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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

Std - VIII

Time : 2.30 Hrs

English

Marks: 100

Part - I

Answer all questions:

14 x 1 = 14

Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the italicized words:

1. You are always self-centred.
a) egotistic b) generous c) heroic d) cruel
2. Isaac was chiefly remarkable for his ingenuity.
a) common b) notable c) neglected d) unknown
3. Dixie was feeling very exhausted.
a) joy b) wounded c) tired d) rejoiced

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicized words.

4. It is a latest mobile.
a) updated b) outdated c) new d) modern
5. Ajay mastered the techniques of painting.
a) skilled b) unskilled c) proficient d) experienced
6. What is the secret you are whispering?
a) rumouring b) murmuring c) shouting d) crying
7. Fill in the blanks with correct homophones.
i) He will play the in the second play. (role/roll)
ii) The wind the leaves. (blue / blew)
8. Syllabify the following words.
i) school ii) teacher
9. Write the euphemistic word for the following word : 'blind'.
10. Add a suitable question tag.
Let's go for a walk.
11. Fill in the blanks with suitable collective nouns: (herd, bowl, swarm, choir)
i) a of cows ii) a of ants.
12. Write the American English word for the word 'petrol'
13. Choose the best answer to make a compound word.
i) Which can be placed after 'safe'?
a) chair b) shop c) guard d) van
14. Fill in the blanks with correct phrasal verb.
If you making that noise I will get annoyed.
a) keep up b) keep on c) keep in d) keep of

Part - II

Section - A (Prose)

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two: 3 x 2 = 6

15. What should every household have?
16. How were the rooms arranged in the author's house?
17. How was Newton honoured by the king?
18. Where did the bird drop the diamond stud?

Section - B (Poetry)

Read the following poetic lines and answer any three of the following 3 x 2 = 6

19. My hobby is reading
Its helps me

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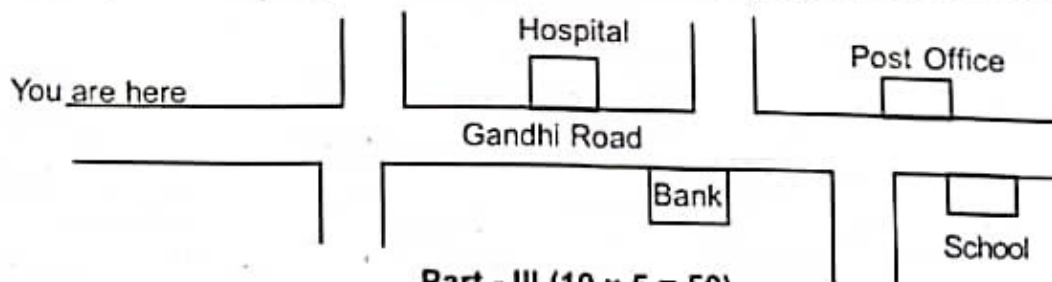
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VIII-Eng

- In thought breeding
- a) What is the hobby of the poet?
b) How does it help the poet?
20. To make this life worthwhile
And heaven a surer heritage
a) Why should we make our life worthwhile?
b) What does the poet assure if we make our life worthwhile?
21. I felt the love and tenderness,
Keeping me safe from harm.
a) Who is the speaker?
b) What did the child feel?
22. Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
a) 'Will keep a quiet for us' means
i) Will give us peace and calm
ii) Will stop unpleasant sound.
iii) Make our beds fit, to sleep.
b) 'Pass into nothingness' means
i) never increase ii) never fade away iii) always bring happiness

Section - C (Grammar)**Answer any three of the following:****3 x 2 = 6**

23. Fill in the blanks with correct form of adjectives:
i) good,,,,
ii), more important,,
24. Fill in the blanks by using correct prepositions
i) My friend gave me a gift my birthday.
ii) The old man's sons share their properties them.
25. Write a sentence for each pattern.
i) SVO ii) SVIODO
26. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets
i) Manju (call) after she reached home
ii) I (write) a letter now
27. Choose the best answer
i) If you me, I would tell you.
a) will ask b) asked c) had asked
ii) If you to learn a musical instrument, you have to practice.
a) wants b) wanted c) want

Section - IV (Road Map)**28. Answer the following:****1 x 2 = 2****A stranger wants to go to the Post-Office. Guide him to reach the Post-Office****Part - III (10 x 5 = 50)****Section - A (Prose)****Answer any two of the following questions in a paragraph.****2 x 5 = 10**

29. Describe how the river looks when he rows back.



30. Explain how Ramayya's wife reacted when she saw the nose-jewel?
 31. Why did Newton's friends advise his grand mother to apprentice him to a clock maker?
 32. How can you make yourself cyber safe?

