

Register No. 

Time : 3.00 Hours

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

## ENGLISH

Marks : 100

### PART - I

- 1. Answer all the Questions. Choose the appropriate synonym for the underlined words 14x1=14**
1. I wanted to pursue cricket seriously  
a) chase                      b) leave                      c) quit                      d) abandon.
  2. She was tired of pruning nose bushes  
a) extending                      b) growing                      c) strengthening                      d) trimming.
  3. The voice in his head asked the narrator to eat the evidence  
a) contradict                      b) refute                      c) proof                      d) dis prove.
- Choose the appropriate antonym for the underlined words.**
4. The narrator of the story felt very sick for a week.  
a) healthy                      b) disordered                      c) feeble                      d) unhealthy.
  5. I have stolen these oranges and concealed them in my pocket.  
a) hide                      b) bury                      c) revealed                      d) secret
  6. I was angry with my foe.  
a) enemy                      b) criminal                      c) friend                      d) antagonist
  7. Choose the correct plural form of 'knife' from the following.  
a) knife                      b) knifeies                      c) knives                      d) knifes
  8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'conscious'  
a) un-                      b) in-                      c) re-                      d) en-
  9. Fill in the blanks with correct word  
If you .... drugs, you will get arrested and end up in a prison ..... (cell/sell)
  10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below. She is very ..... eating chocolates  
a) fond of                      b) fond by                      c) fond to                      d) fond up.
  11. Choose a suitable option to pair it with the word 'smart' to form a compound word.  
a) time                      b) pool                      c) fall                      d) phone
  12. Fill in the blanks with appropriate degrees of comparison  
Mango is ..... than Pineapple  
a) sweet                      b) sweeter                      c) sweetest                      d) most sweet.
  13. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate prepositional phrase given below ..... of fire break the glass to escape.  
a) In case of                      b) In case                      c) In case with                      d) In case by
  14. complete the sentence with the most appropriate modal verb given below Students ..... be quiet, when they write the examination.  
a) must                      b) can                      c) could                      d) would.

### PART - II

- I. Answer any three of the following questions in a Sentence or two. 3x2=6**
15. What are some measures that are used to prevent soil erosion?
  16. What was the narrator carrying in his pockets?
  17. How did Jim want the girls to 'get organised'?
  18. What did the visitor hide in the Jackfruit tree?

### Section - II

- II. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following. 3x2=6**
19. O'er the yellow pebbles dancing.  
Through the flowers and foliage glancing  
a) How does the river flow?  
b) what is meant by foliage?



20. "With buzzing wings she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew,  
Thinking only of her brilliant eyes, and green and purple hue-  
a) Who does she refer to?  
b) What was she thinking of?
21. And I watered it in fears  
Night and morning with my tears;  
a) What does it refer to?  
b) How is it watered?
22. He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.  
a) Whom does 'He' refer to?  
b) Identify the season mentioned in these lines.

## Section - III

## III. Answer any three of the following.

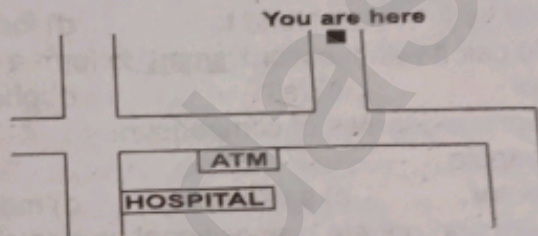
3x2=6

23. Rewrite the following sentence as directed.  
The Nile is longer than any other river in the world (into superlative degree)
24. Identify the clause and phrase in the following sentence.  
I enjoy painting during my holidays.
25. Rewrite the following sentence in the other voice.  
I eat an apple
26. Punctuate the following sentence  
I used to climb the jackfruit tree he said
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences  
a) book/a/was/it/old/very  
b) old/are/ How/you

## 28. Answer the following question.

1x2=2

A stranger wants to go to the hospital. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.

PART - III  
SECTION - I

## I. Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines

2x5=10

29. Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer.
30. Write a paragraph about "I can't climb trees anymore"
31. How does C.V. Raman show that "water is the real elixir of life"?
32. Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.

