

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2024 - 2025

ENGLISH

10 - STD

TIME : 3.00 Hours

MARKS : 100

PART-I

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

14 X 1 = 14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words from the options given below.

1. I saw a frail man.
(a) week (b) weak (c) strong (d) great
2. He was delirious.
(a) healthy (b) forced (c) disturbed (d) harmless
3. You don't have to use any auxiliary means of repulsion
(a) important (b) additional (c) superior (d) deletion

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words from the options given below.

4. You are ignorant.
(a) knowledgeable (b) foolish (c) stupid (d) illiterate
5. The parents are scolding him.
(a) threatening (b) praising (c) explaining (d) warning
6. The young seagull kept calling plaintively.
(a) sadly (b) melancholy (c) softly (d) joyfully
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'curriculum' from the following.
(a) curriculums (b) curricula (c) curriuelmes (d) curriculae
8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'qualify'.
(a) dis (b) in (c) re (d) co
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "IAS".
(a) Indian Administration Service (b) Indian Administrative Service
(c) Indian Audit Service (d) Indian Authorized Service
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
Exercise is important to _____ good levels of strength and stamina.
(a) build on (b) build in (c) build up (d) build over
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word fast to form a compound word.
(a) mark (b) food (c) port (d) good
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
I noticed a sudden change _____ Aditya's expression.
(a) on (b) in (c) at (d) of
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
We all _____ in the choir last week.
(a) sings (b) are singing (c) sing (d) sang
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
The passengers rushed to board the bus _____ it arrived.
(a) as long as (b) as soon as (c) but (d) as well as

PART - II

SECTION - I

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

3 X 2 = 6

15. Why did Holmes want Smith to treat him?
 16. Which software helps Alisha to overcome her difficulty in typing?
 17. Was Sanyal happy about his visitors?
 18. What happened to the young seagull when it landed on the green sea?
- SECTION - II**
Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following 3 X 2 = 6
19. *Despite the sighs and groans and moans,
She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!*
a. Is she complaining about the problems of life? b. Pick out the words that show her grit.
 20. *"Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.*

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- a. What is found beneath all uniforms? b. What is same for every one of us?
21. *There is a family nobody likes to meet;
They live, it is said, on Complaining Street*
a. Where does the family live? b. Why do you think the street is named as 'Complaining Street'?
22. *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?

SECTION - III

3 X 2=6

Answer any three of the following.

23. Rewrite the sentence in Reported Speech.
Somu asked Suganthi, "What are you doing here?"
24. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice.
Cross the busy roads carefully.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
of course thats true said mulan
26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.
He is sick but he attends the rehearsal.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
a. was/the/wit/at/governor/the/pleased/of/youth/the
b. boon/the/is/disabled/technology/a/to

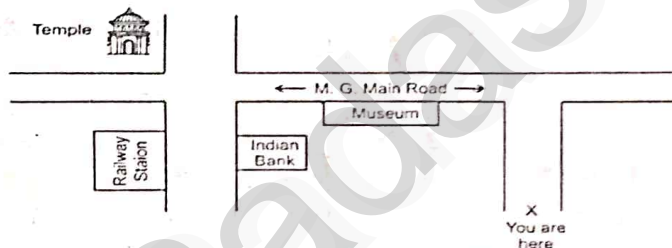
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SECTION IV

1 X 2=2

Answer the following question:

28. A stranger asks you to direct him to Railway Station. Give instructions to help him.

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SECTION - IAnswer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2 X 5=10

29. Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the house.
30. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.
31. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.
32. Give an account of the last day of M.Hamel in school.

SECTION - II

Answer any two of the following.

2 X 5=10

33. How are today's women portrayed by the poet?
34. What is the central theme of the poem 'No men are foreign'?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.
*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) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
(b) Give the rhyme scheme from the given stanza.
(c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
(d) Pick out the alliterating words in the third line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
*Rumours are constantly being made,
 And each day the house just begins to fade,
 What happened inside that house?
 I really don't know.
 I guess it will always be a mystery.*

SECTION -III

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1 X 5=5

Answer any one of the following.

