

HSL

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2023

## ENGLISH

8 - Std

Time : 3.00 Hrs

Marks : 100

## SECTION - I

**I Choose the Synonyms for italicized words.**

1. Unique - a) Common b) beneficial c) uncommon d) separate  
 2. Composed - a) made b) known c) full d) felt  
 3. Panic - a) fear b) grid c) crash d) left

3 x 1 = 3

**II Choose the correct antonyms for the italicized words.**

4. Won - a) attain b) succeed c) Lost d) achieved  
 5. Kind - a) affectionate b) loving c) disrespectful d) cruel  
 6. Taste - a) Delicious b) sweet c) distaste d) against

3 x 1 = 3

## SECTION-II

**III Syllabify the following Words:-**

7. Friend -  
 8. College -  
 9. Opportunity -

3 x 1 = 3

**IV Pick out the correct homophone.**

10. I am not ..... to drink soda. (*aloud, allowed*)  
 11. I have ..... the movie already. (*scene, seen*)

2x1=2

**V Choose the correct abbreviations.**

12. **ILO** a) International Labour Organization  
 b) Indian Learning Organization c) International Locating Organization  
 13. **GST** - a) Goods and Service Tax b) Government Sales Tax c) Government Service Tax

2 x 1 = 2

## SECTION-III

**VI Change the possessive adjective into possessive pronoun.**

14. This is my pen.  
 15. Her purse is small.  
 16. My book is new.

3 x 1 = 3

**VII Fill in the blanks by using correct preposition.**

17. Christmas falls ..... 25<sup>th</sup> December.  
 18. My friend gave me a gift ..... my birthday.  
 19. I more active ..... night.  
 20. Her shift gets over ..... 7 p.m.

4 x 1 = 4

**VIII Find out the clipped words for the following.**

21. Photograph - 22. Microphone -

2 x 1 = 2

**IX Underline the conjunctions in the following sentences.**

23. Shekar is intelligent but careless.  
 24. Though Vinay is ill, he doesn't skip classes.

2 x 1 = 2

**X Fill in the blanks with appropriate form the verbs given in the brackets. 2 x 1 = 2**

25. The bus ..... (*leave*) the stop before we could catch it.  
 26. Manju ..... (*call*) after she reached home.

## SECTION-IV [Prose]

**XI Answer any five of the following questions in two sentences.**

27. Where did the sparrows build the nest?  
 28. What is Ajay's current goal?  
 29. What happened to Ajay when he was three?  
 30. How was Newton honoured by the King?  
 31. How does the author feel when he sees the Ganges again?  
 32. Why should mobile phones be used with adults supervision?  
 33. Where did the bird drop the diamond stuy?

5 x 2 = 10

**XII Answer any one of the following in about 80 words.**

34. Why did the sparrow throw the nose - jewel into Ramayya's house?  
 35. What are the safety measures to be followed for Sunstroke?

5 x 1 = 5

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**SECTION- V (Poem)**

**XV** 36. Read the following lines and answer the given below. 6

When I was a boy  
You would hold me in your arms  
I felt the love and tenderness  
Keeping me safe from harm

- (i) Who is the speaker? (ii) Who is the special hero mentioned in the poem?  
(iii) How did the child feel when it was held by its dad?

1 x 5 = 5

**XIV** 37. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words:-

38. Write a paragraph on father's love as described in the poem.

39. What do you understand from the poem "Making Life Worthwhile"?

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**XV** 39. Quote from memory poem.

From : A Thing of beauty .....  
To : ..... breathing.

**SECTION - VI [SUPPLEMENTARY READER]**

**XVI** 40. Identify the character / speaker. 2 x 1 = 2

41. "God bye mother".

42. "But I apply the secret?"

**XVII** 43. Choose the correct answer from the options given below. 5 x 1 = 5

44. The King wanted to know the answers for ..... questions. a) three b) five c) one

45. The hermit lived in a ..... a) cottage b) palace c) wood

46. .... widely renowned for his wisdom. a) hermit b) messengers c) warriors.

47. The season mentioned in the story is ..... a) spring b) autumn c) summer

48. The bridge was broken in the ..... a) front b) rear c) middle

**XVIII** 49. Fill in the blanks. 4 x 1 = 4

50. Pundit has many ..... and .....

51. Moti is a poor .....

52. The Pundit was an ..... speaker.

53. Corbett shot wild animals in his .....

**XIX** 54. Match it. 5 x 1 = 5

55. Women in white - Mother of Satish

Train - Boy of same age

Bowler - Dressed simply

Satish - Wave of stream

Spectacles - Arun

**XX** 56. Who said these words. 3 x 1 = 3

57. a) "They all answered his questions differently".

b) How can I learn to do the right thing at the right time?

c) "Now rest a while - and let me work a bit?"

**XXI** 58. Write 'True or False' for the following. 4 x 1 = 4

59. **Statement :** i) The bearded man was enemy of the King.

ii) The King and the hermit refused to help the wounded man.

iii) The wounded man asked for forgiveness from the King.

iv) The King promised to restore the property of the bearded man.

**XXII** 60. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. 5 x 2 = 10

61. Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first National Park in the Kumaon Hills, the Hailey National Park, in Uttarkhand, India. It was initially named after, Lord Malcolm Hailey. Jim Corbett died on 19 April 1955. The Park was renamed in 1957, as The Jim Corbett National Park. It was named after him to honour his role in establishing this protected area in 1930s.

i) Who played a key role in establishing the national park?

ii) Why was the park named Hailey National Park?

iii) When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?

iv) When did Jim Corbett die? v) How did Jim Corbett honour?

**XXIII** 62. Letter writing. 10 x 1 = 10

63. Write a letter to the transport manager, TNSTC on non-stopping of buses near your school bus stop. (OR) Write a letter to your father asking permission to go on an educational tour.

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