

S COMMON HALFYEARLY EXAM- 2024**Standard - X**

Sivagangai District

Time : 3.00 hrs**ENGLISH****Marks: 100****Part - I****Answer all the questions.****14×1=14****Choose the appropriate Synonyms of the underlined words from the options given below:**

- 1) Stephen Hawking is a renowned physicist.
a) ridiculous b) fantastic c) unknown d) famous
- 2) The coach was overwrought after the team's defeat
a) disappointed b) upset c) delighted d) sensible
- 3) "Burglars!" she shouted, intuitively
a) angrily b) madly c) instinctively d) deliberately

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words from the options given below:

- 4) The crew had to be active and needed to anticipate what could be there ahead.
a) perform b) un expect c) diagnose d) illustrate
- 5) The young seagull wanted to whet his beak just like his mother.
a) blunt b) sharpen c) spoil d) beautify
- 6) I saw a frail man with bald head sitting
a) feeble b) annoying c) cruel d) strong
- 7) Choose the correct plural form of 'knife' from the following
a) knife b) knives c) knives d) knifea
- 8) Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word "accurate"
a) ill b) un c) in d) dis
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation HDMI
a) Highly Defined Multimedia Interface b) High Definition Multimedia Interface
c) Highspeed Definition Multimedia Interface d) High Definition Multi Interface
- 10) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:
I tried aerobics several times but I couldn't _____ with the others.
a) keep up b) put on c) build up d) tire out
- 11) Choose the suitable option to pair with the word 'draw' to form a compound word
a) side b) note c) fall d) back
- 12) Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:
The governor was pleased _____ the wit of the youth.
a) in b) on c) at d) towards
- 13) Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below: We _____ in the kitchen, when the door bell rang.
a) cooking b) were cooking c) cooked d) had cooked
- 14) Choose the most appropriate linker from given four alternatives.
Scarcely had they gone out _____ it started raining.
a) as b) and c) though d) when

Part - II**Section - I****Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two:- 3×2=6**

- 15) Why did the young bird utter a joyful scream?
- 16) Who arrested Smith? What were the charges against him?
- 17) What was the condition of the attic?
- 18) How did the cops manage to enter the locked house?

Section - II [Poem]**Read the following poetic lines and answer any three of the following:- 3×2=6**

- 19) Beneath all uniforms, a single body breaths
Like ours; the land our brother walks upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie
a) Where are we all going to lie finally? b) What is found beneath all uniforms?



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- 20) 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
- 21) Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
a) Why do you think the poet is not in a hurry? b) What should one not mourn for?
- 22) "Rumors are constantly being made,
And each day the house just begins to fade.
What happened inside that house?"
a) Does the house remain the same everyday?
b) Why does the poet consider the house to be a mystery?

Section - III**Answer any three of the following:-**

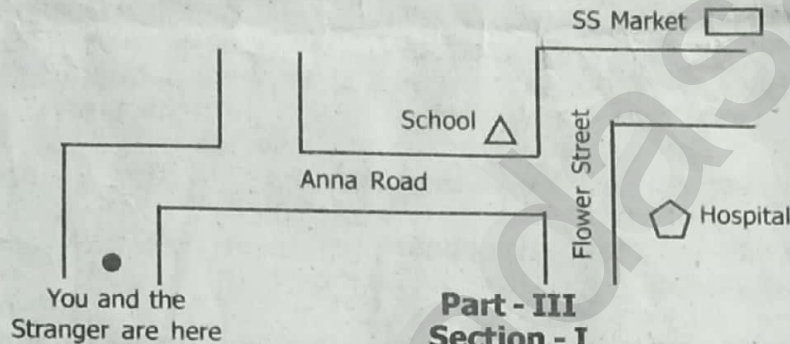
3×2=6

- 23) Rewrite the following sentence in other Voice.
They offered the job to Venkat.
- 24) Rewrite the following sentence in Reported Speech
She said to them, "I am going to meet my friend."
- 25) Punctuate the following sentence:
well cash what have you got
- 26) Combine the following sentence into a simple sentence.
As Rahim was tired, he took rest.
- 27) Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:-
a) as/I/healthy/are/you/am/as
b) loan/apply/you/if/for/you/a/get/will/immediately/it

Section - IV**Answer the following questions:-**

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- 28) Guide a stranger with your instructions to reach Market.

**Part - III****Section - I****Answer any two of the following in a paragraph:-**

2×5=10

- 29) Give an account of the lastday of M.Hamel in School?
- 30) "Technology is a boon to the disabled" - Justify
- 31) Highlight the factors responsible for the all women Indian Navy crew to carryout their expedition.
- 32) How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

Section - II**Answer any two of the following:-**

2×5=10

- 33) Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.
- 34) What is the general theme of the poem "No men are foreign"?
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:-**
Some water, coal and oil is all we ask,
And a thousandth of an inch to give us play;
And now, if you will set us to our task,
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!
a) What is the figure of speech used in this stanza?
b) Pick out the words that alliterate in the first line.
c) What is the rhyme scheme employed in this stanza?
d) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza?

