

**CLASS : 9**Register  
Number**COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION-2024-25**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours)

**ENGLISH  
PART - I**

[Max. Marks : 100]

I. Answer all the questions.

Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the italicized words. **14x1=14**

1. Sara is sobbing softly. a) laughing b) crying c) helpless d) whispering
2. She was tired of pruning rose bushes.  
a) completing b) obtaining c) planting d) trimming
3. He has helped to make the starving, the poor and oppressed free and happy.  
a) feeding b) fasting c) hungry d) steady

Choose the most appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

4. He has stolen the oranges and concealed them in his pocket.  
a) revealed b) hid c) suppressed d) covered
5. India's honour is a sacred trust. a) divine b) unholy c) holy d) strong
6. Sachin wanted to pursue cricket seriously.  
a) play b) follow c) stop d) chase

7. Choose the correct plural form of the word 'fungus'.

- a) fungues b) fungi c) funguis d) fungis

8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'perform'.

- a) ness b) ly c) tion d) ance

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'MNC'.

- a) Member of National Company b) Multi National Company  
c) Multi Natural Commission d) Men's National Cadre

10. Replace the underlined phrasal verb with a single word.

People run after the material pleasure.

- a) begin b) close c) chase d) destroy

11. Choose the correct compound word that can be placed after the word 'moon'.

- a) night b) white c) light d) star

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition.

Ram swam \_\_\_\_\_ the canal.

- a) across b) beneath c) into d) around

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.

He \_\_\_\_\_ English now.

- a) had learnt b) learns c) was learning d) is learning

14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.

\_\_\_\_\_ you study well, you will pass.

- a) Unless b) If c) While d) Though

**PART - II SECTION - I (PROSE)**

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

**3x2=6**

15. What did help Sachin build his physical and mental stamina?
16. How did the writer get back the Iron Cross?
17. Why did the policeman suspect the narrator?
18. When do ordinary men and women become heroes?

**SECTION - II (POETRY)**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following. **3x2=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. *With buzzy wings she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew  
Thinking only of her brilliant eyes, green and purple hue*  
a) Who does 'she' refer to? b) What was she thinking of?
21. *With shockwave reaching to the ground  
Causing the land to quake*  
a) What is reaching to the ground? b) What is causing the land to quake?
22. *In the dust they leave behind  
Could have started life on earth*  
a) What does the word 'they' refer to? b) According to scientists, how did life start on earth?

## SECTION - III (GRAMMAR)

Answer any three of the following:

3x2=6

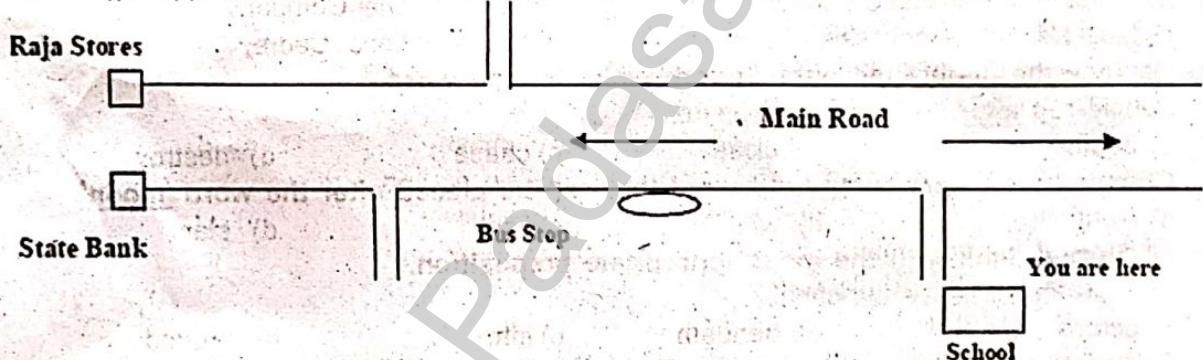
23. Rewrite the following sentence in the other voice.  
The florist delivers flowers to my office everyday.
24. Rewrite using the indirect speech.  
The mother said to the children, "Don't play with fire".
25. Punctuate the following sentence.  
eat the oranges said a voice in my head
26. Transform the following sentence into a compound sentence.  
On hearing the message, Raja cried.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
a) at first / voice / it / was / disembodied / a  
b) clothes / often / to / added / the / dirty / embarrassment

## SECTION - IV (COMPULSORY)

Answer the following question:

1x2=2

28. A stranger approaches you to direct him to the State Bank. Guide him to reach his destination.



## PART - III SECTION - I (PROSE)

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.

2x5=10

29. Explain the important elements of Nehru's letter.
30. Narrate the writer's visit to his ancestral house.
31. Achrekar was a sincere coach. Substantiate.
32. Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.

## SECTION - II (POETRY)

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

2x5=10

33. Write the summary of the poem 'The Spider and the Fly'.
34. Give a detailed account of the various effects caused by the comet to the earth.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

*He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake*

- a) Pick out the rhyming words. b) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
- c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line.
- d) Find out the alliterating words in the third line.

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36. Paraphrase the following stanza.  
*And now dear little children, who may this story read,  
 To idle, silly flattering words, I pray you ne'er give heed:  
 Unto an evil counsellor, close heart and ear and eye,  
 And take a lesson from this tale, of the Spider and the Fly.*

## SECTION – III (SUPPLEMENTARY)

Answer any ONE of the following.

1x5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.  
 a) Margie had been doing worse and worse.  
 b) The county inspector took the mechanical teacher apart.  
 c) The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography.  
 d) Margie's mother sent for the county inspector.  
 e) Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. (OR)

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

The narrator's mother had still a young, ringing voice: perhaps because she had been such a great singer! So long as he could remember her, she had always liked singing. On holidays, when they had guests, she sang cheerily and enthusiastically, but on weekdays, as she went about the chores, her singing was muted and a little sad. She even talked in a singsong manner. Now, too, there was something unusual in her voice – perhaps she was excited because it was her first visit to the Moon! As he listened to her familiar voice that was so dear to him, he wondered why it had this ringing sound.

Questions:

- a) Who was a great singer? b) Where did the narrator's mother visit?  
 c) What did the narrator's mother always like? d) What was so dear to the narrator?  
 e) What did the narrator's mother do on holidays?

## SECTION – IV (WRITING)

Answer any FOUR of the following.

4x5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below:  
 Fruits, Flowers, Vegetables, Saplings – Organically fertilized – all varieties – no hybrids – pots and compost free – home delivery – Nature Nursery, Rajaji Road, Chennai.  
 40. Write a letter to your friend describing the joy of celebrating a festival in your village.  
 41. Write a notice about the inauguration of the English Literary Club in your school.  
 42. 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.

Closely connected with the conservation of water supplies is the problem of afforestation. The systematic planting of suitable trees in every possible or even in impossible areas, and the development of what one can call civilized forests, as distinguished from wild and untamed jungle, is one of the most urgent needs of India. Such plantation would directly and indirectly prove a source of untold wealth to the country. They would check soil erosion and conserve the rainfall

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