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## Half Yearly Examination - 2024

## IX -Standard

## English

Time : 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

## Part - I

Answer the following questions:

14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words:

- The country is teeming with mosquitoes and black flies.  
a) devoid                      b) abundantly                      c) empty                      d) seeming
- The voice in his head asked the narrator to eat the evidence.  
a) proof                      b) contradict                      c) disprove                      d) refute
- He did not look very prosperous.  
a) poor                      b) flourishing                      c) weak                      d) deficient

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words:

- Clem Jones a was ordered to open the box.  
a) prepared                      b) arranged                      c) forced                      d) requested
- The old house was demolished.  
a) new                      b) big                      c) clean                      d) dirty
- Everyone should be very conscious.  
a) careful                      b) unconscious                      c) comfortable                      d) clear
- Add prefix to the word 'way'.  
a) un \_\_\_\_\_                      b) re \_\_\_\_\_                      c) sub \_\_\_\_\_                      d) dis \_\_\_\_\_
- Choose the correct suffix for 'happy'.  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ly                      b) \_\_\_\_\_ment                      c) \_\_\_\_\_or                      d) \_\_\_\_\_iam
- Choose the correct homophone in the blanks.  
I want \_\_\_\_\_ eat these \_\_\_\_\_ ice creams. [two, to]
- Choose the appropriate proposition  
We have been living in the Chennai \_\_\_\_\_ eight years.
- Give the full form of "aren't".  
a) be not                      b) am not                      c) is not                      d) are not
- Choose the correct modal verb given below.  
\_\_\_\_\_ you open the window? It is very hot in the room.  
a) Could    b) Can    c) Shall                      d) Will
- Choose the correct form of the present tense verb from the options given  
A good student always \_\_\_\_\_ hard.  
a) work                      b) works                      c) worked                      d) working
- Which word can be placed after ice to form a compound word?  
a) cool                      b) cream                      c) cut                      d) fridge

## Part-II

## Section-I

Answer any three of the following.

3x2=6

- What was Clem Jones carrying in the box?
- Who were Sachin's favourite players?
- What did the visitor hide in the jack fruit tree?
- What were the girls doing in the living room?

## Section-II

Read the poem lines and answer the questions that follow. (Any three)

3x2=6

- "Broad and deep and still as time;  
Seeming still, yet still in motion."

- a) What is broad and deep?                      b) Is the time still?
20. *"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep"*
- a) How are the woods?    b) Whom does 'I' refer to?
21. *"In the morning glad I see,  
My foe out stretched beneath the tree."*
- a) How did the poet feel in the morning?    b) Who is the 'foe' referred to here?
22. *"The way into my parlour is up a winding stair,  
And I've many curious things to show when you are there"*
- a) How can the fly reach the spider's parlour?    b) What will the fly get to see in the parlour?

## Section – III

4x2=8

Answer any four of the following .

23. We astronauts must keep on \_\_\_\_\_ for our space launch.
24. Ramya is \_\_\_\_\_ than most other girls in the class.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.  
hi raju how are you
26. Rearrange the shuffled words of the sentences.  
i) results / they / the / will / publish  
ii) a great / was all / learning experience / it
27. Find the Anagrams for the following.  
(i) ELBOW                      (ii) SECTION

## Part – III

## Section - I

Answer any two of the following.

2x5=10

28. Achrekar was a sincere coach; substantiate.
29. How does C.V.Raman show that water is the real elixir of life?
30. Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.
31. Write a paragraph about the story "I can't claim trees anymore"

## Section -II

Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph.

2x5=10

32. Write about the theme of the poem  
*"stopping by woods on a snowy evening"*
33. How does the poet bring out the pain of the trees?
34. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.  
*"Bright you sparkle on your way;  
O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,  
Through the flowers and foliage glancing,  
Like a child at play."*
- (i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.  
(ii) Pick out the rhyme scheme of the given lines.  
(iii) Identify the figure of speech in the last line.  
(iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the third line.
35. Paraphrase the following lines.  
*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep."*



## Section -III

1x5=5

36. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

1. Our house was a two- stored stone building with a slate roof .
2. We feared the worst , but nothing had prepared us for what we saw .
3. My uncle accompanied me .
4. I was among the first to reach the village .
5. My great grandfather had built the house

(OR)

37. Read the following passage and answer the question that follow.

According to the Sir C.V. Ramian, water is the Elixir of life .In the ancient times civilization developed near the rivers. Water plays an important role in our lives. It adds beauty to the country side. Water

it is the most uncommon of liquid with its amazing properties. It is responsible for maintain human, and plant life. Thus, life is impossible without water .

Questions :

- a) Where did the civilization in the ancient times?
- b) Which is the commonest of all liquids?
- c) How does water make the land fertile ?
- d) Mention two uses of water .
- e) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

## Section – IV

Answer the following. [Any Four]

4x5=20

38. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below.

Fresh fruits- vegetable from forms – healthy – juicy – tasty – low price – care for health – fruits and vegetables – 59, Mint Street, Trichy.

39. Write a letter to your friend about your experience during recent 'Gaja' cyclone.

40. Look at the picture and write your views.



41. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Prevention is better than cure, is a proverb and is recognized that the only way to rid of Malaria completely is to get rid of mosquitoes. Malaria was associated with damp and the marshy land. Stagnant water is the breeding place of mosquitoes. It begins as larva in water and malaria does not frequently occur in desert. The only way to destroy malaria is to prevent their breeding in stagnant water. This can be done by coating the stagnant water a film of kerosene oil which can kill the larva.

42. Identify and correct the errors in the sentences.

1. The cat drink milk.
2. His son-in-laws have come home.
3. He is taller then me.
4. He is an Union Leader.
5. I like play cricket.

## Section – V

1X5=5

43. Quote from memory:

From: River \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_ youth

## Part IV

44. Write a paragraph using any one of the following hints .

1X8=8

a) Little cyclone – Grizzly cub – mother fired – brother escaped from captor – cyclone – rescued by zoological park – met – resisted all bears who attacked – behaved dignified -proved - fight any bear – second's notice. (OR)

b) Margie – Tommy – 11 and 13 -Tommy – real book – attic – about grand father's grandfather schools – Margie's teacher – mechanical – olden days – teacher -human beings -all the kids – same age – special buildings – person – enjoyed learning .

45. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

4x2=8

In the heart of the Amazon rain forest lies a hidden paradise known as the Yasuni National Park. The park's dense forests are filled with the sounds of chirping birds, howling monkeys and buzzing insects creating a symphony of nature that is both fascinating and awe-inspiring. Yasuni National Park is a crucial habitat for the rare and elusive jaguar and the colourful poison dart frog. Additionally, the park is known for its incredible diversity of plant life with towering trees, delicate orchids and carnivorous plants all playing a role in the intricate web of life within the forest.

**Questions :**

- What is the name of the hidden paradise in the Amazon rain forest ?
- What can be heard in the dense forests of Yasuni National Park ?
- Name two animal species that live in the park.
- What are the three examples of plant life found in the park ?

(OR)

**Read the following poem and answer the following questions:***When I went out I stole orange**I kept it in my pocket**It felt like a warm planet**Everywhere I went smell it**And immediately on even dead branches, I saw**The lovely and fierce orange blossoms.***Questions :**

- What did the poet steal ?
- How did the orange feel like ?
- When would he smell the oranges ?
- How are oranges described ?