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Virudhunagar District

Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2024



Standard 9

Time: 3.00 Hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

PART - I

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate **SYNONYMS** for the italicised words:

- 1) It was an opportunity that *transformed* Sachin's life.
a) added b) removed c) changed d) delighted
- 2) It was a *disembodied* voice at first.
a) giant b) bodiless c) snaking d) distressing
- 3) Man sought in vain for an imaginary *elixir* of life.
a) medicine b) poison c) powder d) disease

Choose the appropriate **ANTONYMS** for the italicised words:

- 4) *Dirty* clothes often added to the embarrassment.
a) Filthy b) Muddy c) Nasty d) Clean
- 5) The narrator of the story felt very *sick* for a week.
a) healthy b) disordered c) feeble d) unhealthy
- 6) Are we *rescued*.
a) saved b) risked c) released d) returned
- 7) **Add a prefix to the word "reasonable":**
a) in b) ness c) ir d) un
- 8) **Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence:**
The teacher stands _____ Ramu and Somu.
a) into b) during c) between d) with
- 9) **Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentences:**
We felt tremors we _____ into the open.
a) ran in b) ran away c) would run in d) ran out
- 10) **Choose the correct meaning for the Idiom that underlined:**
Our Maths teacher is very clever.
a) raining cats and dogs b) crazy like a fox
c) caught red-handed d) get cold feet
- 11) **Choose suitable modal verb for the following sentences:**
Do you _____ anything else.
a) ought to b) dare not c) need d) may
- 12) **Use the given verb in suitable Tense form:**
Eat them and the evidence _____.
a) go b) went c) will be gone d) had gone
- 13) **Choose the most appropriate Linker from the given four alternatives:**
Clem got very angry, _____ finally opened his box.
a) because b) but c) therefore d) meanwhile
- 14) **Find out the Anagram of the word "forest":**
a) festor b) fotres c) serfot d) softer

PART - II

Section - I [Prose]

3×2=6

Answer any THREE:

- 15) Why was Sachin asked to change the school?
- 16) Who is the owner of the house now?
- 17) Why did the policeman suspect the narrator?
- 18) Where was Amy's mother?

Section - II [Poetry]

3×2=6

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following:

- 19) **Whose woods these are I think I know,
His house is in the village though;**
i) Whom does 'he' refer to?
ii) What does 'I' refer to?

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- 20) **And I sunned it with smiles,
And with soft deceitful wiles.**
i) Which sunned 'it'?
ii) What does 'deceitful wiles' mean?
- 21) **And the strength of the tree exposed
The source, white and wet.**
i) What is exposed?
ii) What is the source?
- 22) **"Oh no, no," said the little fly, "for I've often heard it said,
They never, never wake again, who sleep upon your bed!"**
i) Did the fly go to sleep on the spider's bed?
ii) What did the fly hear about the spider's bed?

3×2=6

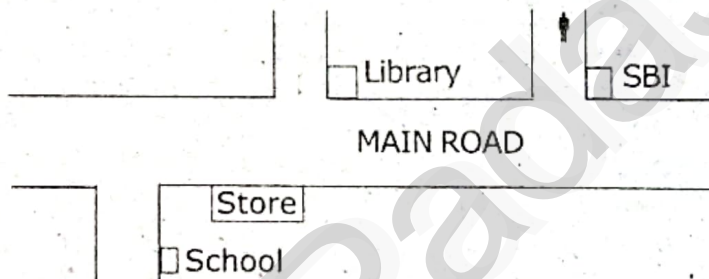
Section - III [Grammar]**Answer any THREE of the following:**

- 23) **Convert the following sentences as directed:**
Ramya is the tallest girl in the class. [into positive degree]
- 24) **Change the following sentence into passive voice:**
We are buying vegetables.
- 25) **Change into Indirect speech:**
Amy said, "How will you get home?"
- 26) **Punctuate the following sentence:**
same with mine said margie
- 27) **Rearrange the words in correct order to make meaningful sentences:**
i) rising / the / fast / is / river
ii) life / basis / of all / is / the / water

Section - IV [Compulsory]

1×2=2

- 28) Guide the boy to his school. Give instructions.

**PART - III****Section - I [Prose]**

2×5=10

Answer any TWO in utmost 10 lines:

- 29) Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer.
- 30) How did Amy manage the situation at home?
- 31) Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.
- 32) How does C.V. Raman show hot water is the real elixir of life?

