

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION -2025

CLASS: 8

ENGLISH

Reg.No

Time : 2.30 Hours

MARKS : 100

## INSTRUCTIONS :

- ❖ Write clearly and legibly without mistakes and overwriting utilising the maximum time allotted for the examination.
- ❖ Answers should be in your own style without changing the main core concept.
- ❖ Use only black or blue ink pen to write the examination.

## PART - I

Answer all the questions.

14x1=14

Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words.

1. What is the secret you are whispering?  
a) murmuring      b) rumouring      c) loudening      d) shouting
2. The mother consoled her little girl.  
a) pretended      b) comforted      c) feared      d) suspected
3. Writing is a unique hobby.  
a) common      b) ancient      c) uncommon      d) separate

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words.

4. Ajay suffered an injury.  
a) endure      b) sorrow      c) hurt      d) mourn
5. Ilavazhagi won the world championship in 2008.  
a) win      b) succeed      c) lost      d) pleasure
6. It is latest mobile.  
a) updated      b) outdated      c) new      d) modern
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'tooth' from the following  
a) tooths      b) teeth      c) toothes      d) teethers
8. Attach a suitable Prefix to the word '.....reading'.  
a) pre      b) re      c) mis      d) over
9. Choose the correct Expansion of the word 'PC'.  
a) Personal Computer      b) Personal Commission  
c) Processing Computer      d) Personal Contract
10. Fill in the blanks with suitable 'Collective noun'.  
A ..... of tea.  
a) glass      b) cup      c) jug      d) bottle
11. Fill in the blanks with suitable 'Modal verb'.  
They ..... come by car.  
a) must      b) can      c) may      d) should
12. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'Home ..... ' to form a Compound word.  
a) work      b) car      c) pen      d) chair



13. Fill in the blanks with suitable '**Preposition**'.

Christmas falls ..... 25th December.

- a) on      b) in      c) at      d) of

14. '**Syllabification**' of the word '**beautiful**'.

- a) be-a-utiful      b) beaut-i-ful      c) bea-u-ti-ful      d) beau-ti-ful

### PART - II Section - I (Prose)

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

3x2=6

15. Where did the sparrows build the nest?  
 16. What is Ajay's current goal?  
 17. What did Isaac manufacture at his young age?  
 18. How does the author feel when he sees the Ganges again?

### Section - II (Poetry)

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x2=6

Read the following lines and answer the questions given below.

19. "That you're my special hero

And I wanted to tell you so".

a) Who is the speaker of the poem?

b) Who is the special hero mentioned in the poem?

20. Every soul that touches yours-

Be it the slightest contact

One gleam of faith

To brave the thickening ill of life.

a) What should we learn from every soul?

b) What qualities will help us brave the thickening ills of life?

21. Mistress, Master hear me yelp,

I'm out - of - doors, I want your help.

a) Why was the dog ask for help?

b) Whom did the dog ask for help?

22. It teaches me to cackle and cry

Without wings it lets me fly.

a) Can the poet fly without wings?

b) What is the theme of the poem "My Hobby Reading"?

### Section - III (Grammar)

Answer any four of the following questions.

4x2=8

23. Change the **Possessive adjective** into **Possessive pronoun**.

a) This is my pen. ....

b) Our house is made of wood. ....

24. **Degrees of Comparison.**

Fill in the blanks with correct form of Adjective. Camel is **tall**.

a) Goat is ..... than cat.

b) Giraffe is the ..... of all.

25. Pick out the correct **Homophone**.

a) I am not ..... to drink soda. (aloud, allowed)

b) I will ..... my friend. (meat, meet)

26. Complete the **Conditional sentences**. (If clause).

a) If I had time, I .....(go) shopping with you.

b) I would have told you, if I ..... (see) him.

27. Write the correct **Sentence pattern** of the following sentences.

a) I promised the children a trip to the zoo.

b) In 1998, Frank moved to London.

28. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the **verbs (Tense)** given in the brackets.

a) If Karthik ..... (not + make) any mistake, he will be rewarded.

b) Manju ..... (call) after she reached home.



**Part - III Section - I****Answer any two of the following in about 100 words.****2x5=10**

29. Why did the sparrow throw the nose-jewel into Ramayya's house?
30. How did Ajay's father find his son's talent?
31. Mention some of Newton's inventions.
32. Explain in detail how the author spends his afternoon?

