                      c) mal-                      d) il-
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'RAM'.**  
a) Randomly Accessed Memory                      b) Read Access Memory  
c) Random Access Memory                      d) Random Access Memories
- Complete the following sentence with most appropriate phrasal verb given below.**  
\_\_\_\_\_ at a gym or swim twice a week.  
a) work on                      b) work out                      c) work up                      d) work in
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'rain' to form a compound word.**  
a) ticket                      b) book                      c) ball                      d) coat
- Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositional phrase given below.**  
Global warming is \_\_\_\_\_ the green house emission.  
a) except for                      b) an effect of.  
c) on account of                      d) in spite of
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.**  
She \_\_\_\_\_ when the guests arrived.  
a) was cooking                      b) will cooks  
c) had cook                      d) cook
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.**  
My mother called me \_\_\_\_\_ I was playing football.  
a) Though                      b) or                      c) while                      d) unless

**PART - II (Section-I)****Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two.****(3x2=6)**

- Why did the seagull fail to fly?
- How did Watson feel when he heard of Holmes illness?
- Which devices are controlled by using ACTIV controller?
- Who were the narrator's neighbours?

**Section - II (Poetry)****Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following.****(3x2=6)**

- 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?

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20. *Not a crumb to be found  
On the snow-covered ground;*  
a) What couldn't he find on the ground?  
b) Why was the ground covered with snow?
21. *So, let the way wind up the hill or down,  
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy*  
a) How is the way of life?  
b) How should be the journey of life?
22. *"She's today's woman. Today's woman dear  
Love her, respect her, keep her near....."*  
a) Describe today's woman according to the poet.  
b) How should a woman be treated?

### Section - III

Answer any **THREE** of the following.

(3x2=6)

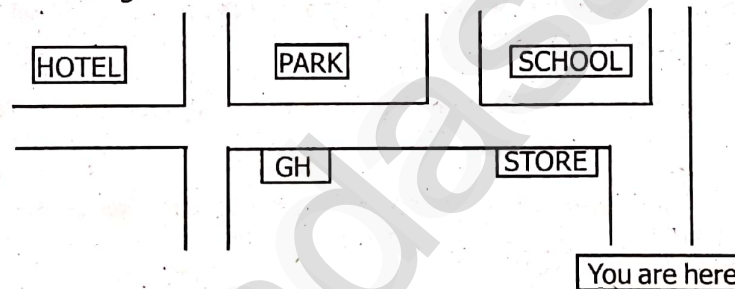
23. Rewrite the following sentence into passive voice.  
Complete the project on time.
24. Change into indirect speech.  
Emily asked, "When is the deadline?"
25. Punctuate the following sentence.  
what else can be done said her father
26. Transform the following sentence into a compound sentence.  
In spite of his sickness, he attends the rehearsal.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
a) speaks / Ruben / besides / German- / languages / two  
b) is / Zigzag / papa / When / coming

### Section - IV

Answer the following question.

(1x2=2)

28. A stranger wants to go to the Hotel. Guide him to reach his destination.



### PART - III (Section - I)

Answer any **TWO** of the following in utmost 10 lines.

(2x5=10)

29. Highlight the factors responsible for the all-women Indian Navy Crew to carry out their expedition.
30. Describe the struggles 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. How do we use technology in our day to day lives?

### Section - II

Answer any **Two** of the following in utmost 10 lines.

(2x5=10)

33. How are today's women portrayed by the poet?
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.  
*But remember, please, the law by which we live,  
We are not built to comprehend a lie,  
We can neither love nor pity nor forgive,  
If you make a slip in handling as you die!*  
a) Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines.  
b) Write the rhyming scheme in the given stanza.  
c) What is the figure of speech employed in the third line?  
d) Pick out the alliterating words from the first line.

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36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**  
*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 of space.*

**Section - III**

Answer any ONE of the following.