Section - II [Poem]

2×5=10

Answer any TWO in utmost 10 lines:

- 33) Write a short paragraph by stopping by woods on a snowy evening.
- 34) Write a character sketch of the spider.
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**
And it grew both day and night
Till it bore an apple bright
And my fade beheld it shine,
And he knew that it was mine.
a) Identify the rhyme scheme.
b) Pick out the rhyming words.
c) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.
d) Pick out the alliterated words.

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36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**

River, river, little river!
 Bright you sparkle on your way:
 O'er the yellow pebbles dancing
 Through the flowers and foliage glancing
 Like a child at play.

Section - III [Supplementary]**1×5=5****Answer any ONE of the following:**37) **Rearrange the sentences in coherent order:**

- i) Margie was surprised to see the book.
- ii) Tommy found a real old book.
- iii) The words which printed on paper were stood still.
- iv) It was yellow and crinkly.
- v) He read it and found that it was about old schools.

38) **Read the following passage and answer the questions:**

Little Czar, a very saucy but good-natured European brown bear cub, walked up and almed a sample blow at cyclone's left ear. Cyclone conscientiously met every attack, real or foigned, that was made upon him. In less than an hour it was understood by every bear in the Nursery that, queer - looking gray fellow with the broad head and short nose could strike quick and hard and that he could fight any other bear on three second notice. Form that time on cyclone's position has been assured. He is treated with the respect that a good forearm inspires, but being really a fine - spirited, degnified little grizzly, he attacks no one, and never has had a fight.

- i) Who is little Czar?
- ii) Who below at cyclone's left ear?
- iii) What was understood by every bear in the Nursery?
- iv) Whose position has been assured?
- v) Who was really fine spirited? What does he do?

Section - IV [Writing]**4×5=20****Answer any FOUR of the following:**39) **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:**

Home appliances - Aadi sale - 20-50% - special combo offers - Tharvin & Co, Raja street, Chennai.

40) Make a poster of Dengue awarenes.

41) Write an ARTICLE in 100-150 words on "FESTIVALS OF INDIA".

42) **Look at the picture and express your views on it in about 5 sentences:**43) **Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:**

Trees not only supply us with many of the comeniencies of our daily life, they do much more than that. They support the life of living things. They help to replace the oxygen, in the air constantly being used up and turned into carbondioxide when animals breathe and things burn. The green leaves of trees absorb the cabondioxide from the air and with the help of sunlight oxygen is released into the atmosphere. The green cells of leaves are wonderful little laboratories where all the starch in the world is produced. Thus trees are great friends of man.

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44) **Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:**

- This is the boy whom won the race.
- I look forward to meet you.
- He do not have a music system.
- His son-in-laws have come home.
- Games and sports helps in recreation.

Section - V [Memoriter] Compulsory45) **Quote from memory:**

1×5=5

It takes much
..... it feeding.

PART - IV46) **Write a paragraph by developing hints:**

2×8=16

- An honest couple - dog - luck - envious wicked couple - borrowed - not bring luck - killed - buried - pine tree - honest man's dream - mortar - pine tree - treasure - burnt - dog appeared dream - withered trees - come back - life - prince - wicked man - ashes - punished.

(OR)

- Brij - meet - wearily traveller - recall - past life - terrible earthquake - native village molthi - arrive - flattened house - dead bodies - mother - brother - except Bhuli - not accept - death - sister - army officer - three armed - tired - Bhuti under debris - hundred and sixteen hours - tank Army officer - Brij hope - see - oneday - tea shop - Garhual - cup of tea - travellers - tired.

47) a) **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:**

The 2015 South Indian floods resulted from heavy rainfall generated by the annual north east monsoon in November - December 2015. They affected the coromandel coast region of the South Indian states of TamilNadu and Andhra Pradesh, and the Union territory of Puducherry, with Tamil Nadu and city of Chennai particularly hard-hit. More than 500 people were killed and over 18 lakh people were displaced. With estimates of damages and losses ranging from nearly 200 billion rupees to over 1 trillion rupees, the floods were the costliest to have occurred disasters of the year. The flooding has been attributed to the 2014-2016 EL-Nino event.

- Which affected the coromandal coast region?
- How many persons were affected?
- How were the floods has costliest to have occurred in 2015?
- What has the flooding been attributed to?

(OR)b) **Read the poem and answer the given questions:**

The fire of God's love
burns away impurities
and leaves our soul's gold.
Only he can see
Beneath our humanity
to judge our true worth.
God's eternal care
triumph over our weakness
and teaches us hope.

- What burns away our impurities?
- What will turn into gold?
- Who judges our true worth?
- What wins over our weakness and gives us hope?