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## Half yearly Exam - 2025

### ENGLISH

Time : 2.30 Hours

Marks : 100

#### Part - I

14x1=14

Answer all the questions

Choose appropriate synonyms for the underlined word

1. The old man muttered to himself a) built b) low tone c) shout d) scream
2. I had read a lot of detective stories to make the mistake of babbling  
a) contradict b) refuse c) speak carelessly d) speak thoughtless
3. Hark what is the sudden noise a) play b) listen c) Sing d) speak

Choose the appropriate antonym for the underline the word

4. It is an enormous effort a) big b) huge c) small d) heavy
5. The crust of the Earth is hard a) outer b) centre c) top d) many
6. There was a melee in the market  
a) confusion b) crowded c) in order d) attentive
7. Choose the correct plural form for the word "child" a) children b) childrens c) childreness
8. Form your derivative by adding the right prefix to the word - understand  
a) mis\_ b) dis\_ c) un\_ d) il\_
9. The common expansion of WHO is  
a) World Health Organ b) World Help Office c) World Health Organisation  
d) World Help Organisation
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below  
Children are \_\_\_\_\_ heroic movies  
a) fond on b) fond of c) fond in d) fond out
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word "house" to form a compound word  
a) clean b) keeping c) cook d) man
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.  
We have been living in Trichy \_\_\_\_\_ 10 years a) since b) from c) for d) with
13. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate tense form.  
Sonu \_\_\_\_\_ for a walk regularly.  
a) go b) went c) will go d) goes
14. Fill in the blank with the appropriate gerund or infinitive form of the verb  
Astronauts must keep on \_\_\_\_\_ for their space launch. ( to prepare /preparing )

#### Part II Section I PROSE

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

15. How can soil erosion be prevented?
16. What acted as a safety valve?
17. What was the old house built with?
18. What did the narrator do to get rid of the evidence?

#### Section II POETRY

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following:

19. Sweet creature said the spider you're witty and you're wise  
How handsome are your gauzy wings how brilliant are your eyes  
a) List the words used by the spider to describe the fly  
b) Why does the spider say that the fly is witty?
20. I was angry with my friend  
I told my wrath my wrath did end  
a) Whom does 'I' refer to?  
b) How did the anger of the poet come to an end?
21. The root is to be pulled out—

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16. Sachin's all excess energies were getting channelled into cricket which act a kind of safety valve

17. old house was build solid blocks of granite

18. The narrator swallowed the oranges to get get rid of the evidence



Out of the anchoring Earth

- Why should the root be pulled out?
- What does anchoring Earth mean?

22. River river swelling river

On your rush through rough and smooth

- Why does the poet mention the river to be swelling?
- What are the surfaces the river flow through?

### Section III GRAMMAR

3x2=6

Answer any three of the following

23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice

Mano gave sweets on his birthday

24. Rewrite using in direct speech

Varun said to Vinay, "We are going out now."

25. Punctuate :

I am a grizzly from Alaska

26. Rewrite the following sentence into superlative degree

Ramya is taller than any other girl in the class.

