

S COMMON HALFYEARLY EXAM - 2024**Standard - VIII**

Sivagangai District

Time : 2.30 hrs**ENGLISH****Marks: 100****Section - A****Part - I****14×1=14****Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words.**

- 1) The poor woman is in a panic
 - a) fear
 - b) grid
 - c) crash
 - d) brave
- 2) Writing is a unique hobby
 - a) common
 - b) beneficial
 - c) uncommon
 - d) separate
- 3) Isaac was chiefly remarkable for his ingenuity
 - a) ignored
 - b) notable
 - c) neglected
 - d) unknown

Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words

- 4) Ilavazhagi won world championship in 2008.
 - a) attain
 - b) succeed
 - c) lost
 - d) achieved
- 5) The boy seemed to have a taste for mathematics
 - a) delicious
 - b) sweet
 - c) against
 - d) distaste
- 6) Karan visited his ancestral village
 - a) modern
 - b) ancient
 - c) traditional
 - d) old
- 7) Expand the following Acronym: VAT
 - a) Value Add Tax
 - b) Value Added Tax
 - c) Value Additional Tax
 - d) Value Additive Tax
- 8) Write the plural form of the given word: Dear
 - a) deer
 - b) deers
 - c) deeres
 - d) dear
- 9) Choose the best answer to make a compound word: Moon
 - a) fall
 - b) out
 - c) light
 - d) screen
- 10) Add a suitable Prefix to the following:
"It might be possible replied Mr. Temple.
 - a) im
 - b) il
 - c) un
 - d) ir
- 11) Write the clipped word for 'helicopter+pad'
- 12) Supply suitable Phrasal verb for the following sentence:
I have to _____ my sick grandfather.
 - a) Kick off
 - b) Keep on
 - c) put off
 - d) look after
- 13) Complete the Conditional Sentence:
Will it be all right, if I _____ a friend to night?
 - a) had brought
 - b) bring
 - c) brought
 - d) bringing
- 14) Fill in the blank with appropriate tense form of the verbs given
Do you _____ the day we moved the piano upstairs?
 - a) remember
 - b) remembered
 - c) are remembering
 - d) had remembered

Section - B**Part - I****Answer any three of the following:-****3×2=6**

- 15) Where did the sparrows build the nest?
- 16) What did Asha Devi teach Ajay?



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- 17) What did Issac manufacture at his young age?
 18) How does the author feel when he sees the Ganges again?
 19) What should every household have?

Part - II**Read the poetic lines and answer any three of the questions below: 3×2=6**

- 20) It teaches me
 To cackle and cry
 Without wings
 It lets me fly
 a) What does 'It' teach you? b) How does 'It' let you fly?
- 21) One glimpse of brighter skies
 To make this life worthwhile
 And heaven a surer heritage
 a) What is needed to make the life 'Worthwhile'?
 b) Which is mentioned as a 'surer heritage'?
- 22) A thing of beauty is a joy forever
 Its lovelines increases, it will never
 Pass into nothingness; but will keep
 a) What according to the poet is a joy forever?
 b) Does its loveliness increase?
- 23) To shoot again I can't bear that;
 My tail is down, my ears are flat,
 I'm trumbling here outside the door,
 Oh, don't you love me anymore?
 a) Whom does 'I' refer to? b) How are the ears of the speaker?

Section - B**Part - III [Grammar]****Answer any three of the following:- 3×2=6**

- 24) Choose the correct conjunctions from the options given in the brackets.
 a) _____ it was cloudy, we decided to take an umbrella. (so/as)
 b) She ran fast _____ won the game. (and, but)
- 25) Identify the pattern of the sentence for the given sentence.
 He painted the car blue.
- 26) Change the underlined word with correct Pronouns.
 My aunt lives in Trichy but, my aunt often comes to visit my family.
- 27) Compare the following two things using the adjective given in the brackets.
 Gold - Silver (Cheap)
- 28) Change the following Possesive Adjective into Possessive Pronoun
 My shirt is green.

Part - IV [Vocabulary]**29) Fill up the blanks: 4×1=4**

- i) The diamond jewel was lying in the _____
 ii) Mani's grandfather noticed it and helped him by reading _____
 iii) Isaac made a clock by the dropping of _____
 iv) They had come to play under the shade of big _____

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- i) Ramayya gave the diamond jewel to the magistrate.
- ii) Mani's hobby is playing cricket.
- iii) Ajay displayed 150 paintings
- iv) Grandpa was so angry on seeing Prasanth's friends.

Section - C**Part - I.****Answer any two in a paragraph:-****2×5=10**

- 31) Write about Road safety rules
- 32) Explain in detail how the author spends his afternoon.
- 33) Write about Ilavazhagi and her achievements
- 34) Why did the sparrow throw the nose-jewel into Ramayya's house?

Section - C**Part - II****Answer any two of the following:-****2×5=10**

- 35) Write a paragraph on Father's love as depicted in the poem.
- 36) How is a thing of beauty joy forever?
- 37) Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions that follow

There is something special
about a father's love

Seems it was sent to me
from some place up above

- a) Pickout the rhyming words
- b) Identify the rhyme scheme
- c) Pick out the alliterations from the first and the third lines.
- d) Identify the figure of speech in the third line.

Part - III38) **Quote from memory:-****5**

From: Therefore To: a shady boon.

Part - IV39) **Match the following:-****5**

- | A | B |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| i). Woman in white | - Sathuh's mother |
| ii) Train | - boy of same age |
| iii) Bowler | - dressed simply |
| iv) Sathish | - waves of stream |
| v) Spectacles | - Arun |

40) **Identify the character/speaker****5**

- i) I am glad to know that
- ii) Are you all alone, my son?
- iii) Good bye mother
- iv) "But I apply the secret?"
- v) "Tell the boatman how pleased I am with him."

Section - D

Part - I

Answer any three of the following:-

3×5=15

41) Develop the following hints into a paragraph:

A wood cutter - cutting wood - dropped his axe in the pond - started weeping - angel appeared - asked what the matter was - brought a golden axe - from the pond - wood cutter did not accept - brought a silver axe - not accepted - brought an iron axe - accepted - pleased with the honesty - offered all the axes to him.

42) Sharmila is the incharge of the cultural committee of Govt Higher secondary School, Tiruttani. She has been asked to notify the students of the school about the inter school singing competition. Write a notice on this.

43) Write a letter to your father asking permission to go on an educational tour.

44) Look at the picture and write a story in about 100 words. Make use of the words given below:

thirsty, village, crow, pitcher, disappointment, pebbles,
water level, flow away, happily



Part - II

5×2=10

45) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

The Pandit was an eloquent speaker. Whenever he gave a discourse, hundreds of people gathered to listen to him. The milkmaid too made it a point to stand behind the audience. Not that she understood much, but she was sure that the Pandit was speaking about God and Truth and similar tough and complex matters. "How much knowledge the man must be possessing to hold so many people spell bound for hours. Only one who is very near to God and Truth can command such wisdom!" she thought. She was happy that she made a humble contribution towards the Pandit's physical well being by regularly supplying him with pure milk.

a) Who was an eloquent speaker?

b) How many people gathered to listen to him?

c) Where did the milkmaid stand?

d) What was the Pandit speaking about?

e) What did the milkmaid contribute towards the Pandit's physical well being?
