

COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION - 2025

STANDARD - IX

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Time : 2.30 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks : 100

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the italicised words:

- 1) Winning the one rupee coin used to give me *immense* satisfaction.
a) great b) light c) heavy d) little
- 2) The voice in the head asked the narrator to eat the *evidence*.
a) contradict b) proof c) disprove d) refute
- 3) There was *sprightliness* in his step.
a) laziness b) sleepy c) activeness d) tiredness

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the italicised words:

- 4) A *blessing* rest on the house when the shadows of the tree falls.
a) disorder b) cursing c) favour d) present
- 5) *Honour* is a sacred trust.
a) disrespect b) respect c) dishonour d) glory
- 6) The training is a *rigorous* from morning to evening.
a) difficult b) easy c) average d) good
- 7) Add a suitable prefix to the word 'comfort':
a) mis b) dis c) im d) in
- 8) Choose the most appropriate preposition:
The swimmer jumped _____ the pool.
a) on b) into c) near d) to
- 9) Complete the following sentence using appropriate prepositional phrase:
_____ we are impressed with their performance.
a) In general b) On general c) Ingenerally d) With general
- 10) Choose the correct option:
You _____ smoke in the hospital.
a) shall b) must c) must not d) will
- 11) Choose the correct determiner:
India is _____ largest democracy in the world.
a) a b) an c) the d) any
- 12) Choose the appropriate connector:
The man has much money _____, he isn't happy at all.
a) moreover b) thus c) except d) however
- 13) Choose the correct form of the present tense verb:
All children _____ something new everyday.
a) learn b) learns c) learned d) learning
- 14) Find out the anagram of the given word 'Heart':
a) hater b) earth c) rathe d) thrae

PART - II

SECTION - I [PROSE]

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

3×2=6

- 15) What was the old house built with?
- 16) What is the imaginary elixir of life?
- 17) Which historical character inspired young Indira?
- 18) What did the Indian Mathematician Bhaskara prove?

SECTION - II

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

3×2=6

- 19) I was angry with my friend
I told my wrath, my wrath did end
a) Whom does 'I' refer to?
b) How did the anger of the poet come to an end?

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- 20) It takes much time to kill a tree
Not a simple job of the knife will do it.
a) Can a 'simple job of the knife' kill a tree?
b) Why does it take much time to kill a tree?
- 21) The gladdest people living are the wholesome folks - who make
A circle at the fireside that no power but death can break.
a) Where do they gather?
b) What can break their unity?
- 22) O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,
Through the flowers and foliage glancing
a) How does the river flow?
b) What is meant by 'foliage'?

SECTION - III

Answer any THREE of the following:

3×2=6

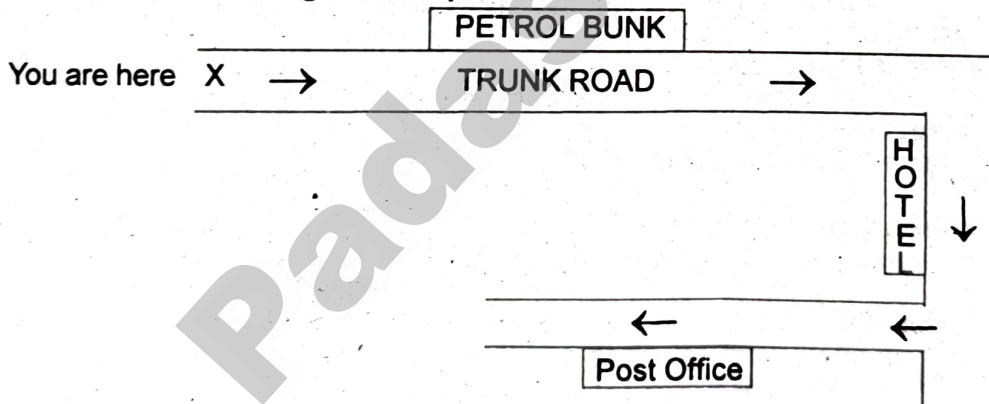
- 23) Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:
People speak Portuguese in Brazil.
- 24) Rewrite into indirect speech:
Ebin said, "Have you looked the tickets to Delhi?"
- 25) Punctuate the following sentence:
hey wait a minute pongo shouted
- 26) Identify the dependent clauses or phrases in the following sentences:
a) I will stop playing the drums when you go to sleep.
b) I enjoy painting during my holidays.
- 27) Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:
a) cannot / my / be / very / presents / solid / material / or
b) God / used / he / give / to / subjects / lectures / on / infinity / and / zero / like

SECTION - IV

Answer the following question:

1×2=2

- 28) Guide the stranger to the post office.

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SECTION - I

Answer any TWO of the following:

2×5=10

- 29) 'Achrekar was a Sincere Coach' - substantiate.
- 30) Narrate the clever strategy followed by clem jones to deceive pongo.
- 31) Describe the life of Srinivasa Ramanujan in India.
- 32) Explain the important elements of Nehru's letter.

