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HSS

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

8 - Std

ENGLISH

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MARKS: 100

Time : 2.30 Hrs.

Section - A

- I Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words.** 3 X 1 = 3
- Praveen got Sun stroke.
a) fever b) nerves c) unconscious d) tired
 - He will make a capital workman.
a) wealth b) excellent c) full d) profitable
 - Miniature paintings depict Indian culture.
a) wrap b) portray c) twist d) falsify
- II Choose the correct antonyms for underlined word.** 3 x 1 = 3
- His grandmother was very kind to him.
a) affectionate b) loving c) disrespectful d) cruel
 - Karan visited his ancestral village.
a) offspring b) family c) house d) relative
 - It will be a disgrace to us.
a) grace b) faithful c) helpful d) success
- III Answer the following questions. (Vocabulary).** 5 x 2 = 10
- Expand the following : a) ISRO b) IFS
 - Write the plural form of given words.
a) Locus b) daughter - in - law.
 - Match the correct compound word. [*flower, side, fish, brush, book*]
a) jelly b) tooth
 - Write a sentence of your own for each homonyms.
a) Bright, Bright. b) Kind, Kind.
 - Write the meaning for the phrasal verb.
a) look into b) take off
- IV Answer the following questions. (Grammar)** 5 x 2 = 10
- Change the underlined words with correct pronoun.
a) Neil Amstrong was born in 1930. Neil Amstrong landed on the moon in 1969.
b) He helped the old lady. He gave the old lady food.

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13. **Fill in the blanks with other forms of adjectives.**
 a) Long
 b) Populated
14. **Fill in the blanks with a suitable modal verb.**
 a) I use your phone? b) you speak English?
15. **Tick the correct option to complete the sentences.**
 i) The rain completely our day.
 a) spoilt b) is spoiling c) is spoilt d) was spoilt
 ii) The criminal the place before the police could reach.
 a) was escaping b) had escaped c) is escaping d) will escape
16. **Choose the best answer.**
 i) I will come if I time.
 a) have b) had c) will have
 ii) If you me I would tell you.
 a) will ask b) asked c) had asked

V Answer the following questions. (Any three)

3 X 2 = 6

17. How was Newton honoured by the King?
 18. What is being STREET SMART?
 19. How were the rooms arranged in the author's house?
 20. Why writing is beneficial according to Mani?
 21. Where did the sparrow build the nest?

VI Answer the following paragraph questions. (Any one)

5 X 1 = 5

22. Why did the sparrow throw the nose jewel into Ramayya's house? **(OR)**
 Explain in details how the author spends his afternoon?

Section - B

I Answer the following questions.

3 X 2 = 6

23. *That you're only special hero
 and I wanted to tell you so*
 a) Who is the speaker?
 b) Who is the special hero mentioned in this poem?
24. *A Thing of beauty is a joy-for-ever
 Pass into nothingness; but will keep
 A bower quiet for us and a sleep*
 a) How is thing of beauty joy forever? b) What is meant by "bower"?
25. *Bang - Bang Oh, Hark
 The guns are shooting in the dark*
 a) What is meaning of the word "Bang"?
 b) What is happening in the dark?

- II Answer the following paragraph question. (Any one)** 5 X 1 = 5
26. a) Write a paragraph describing how hobby is useful to the poet in about 100 words. **(OR)**

b) Critical appreciation of poem making life worthwhile.

- III Poetic Devices.** 2 X 2 = 4

27. "My hobby is reading

It helps me

In thought breeding

It takes me to places"

a) Write the rhyming words of above lines write the rhyming scheme of above lines.

28. *There is something special* 1x 1 = 1

about father's love

Identify the alliteration in given lines.

- IV Memory poem.** 5 X 1 = 5

29. **Write the first six lines of the poem.** "Special Hero".

"When I was

..... I would see.

- V Punctuate the following sentence.** 1 X 2 = 2

30. i like playing with my friends Sandy Sunny Sameer.

Section - C

- I Match the following.** 5 X 1 = 5

31. i) Woman in white saree - Satish's mother
 ii) Train - Boy of same age
 iii) Bowler - Dressed simply
 iv) Satish - Waves of stream
 v) Spectacles - Arun

- II Fill in the blanks.** 5 X 1 = 5

32. a) Jim Corbett died on
 b) Corbett shot wild animals in his
 c) Moti is a poor
 d) The milk maid discharged her duties
 e) He told that the bridge had just broken due to the

- III Choose the best answer.** 5 X 1 = 5

33. i) Arun was sitting on platform
 a) No. 7 b) No. 8 c) No. 4 d) No. 3
 ii) Satish and Arun were year old boy.
 a) 12 b) 11 c) 13 d) 10

- iii) The bridge was broken in the
 a) front b) under c) middle d) up
- iv) The instinct in had often saved the lives of men.
 a) girls b) animals c) birds d) boys
- v) The season mentioned in the story is
 a) spring b) autumn c) summer d) winter

5 X 1 = 5

IV Identify the character / Speaker.

34. i) Are you all alone my son.
 ii) "But I apply the secret".
 iii) Tell the boat man how pleased I am with him.
 iv) "Parden, me, master".
 v) Let me take the spade and work awhile for you".

Section - E**V Letter writing.**

5 X 1 = 5

35. a) Write letter to your father asking permission to go on an educational tour.
 (OR) b) Write a letter to your friend about your summer holidays.

VI Hints. Development.

5 X 1 = 5

36. a) Tortoise - hare - forest - tortoise walking. Seen 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) Notice writing.

Your school is going to organize an inter - school dance competition. Write a notice inviting all the interested students.

VIII Read the passage and answer the questions.

5 X 2 = 10

37. The celebrated pundit had many disciples and admirers. Among them was the land lord of the area who lived on the other side of the river. The landlord had commissioned a poor milk maid Moti to supply a tumbler full of milk to the Pundit every morning. The milkmaid discharged her duty faithfully. Day after day she crossed the river by the help of a ferry boat and returned home in the same way after delivering the milk maid at the Pundit's house hold often the Pundit himself received the milk. Moti prostrated before him. She did not fail her duty even if on smoke days it retained heavily.

Questions:

1. Who was celebrated?
2. When did land lord live?
3. What was the milk maid?
4. How did she cross the river?
5. Did Moti fail in her duty?