

## COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Standard X

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## ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

## PART-I

Marks : 100

14 x 1 = 14

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.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicized words.

1. His mother had swooped upwards.  
a) leaped                      b) halted                      c) move very quickly                      d) looked
- 2) We have to be active and need to anticipate what could be there ahead.  
a) to foresee                      b) hopeless                      c) waiting                      d) helpless
3. The little man was startled.  
a) assured                      b) alarmed                      c) cheered                      d) calm

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicized words.

4. At regular intervals a board creaked in the upstairs.  
a) usual                      b) similar                      c) equal                      d) irregular
5. The medal was restored to its owner.  
a) stolen                      b) handed over                      c) returned                      d) given back
6. M.Hamel was so cranky.  
a) sorrowful                      b) cheerful                      c) angry                      d) silent
7. Choose the correct plural form of LOAF.  
a) loaves                      b) loaf                      c) loafs                      d) loafves
8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word QUALIFY.  
a) mis-                      b) in-                      c) dis-                      d) re-
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation GPS.  
a) Global Processing System                      b) Good Positioning System  
c) Global Positioning System                      d) Good Processing System
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.  
He felt happy to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbours in the new locality.  
a) get around                      b) get together                      c) get away with                      d) get along with
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word GREEN to form a compound word.  
a) dress                      b) house                      c) glass                      d) note
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.  
He turned \_\_\_\_\_ the blackboard took a piece of chalk.  
a) to                      b) on                      c) of                      d) in
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) when I was playing.  
a) are singing                      b) will be singing                      c) was singing                      d) were singing
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.  
Walk carefully \_\_\_\_\_ you will fall down.  
a) in case of                      b) otherwise                      c) and so                      d) but

PART-II  
SECTION-I

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

3 x 2 = 6

15. Why were the Policemen prevented from entering grandfather's room?
16. Which skill was considered important in the selection process?
17. Who is KIM?
18. Why does M.Hamel say that we must guard our language?

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## SECTION-II

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

3 x 2 = 6

19. So let the way wind up the hill or down,  
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy  
a) How is the way of life? b) How should be the journey of life?
20. Strong is she in her faith and belief,  
"Persistence is the key to everything," says she  
a) What is she strong about? b) How does she deal with the adversities in life?
21. Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read  
A labour not different from our own.  
a) What does the poet mean by "lines we read"? b) What does not differ?
22. It never grows leaves,  
Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall,  
It just sits there never getting.  
a) What does "It" refer to? b) In what ways the tree is a mystery?

## SECTION-III

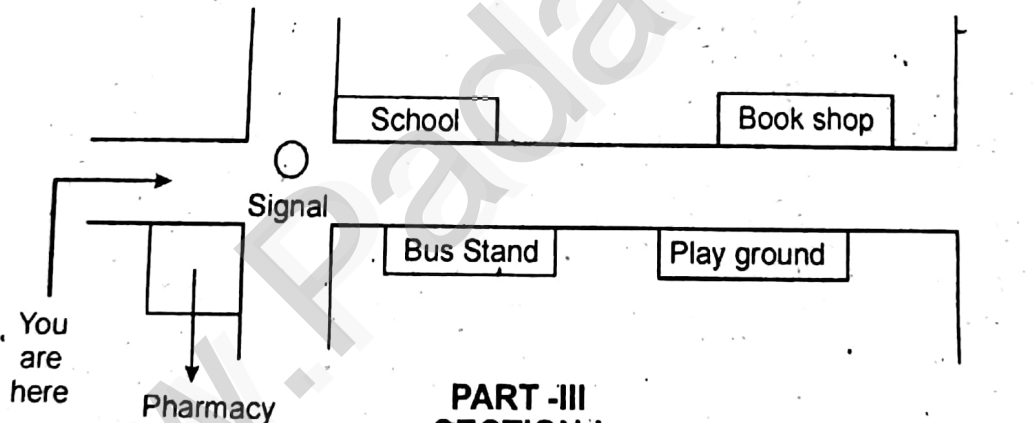
3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three of the following.

23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice.  
Go for a jog early in the morning.
24. Change into indirect speech.  
"Can you help me with my homework?" She asked.
25. Punctuate the following.  
don't worry children you are comforted
26. Combine the following sentences into a complex sentence.  
On seeing the teacher, the students stood up.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
a) results / they / the / will / publish.  
b) twelve / at / once / clock / struck / all / church.

## 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-I

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2 x 5 = 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. Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in school.
32. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

## SECTION-II

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 5 = 10

33. What qualities have made women powerful?
34. Compare and Contrast the attitude of the Ant and the Cricket.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.  
The weather is always too hot or cold;  
Summer and winter alike they scold.



Nothing goes right with the folks you meet  
Down on that gloomy Complaining street.