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
 (i) Using his powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
 (ii) Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.
 (iii) He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.
 (iv) The King of Naples and Antonio repented the injustice; they had done to Prospero.
 (v) He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.

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

Uncle Philip was the brother of Tom's father. He was an inventor and a mechanical engineer. He called Tom and told him a strange story. He announced Tom as his heir and wanted him to pay for his funeral. Leaving an iron box full of precious stones for Tom, his uncle instructed him not to shake the box. After a week, he died. Tom found a letter on the box, which stated that the box contained a large number pigeon - blood rubies, diamonds and pearls.

Questions:

- (a) Who was uncle Philip? (b) What was he?
 (c) What did uncle Philip announce and what was his demand?
 (d) What did the box contain? (e) What was the instruction given to Tom by his uncle Philip?

Section - IV

Answer any four of the following.

4 X 5=20

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

Laptop & Computer Shop - system for students - special discounts - affordable price - limited period offer - easy EMI - RR Computers 35 Rose Street, Chennai.

40. You are Sanjay. Your colony utilizes solar energy to light the common areas. You find many friends of your colony forgetting to switch off the lights in the common area. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to a newspaper, echoing the importance to conserve and preserve solar energy.
41. You are the Secretary of Park Circus Residents Welfare Association. Write a notice to inform the residents of your colony of a meditation program under the guidance of Dr.P.Ranjith with a view to understanding the self better. The program is exclusively for the residents. It will be conducted on the second Saturday of the following month from 7.00 A.M to 9.00 A.M. at the children's park nearby.
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.

Work is worship. An idle brain is a devil's workshop. We worship work because it keeps us busy in doing something useful and productive. An idler keeps thinking. He is unable to pass time. His mind is deceptive. It is essential to work to avoid becoming a devil of our minds remain unoccupied and vacant. We need to channelize our energy in some useful and productive activities. People hate idlers because they are perverse thinkers. Their thinking usually proves detrimental to the interest of the society and the people around them. Work is important and valuable in life and it gives meaning to our lives. Without

work life would be dull and uninteresting. Work is the root of success and hard work is the best way to worship God. When we worship our work, we can get the same satisfaction we get from worshipping God. We can also have peaceful mind and soul and we can perform well in life.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

- a) Beside Tennis, I play Kabbadi.
 b) Both Sheela as well as Murugan scored centum. c) Every one of us were given a prize.
 d) If I were a millionaire, I will abolish poverty. e) As we were late, so we apologized.

SECTION - V

45. Quote from memory.

1 X 5=5

The Summer of life..... faith and beliefs.

PART - IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 2 X 8=16

a. Holland - dikes - lie below sea level - Peter - prevent sea water - walks - besides the canal - small hole in the dike - put his finger - Holland - drowned - little fellow - screamed - next morning - a man - notice Peter - alarm - people mended - brave hero.

(OR)

b. Chinese emperor - one member - family - join - army - Mulan - teenage girl - trained in Kung fu - joins - disguise - boy - wins battles - general - sick - doctor - reveals identity - emperor - forgives - reunites family - six horses and swords.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

a) Speech is a great blessing. But it can also be a great curse. It helps us to make our intentions and desires known to others. It can also make our attitude completely misunderstood, if we use it carelessly. A slip of the tongue and the use of unusual word or of an ambiguous word may create an enemy. We had hoped to win a friend from different classes of people using words of goodness. And the ordinary speech of an educated man may create the impression to an uneducated listener that he was showing off with his skill. Unwittingly, we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener. Thus, speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling.

Questions:

- (i) How does speech help us?
 (ii) What will be the effect of the slip of the tongue?
 (iii) When is not speech a gift?
 (iv) What is meant by 'Unwittingly'?

a. unconsciously b. carefully c. consciously d. knowingly

(OR)

b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

*A Bird came down the Walk -
 He did not know I saw -
 He bit an Angle Worm in 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 Velvet Head. -*

Questions:

- a. What did the poet see?
 b. How did the bird eat the worm?
 c. Did the bird drink water? How?
 d. What are the eyes compared to?

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