27. Rearrange the following words and make a meaningful sentence

a) the/ came / students / the /teacher /student /as soon as /up / stood

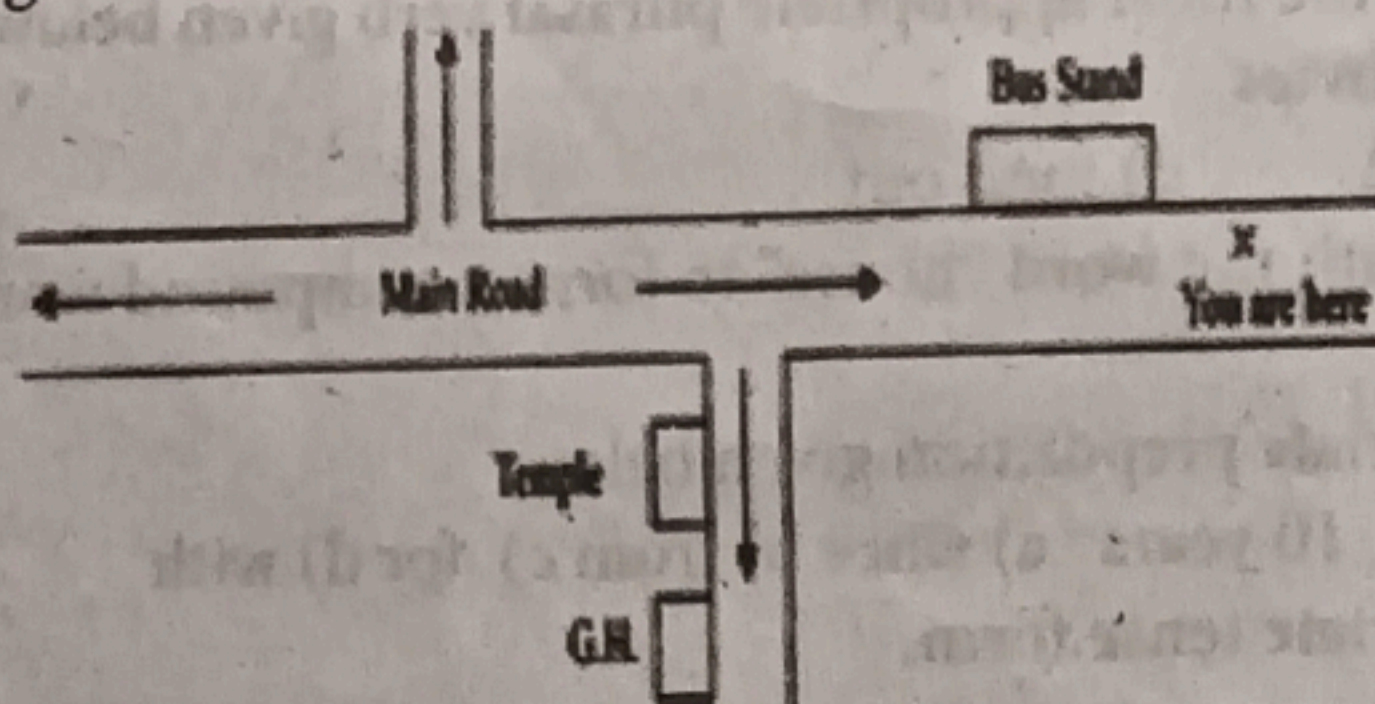
b) a/ for/ silence /was /while /there

### Section IV

1x2=2

Answer the following question.

28. A Stranger wants to go to the G.H. Guide him to reach his destination



### Part II SECTION I PROSE

2x5=10

Answer any two of the following.

29. Narrate in your own words the hardships underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer

30. Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo

31. How does CV Raman show that water is the real elixir of life?

32. How did Marshall save the children?

### Section 2

2x5=10

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines:

33. Bring out the central theme of the poem "Stopping by Woods on a snowy evening"

34. How does the poem describe the features and the power of the river

35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below

Bright you sparkle on your way

Over the yellow pebbles dancing

Through the flowers and foliage glancing

Like a child at play

a) What are the rhyming words given in the above lines?

b) Write the rhyme scheme of the above lines

c) Pick out the words in alliteration in the third line

d) What is the figure of speech employed in the fourth line?

36. Paraphrase the following stanza



My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farm house near  
Between the woods and the frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year

### Section III

Answer any one of the following

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order

(1x5=5)

- He saved most of his earnings to start the tea shop 2
- Brij started the tea shop 2 years ago 1
- He served the traveller with tea - strong sweet flavoured with cardamom 5
- The traveller looked tired and cold 4
- Brij welcome the traveller to his humble roadside tea shop 3

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

The bears Nursery at the New York Zoological Park is a big yard with a shade tree, a tree to climb, with a swimming pool, three sleeping dens and a rock Cliff. It never contains fewer than six cubs and sometimes eight. Naturally it is a good test of courage and temper to turn a new bear into that roistering crowd. Usually a newcomer is badly scared during the first day in the nursery and a very timid during the next. But grizzlies are different. They are born full of courage and devoid of all sense of fear. When little cyclones travelling box was opened and he found himself free in the nursery, he stalked deliberately to the centre of the stage halter and calmly looked about him.

