

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

Standard VIII

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ENGLISH

Time : 2.30 hrs

SECTION-A (VOCABULARY)

Marks : 100

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$

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

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$

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a) updated b) outdated c) new
7. Pick out the correct homophone 2 x 1 = 2
a) I am not _____ to drink soda. (aloud, allowed)
b) Chennai is the _____ of Tamilnadu (capital, capitol)
8. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation GST 1 x 1 = 1
a) Goods and Sales Tax b) Goods and Services Tax
c) Goods and Supply Tax
9. Choose the correct plural form. 2 x 1 = 2
i) man - a) mans b) man c) men
ii) cactus - a) cacti b) catuses c) cactus
10. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word soft. 1 x 1 = 1
a) play b) cycle c) ware
11. Pick a suitable prefix / suffix and complete the following words. 2 x 1 = 2
a) _____ call [re/ un] b) success _____ [able / ful]
12. Syllabify the following words. 2 x 1 = 2
a) education b) school
13. Find out the clipped word and the blended word. 2 x 1 = 2
a) kilogram b) electronic + commerce
14. Fill in the blanks with the meanings for the following Idioms. 1 x 1 = 1
A couch potato _____.
15. Write the meaning for the following phrasal verb : a) give up _____ 1 x 1 = 1

SECTION-B (GRAMMAR)

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

[flock, herd, bunch]

3 x 1 = 3

- i) a ____ of cows ii) a ____ of grapes iii) a ____ of birds

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 _____ 25th 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.

5 x 2 = 10

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

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:

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?

1 x 5 = 5

SECTION-D (POEM)

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

36. I just wanted you to know
That you're my special hero.

2 x 1 = 2

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

37. My hobby is reading

It helps me

In thought breeding

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

2 x 1 = 2

38. A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never.

2 x 1 = 2

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

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

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- 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
..... yet unfelt.

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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:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 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.

- 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

2 x 1 = 2

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.
