

# COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

## Standard - IX

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Time : 3.00 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

14×1=14

Part - I

Choose the appropriate **Synonym** for the **underlined** words:-

- 1) The gardener was pruning the plants  
a) cutting                      b) trimming                      c) planting                      d) short
- 2) Clem looked at Pongo furiously.  
a) politely                      b) gently                      c) angrily                      d) calmly
- 3) Sachin often bunked his classes  
a) absent                      b) arrive                      c) visit                      d) come

Choose the appropriate **Antonym** for the **underlined** words:-

- 4) Kumaran pursued his studies  
a) continued                      b) followed                      c) stopped                      d) chased
- 5) The narrator was frightened on seeing Pongo  
a) brave                      b) valiant                      c) afraid                      d) fear
- 6) The girls done a difficult task  
a) hard                      b) tough                      c) easy                      d) smart
- 7) Add a suffix to the word music \_\_\_\_\_  
a) ly                      b) ian                      c) ist                      d) on
- 8) Choose the proper homonym  
The bird had got its \_\_\_\_\_  
a) prey                      b) pray

- 9) Find out the anagram of the word 'NOTICES'  
a) TOE                      b) NOT                      c) SECTION                      d) DICE

- 10) Choose the appropriate preposition.  
Abdul has taken \_\_\_\_\_ his father.  
a) by                      b) after                      c) of                      d) off

- 11) Choose the appropriate degree given below:  
Tiger is the \_\_\_\_\_ animal.  
a) as strong as                      b) stronger                      c) strongest                      d) strong

- 12) Choose the appropriate prepositional phrase  
I am standing here \_\_\_\_\_ my friends.  
a) in behalf of                      b) on behalf of                      c) on behalf                      d) behalf

- 13) Fill the sentence with a proper modal  
Ram \_\_\_\_\_ speak two languages.  
a) could                      b) may                      c) might                      d) should

- 14) Fill in the blanks with suitable tense form  
My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a football today.  
a) got                      b) had got                      c) will get                      d) shall get

Part - II

Section - I

Answer any three of the following in one or two sentence:-

3×2=6

- 15) What does the writer compare water in a landscape to?
- 16) What was the narrator carrying in his pockets?
- 17) What happened to Sara?
- 18) Who were Sachin's favourite players?

Section - II

Read the following poetic lines and answer any three of it:-

3×2=6

- 19) The woods are lovely, dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep  
a) How are the woods?                      b) Who does 'I' refer to?



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- 20) And it grew both day and night,  
Till it bore an apple bright  
a) Who does 'it' refer to? b) What grew both day and night?
- 21) "The way into my parlour is up a winding stair,  
And I've many curious things to show when you are there"  
a) How to reach the spider's parlour? b) What can be seen in the parlour?
- 22) Broad and deep, and still as time;  
Seeming still, yet still in motion  
a) What is broad and deep? b) Is the time still?

## Section - III

3×2=6

Answer any three of the following:-

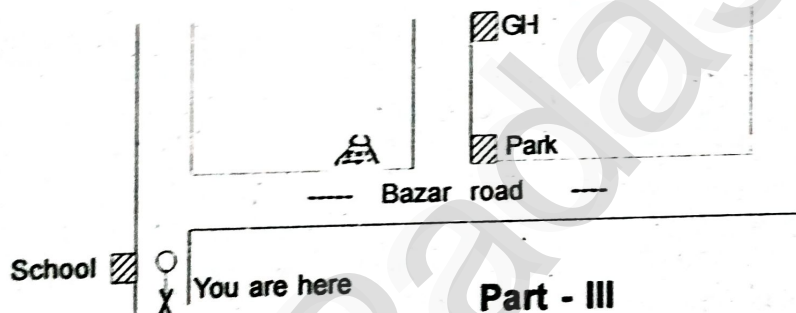
- 23) Write a sentence of your own using the given homophones  
a) brake b) break
- 24) Punctuate the following  
do you want to buy it she asked
- 25) Change into Superlative degree  
Rose is more beautiful than any other flower
- 26) Rearrange the words in the correct order:  
a) everywhere/Pongo/oranges/looked/for  
b) a/has/written/she/novel

## Section - IV

1×2=2

Answer the following:-

- 27) A stranger wants to go to the GH. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



## Part - III

## Section - I

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph:-

- 28) Achrekar was a sincere coach - Substantiate
- 29) Narrate in your own words about the conversation between the young girl and the visitor
- 30) Life cannot exist on earth without water - Explain.
- 31) Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.

