

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

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Standard X

Reg No

ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

PART I

Marks : 100

14 x 1 = 14

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

19. Let me but live my life from year to year

3 x 2 = 6

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?



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

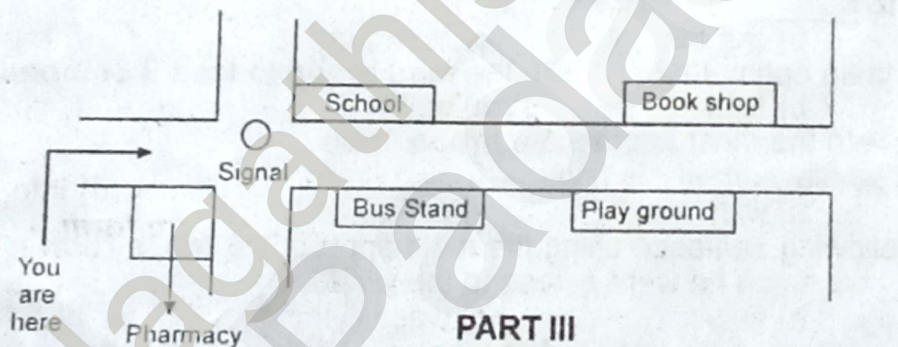
Answer any three of the following

3 x 2 = 6

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

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph

2 x 5 = 10

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

Answer any two of the following

2 x 5 = 10

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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- Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
- Give the rhyming scheme for the given stanza.
- Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
- Pick out the alliterating words in the fourth line.

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

"Strong is she in her faith and belief
Persistence is the key to everything says she
Despite the sigh and groans and the moans
She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!"

SECTION -337. **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**

1 x 5 = 5

- "Make rope of twisted straw" she said.
- The entire province trembled in fear of hearing the order of Emperor.
- On the second day she told him what to do.
- One night, in great distress, the son whispered the news to his hidden mother.
- "Wait" she said, "I will think, I will think".

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

That morning Francis Bennett awoke in rather a bad temper. This was eight days since his wife been in France and he was feeling a little lonely. As soon as he awoke, Francis Bennett switched on his phone telephote whose wires led to the house, he owned in the Champs -Elysees. The telephote, completed by the telephote, is another of our times conquests! Though the transmission of speech by the electric current was already very old, it was only since yesterday could also be transmitted.

Questions.

- Who was in a bad temper?
- Where was his wife?
- What did he switch on?
- Where did the wires lead to?
- What was very old?

SECTION 4

4 x 5 = 20

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

Homemade taste- Hygiene -Family restaurant- Fresh juice- available -Free home delivery- card accepted.

- You are Raja. You are upset about the bad influence of TV channels on the young children. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper suggesting measures to upgrade the standard. Write this formal letter in about 100 -120 words.
- You are the coordinator of the science forum of your school. An event had been organized on account of National Science Day for the members of the forum. Now, write a report on the observation of "National Science Day" at your school.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.**

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

Dragon tales are known in many cultures , from the Americas to Europe, and from India to China . It's not clear when or where stories of dragons first emerged , but the huge, flying serpents were described by the ancient Greeks and Sumerians.

The word 'dragon' comes from the ancient Greek word 'draconta' meaning 'to watch', suggesting that the dragons are responsible for guarding, valuables . Dragons typically Guard treasures such as mountains of gold coins or gems. Some dragons have wings;

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

1 x 5 = 5

45. **Quote from Memory**

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

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 cana - 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 Guttman was a doctor at the Stoke Mandeville hospital in England. At the hospital there were many disable soldiers from World War II and Guttman 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 Guttman?

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

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?