Questions

- Where was the geological park located?
- How many cubs were accommodated in the Zoological Park?
- How is a newcomer treated?
- What is the in born character of the grizzly bear?
- What happened when the travelling box was opened?

### Section IV

Answer any four of the following

4x5=20

39. Prepare an advertisement using the hints given below :

Home bakers -baked with love - all varieties of cakes -wide range of flavours -customised cakes for special events- bulk orders undertaken -brownies also available -buy 2 kg get 1/4 kg free.

40. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper expressing your views on the irregularity of water supply to your locality

41. You are Sam / Sona the school pupil leader of GHSS Coimbatore .Prepare a notice inviting participants for the "Cultural Fest" in your school that is to be celebrated on the 22nd of next month.

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

Agriculture is the main source of life on earth. Animals and humans depend on agriculture for a living. It is the oldest practice in the history of mankind. There has been tremendous growth and evolution in the field of agriculture. Now, our country is able to produce surplus food crops which is enough to satisfy domestic needs. It also helps to eradicate malnutrition and address hunger issues in various parts of the world. Thus, agriculture will always remain the cornerstone of human existence and continue to fulfil the demands of the changing world. Governments and organisations must provide farmers with modern tools, training, and financial help in order to increase agricultural efficiency. In conclusion, agriculture remains critical to global food security and economic stability. Embracing sustainable techniques and new solutions will ensure that agriculture thrives and meets the increasing demands of a growing population. It is critical to recognise and promote the agricultural industry for the sake of mankind and the environment.



44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences

- a) Sahul is the tallest boys in the class      b) He is a honest man  
c) Though he is tired but he completed the work.      d) One of the girl is hurt  
e) Ram has many brother in laws

45. Quote from memory

it takes much.....

..... feeding

(1x5=5)

#### Part IV -

46. Write a paragraph of about hundred words by developing the following hints

2x8=16

- a) An honest couple - dog luck envious - wicked couple - borrowed - killed buried - pine tree - honest man  
- borrowed - mortor dog - appeared dream - sprinkle ashes - come back life Prince- rich reward- wicked  
- man ashes eyes - of the prince - punished

OR

- b) Tom - Auntly Polly - treated him badly - obsessed with - new home remedies - water treatment - new  
obsession - pain killer- Peter wanted- painkiller - Tom spoon painkiller Peter - prank 2 yards- confused  
- the room - went outside - and Polly regretted - the act term - recovered

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

a) The history of football is compelling, thrilling, and evolving. It is believed that football, known as folk football, has been played since medieval times. With an improvement in the sport from year to year, football has been institutionalised in the modern world. The first international football match was played in 1872 between Scotland and England. With this, football became a globally recognised sport. One cannot forget the iconic moments of Pele, the iconic Brazilian player, in the 1970 Mexico World Cup final. Another remarkable moment in the history of football matches is Maradona's goal in 1986, which is referred to as the "Hand of God's Goal". With the enhancement of technology, viewers are experiencing the richness of football tournaments like the FIFA World Cup with billions of views on television or the Internet. The ongoing development in football like the global awareness about the sport, expansion of the OTT platforms, and formation of women's football teams is not only making the game appealing but also capturing the hearts of fans worldwide.

Questions

1. From when has been football played?      2. When and who played the first international football match?  
3. To which country does a player Pele belong to?      4. What is Maradona's goal referred as ?

b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

There's a friendly dog,  
With a wagging tail,  
He loves to play fetch,  
And run down the trail.  
He barks with joy,  
When he sees a friend,  
Always ready to play,  
His fun never ends.  
He guards our home,  
With a watchful eye,  
A loyal companion,  
As the days go by.

Questions:

1. What does the dog love to do?  
2. How does the dog show happiness?  
3. What does the dog do when he sees a friend?  
4. What is one of the dog's roles at home?