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## COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

Standard VIII

ENGLISH

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Marks : 100

3 x 1 = 3

Time : 2.30 hrs

## SECTION-A (VOCABULARY)

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.

1. The poor woman is in a panic.  
a) fear                      b) grid                      c) crash
2. He cared little for earthly fame and honors.  
a) disrespect              b) popularity              c) proud
3. The neem tree was a big antique in his garden.  
a) modern                  b) out dated                  c) ancient

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Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

4. Ajay mastered the techniques of painting.  
a) skilled                  b) proficient                  c) unskilled
5. Isaac possessed a wonderful faculty of acquiring knowledge.  
a) lacks                      b) owned                      c) controlled
6. It is a latest mobile.  
a) updated                  b) outdated                  c) new

2 x 1 = 2

7. Pick out the correct homophone

- a) I am not \_\_\_\_\_ to drink soda. (aloud, allowed)
- b) Chennai is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Tamilnadu (capital, capitol)

1 x 1 = 1

8. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation GST

- a) Goods and Sales Tax                      b) Goods and Services Tax
- c) Goods and Supply Tax

2 x 1 = 2

9. Choose the correct plural form.

- i) man -                      a) mans                      b) man                      c) men
- ii) cactus -                      a) cacti                      b) catuses                      c) cactus

1 x 1 = 1

10. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word soft.

- a) play                      b) cycle                      c) ware

2 x 1 = 2

11. Pick a suitable prefix / suffix and complete the following words.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ call [ re / un ]                      b) success \_\_\_\_\_ [ able / ful ]

2 x 1 = 2

12. Syllabify the following words.

- a) education                      b) school

2 x 1 = 2

13. Find out the clipped word and the blended word.

- a) kilogram                      b) electronic + commerce

1 x 1 = 1

14. Fill in the blanks with the meanings for the following Idioms.

A couch potato \_\_\_\_\_.

1 x 1 = 1

15. Write the meaning for the following phrasal verb : a) give up \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION-B (GRAMMAR)

16. Fill in the blanks with the suitable collective noun.

[ flock, herd, bunch ]

i) a \_\_\_\_\_ of cows      ii) a \_\_\_\_\_ of grapes      iii) a \_\_\_\_\_ of birds

3 x 1 = 3

17. Change the possessive adjective into possessive pronoun.

This is my pen \_\_\_\_\_

1 x 1 = 1

18. Fill in the blanks :

3 x 1 = 3

	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
i)	_____	Smarter	smartest
ii)	big	_____	biggest
iii)	good	better	_____

19. Fill in the blanks by using correct preposition.

2 x 1 = 2

i) Christmas falls \_\_\_\_\_ 25<sup>th</sup> December

ii) I was born \_\_\_\_\_ exactly 2 a.m.

20. Fill in the blanks using would you or could you.

2 x 1 = 2

i) \_\_\_\_\_ please close the door?

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ put out the lights?

21. Choose the correct conjunction

1 x 1 = 1

\_\_\_\_\_ it was cloudy, we decided to take an umbrella. (so / as)

22. Choose the right pattern.

2 x 1 = 2

i) Pooja hired a bicycle

a) SV      b) SVO      c) SVA

ii) In 1998, Frank moved to London.

a) ASVA      b) ASVO      c) SVO

23. Choose the best answer.

1 x 1 = 1

I will come if I \_\_\_\_\_ time.

a) have      b) had      c) will have

## SECTION-C [ PROSE ]

24. Fill in the blanks:

3 x 1 = 3

a) The diamond jewel was lying in the \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Isaac constructed a model of the \_\_\_\_\_.

c) The author speaks about the river \_\_\_\_\_.

25. Write true or false.

2 x 1 = 2

a) Kuppai swept out the diamond jewel.

b) Ajay Garg is an artist.

Answer any five of the following questions.

26. Who was suspected of stealing the diamond nose stud?

5 x 2 = 10

27. Where did the bird drop the diamond stud?

28. What was Ajay gifted with?



29. What did Isaac manufacture at his young age?
30. How were the rooms arranged in the author's house?
31. What is being street smart?
32. What should every household have?

**Answer any one of the following:**

1 x 5 = 5

33. Why did the sparrow throw the nose-jewel into Ramayya's house?
34. Write about Ilavazhagi and her achievements.
35. How can you make yourself cyber safe?

#### SECTION-D ( POEM )

**Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions given below.**

36. I just wanted you to know

2 x 1 = 2

That you're my special hero.

- a) Who is the speaker?
- b) Who is the special hero mentioned in the poem?

37. My hobby is reading

2 x 1 = 2

It helps me

In thought breeding

- a) What is the hobby of the poet?
- b) What helps the poet in thought breeding.

38. A thing of beauty is a joy forever

2 x 1 = 2

Its loveliness increases, it will never.

- a) What is a joy forever?
- b) How is a thing of beauty joy forever?

39. Mistress, Master, hear me yelp,

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

Let me in -oh, LET ME IN

Before those fireworks begin

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above poetic lines. (2)
- b) Write the rhyme scheme of the above poetic lines. (1)
- c) Identify the figure of speech used in the poem. (1)

40. **Quote from memory:**

Every soul .....

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..... yet unfelt.

#### SECTION-E (SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

41. **Identify the character.**

3 x 1 = 3

- a) Good bye mother.
- b) But I apply the secret.
- c) Now rest awhile - and let me work a bit?

42. Match the following:

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| a) Satish               | - Wise                 |
| b) Physician            | - Faithful             |
| c) Moti                 | - Boy of same age      |
| d) Man at the toll gate | - Medical practitioner |
| e) Black beauty         | - Flashing a torch     |

43. Choose the best answer.

2 x 1 = 2

- i) The train was due at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) one o' clock      b) twelve o' clock      c) two o'clock
- ii) The bridge was broken in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) front      b) rear      c) middle

44. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. 5 x 1 = 5

Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first national park in the Kumaon Hills, the Hailey National Park, in Uttarkhand, 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) Who played a key role in establishing the national park?  
 b) \_\_\_\_\_ is India's first national park.  
 c) Why was the park named Hailey National Park?  
 d) When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?  
 e) Jim corbett died on \_\_\_\_\_.

#### SECTION- F (WRITING SKILLS)

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 5 = 15

45. Write a complaining letter to the Police Commissioner about the noise caused by the loud speaker in a music shop near your school.
46. Write a letter to your father asking permission to go on an educational tour.
47. **Develop the following hints into a passage.**  
 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.
48. Your school is going to organize an inter-school dance competition. Write a notice inviting all the interested students.

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