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Virudhunagar District

Common Half Yearly Exam, December - 2024



Standard 8

ENGLISH

Time: 2.30 Hours

Marks: 100

Part-I

I Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words:

5x1=5

1. Ajay started to paint happily
 - a) depressed b) joyfully c) sadly
2. He cared little for earthly fame
 - a) popularity b) attraction c) proud
3. The mother consoled her little girl
 - a) pretended b) comforted c) left
4. Dixie was feeling very exhausted
 - a) wounded b) tired c) rejoiced
5. You are always self-centred
 - a) egotistic b) generous c) heroic

II Choose the appropriate antonym for the underlined words:-

5x1=5

6. Ilavazhagi won world championship in 2008
 - a) win b) succeed c) lost
7. His grandmother was very kind to him
 - a) affectionate b) loving c) cruel
8. Medicine should be stored
 - a) consumed b) deleted c) preserved
9. It is a latest mobile
 - a) updated b) outdated c) new
10. Ajay suffered an injury
 - a) sorrow b) endure c) hurt

Part-II
Section-A

III Answer the following:-

10x1=10

11. Choose the correct anagram for Meat
 - a) team b) meta c) tame
12. Choose the correct Homophone
I am not ----- to drink soda (aloud/allowed)
13. Choose the correct expansion: GST
 - a) Goods and Service Tax b) Goods and Sales Tax c) Government State Tax
14. Choose the correct plural form of Medium
 - a) media b) mediae c) medias
15. Choose the word can be placed after head
 - a) sight b) master c) book
16. Syllabify the word rubber
17. Choose the correct blended form of Binary+digit
 - a) digit b) bit c) binary
18. Find out the clipped word of pantaloons
19. Choose the correct prefix of write
 - a) in b) co c) re
20. Write the meaning for the idiom 'a couch potato'.

Section-B

IV Answer the following:-

8x1=8

21. Choose the correct preposition
All -----once the church clock struck twelve
 - a) in b) on c) at

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22. Choose the correct modal auxiliary verb
You ----- help the needy
a) should b) can c) may
23. Fill in the blanks with suitable collective noun
A ----- of sticks
a) bunch b) bundle c) group
24. Choose the right pattern
Kailash gave Vidhya a note
a) SVOA b) SVIDO c) SVOC
25. Change the underlined nouns into pronouns
Priya is a student. Priya is fond of reading
26. Choose the correct tense
The governor was ---- at the wit of the youth
a) pleases b) pleasing c) pleased
27. Choose the correct conjunction
Slow ---- steady wins the race
a) and b) but c) and so
28. Write the meaning of the phrasal verb 'look after'.

Section-C**V Fill in the blanks:-****5x1=5**

29. ----- is more serious health related illness.
30. Ajay mastered the techniques of -----
31. The author's brother's name is -----
32. Issac Newton was born at -----
33. The diamond jewel was lying in the -----

VI Answer any 5 of the following questions:-**5x2=10**

34. What was Ajay gifted with?
35. What did Issac manufacture at his young age?
36. Where did the sparrows built the nest?
37. What is STREET SMART?
38. In what ways the river and its bank have changed?
39. What is must in every house hold?
40. How was he honoured?

VII Answer any one of the following questions in 100 words:-**1x5=5**

41. Mention some of Newton's inventions.
42. Describe how the river looks when he rows back.
43. Why did the sparrow throw the nose jewel into Ramayya's house?

Section-D**Part-I****VIII Quote from memory:-****1x5=5**

44. From: There is
- To:is everlasting.

Part-II**IX Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions:-****1x7=7**

- 45.a) My hobby is reading
It helps me.
i)What is the hobby of the poet?
ii)Does his hobby help him?
- b) There is something special about a father's love.
i)Identify the alliteration in the given lines.
ii)Pick out the rhyming words from the poem.
iii) Who is the special hero?

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- c) To shoot again I can't bear that;
My tail is down, my ears are flat.
i) Who is the speaker?
ii) How is the tail and ears?

Part-III

X Answer any one of the following in about 100 words:-

1x5=5

46. Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem.
47. Write about the poem "Firework Night".

Section-E

XI Choose the best answer:-

5x1=5

48. Satish and Arun were ----- year old boys.
a) 12 b) 11 c) 13
49. The hermit lived in a -----
a) cottage b) palace c) wood
50. The bridge was broken in the -----
a) front b) rear c) middle
51. The season mentioned in the story is -----
a) spring b) autumn c) summer
52. Arun was sitting on platform-----
a) no.7 b) no.8 c) no.4

XII Identify the character/speaker:-

5x1=5

53. Goodbye mother-
54. Now rest awhile-and let me work a bit?-
55. Tell the boatman how pleased I am with him-
56. They all answered his questions differently-
57. He is one of my friends-

XIII Answer any one of the following:-

5x1=5

58. Was Black Beauty afraid to cross the bridge?
59. Write a summary of 'The woman on platform no.8'.

Section-F

XIV Answer all the questions:-

4x5=20

60. Write a letter to your friend about summer holidays.
61. You are Preethi head girl of the ABC school. Your school is going to organize an annual sports day. Write a notice for the students informing about the school sports day.
62. Develop the following hints with suitable title:-

Farmer in a village-had a hen-golden egg-farmer became rich-selling golden egg-he is greedy-an egg everyday-not enough-thought to get all eggs-kill to get all eggs-killed the hen-found no eggs-farmer is very sad.

63. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:-

Sir Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin, was once forced into an interview in New York by two journalist just as he was about to have breakfast. One of them asked him, 'sir, what are you thinking about right now? We wish to know what a great scientist thinks while getting ready for breakfast'. Fleming mused awhile on the question and he replied, 'I am thinking of something very special'. The journalist, who was all ears, drew themselves forward. 'I am thinking, whether to have one egg or two'.

1. Name the scientist.
 2. What did he discover?
 3. Who approached the scientist?
 4. What was the question asked by the journalist?
 5. When did they meet the scientist?
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