## Section - II

Answer any two of the following:-

2×5=10

- 32) It is said that, "the choices made by one, shapes one's destiny". Ponder on the thought and write a paragraph.
- 33) What happens if we fall a prey to Hattery? Give instances from the poem "The Spider and the fly"
- 34) Read the given lines and answer the questions:-  
on you rush through rough and smooth;  
Louder, faster, brawling, leaping  
Over rocks by rose-banks, sweeping  
like impetuous youth.



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- Pick out the rhyming words
- Mention the rhyming scheme.
- Pick the alliterated words in the 3rd line.
- Mention the figure of speech employed in 4th line.

35) **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

It takes much time to kill a tree,  
Not a simple job of the knife  
will do it. It has grown  
Slowly consuming the earth.

## Section - III

Answer any one of the following:-

1×5=5

36) **Rearrange the following sentences in correct order:-**

- They killed and buried it under a pine tree
- An honest old couple had a dog
- It brought the honest couple good luck
- An envious wicked couple borrowed the dog
- The borrowed dog did not bring them any luck.

37) **Read the following passage and answer:**

Today Tommy found a real book! It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said them about this. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly and it was funny to read words from the book which stood still. They were supposed to read on a screen. Their television screen must have had a million books on it.

- Who found a book?
- How was the book?
- Whose grandfather told about the books?
- How many books are there in the television?
- Do you like to read books?

## Section - IV

Answer any four of the following:-

4×5=20

38) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints:-

Service camp - get exciting discount in spare parts - avail free service - visit nearest - Laptop world - 63, MRC road, Salem.

39) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting for a transfer certificate.

40) You are the school pupil leader of GHSS, Chennai. Your school headmaster asked you to prepare a notice on celebrating children's day in your school.

41) **Look at the picture and express your views on it.**



42) **Make notes or write a summary of the following:**

Karagattam is a popular folk dance of TamilNadu, which involves balancing a pot on the head to musical accompaniment. The Karagam pots are decorated with a cone of flower arrangements topped by a paper parrot. The parrot swings as the dancer swings along. Karagattam has two divisions - atta karagam and Sakthi karagam. This form of dance is very popular all over TamilNadu. Both



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male and female performers participate in this dance. Acrobatics such as dancing on a rolling block of wood, moving up and down a ladder, threading a needle while bending backwards from a part of this dance.

- 43) Identify the errors in the following sentences and write it correctly.
- Raj prefers coffee than tea
  - One of the boy scored well
  - Neither Ramu and Raju played the match well
  - Sheela went abroad
  - The luggages was heavy.

## Section - V

- 44) **Quote from your memory:-**  
River, River .....  
..... at play.

1×5=5

## Part - IV

2×8=16

- 45) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:-**

a) Tom's friend - Becky - stop - coming school - depressed polly - different remedies - drown - cold water - hot baths - shower baths - pain killer - nuisance - trigger - adverse - reactions - jump around - room - aunt - enter - somessaults - sail - open window - medicine spoon - figure out - peter - medicine - Aunt polly notice - what happen - Tom - Peter - medicine - polly - know - after effects - pain killer - feel sorry - experimenting Tom - teary eyes.

[or]

b) Tommy found - a real book - about the old schools - attic - paper - yellow and crinkly - words moving on a television screen - had millions of books - Margie - hated school - problems - geography - mechanical teacher - black, large screen - insert homework - not understand person - teacher - students were taught - same - schoolroom - house - thinking - old school - fun.

- 46) **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:**

a) It was four years ago, in the month of october. One night the earth quaked. Yes tremors are common in these parts. These snows may seem eternal, the Himalayas may look solid, but the truth is deep down they are unstable. We, who live here, are accustomed to tremors. But what happened that night was more than that. It was a terrible earthquake. Its effects were felt as far away as Delhi and Lucknow.

Questions:-

- What is common in these parts?
- What is the truth about Himalayas?
- Where did they feel the effect?
- How was the earthquake?

[or]

- b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions:**

He wasn't a hero  
known by the world  
But a hero he was  
To his little girl.  
My daddy was God.  
who knows all things.  
And better than şanta  
with the gift's he'd bring.  
I knew his voice  
Before I could speak  
And loves it when  
He would sing me to sleep

Questions:-

- For whom was the dad hero?
- How was the dad equal to God?
- What did the dad do to sleep?
- Who is the speaker hero?

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