**Section - II****Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.****2x5=10**

33. Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem 'Special Hero'
34. What does the poet assure if we make our life worth while?
35. What can children do to society if they read well?
36. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

Mistress, Master hear me yelp,  
 I'm out-of-doors, I want your help.  
 Let me in -f oh, LET ME IN.  
 Before those fireworks begin

- a) Pick out the Rhyming words. (2)
- b) Write the Rhyme Scheme of the above poetic lines(1)
- c) Pick out all Alliterating words from the above poetic lines (2)

**Section - III****Answer any one of the following.****1x5=5****37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**

- a) They shared food and conversation , and Arun began to feel comforted by her gentle and caring nature.
- b) As the train departed, Arun kissed her on the cheek and called out "Goodbye, mother," watching her fade away into the crowd.
- c) A kind woman in a white sari noticed him sitting alone and offered to take him for some tea and snacks.
- d) Later, when Arun's friend Satish arrived with his mother, the woman pretended to be Arun's mother to protect him from embarrassment.
- e) Arun, a twelve-year-old boy, was waiting alone at Ambala station late at night for his train to school.

**38. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

Edward James Corbett, popularly known as Jim Corbett was a British wildlife photographer, hunter, tracker, naturalist and writer. Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first national park in the Kumaon Hills, the Hailey National Park, in Uttarakhand, India. It was initially named after, Lord Malcolm Hailey. Jim Corbett died on 19 April 1955. The park was renamed in 1957 as the Jim Corbett National Park. It was named after him to honour his role in establishing this protected area in 1930s.

- a) What was the real name of Jim Corbett?
- b) Who played a key role in establishing the national park?
- c) Why was the park named Haily National Park?
- d) When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?
- e) Jim Corbett died on .....

**Section - IV****Answer any four of the following.****4x5=20****39. Choose the best answer.**

- i) Sathish's mother handed to her son .....  
 a) bag of pencil      b) big box of chocolates      c) bag of vegetables



ii) Jim Corbett died on .....

a) 19 April 1955

b) 19 May 1955

c) 19 June 1955

iii) The King wanted to know the answers for ..... questions.

a) five

b) four

c) three

iv) Sathish and Arun were ..... years old boys.

a) 12

b) 11

c) 13

v) The hermit lived in a .....

a) palace

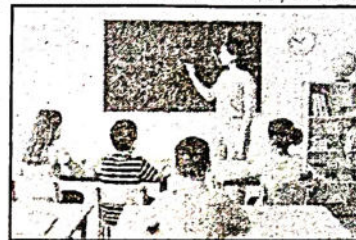
b) cottage

c) wood

40. Write a letter to the Police commissioner about the noise caused by the loudspeaker in a music shop near your school.

41. Ravi is the in-charge of the cultural committee of Government Higher Secondary School, Tiruppur. He has been asked to notify the students of the school about the Inter School **Singing Competition**. Write a **notice** with relevant details.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it above five sentences.



43. Identify the Character / Speaker.

a) I am glad to know that.

b) Are you all alone, my son?

c) "Tell the boatman how pleased I am with him"

d) Goodbye mother

e) He wanted to know answers for his three questions.

44. Match the following.

a) If I study well

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I will buy car

b) If I studied well

-

I would have passed the exam

c) If I had studied well

-

You will get wet

d) If it rains

-

I would pass the exam

e) If I have money

-

I will pass the exam

**Section - V (Memoriter) Compulsory**

45. Quote from memory.

From : When I .....

To : ..... your eyes.

1x5=5

**Part - IV (Supplementary)**

46. Develop the following hints into a passage. Give suitable title and given suitable moral also. 1x8=8

a) Tortoise - hare - forest - tortoise walking - seen by a hare - hare laughs - tortoise speed - tortoise sad - bet - race - tortoise moving - slow speed - hare moves - fast - sleeps - tortoise - reaches winning point - first - wins the bet. [Or]

b) A wood cutter - cutting wood - dropped his axe in the pond - started weeping - angel appeared - asked what the matter was - brought a golden axe - from the pond - wood cutter did not accept - brought a silver axe - not accepted - brought an iron axe - accepted - pleased with the honesty - offered all the axes to him.

**Part - V (General Comprehension)**

47. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

4x2=8

#### Nature

Nature is full of beauty. The green trees, colourful flowers, and singing birds make our world bright and happy. The sun gives us light and warmth every day. The rain helps the plants to grow. Rivers and mountains make the land beautiful. Animals live in forests and keep the balance of nature. We must take care of trees and animals. People should not cut trees or throw waste in rivers. Clean air and water are important for all living things. If we protect nature, it will protect us.

**Questions :**

1. What gives us light and warmth every day?

2. How does rain help plants?

3. What should people not throw in rivers?

4. Why should we protect nature?