SECTION - II

Answer any TWO of the following:

2×5=10

- 33) It is said, "The choices made by one, shapes one destiny". Ponder on the thought and write a paragraph.
- 34) Narrate how the poet describes the Comet.
- 35) Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:
Then he came out to his door again and merrily - did sing,

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Come hither, hither, prettily, with the pearl and silver wing;
Your robes are green and purple - there's crest upon your head
Your eyes are like the diamond bright, but mine are dull as lead.

- Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
- Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
- Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line.
- Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.

36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**

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

SECTION - III

Answer any ONE of the following:

1×5=5

37) **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**

- Some one gave me tea and biscuits.
- The soldiers had set up a makeshift camp.
- I was among the first to reach the village.
- When the soldiers began to clear, my uncle led me away.
- Every single house, every wall, every roof had been flattened.

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

Through all this, we could not help feeling curious about the German soldiers across the way. After all, they faced the same dangers we did and slogged about in the same muck. Their first trench was only fifty yards from ours. Between us lay No man's land, bordered on both sides by barbed wire - yet they were close enough we sometimes heard their voices. Just yesterday morning - Christmas Eve Day - We had our first good freeze. Cold as we were, we welcomed it, because at least the mud froze solid everything was tinged white with frost while a bright sun shone over everything, perfect Christmas weather.

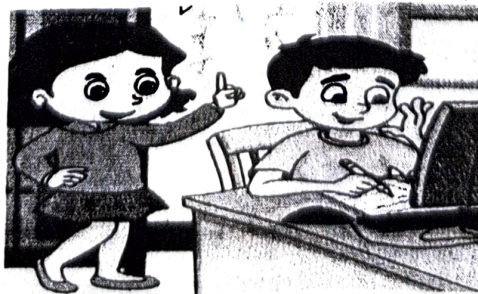
- How far was the first trench from them?
- What lay between them?
- When they had first good breeze?
- What did the German soldiers face?
- How was Christmas weather?

SECTION - IV

Answer any FOUR of the following:

4×5=20

- Summer classes - Handwriting - Drawing - Spoken English - Hindi - Computer courses painting - music - 20% Discount for school students - No. 5, Gandhi Nagar, Trichy.
- You are Sujith / Sujitha, the school pupil leader of GHSS, Cuddalore. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all the students to take part in the "Drawing Competition", to be held in your school on behalf of children's day on the 10th of next month.
- Write a letter to your friend, describing the joy of celebrating festivals in a village.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it about five sentences:



43) **Make notes or write summary of the following passage:**

The use of tobacco can also seriously impair the user's health. It can lead to cancer, heart attack, strokes and chronic lung disease. Babies born to mothers who smoke are

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often smaller and not healthier than babies born to mothers who do not smoke. Bronchitis and pneumonia are serious illnesses common in babies born to parents who smoke, but less common in babies born to parents who do not smoke. Babies whose parents smoke also have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease after they become adults.

We know that alcoholic beverages actually poison the body. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in lack of judgement and restraint, slurred speech, staggering and clumsiness. Larger amount of alcohol can produce drowsiness, stupor and even death.

- 44) **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly:**
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| a) An earth revolves around the sun. | b) She love her father. |
| c) I prefer coffee than tea. | d) My son is fond to music. |
| e) Though he is poor but he is honest. | |

SECTION - V

- 45) **Quote from memory:**
 River, river
 at play.

1×5=5

PART - IV

- 46) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints: 2×8=16**
- a) Young Astronaut - galaxy - mother and son - moon admire - selenopolis - son orchards - river Dnieper - fishing - she hopes vacation - son explorer - neighbouring galaxy - far away from home - never return - different world - pushes button - screen went dark - plays recording of mom's voice - because invisible to earth. (OR)
- b) The old farmer - kind man - helped poor - needy had pet dog - feed with fish, tit - bit - one day dog helped - getting wealthy - old man - gave almost - bought rice fields and corn fields - helps poor - Neighbour - killed dog - did not scold - wept - kept some food - burnt incense - adorned grave, showed kindness envious neighbours - distressed - gave share - own riches.

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

Our Earth is the only planet with a variety of plants, animals and the micro organisms living either in the aquatic or the terrestrial habitats. An environment with rich biological diversity is the basis for human existence. The equilibrium status of living and non living factors in an environment is known as balance in nature. It is disturbed at times due to natural calamities like storm, flood, pests, outbreak of diseases and fire. Rapid population growth, industrialization and urbanization are the causes for deforestation exploiting fauna and flora against eco system. The Indian Parliament has passed the Wild life Protection Act in 1980 to preserve and protect our natural wealth.

Questions:

- Which is the basis for human existence?
- How is balance in nature established?
- Mention some natural calamities that disturb the balance in nature.
- Which Act has been passed in our country to protect the forests? When was it passed?

(OR)

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

Boys and girls come out to play,
 The moon does shine as bright as day;
 Come with a hoop, and come with a call,
 Come with a good will or not at all.
 Loose your supper, and lose your sleep,
 Come to your playfellows in the street;
 Up the ladder and down the wall.
 A halfpenny loaf will serve us all.
 But when the loaf is gone, what will you do?
 Those who would eat must work, it is true.

Questions:

- For what do the boys and girls come out?
- How does the moon shine?
- When should the boys and girls not come out?
- What will be served to all?