Section - B (Poetry)

Answer any two of the following questions:

2 x

5 = 10

33. How can we make our life worthwhile?
 34. Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem 'Special Hero'.
 35. **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.**
 For simple sheep; and such are daffodils
 With the green world they live in; and clear rills
 That for themselves a cooling covert make
 'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake
 i) Pickout the rhyming words
 ii) Pickout the alliterated words in the first line.
 iii) According to the poet the thing of beauty is
 iv) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

My hobby is reading
 It helps me
 In thought breeding
 It takes me to places
 Near and far

Section - C (Supplementary)

Answer any one of the following:

1 x 5 = 5

37. **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**

- i) The park was renamed in 1957 as Jim, Corbett National Park.
 ii) It was initially named after, Lord Malcolm Hailey.
 iii) India's first national park in Kumaon Hills; the Hailey National Park, in Uttarkand.
 iv) It was named after him to honour his role in establishing this protected area in 1930s.
 v) Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing India's first National Park.

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

One day, while receiving the milk, the Pundit told Moti, "Woman! Can you bring the milk at the least an hour before the surprise for only a month? I am under a vow for performing a certain ritual for which I need the milk that early"
 I will do as you say O master!" the milkmaid assured him enthusiastically. But the next day, by the time she reached the Pundit's house, it was already day break.

Questions:

- i) What was the name of the milkmaid?
 ii) To whom the milkmaid was commissioned to supply milk ?
 iii) What did the Pundit ask Moti?
 iv) Why did the Pundit want milk earlier?
 v) When did the milkmaid reach the Pundit's house?

Section - D (Writing Competency)

Answer any four of the following questions:

4 x

5 = 20

39. Write a letter to your father asking permission to go on an educational tour.
 40. Write a paragraph about your hobby.
 41. Develop the following hints into a passage:

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.



42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



43. Your school is going to organize an inter-school dance competition. Write a notice inviting all the interested students.
44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.
- Ajay Gaig is a artist.
 - Mine shirt is green.
 - I ran swift.
 - Rani is beautifuller than Vani.
 - If he is late, he would start without him.

Section - E (Compulsory)

45. Quote from memory:
From : Every soul

To : yet unfelt.

1 x 5 = 5

Part - IV

46. a) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by develop the following hints. 1 x 8 = 8

She took me - ordered tea and - Jalabies - I began - take a new interest - woman - encounter - my appetite - I ate as much as I could - manner as possible - school boy - she look obvious - strengthened the bond - for under the influence - talk quite freely - about my school - dislikes - she drew me - soon forgotten - my family - where she lived - I accepted her - to a lonely boy on - railway platform. (OR)

b) The king approached him - for the last time - answer the questions - "what do you mean"? - replied the hermit - had not pitied - yesterday and had not - beds for me - that man would attack - have repented - the most important - to do - good was - important business - that man - the most important time - were attending to him - he was the most important man - only time that is important - because it is the only - any power - necessary person - whom you are - with any one else - most important affair - that person good - for that purpose - man sent into this life.

47. a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below: 4x2=8
Sir Alexandar Fleming, who discovered Penicillin, was once forced into an interview in New York by two journalist just as he was about to have breakfast. One of them asked him, Sir, what are you thinking about right now? We wish to know what a great scientist think while getting ready for breakfast. Fleming mused a while on the question and he replied, 'I am thinking of something very special'. The journalist, who were all ears, drew themselves forward. "I am thinking, whether to have one egg or two".

Questions:

- Name the Scientist
- Who approached the scientist?
- What question did the journalist ask the scientist?
- When did they meet the scientist? (OR)

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

The earth was green, the sky was blue
I saw and heard one sunny morn
A skylark hangs between the two
A singing speck above the corn
A stage below, in gay accord
White butterflies danced on the wing,
And still the singing skylack soared
And silent sang and soared to sing

- Questions: i) What did the poet see on one sunny morning?
ii) What did the earth compare to in this stanza?
iii) Who were dancing happily? iv) What did the bird do?