

# T COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION - 2025

## Standard - VIII

Time : 2.30 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

## Part - I

Answer all the questions:-

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words

- 1) The mother consoled her little girl  
a) Pretended      b) comforted      c) lift      d) frightened
- 2) He stood astounded  
a) Casual      b) excited      c) shocked      d) usual
- 3) A stranger was roaming around the street  
a) well known      b) new comer      c) unknown      d) foreigner

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words

- 4) Ajay mastered the techniques of painting  
a) skilled      b) proficient      c) unskilled      d) experienced
- 5) Isaac possessed a wonderful faculty of acquiring knowledge  
a) owned      b) controlled      c) lacks      d) have
- 6) You are always self-centred  
a) generous      b) heroic      c) self-less      d) egotistic
- 7) Fill in the blanks with correct homophone:  
i) The cat caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of a mouse.      a) Scent      b) Cent  
ii) Every morning my father likes to look at the \_\_\_\_\_ on the grass  
a) due      b) dew
- 8) Expand the following: OTP
- 9) Syllabify the following words: i) locality      ii) tomorrow
- 10) Which can be placed after 'safe'?  
a) chair      b) guard      c) shop      d) van
- 11) Choose the correct prefix/suffix  
i) \_\_\_\_\_ courage. (il/dis/pre)  
ii) arrange \_\_\_\_\_ (ion,ly,ment)
- 12) Add a suitable question tag: I can swim, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 13) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.  
The ball hid \_\_\_\_\_ the leaves.      a) along      b) behind      c) among      d) on
- 14) Choose the correct modal from the option given below  
\_\_\_\_\_ we go for a walk?      i) may      ii) can      iii) shall      iv) will

## Part - II

## Section - I

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

3×2=6

- 15) What did Asha Devi teach Ajay?
- 16) Why should mobile phones be used with adult's supervision.
- 17) Who is an online predator?
- 18) How does the author feel when he sees the Ganges again?

## Section - II

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

3×2=6

- 19) Every soul that touches yours  
Be it the slightest contact  
a) What touches us?      b) What does 'it' refer to?



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- 20) I would look up into your eyes,  
and all the love I would see  
a) What did the child do? b) What did the child see in his father's eye?
- 21) My computer has always been so brining and smart  
It seems to know mountains of information by heart  
a) How does the poet describe her computer  
b) What does the poet say about her computer's capacity?
- 22) 'I am trembling here outside the door,  
Oh, don't you love me anymore?  
a) Who does the word 'I' refer to? b) Where was the dog?

## Section - III

Answer any three of the following:-

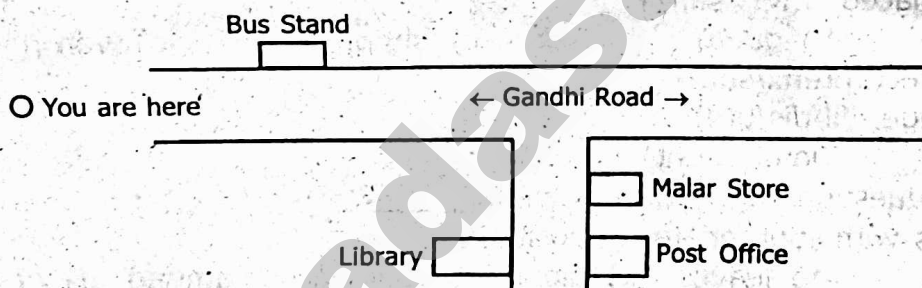
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- 23) Write two sentences using the adjective given in the bracket  
Ocean - river - lake (deep)
- 24) Identify whether the sentence is simple/complex or compound  
i) Listen carefully and take notes  
ii) Though he was poor, he was honest
- 25) Change the following into Indirect speech.  
The teacher said to him, "Do not read so fast"
- 26) Complete the conditional sentences:  
i) If she \_\_\_\_\_ (come) with us, we will go to the zoo.  
ii) If I had time, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) shopping with you.
- 27) Punctuate the following:  
where do you go to school types shree

## Section - IV

- 28) Guide the stranger to the 'library'

1×2=2



## Part - III

## Section - I

Answer any two of the following:-

2×5=10

- 29) Mention some of Newton's inventions.
- 30) How can one use technology cautiously?
- 31) How did Asif react on seeing his old friend Vetri?
- 32) Explain how Ramayya's wife reacted when she saw the nose jewel?