- Write the rhyming words from the stanza.
  - Write the rhyming scheme for the given stanza.
  - Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.
  - Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,  
It will vanish and the stars will shine again,  
Because, for all our power and weight and size,  
We are nothing more than children of your brain!

### SECTION-III

Answer any one of the following.

1 x 5 = 5

37. **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**

- The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.
- A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain.
- Once in Shining, a cruel ruler declared that all old people must be put to death.
- When the farmer bade farewell, she advised him to return home with the aid of twigs.
- The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way to help her son return.

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

I was just thirty-seven when my Uncle Philip died. A week before that event he sent for me; and here let me say that I had never set eyes on him. He hated my mother, but I do not know why. She told me long before his last illness that I need expect nothing from my father's brother. He was an inventor, an able and ingenious mechanical engineer, and had much money by his improvement in turbine-wheels. He was a bachelor, lived alone, cooked his own meals, and collected precious stones, especially rubies and pearls. From the time he made his first money he had this mania. As he grew richer, the desire to possess rare and costly gems became stronger. When he bought a new stone, he carried it in his pocket for a month and now and then took it out and looked at it. Then it was added to the collection in his safe at the trust company.

#### Questions:

- How old was Uncle Philip's nephew when he died?
- How was the narrator related to Philip?
- What was Philip doing and how did his earnings improve?
- What did Philip do when he bought a new stone?
- What was Philip's mania?

### SECTION-IV

Answer any four of the following.

4 x 5 = 20

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

Toyota Trust, Lanson's Anniversary Sale Mela – Pre – owned car on sale – 100 cars on display, two year warranty – Attractive finance Scheme – EMI – Free evaluation by professionals – Sell – upgrade – Lanson Toyota – 5/80, ECR, Neelankarai.

- The street lights of your area do not work properly. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the newspaper enlightening them about the problem and also suggest ways to brighten the area.
- 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. 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 a paragraph of five sentences.**





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

A teacher has an important place not only in student life but also in every phase of life. They have all qualities which they distribute in their students. They know that not everyone has the same ability to receive, so a teacher observes all the abilities of each of their students and in the same way, they teach children. A teacher is a great listener of knowledge, prosperity, and light, from which we can benefit greatly throughout our life. Every teacher helps their students in choosing their path. Teachers teach their students how to respect elders. A teacher equips his/her student with the knowledge, skills, and positive behaviour honored which the student never feels lost. The teacher makes them aware of how to use time and the restriction of time. A teacher makes a good impression on his students. They teach us to wear clean clothes, eat healthy food, stay away from the wrong food, take care of parents, treat others well, and help us in understanding the importance of completing work. During teaching, a teacher uses creativity so that students can concentrate on their studies. They are a repository of knowledge and have the patience and confidence to take responsibility for the future of the student. They only want to see their students successful and happy. Teachers are very prestigious people in the society, who through their magic of education, take the responsibilities of raising the lifestyle and mind level of the common people.

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

- He put of his coat.
- He sat besides John.
- It is one of the most memorable day in my life.
- The mobile phone neither went dead or worked properly.
- The bird flew above the ocean.

**SECTION-V****45. Quote from memory.**

1 x 5 = 5

Not hurrying.....toll.

**PART-IV****46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 2 x 8 = 16**

- Prospero - Duke of Milan - art of magic - brother Antonio - over threw prospero. King of Naples - Prospero and his daughter - twelve years in island - released good spirit from -2- sycorax - created storm - Ariel's help - his enemies in the ship - to came - Miranda and Ferdinand - attracted - prosper fogaue - realized mistakes - left the island prospero restored - dukedom. (OR)
- Holland-dikes-lie below sea level-Peter-prevent sea water-walks-besides-the canal-small hole in the dike-put his finger-Holland-drowned-screamed-next morning-a man-notice Peter-alarm-people mended-brave hero.

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

Vitamins and minerals are natural substances found in a wide range of food and are essential to maintain a healthy body. Vitamin-A keeps eyes and skin healthy and helps to protect against infections. Vitamin-A is found in milk, eggs and vegetables. Vitamin-B is good for nervous system and is found in green vegetables. Vitamin-C helps the immune system by fighting against infections. Vitamin-C is found in citrus fruits like strawberries, kiwi, guava and tomatoes.

**Questions:**

- Where are vitamins and minerals found?
- What are the sources of Vitamin A?
- What is Vitamin B good for?
- What does Vitamin C help in and what are its sources? (OR)

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

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;  
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,  
On streets and fields and harbour quays,  
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees.  
The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,  
The howling dog by the door of the house,  
The bat that lies in bed at noon,  
All love to be out by the light of the moon.  
But all of the things that belong to the day  
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;  
And flowers and children close their eyes  
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.

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**Questions.**

- What is the moon compared to?
- Name the animals that likes the moon light?
- Who like to sleep when the moon is up in the sky?
- Write the 'animal sounds' mentioned in the poem?