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- 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza.**
 Go then", Says the ant, "and dance the winter away"
 Thus ending, he hastily lifted the wicket,
 And out the doot turned the poor little cricket,
 Folks call this fable. I'll warrant it true:
 Some crickets have four legs, and some have two.

Section - III**Answer any one of the following:-****1×5=5**

- 37) **Rearrange the following sentences in correct order:-**
 a) Tom was in dilemma whether to open the box or keep it away.
 b) The doctor advised Tom to forget about the gems otherwise he would become mad.
 c) The box contained valuable gems and dynamite in it.
 d) Uncle Phillip gave a box to Tom at the time of his death.
 e) He consulted a doctor for a solution.

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

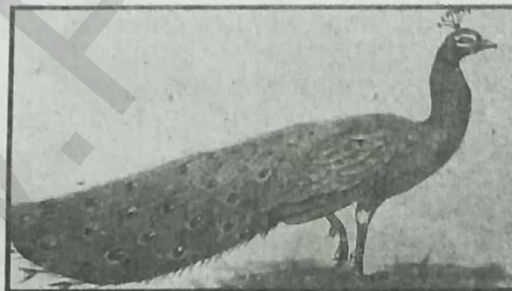
Many years ago, China was in the middle of a great war. The emperor said that one man from each chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenage girl, who lived in a far away village of China, heard the news, when she was outside, washing clohers. Mulan ran into the house. Her father was sitting in a chair, carving a piece of wood. "Father! she said, "Did you hear what the emperor says each family must do?" "Yes, said her old father, "I heard about it in town. Well, I may as well go pack up". He put down his carving, stood up and walked very slowly to his room.

Questions:-

- i) What was the danger of China?
- ii) What is Mulan's father doing?
- iii) Where did Mulan here the news?
- iv) What was the order of the emperor?
- v) Who was Mulan?

Section - IV**Answer any four of the following:-****4×5=20**

- 39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:-
 Sale of furniture - wooden charis - dining tables - teakwood tables - comfortable sofa cum bed - all under one roof - door delivery - 15% less - hurry.
- 40) Write a letter to the manager of a famous daily, ordering subscription for your school library.
- 41) You are Mithra/Makesh the School pupil Leader of GHSS Trichy. Your headmaster has asked you to inform the students about the Eco Club meeting in your school. Prepare a notice giving the details such as the date, time and venue of the meeting.
- 42) Express your views on the picture in or about five sentences.



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

Our blood consists of three types of blood cells, red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped. They are composed of an iron containing component called haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs, each haemoglobin molecule picks up four oxygen molecules and supplies them to the body's tissues. Red blood cells also transport carbon dioxide

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from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and few, compared to red cells. They are the body's defenders, the soldiers fight against bacteria and other enemies. One kind, for instance destroys dead cells. Other kinds produce antibiotics against viruses. Some others consume and digest bacteria. Platelets are tiny blood cells that prevent bleeding and promote wound healing.

44) **Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.**

- 1) Rahul joined in the university.
- 2) If it rained, farmers will be happy.
- 3) He gave me an one rupee coin.
- 4) Neither he nor she were there.
- 5) She goes to school by foot.

Section - V

45) **Quote from memory:-**

"She's a lioness;
..... Today's Woman, dear."

Part - IV

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2×8=16

Answer the following:-

46) Holland-land below the sea level - dikes protect the country - little boy, Peter - cake - to be given - old blind friend - leaves home happily - on his return - water trickling - hole in the dike - calls for help in vain - applies little finger - throughout the night - next morning - passer - by raises an alarm - Peter - hero of Holland. **[or]**

The emperor of shining - order - old people to be killed - farmer - very sad - carries his mother - obatsuyama - leaves mother - arranges bed to sleep - mother warns - follow twigs - son - surprised - takes her back - hides her in the closet - unreasonable order - rope of ashes - Mother's clever idea - farmer tells the truth - emperor - lifts his decree.

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

- a) Preserving Nature is man's prime responsibility. The earth does not belong to us to use and abuse. It belongs to our children. As man became civilized, he lost attachment with nature. In his quest for development man cleared pristine forests and polluted the environment. The magnitude of destruction increased in proportion to the magnitude of his greed. As man drifted away from nature, his problems increased and his heart became hard and cold. The many calamities, misfortunes and the problems of our time are but the manifestation of the greed. This is why we have injured people, animals and environment. If we want to set things right, we must reconnect with nature.

Questions:-

- a) What should we do to set things right?
- b) When did man lose attachment with nature?
- c) What is the prime responsibility of man?
- d) What is the manifestation of man's greed?

[or]

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

In the middle of the city
Is an open space called a park;
It is difficult for us to do what we like there
Even after dark.
In the middle of the park, there is a statue,
A huge man made of stone;
We are not allowed to climb his legs or
Scribble on his trousers.
He has to be left alone,
In the middle of the grass, there is some water
Surrounded by an asphalt path;
We are forbidden to fish or throw stone into it
Or swim or take bath.

Questions:-

- a) What is the open space called?
- b) What is not possible even after dark?
- c) Who do you think is forbidden running freely in the park?
- d) Whose statue is in the park?