## Section - II

Answer any two of the following:-

2×5=10

- 33) Write a paragraph describing how the hobby is useful to the poet in about 100 words.
- 34) How can we make our life worthwhile?
- 35) How does the poet describe her computer? What happened to the computer?



- 36) Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:  
 But of late, my computer has been behaving badly too,  
 It's so absent-minded, that I don't know what to do  
 It forgets to 'save' my work, and store it away,  
 And instead makes it vanish in the most dreadful way.

- Pickout the rhyming words.
- Identify the rhyme scheme.
- Write the aliterated words given in the third line.
- Identify the figure of speech in the second line.

## Section - III

Answer any one of the following:-

1×5=5

- 37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order

- Many of the fields were already under water
- But the cart was so good and master drove gently, so it did not matter.
- The man at the tollgate said that the river was rising fast.
- In one low part of the road, the water was halfway upto my knees.
- He feared it would be a bad night.

- 38) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Edward James Corbett, popularly known as Jim Corbett was a British wild life photographer, hunter, tracker, naturalist and writer. He has hunted a number of man-eating tigers and leopards in India. He had a lot of experience with tigers and other wild animals to shoot with his cine film camera. Corbett always preferred to hunt alone and on foot. He often hunted with his dog, Robin.

- What was the birth name of Jim Corbett?
- What did Corbett prefer always?
- How did Jim go for hunting?
- What are the animals hunted by Jim Corbett?
- Who was the hunting companion of Jim Corbett?

## Section - IV

Answer any four of the following:-

4×5=20

- Write a letter to your friend about your summer holidays.
- You are the head girl/boy of Govt. High School. Draft a notice for an Interschool Fancy Dress Competition.
- Write an email to your friend inviting him/her to you village festival.
- Develop the following hints into a passage:  
 an ant - weary - thirsty - walks along - river stops to quench thirst - strong rush of water - dove on a tree - plucked a leaf - floats safely to - bank - thanks the dove - a bird catcher - under tree - aims - the dove - makes a trap to catch - ant stings - foot - catcher cries - throws the twig - noise draws - attention - dove flies away.
- Write a character sketch of your favourite sports person.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences



## Part - V

- 45) Rewrite the poem from your memory:-

From: Some little .....

To: ..... of faith

1×5=5



## Part - IV

Answer any one of the following:-

2×8=16

46) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by develop the following hints:-

a) a man - her father's age walks towards - shree - smiling - Hello shree - shocked - doesn't know - It's so nice he says - who are you - I am an uncle - I like to - friends with young girls - the uncle who is not - Chaitra - akka - besides her along - station master - he doesn't expert - just then train mouses - he runs towards a bogeydoor - the next day - cyber crime officer - who pretends to be Chaitra. [or]

b) It was my - boarding school - was sitting - at Ambala station - the northern bound train - about twelve - at that time - parents - old enough - travel alone - had arrived - bus at Ambala - there was - midnight - my train arrived - I had been - the platform, at the book stall - broken biscuits - train came and went - quiet for a while - train arrived - an inferno of leaving agitated human bodies - the stranger - the woman in a white sari - like a son - offers tea and Samosas - I began to thaw - new interest.

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

a) Mike's loves playing basket ball. He also likes watching basket ball matches on T.V. Basket ball is his favourite sport. He is a part of his school basket ball team. He might become the captain of the team next yeat.

Mike's favourite NBA team is the Dallas Mavericks. He likes Seth Curry and Sam Perkins a lot. When mike comes home, he spends most of his time playing basket ball. He plays basket ball in the part next to his house. He usually plays with his friends. His friends are Tyson, Rick and Yogi. Mike also goes for basketball practice in the morning.

- i) What is Mike's favourite NBA team?
- ii) What does he do when he comes home?
- iii) Who are Mike's friends?
- iv) Where does Mike go in the morning?

[or]

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

Oh! Defenders of borders  
You are great sons of my land  
When we are all asleep  
You still hold on to your deed  
Windy season or snowy days  
Or scorching sun's swettering rays  
You are there guarding all the time awake  
Treading the lonely expanses as Yogis  
Climbing the heights of striding the valleys  
Defending the deserts and guarding the marshes  
Surveillance in seas and by securing the air  
Prime of your youth given to the nation  
Wind chimes of my land vibrate your feat  
We pray for you brave men.  
May the Lord bless you all.

- i) What do the soldiers sacrifice for the nation
- ii) The poem is dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) Scorching in the poem means \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) What does the poet express through the last two lines?

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