

T COMMON HALFYEARLY EXAM- 2024

Standard - X

Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Part - I

Note: i) Answer all the questions. ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer:- $14 \times 1 = 14$

Choose the appropriate **Synonyms** for the underlined words:-

- The Seagull, had, infact, seen his older brother catch his first herring and devour it
a) eat slowly b) eat completely c) eat hungrily d) eat fastly
- The voyage had stop overs at four ports for replenishment of ration
a) usage b) advertising c) replacement d) selling
- It is deadly and contagious disease
a) unhealthy b) dangerous c) harmless d) infectious

Choose the appropriate **Antonyms** for the underlined words:-

- At regular intervals a board creaked in the upstairs
a) shabby b) scraped c) silence d) rasped
- Einstein is a world renowned physicist
a) good b) famous c) unknown d) great
- The Prussians defeated the French
a) retreated b) triumphed c) analysed d) faced
- Choose the correct plural form of 'dining room' from the following
a) dinnings room b) dining rooms c) dinings rooms d) dining room
- Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word "appear"
a) -able b) -ence c) -ible d) -ance
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation ISRO
a) Indian Satellite Research Organisation
b) Indian Spectrum Research Organisation
c) Indian Space and Research Organisation
d) Indian Space and Reunion Organisation
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below: He _____ his wealth and became a social worker
a) give in b) give on c) give up d) give out
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'flash' to form a compound word
a) pause b) pass c) back d) after
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below: Sita stayed with her uncle _____ five months
a) since b) for c) in d) at
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below: While he reached the station the train _____ (move) from the railway station
a) had moved b) will have been moving c) was moving d) will be moving
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives. I looked up, I saw Mr. Hamel sitting motion less.
a) When b) But c) How d) Whenever

Part - II

Section - I [Prose]

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two:- $3 \times 2 = 6$

- What did the young bird's family do when he started flying?
- What was the condition of the attic?
- What did M. Hamel say about the French language?
- How was Holmes able to look sick?

Section - II [Poem]

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following: $3 \times 2 = 6$

- "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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- (20) "Began to complain when he found that, at home
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come."
a) Who does 'he' refer to? b) Why was his cupboard empty?
A labour not different from our own"
- (21) "Their hands are ours and in their lines we read
a) Who does 'their' refer to? b) What does the poet mean by lines we read?
I really don't know
I guess it will always be a mystery"
- (22) "What happened inside that house?
a) Does the poet know what happened in the house?
b) What is the mystery about the house?"

Section - III [Grammar]

Answer any three of the following:-

3×2=6

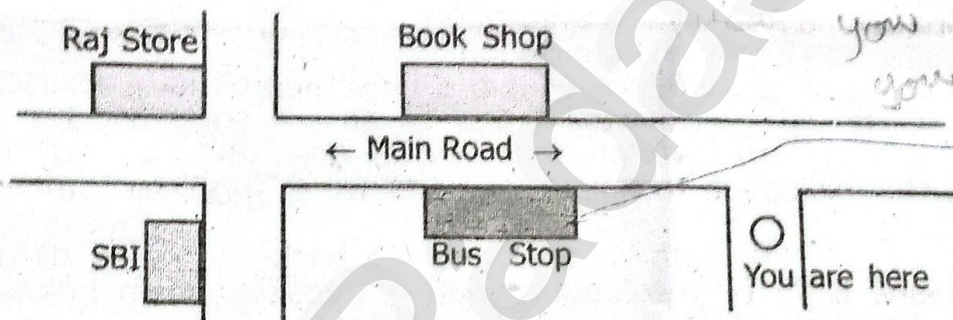
- 23) Rewrite the following sentence Passive Voice.
My uncle will visit me on my birthday.
- (24) Change into Indirect Speech:
The guide said to the students, "Where do you want to go?"
- 25) Punctuate the following sentence:
were you not a good student i asked
- (26) Transform the following sentence into a complex sentence.
At the age of six, Varsha started learning music.
- 27) Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:-
a) you / believe / hear / should / what / never / you
b) hard working / Mathew / was / business / man / a

Section - IV [Roadmap-Compulsory]

(28) Answer the following questions:-

1×2=2

Observe the map. Guide the stranger to the State Bank of India. Write the instructions by the way of helping him.

Part - III
Section - I

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph:-

2×5=10

- (29) Describe the funny incidents that caused the confusion in the house.
- 30) Highlight the factors responsible for the all women Indian Navy crew to carryout their expedition.
- (31) How do we use technology in our day to day live?
- 32) Give an account of the lastday of M.Hamel in School?

Section - II

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:-

2×5=10

- 33) Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.
- 34) Where is the house located? Why is it a mysterious place?

(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 us you die!"

- a) Pick out the alliterated words in the 1st line.
b) Find out the rhyming words in the above lines.
c) What is the rhyme scheme of the above lines.
d) What is the figure of speech employed in the 3rd line.