## SECTION - II

2x5=10

## II. Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

33. How does the poet bring out the pain of the tree?
34. How did the spider flatter the fly by his cunning words?
35. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions given below

I was angry with my friend  
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.  
I was angry both my foe:  
I told it not, my wrath did grow.

- a) Pick out the rhyming words.  
b) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?



- c) Identify the figure of speech in the first line  
d) Pick out the alliterated words in the first line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.  
The woods are lovely dark and deep  
But I have Promises to keep  
A miles to go before I sleep  
A miles to go before I sleep.

### SECTION - III

#### III. Answer any one of the following.

1x5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order

- Margie surprised to see the book.
- Tommy found a read old book
- The words which were printed on paper stood still
- It was yellow and crinkly
- Heread it and found that it was about the old schools.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Little Czar, a very saucy but good-natured European brown bear cub, walked up and aimed a sample blow at Cyclone's left ear Cyclone conscientiously met every attack, real or feigned, that was made upon him In less than an hour it was understood by every bear in the Nursery that, that queer-looking gray follow with the broad head and short nose could strike quick and hard, and that he could fight any other bear on three seconds' notice. From 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, dignified little grizzly, he attacks no one, and never has had a fight

#### Questions

- Who is Little Czar?
- Who blew atCyclone's left ear?
- What was understood by every bear in the Nursery?
- Whose Position has been assured?
- Who was really fine spirited?

### SECTION - IV

#### IV. Answer any four of the following.

4X5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hintsgiven below.

Fruits and vegetables-organic- fresh from farms-  
free delivery- Royal Fruit Stall, 63 MRC Road, Trichy.

- write a letter to your friend, describing the joy of celebrating festivals in a village.
- Make a poster of any natural disaster, giving details about the devastation caused.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.



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

Elephants are considered keystone and umbrella species as they play a key role within the environment that they live in.. As elephants live in herds and require large habitable areas, they tend to change the surrounding, atmosphere from forests to grasslands and help to disburse the seeds in an ecosystem that has no natural means of pollinating the area. An elephant requires around 70 to 100 litres of water everyday. Therefore, the elephants in dry zones and dry seasons dig holes in riverbeds in order to collect water and help sustain water for other species as well.



The elephant's habit of cleaning the path they roam has acted as natural buffer zones when forest fire take place.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- i) Money Make many things.
- ii) I received some informations.
- iii) Chennai is one of the biggest city in India.
- iv) I prefer coffee than tea.
- v) Ramu is a honest man

### SECTION - V

45. Quote from memory.

From: River .....

To : ..... Youth.

### PART - IV

2x8=16

I. Answer the following questions.

46. Write a paragraph in about 100 words by developing the following hints.

a) An honest couple - dog - luck - envious - wicked couple - borrowed - not bring luck - killed - buried - pine tree - honest man's dream - mortar - pine tree - honest man - treasure - borrowed mortar - burnt - dog appeared - dream - sprinkle - ashes - withered trees - come back - life - prince - rich reward - wicked man - ashes - eyes of the prince - punished. (OR)

b) Tom - 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 - sunsets - sail - open window - medicine spoon - figure out - Peter - medicine - Aunt Polly notice what happen - Tom - Peter - medicine - no aunt - Polly come to know - after effects - pain killer - feel sorry - experimenting - Tom - teary eyes.

47. a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions.

Family is one among the greatest gifts that we get from God. To have parents, who support us, teach us the values in life, and gives us a strong foundation in character, teach us the importance of love and being loved, teach us to trust one another and many other morals that could be obtained only from a family. A gift not only with lovable parents but siblings who care and love us beyond themselves. We cannot buy or demand all these things being given to understand their importance. To be part of a happy family, one should always thank God for the blessing we have in our lives, as having a family who cares and loves us is the greatest blessing that any person could get in life.

Questions

1. What is the greatest gift that we get from God?
2. What do parents provide us?
3. What we cannot buy?
4. For what should one thank God? (OR)

b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

He taught me life's lessons  
On right from wrong  
And instilled in me values.

That I might be strong.  
And so, dear Dad  
My best memory to recall  
Is the gift of your presence.  
The greatest gift of all.

Questions:

1. Who taught life's lessons to the little girl?
2. What did her dad instill?
3. What made her strong?
4. What is her greatest gift?