

CLASS : 9

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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION-2024-25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 100]

PART - I SECTION - I

1. Answer all the questions.

14x1=14

Choose the correct synonym for the underlined words:

1. Practice hard and see what magic can transpire.

(a) serve (b) drive (c) reveal (d) make

2. Hark, what's that?

a) turn (b) shout (c) listen (d) look

3. She was tired of pruning rose bushes and bougainvillea.

(a) Trimming (b) Cutting (c) Picking (d) dirtying

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.

4. The schedule was rigorous.

(a) careless (b) distract (c) tough (d) continue

5. The narrator of the story felt very sick for a week.

(a) healthy (b) disordered (c) feeble (d) unhealthy

6. I remember one day standing on the line which separates the Libyan Desert.

(a) recall (b) think (c) forget (d) write

7. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate preposition given below

Mani divided his toys _____ his brothers and sisters.

(a) among (b) between (c) from (d) by

8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'qualify'

(a) dis (b) im (c) ab (d) bi

9. Write an anagram of the word 'ELBOW' Behu10. Write the full form of the 'you'd' You had

11. Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verb

They gave up the habit of playing online games.

(a) Postponed (b) cancelled (c) stop (d) continued

12. Fill in the blank with the appropriate prepositional phrase given below

I would like to order coffee _____ tea.

(a) instead of (b) instead from (c) instead to (d) instead for

13. Choose the correct meaning of Idioms

He felt to be a fish out of water.(a) to be in a difficult situation (b) presence of mind
(c) feel relax (d) to be uncomfortable14. Choose the correct plural form of 'lady'

(a) ladies (b) ladyes (c) ladies (d) ladies

PART - II
SECTION - I

Answer any 3 of the following questions in a sentence or two.

3x2=6

15. What did Achrekar advise Sachin?
16. What was the old house built with?
17. Who is Pongo?
18. How can soil erosion be prevented?

SECTION - II

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any 3 of the following.

3x2=6

9. *My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near*

a) Who is the speaker?

b) Why should the horse think it queer?

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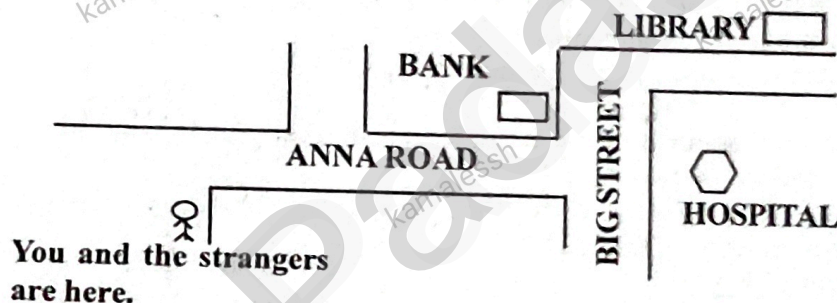
20. *And it grew both day and night,
Till it bore an apple bright.*
a) What does 'apple' signify? b) What grew both day and night?
21. *O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,
Through the flowers and foliage glancing*
a) How does the river flow? b) what is meant by Foliage?
22. *The root is to be pulled out --
Out of the anchoring earth;*
a) Why should the root be pulled out? b) What does's anchoring earth mean?

SECTION - III

- Answer any THREE of the following. 3x2=6
23. Rewrite the following sentence using the superlative degree.
Prabhu is young.
24. Choose the correct form of the tense.
a) I ~~have~~ a movie when she called. (have been watching/was watching)
b) He science for ten years. (is teaching / has been teaching)
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
she said where did you find it
26. Complete the sentences with one of the modal verbs given below.
(may, can, could, should, might)
When she was eighteen, she ~~can~~ run fast.
You ~~may~~ drive fast. It's not safe.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentence.
(a) life / of / is / basis / water / the / all
(b) Tamil Nadu / the / kavadi aattam / of / one / predominant / of / dances / a / is / folk

SECTION - IV

28. A stranger wants to visit the library. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination. 1x2=2

PART - III
SECTION - I

- Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph. 2x5=10
29. Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer.
30. Life cannot exist on earth without water - Explain.
31. Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.
32. Write a paragraph about Ruskin Bond's reminiscences of his childhood days at the old house.

