

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION -2024

CLASS:8

ENGLISH

Reg.No 8013

Time : 2.30 Hours

MARKS : 100

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Write clearly and legibly without mistakes and overwriting utilising the maximum time allotted for the examination.
2. Answers should be in your own style without changing the main core concept.
3. Use only black or blue ink pen to write the examination.

PART - I

I) Choose the appropriate synonyms for underlined words.

(14x1=14)

1. Ajay started to paint happily
a) depressed b) joyfully c) unhappily d) sadly
2. Issac was chiefly remarkable for his ingenuity.
a) common b) notable c) neglected d) unknown
3. In case of emergency you should go to the hospital.
a) good fortune b) peace c) crisis d) benefit

II) Choose the appropriate antonyms for underlined words.

4. Ajay mastered the techniques of painting.
a) skilled b) proficient c) unskilled d) experienced
5. His grandmother was very kind to him.
a) affectionate b) loving c) disrespectful d) cruel
6. The neem tree provides shelter to many birds.
a) gives b) with holds c) offers d) bestows
7. Choose the Correct Plural form of 'foot' from the following.
a) foots b) feet c) food d) footes
8. Attach a suitable Suffix to the word 'colour'
a) -full b) -ful c) -ion d) -ly
9. Choose the correct Expansion of the word 'NMMS'
a) National Means - Cum - Merit Scholarship
b) National Minority Merit Scholarship
c) National Mission for Merit Students
d) National Mentorship for Merit Scheme
10. Fill in the blanks with suitable.
'Collective noun'. A _____ of cows.
11. Fill in the blanks with suitable 'Phrasal verb'
Radhan decided to never _____ after failing the exam three times.
a) take control b) give up c) startover d) try harder
12. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'moon' to form a Compound word.
a) house b) light c) fast d) song

13. Fill in the blanks with suitable 'Preposition'
My friend gave me a gift _____ my birthday.
a) for b) with c) on d) to
14. 'Syllabification' of the word 'Careful'.
a) care-ful b) ca-re-ful c) car-eful d) careful

PART -II

Section - I (prose)

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

(3X2=6)

15. Where did the bird drop the diamond stud?
16. What did Asha Devi teach Ajay?
17. How was Newton honoured by the king?
18. What is being STREET SMART?

Section - II (poetry)

Answer any three of the following questions.

Read the following lines and answer the questions given below

(3x2=6)

19. "There is something special
about a fathers love"
a) Whose love is special? b) Who is the speaker of the poem?
20. "In constructing a vigorous society,
Then we shall succeed".
a) What can children do to society if they read? b) What is the theme of the poem?
21. "One glimpse of brighter skies -
To make this life worthwhile
And heaven a surer heritage".
a) Why should we make this life worthwhile? b) What does the poet assure if we make our life worthwhile?
22. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never pass in to nothingness".
a) How is a thing of beauty joy forever? b) What will be increase?

Section - III (Grammar)

Answer any four of the following questions:

(4x2=8)

23. Pick out the correct homophone.
a) I am not _____ to drink soda. (aloud, allowed)
b) I have _____ the movie already. (Scene, Seen)
24. Let's compare two things.
a) Which is cheaper? Gold or Silver?
b) Which is larger? City or Village?
25. Write a sentence for each pattern.
a) SV b) SVO
26. Complete the conditional sentences. (If clause)
a) If I had time, I _____ (go) shopping with you
b) I would have told you, If I _____ (see) him.
27. Write a sentence of your own for each homonyms.
a) kind - type _____
b) kind - caring _____

28. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets.
- The bus _____ (leave) the stop before we could catch it.
 - Manju _____ (call) after she reached home.

PART -III

Section - I

Answer any two of the following in about 100 words.

(2x5=10)

- Why did the sparrow throw the nose - Jewel into Ramayya's house?
- How did Ajay's father find his son's talent?
- Mention Sir Issac Newton's inventions.
- How can you more yourself cyber safe?

