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Register No.

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Time : 3.00 Hours

ENGLISH

Marks : 100

PART - I

14x1=14

I. Answer all the questions

a) Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words.

1. His parents circled around raising a proud cackle.
a) babble b) walk c) tackle d) smile
2. All - women Indian Navy crew circumnavigated the world for 254 days.
a) walked around b) ran around c) sailed around d) went around
3. Usually, when school began, there was a great "bustle".
a) rush b) calmness c) activity d) run.

b) Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the italicised words.

4. 'Nothing' he said 'gruffly'
a) sadly b) roughly c) proudly d) happily
5. The light still shone palely down the stairs.
a) bright b) weak c) dim d) dull
6. Einstein is a world renowned physicist
a) good b) unknown c) famous d) great
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'formula' from the following
a) formulae b) formulas c) formula d) formuli
8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word : commit
a) ive b) ion e) en e) ment
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'INSAT'
a) Indian Nation Satellite b) Indian Navy Satellite
c) Indian National Satellite d) India National Satellite
10. Complete the following sentence with the appropriate word (Phrasal Verb) given below. He renounced his wealth and became a social worker.
a) gave in b) gave up c) give away d) give out
11. Choose the word from the option given below to form a compound word with 'toll'
a) proof b) Wheel c) free d) game
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below. Mulan heard the news her tent.
a) by b) at c) for d) from
13. Complete the following sentence by using the most appropriate form of the tense given below. The medal in the attic for twenty nine long years.
a) were hidden b) had hidden c) had been hidden d) hidden
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives. Promise me that you will call me you reach home.
a) before b) as soon as c) in case d) so that

PART - II, Section - 1

3x2=6

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.

15. How was the young sea gull's first attempt to fly?
16. What was the usual scene when school began everyday?
17. What is the future technology?
18. What was the daily routine of Sanyal?

Section - II

3x2=6

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following

19. "In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils; but with a whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll.

- To Youth and Age and travels on with cheer"
- a) What does the poet mean by the phrase 'in the dim past'?
- b) Is the poet afraid of future?
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. "The worst thing is that if anyone stays
Among them too long, he will learn their ways;
- a) What is the worst thing that can happen if anyone stays with them?
- b) What are the ways of the Grumble family?
22. Remember no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours; the land our brothers walk upon
- a) What is found beneath all uniforms?
- b) What is same for every one of us?

Section - III

Answer any three of the following.

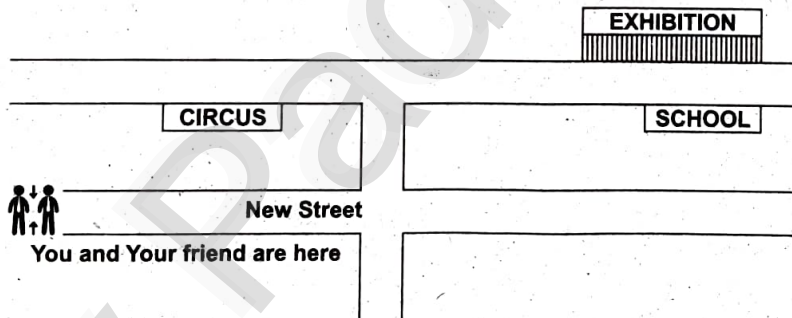
3x2=6

23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice Speak the truth.
24. Rewrite using indirect speech. She asked me, "Could you help me with my luggage"?
25. Punctuate the following
whats the matter he called
26. Transform the following sentence (in to) a simple sentence.
He must work hard otherwise, he will not pass the exam.
27. (Re arrange) the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
- a) frank / to be / I / him / with / decided
- b) the church - clock / twelve / all / struck / at once

Section - IV

1x2=2

28. Observe the map Guide the stranger to his destination. Your friend wants to visit the exhibition.
Guide him to reach his destination



PART - III, SECTION - I

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2x5=10

29. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying
30. Highlight the factors responsible for the all - women Indian 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 M. Hamel in School.

Section - II (Poetry)

Answer any two of the following

2x5=10

33. The poem 'No Men are foreign' has a greater relevance in today's world. Elucidate
34. Compare and contrast the qualities of the ant and the cricket.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.
We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,
We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,
We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,
We can see and hear and count and read and write.

- i) Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines.
 - ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
 - iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
 - iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
- And before he dreams of the terrible jumble
He's adopted into the family of Grumble
And so it were wisest to keep our feet
From wandering into complaining street."