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(36) Paraphrase the following stanza.

"Let us remember, whenever we are told
To hate our brothers, it is ourselves
That we shall disposses, betray, condemn.
Remember, we who take arms against each other".

Section - III (Supplementary Reader)

Answer any one of the following:-

1×5=5

37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:-

- i) She was not yet strong, but stood tall.
- ii) Mulan heard this from inside her tent.
- iii) A soldier announced, a surprise attack is coming.
- iv) It was such a big victory that the enemy gave up at-last
- v) She told the soldiers where they must go to hide so they could attack the enemy king.

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

Six days passed. Six frantic days of checking their e-mail day and night. Six torturous days of having the deafeningly loud KNGRRDRRWHEEZE resound in their home, most nerve Wranglingly. Maya complained that she heard a permanent rumbling sound in her ears even when she was miles away from home and that her ears ached all the time. arvind confessed that for the first time in his life, he was actually looking forward to going to school considering it was as calm as a monastry compared to their house. Mrs. Krishnan had lost interest in painting. Zigzag would sometimes wakeup briefly when he wanted to eat some fruit, and sometimes he would sit on the veranda looking sulky and bored. Zigzag never spoke to anyone; though everyone tried several times. He only slept and snored.

On the Seventhday, Dr. Somu's email arrived. It was, as Dr. Krishnan predicted ridiculously simple.

Questions:-

- i) How did the day pass?
- ii) What was Maya's complaint?
- iii) What was Aravind's confession?
- iv) What is Zigzag's routine?
- v) What was Dr. Krishnan's prediction about Dr. Somu's e-mail?

Section - IV (Writing competency)

Answer any four of the following:-

4×5=20

(39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:-

Colourful and beautiful toys - eco friendly - non-toxic - handy model - buy 1

Get 1 - discount 10% - No.27, Mano Baby's care - Adorn Complex - Udangudi.

(40) Write a letter to the newspaper enlightening them about the problem of street light and also suggest ways to brighten the area.

41) You are the co-ordinator of the science forum of your school. An event had been on account of the national science day for the members of the forum.

Write a report on the observation of national science day at your school.

(42) Look at the picture given below and express your views on it in about five sentences.



Answer -

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- 43) Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.
Moral courage is of the mind while physical courage is of the body; but the one sort of courage from the other. The money instances of human daring, the moral courage combined with physical to a resolute endurance of physical sufferings becomes added to consciousness of duty. But while physical courage in a human being implies at the least, the moral courage implies much more. This moral courage is the courage which braces us always to do our duty. This is the noblest form of courage and yet it is the courage most commonly required. It is the courage which everyday, almost everyhour, demands of us all.

- 44) Spot the Errors and correct them:
i) You may speak politely to the elders
ii) This is the boy whom won the race.
iii) He come late to school everyday.
iv) Though he was hungry but he did not eat.
v) They carried their luggages to the airport.

Section - V

- 45) Quote from memory:-

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

1×5=5

Part - IV

- 46) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:-

1×8=8

- a) Inhabitants of the island - Prospero and Miranda - Prospero, Magical powers - his brother Antonio, king of Naples, his son Ferdinand and Gonzalo - on the ship - Prospero raised storm - repent for the injustice - instructed Ariel to bring Ferdinand - Miranda had more concern - Prospero set severe task - he forgave all - restored dukedom.

[or]

- b) Holland - dikes - lie below sea level - Peter - Prevent sea water - walks besides the canal - small hole in the dike - put his finger - all night - next morning - a man - notice Peter - alarm - people - mended - brave hero.

- 47) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below: 4×2=8

- a) In modern world, honesty has lost its meaning. Wealth plays an important role in man's life today. Value of money has gone high. All religions lay down great stress on honesty. Honesty should be maintained everywhere, at home, in school, among friends and even in the playground. An honest person always obey the law. So he is free from trouble. Honesty gives rise to spiritual strength. The Life of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of nation is an example. Since his childhood, he tried to remain honest and truthful. Dishonesty gives benefits sometimes but those benefits are temporary. It kills our soul and snatches away our peace of mind. It is not an easy job to remain honest in this world.

Questions:-

- i) What is being ignored a lot in today's world?
ii) How can we practise honesty in life?
iii) How is an honest person free from trouble?
iv) How did Gandhi exhibit honesty in his life?

[or]

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

When I went out I stole an Orange

I kept it in my pocket

It felt like a warm planet

Everywhere I went smelt of Oranges

Whenever I got into an awkward situation would

Take the Orange out and smell it

And immediately on even dead branches, I saw

The lovely and fierce Orange blossom.

Questions:-

- i) What did the poet steal?
ii) How did the orange feel like?
iii) When would he smell the oranges?
iv) How are oranges described?