Section - II

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

(2x5=10)

- Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem 'Special Hero'.
- "Making Life Worth While" suggest that small acts of kindness and faith can help us navigate life's challenges?
- Describe the theme of "A Thing of Beauty".
- Read the following stanza and answer the question given below.
To shoot again I can't bear that;
My tall is down, my ears are flat,
I'm trembling here outside the door,
Oh, don't you love me anymore?
 - Pick out the Rhyming words.
 - Write the Rhyme scheme of the above lines.
 - Pick out all Alliterating words from the above poetic lines.
 - Mention in the figure of speech employed in this stanza?

Section - III

Answer anyone of the following.

(1x5=5)

- Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
 - Ramayya's wife picked up the nose jewel and wore it with delight.
 - Ramayya wanted to return the jewel to the village magistrate but his wife refused.
 - The police searched for the jewel, and Ramayya and his wife were filled with fear.
 - His wife said that it was useless and asked him to bring food instead.
 - The male sparrow picked up the shining jewel and took it to his wife.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Tom was a curious boy who loved exploring the woods near his house. One afternoon, he found an old map hidden in a tree trunk. Excited, Tom followed the map, which led him deep into the forest. After walking for hours, he discovered a small cave with a wooden chest inside. The Chest was filled with old coins and a letter explaining that the treasure belonged to a kind traveller who had hidden it long ago. Tom decided to leave the treasure where it was knowing that history was more valuable than the gold itself. He returned home with the map, feeling proud of his adventure.

- Where did Tom find the old map?
- What did the map lead Tom to discover in the forest?
- What was inside the chest that Tom found in the cave?
- Why did Tom decide to leave the treasure behind?
- How did Tom feel after completing his adventure?

Section - IV

(4x5=20)

Answer any four of the following:

39. Write a letter to your friend about your summer holidays.
 40. Write a notice about the Inter school singing competition. Inviting all the interested students.
 41. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.



42. Match the following

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| 1. Sun | - | Read |
| 2. Tree | - | Fly |
| 3. Book | - | Water |
| 4. Bird | - | Star |
| 5. Rain | - | Plant |

43. Identify the character / speaker.

1. I am glad to know that.
2. Are you all alone, my son?
3. Yes, I am going to school.
4. He is one of my friends.
5. Good bye mother.

44. Identify the errors.

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| 1. I have met him yesterday. | 2. One of the boys are missing. |
| 3. She is waiting for you for 3 hours. | 4. He is having a cell phone. |
| 5. None is genuine. | |

Section - V

45. Quote from memory:

(1x5=5)

From: Every soul _____
 To: _____ yet unfelt.

Part - IV

46. Develop the following hints into a passage. Give suitable title and give suitable moral also. (1x8=8)

- a) Tortoise - hare - forest - tortoise - walking - seen by a hare - hare laughs - tortoise speed - tortoise sad - bet - race - tortoise moving - slow speed - hare moves - fast - sleeps - tortoise - reaches winning point - first - wins the bet. (OR)

- b) Farmer in a village - had a hen - golden egg - farmer become rich - selling golden eggs - 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.

Part - V (General Comprehension)

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

(4x2=8)

Bella Bee

In a vibrant meadow filled with colourful flowers, a busy bee named Bella flew from bloom to bloom. Each day, Bella collected nectar to take back to her hive. As she worked, she helped pollinate the flowers, allowing them to grow and spread. One sunny afternoon, Bella met a curious butterfly named Benny, who admired her hard work. They became friends and spent the day exploring the meadow together. When the sun setting, Bella returned to the hive, happy to have made a new friend and to have contributed to the beauty of the meadow.

Questions:-

1. What did Bella the bee collect from the flower?
2. How did Bella help the flowers in the meadow?
3. Who did Bella meet while working in the meadow?
4. What did Bella feel at the end of the day?