SECTION - II

- Answer any TWO of the following. 2x5=10
33. Write a character sketch of the spider.
34. Describe the effect of the poisonous fruit on the 'enemy'.
35. 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.*

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza
 b) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza
 c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line.
 d) Pick out the alliterating words in the third line.
36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**
*The root is to be pulled out –
 Out of the anchoring earth;
 It is to be roped, tied,
 And pulled out – snapped out*

SECTION – III**1x5=5**

- Answer any ONE of the following.**
37. **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**
 (a) Margie was thinking about how the kids must have loved it in the old days.
 (b) Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever.
 (c) Margie went into the schoolroom. It was right next to her bedroom
 (d) The inspector had smiled after he was finished and patted Margie's head.
 (e) She wrote, "Today Tommy found a real book!"
38. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Peter was agreeable. So Tom opened his mouth and poured down the pain-killer. Peter sprang a couple of yards in the air, and then delivered a war-whoop and set off round and round the room, banging against furniture, upsetting flower-pots, and making general confusion. Next he rose on his hind feet and danced around, in a frenzy of enjoyment, with his head over his shoulder and his voice proclaiming his happiness. Then he went tearing around the house again spreading chaos and destruction in his path. Aunt Polly entered in time to see him throw a few double somersaults, deliver a final mighty hurrah, and sail through the open window, carrying the rest of the flower-pots with him. The old lady stood petrified with astonishment, peering over her glasses; Tom lay on the floor expiring with laughter.

Questions:

- i) Who poured down the pain-killer? ii) What happened to Peter?
 iii) Where was Tom laying with laughter?
 iv) Why did the old lady stand petrified with astonishment? v) How did Peter dance around?

SECTION – IV**Answer any 4 of the following.****4x5=20**

39. **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.**
 Susee-Hyundai-New cars-sales-special offer - spot booking-exchange offer -Venue-Gandhi Nagar, Madurai.
40. **Write a letter to your friend, describing the joy of celebrating festivals in a village.**
1. Make a poster of any natural disaster, giving details about the devastation caused.
 2. Write a newspaper article in about 100 words, comparing the achievements of the two sportswomen based on the information you have already collected.
 3. **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.**

**KK/9/Eng/3**

44. **Make Notes or write summary of the following passage.**

India's IT industry has emerged as a global powerhouse, renowned for its cutting-edge technology, innovative solutions, and skilled workforce. With a robust growth rate, the sector has become a significant contributor to India's GDP, accounting for over 8% of the country's total exports. Home to global giants like Infosys, Wipro, and TCS, as well as a thriving start up ecosystem, India's IT industry has made a mark in software development, BPO, and IT-enabled services. Its strategic location, favorable business environment, and vast talent pool have made it an attractive destination for foreign investment, propelling India to the forefront of the global IT landscape.

SECTION - V

45. **Quote from memory.**

Of easy wind and..... go before I sleep.

PART - IV

46. **Write a paragraph in 150 words by developing the following hints.**

(a) A grizzly cub - Alaska - the Bears' Nursery - Little Czar - attacked - fear - respected - gentle.

(OR)

(b) Brij - tea shop - Molthi - October - earth quake - 670 villages - 602 destroyed - uncle's house - landslide - army - rescue team - three children - Nilu - Bhuli - relief operation - spades - crowbars - debris - alive - miracle - thank - army officer.

47. **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.**

The Chess Olympiad is a biennial chess tournament in which teams representing nations of the world compete. FIDE organises the tournament and selects the host nation. The use of the name "Chess Olympiad" for FIDE's team championship is of historical origin and implies no connection with the Olympic Games. The first Olympiad was unofficial. For the 1924 Olympics an attempt was made to include chess in the Olympic Games but this failed because of problems with distinguishing between amateur and professional players. While the 1924 Summer Olympics was taking place in Paris, the 1st unofficial Chess Olympiad also took place in Paris. FIDE was formed on Sunday, July 20, 1924, the closing day of the 1st unofficial Chess Olympiad. FIDE organised the first Official Olympiad in 1927 which took place in London. The Olympiads were occasionally held annually and at irregular intervals until World War II; since 1950 they have been held regularly every two years. Each FIDE recognized chess association can enter a team into the Olympiad.

- Where was first Official Olympiad organized by FIDE?
- From which year Olympiad held regularly every two years?
- Is there any connection with Chess Olympiad and Olympic Games?
- Who able to enter a team into Olympiad? (OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

Allow yourself to dream

And when you do dream big

Allow yourself to learn

And when you do learn all you can

Allow yourself to be determined

And when you do you will find you will succeed

Allow yourself to believe in yourself

And when you do you will find self confidence

Allow yourself love

And when you do you will find love in return

Allow yourself to be happy

And when you do you will influence others around you.

Allow yourself to laugh

And when you do share your laughter

Allow yourself to set goals

And when you do reward yourself as you move

- forward

Allow yourself to lend a helping hand

And when you do a hand will help you.

Allow yourself relaxation

And when you do you will find new ideas.

Allow yourself to be positive

And when you do life will get easier

Questions:

- How does the poet want the reader to dream?
- When must we reward ourselves?
- What will happen when we are determined?
- According to the poet when does life get easier?