

Class : 8Register
Number**COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024-25**

Time Allowed : 2.30 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 100

SECTION - A (Vocabulary) PART-I

I. Choose the correct appropriate synonyms for the underlined words: 5X1=5

1. The mother consoled her little girl. a) pretended b) comforted c) left
2. Writing is a unique hobby. a) uncommon b) separate c) common
3. Isaac was chiefly remarkable for his ingenuity. a) common b) notable c) neglected
4. The plaintive babbling of the river. a) sad b) joy c) happy
5. She was feeling very exhausted. a) joy b) wounded c) tired

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words:

5x1=5

6. He is very careless. a) thoughtless b) uncaring c) careful
7. Ajay suffered an injury. a) sorrow b) endure c) hurt
8. His grandmother was very kind to him. a) cruel b) caring c) loving
9. The rooms were regularly arranged. a) irregularly b) properly c) timely
10. It is a latest mobile. a) updated b) outdated c) new

Pick out the correct homophone:

2x1=2

11. I will ----- my friend. a) meat b) meet
12. Chennai is the ----- of Tamilnadu. a) capital b) capitol

Write the expanded form for the following abbreviation:

2x1=2

13. OTP
14. PAN

Fill in the blanks with the suitable collective noun.

2x1=2

15. a ----- of tea (cup / flock)
16. a ----- of rain (pair / shower)

Write the plural form for the following words:

2x1=2

17. datum
18. thesis

Choose the best answer to make a compound word:

2x1=2

19. Which word can be placed after 'safe'? a) chair b) guard c) shop
20. Which word can be placed before 'corn'? a) blood b) top c) port

Add suitable prefix/suffix:

2x1=2

21. ----- colour (sub/tri)
22. friend ----- (ship/ness)

Syllabify the following words:

2x1=2

23. education
24. teacher

SECTION B - GRAMMAR

Write the other degrees of 'fast'

2x1=2

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Fast		

Fill in the blanks using correct prepositions:

2x1=2

26. We go to school ----- Mondays, but not on Sunday.
27. I work faster ----- night.

Choose the correct right pattern:

2x1=2

28. Pooja hired a bicycle. a) SV b) SVO c) SVA
29. In 1998, Frank moved to London. a) ASVA b) ASVO c) SVIDODO

Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense form of the verbs given in the brackets:

1x1=1

30. They were watching TV when they ----- (hear) a loud bang at the door.

SECTION - C - PROSE

Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in one or two sentences:

5x2=10

31. Where did the sparrows build the nest?
32. Why did the bird drop the diamond stud?
33. What was Ajay gifted with?
34. Who was taking care of Newton after his father's death?
35. How were the rooms arranged in Tagore's brother's house?
36. What is STREET SMART?
37. Why were Newton's friends attracted by the wind mill?

Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100 words:

1x5=5

38. Why did the sparrow throw the nose jewel into Ramayya's house?
39. Write a note on Ilavazhagi.
40. Write about road safety rules.

SECTION - D - POETRY

Read the poem lines and answer ANY TWO questions given below:

2x2=4

41. I just wanted you to know.
That you're my special hero
a) Who is the speaker? b) Who is the special hero mentioned in the poem?
42. A thing of beauty is a joy for ever
Its loveliness increases it will never
a) What is a joy forever? b) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.

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43. *Mistress, Master, hear me yelp,
I'm out-of-doors, I want your help.*

- a) Write the rhyme scheme of the above poetic lines.
b) What is the figure of speech in the above poetic lines

Answer any one of the following in about a paragraph:

1x5=5

44. Write a paragraph on the fathers love as described in the poem 'Special Hero'.

45. Describe how a thing of beauty is a joy forever.

46. How can one make this life worthwhile?

Quote from memory:

1x5=5

47. **From** : When I was

To : your eyes.

SECTION - E - SUPPLEMENTARY

Choose the best answer:

5x1=5

48. Sathish and Arun were ----- years old boys a) 12 b) 11 c) 13

49. Corbett shot wild animals in his ----- a) gun b) cine film camera c) mobile phone

50. The hermit lived in a ----- a) Cottage b) palace c) wood

51. Moti is a poor ----- a) milk maid b) fruit seller c) vendor

52. The instinct in ----- had often saved the lives of men. a) birds b) animals c) insects

5x1=5

Match the following:

53. a) Women in white - wise
b) Champawat tiger - eloquent speaker
c) King - man eater
d) Pundit - dressed simply
e) black beauty - three questions

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

3x1=3

Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first National Park in the Kumaon hills, the Hailey National Park in Uttarakhand, 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.

54. Who played a key role in establishing the National park?

55. Why was the park named Hailey National Park?

56. When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?

Identify the Character Speaker:

2x1=2

57. Yes, I am going to school.

58. "But I apply the secret"?

Answer any one in about a paragraph:

5x1=5

59. According to Corbett, Why a tiger turns into a man eater?

60. Write about the answers given by the hermit to the king.

61. What did John think about human's attitude on animals?

SECTION - F (WRITING SKILL)

Answer any four of the following questions.

4x5=20

62. Write a letter to your father asking permission to go on an Educational Tour.

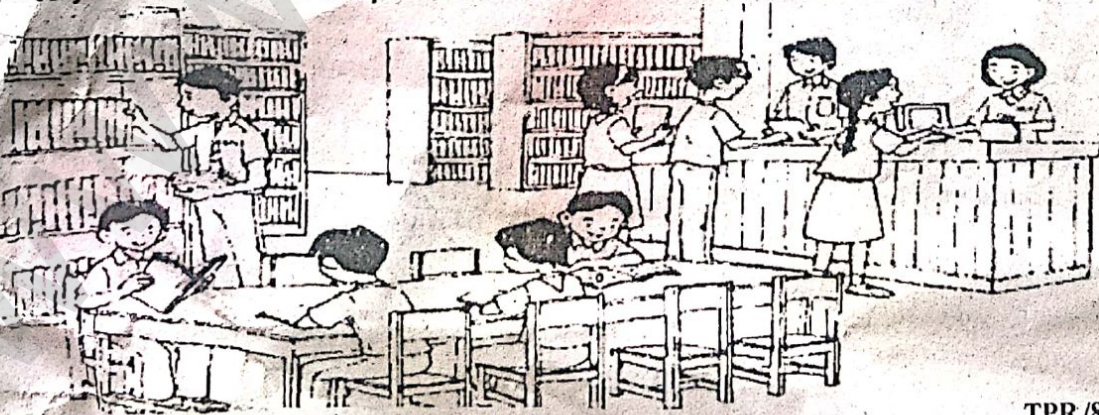
63. Write a letter to the Postmaster General on non - receipt of book parcel.

64. **Developing the following Hints.**

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

65. You are Santosh / Sangeetha, the SPL of GHSS Vellore. Your school is going to organize an inter-school dance competition. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting all the interested students.

66. **Express your views about the picture in about five sentences.**



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