(1x5=5)

37. **Rearrange the following sentence in the coherent order.**  
 i) He stayed there the whole night.  
 ii) The next morning, a man going to work found Peter in the dikes.  
 iii) He thrust his finger into the tiny hole to stop the water.  
 iv) Peter saw a small hole in the dike.  
 v) He shouted for help but no one turned up. His finger became numb.
38. **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

That morning Francis Bennett awoke in rather a bad temper. This was eight days since this wife had been in France and he was feeling a little lonely. As soon as he awoke, Francis Bennett switched on his Phonotelephote whose wires led to the house he owned in the Champs - Elysees.

**Questions:**

- i) How did Francis Bennett feel when he woke up?  
 ii) Why did Francis Bennett feel lonely?  
 iii) What device did Francis Bennett switch on?  
 iv) Where was Francis Bennett's wife?  
 v) Can you describe the location of Francis Bennett's house.

**Section - IV**

Answer any four of the following.

(4x5=20)

39. **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.**  
 The Tea spot - one cup at a time - Buy 1 get 1 free - cozy atmosphere - Free Wifi - Tea tastings - signature tea blends.
40. You are the school pupil leader. You have been asked to write a report on the Annual sports day of your school. Write a report on the same in not more than 120 words.
41. You are Ganesh / Gayathri Head boy / Head girl, of your School. Write a notice for your school notice board informing the students about the 'Fancy Fete' that is going to be organized in your school campus on 10<sup>th</sup> of next month.
42. **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.**



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

Language is a fundamental aspect of human communication, serving as the primary tool through which we express thoughts, emotions, and ideas. It is not merely a means of conveying information, but also a reflection of culture, identity, and social connections. Through language, individuals share experiences, create relationships, and construct their understanding of the world. The diversity of languages across the globe highlights the rich variety of human perspectives, each shaped by historical, geographic, and social factors. Language evolves over time, adapting to new technologies, cultural shifts, and global interactions. Moreover, it

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is not limited to spoken or written forms; non-verbal cues such as gestures, body language, and facial expressions also play a crucial role in communication. Ultimately, language shapes the way we think and relate to one another, making it a powerful force in both personal and societal development.

**44. Identify the errors and correct them.**

- I prefer coffee than tea.
- If I were a bird, I will fly.
- He is a honest man.
- He wrote in the board.
- I am absent yesterday.

**Section - V**

**45. Quote from Memory.**

From: A woman.....  
To: ..... see in spring.

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**PART - IV**

**46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.**

(2x8=16)

a) The emperor - ordered - one man from each family - join the army - Mulan - dressed herself as a man - joined army - proved to be a brave soldier - became the general of the army - a bad fever swept the army - Mulan was also affected - the doctor examined - everyone came to know - Mulan was a woman - soldiers became angry - a battle came - she attacked and won the battle - the emperor was glad.

(OR)

b) Prospero - duke of Milan - more interested in magic books - Antonio - overthrow Prospero - King of Naples - Miranda - released good spirits - Ariel - raised a violent storm - Ferdinand arrives - both of them love attract each other - Prospero tests - Antonio realize the mistakes - forgave them - restored Kingdom.

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

Cyber safety involves protecting personal information, devices, and online activities from threats such as hacking, phishing, and cyberbullying. To stay safe online, use strong, unique passwords for different accounts and enable two-factor authentication wherever possible. Avoid sharing sensitive information like passwords, banking details, or personal addresses on unsecured platforms. Be cautious of suspicious links or emails, as they may lead to scams or malware. Regularly update software and antivirus programs to safeguard against vulnerabilities. Educate children about the risks of interacting with strangers online and set privacy controls on social media. Always verify sources of information to avoid falling for fake news. Practicing these habits ensures a safer and more secure digital experience for everyone.

**Questions:**

- What is cyber safety?
- Why is it important to use strong, unique passwords?
- How can you protect yourself from phishing and scams?
- What should children be taught about online interactions?

(OR)

**b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

*If you can face the stormy tide,  
Yet hold your fears and doubts inside,  
If you can rise when others fall,  
And hear the weak, their faintest call  
Then you shall learn what few have known,  
That strength is not in flesh alone.  
For courage springs from mind and heart,  
A noble soul shall never part.*

**Questions:**

- What should you do when facing fear or doubt?
- How can you support others who are struggling?
- According to the poem, where does true strength come from.
- What qualities make a soul noble, as described in the poem?

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