Section - III

Answer any one of the following

1x5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order
- (i) "make rope of twisted straw" she said
 - (ii) The entire province trembled in fear on hearing the order of the emperor.
 - (iii) On the second day she told him what to do.
 - (iv) One night, in great distress, the son whispered the news to his hidden mother.
 - (v) "Wait" she said, "I will think, I will think"
38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.
- One afternoon in the early fall, when Peter was eight years old, his mother called him from his play. "Come Peter," she said, "I want you to go across the dike and take these cakes to your friend, the blind man. If you go quickly, and do not stop to play, you will be home again before dark." The little boy was glad to go on such an errand and started off with a light heart. He stayed with the poor blind man a little while to tell him about his walk along the dike and about the sun and the flowers and the ships far out at sea. Then he remembered his mother's wish that he should return before dark and bidding his friend goodbye, he set out for home.
- (i) What did Peter's mother want him to do?
 - (ii) What was his mother's advice?
 - (iii) Why was the little boy glad?
 - (iv) What did the little boy tell his friend?
 - (v) What do you mean by "before dark"?

Section - IV

Answer any four of the following

4x5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below
Singapore and Australia tours - Rs. 1.5 lakh discover the wonder world - private picnic - snorkelling and scuba diving - Experience the local culture - Barbeque - Book now to get Rs. 50,000/- off - Enjoy your life.
40. You are Kumar / Keerthi. You are interested in doing a short term course in computer programming during your summer vacation. Write a letter to the Director, Computer world, sector - 22, Kanchipuram, enquiring about the duration of such a course and the terms and conditions for admission.
41. Write a notice giving the details of your school's ECO CLUB MEETING to be conducted on 20th October in your school auditorium. As you are the SPL, you are supposed to display it in your school Notice Board.
42. Look at the picture given below and express your views on it in about five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.
Economics has become one of the important branches of social sciences. It is of great practical value in our daily life. In pure sciences, we study the subject to arrive at the truth. But an economist is a social scientist. He studies the subject not only to know the truth for its own sake, but to find out a way for many economic and social problems of the society. "Knowledge for knowledge's sake" is not the goal of an economist.
44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences
a) The workers formed an union for their welfare.
b) He did not listen to his father's advices
c) Meena is one of the best student in her class.
d) Though Suma's mother tongue is Tamil but she always speaks in English
e) If the had known of your arrival, he would come to receive you.
45. **Quote from memory** 1x5=5
"A Woman is see in spring

PART - IV

46. **Write a parapagraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:** 2x8=16
a. Men and women created equal - man differentiates job - Mulan takes a stand - a girl lived in china - with her father - young brother - China in war - Emperor ordered man from each family - to join in army - she cut her long hair - disguised as a man - promoted from soldier to general - sickness - Mulan fell sick - found to be a woman - some soldier's unrest - Mulan fought sudden attack - got a great victory - Emperor wished her to be his - Royal Advisor - gave his gifts - returned to her home.

OR

- b. Poor farmer - happy and peaceful - aged mother - Shining - Governor - death of all aged - farmer mother - mountain - little food - brought her back - kitchen - order - rope of ashes - twisted straws - governor amazed - mother's wit - abolished law.
47. **a. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**
The use of tobacco can also seriously impair the user's health. It can lead to cancer, heart attack strokes and chronic lung disease. Babies born to mothers who smoke are often smaller and not healthier than babies born to mothers who do not smoke. Bronchitis and pneumonia are serious illnesses common in babies born to parents who smoke, but less common in babies born to parents who do not smoke. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in lack of judgement and restraint, slurred speech, staggering and clumsiness. Larger consumption of alcohol can lead to death.
- i) Why do you think use of tobacco can impair one's health?
ii) Name the diseases that are common to babies whose mothers are smokers.
iii) What is the result of larger consumption of alcohol?
iv) What do you understand from this passage?

OR

- b. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.
The athletes had come from all over the country
To run for the gold, for the silver and bronze
Many weeks and months of training
All coming down to these games.
The blocks were all lined up for those who would use them
The hundred yard dash was the race to run
There were nine resolved athletes in back of the starting line.
Poised for the sound of the gun.
- i) Where do the athletes come from?
ii) How long did the athletes get trained?
iii) How many players were in the race?
iv) Why do they run?