

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025		Exam No.			
Time : 2-30 Hours		IX - ENGLISH		Marks : 100	

PART - I**Note: 1) Answer all the questions.****2) Choose the best answer and write option code with corresponding answer.****I. Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words. (14x1=14)**

- Winning the one rupee coin used to give me immense satisfaction
a) ordinary b) superficial c) great d) additional
- Clem looked at Pongo furiously
a) politely b) gently c) angrily d) calmly
- Amy is looking scared
a) happy b) frightened c) sad d) smart

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words.

- Sachin was the only player to complete more than 30,000 runs in international cricket
a) incomplete b) entirely c) totally d) fully
- Egypt's ancient civilization was created and is sustained by the life giving waters
a) old b) archaic c) modern d) new
- He muttered to himself
a) murmured b) shouted c) mumbled d) whispered
- Choose the correct plural form of 'lorry'.**
a) lorrys b) lorry c) lories d) lorries
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word - 'understand'.**
a) may- b) mis- c) im- d) dis-
- Choose the correct expansion of 'TET'.**
a) Teacher Entrance Test b) Teacher Eligibility Test
c) Technician Entrance Test d) Teacher Equivalent Test
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.**
I was _____ eating oranges.
a) fond of b) bring up c) give up d) take off
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'boarding' to form a compound word.**
a) pause b) pass c) parts d) fast
- Complete the sentence using the most appropriate modal auxiliary verb.**
You _____ drive fast. It's not safe.
a) ought not b) should not
c) may not d) will not
- Fill in the blanks with suitable tense form.**
All children _____ something new everyday.
a) learn b) will learn
c) learns d) learnt
- Fill in the blank with appropriate prepositional phrase given below.**
I am standing here _____ my friends.
a) in behalf of b) on behalf of
c) on behalf d) in behalf

PART - II (Section - I) (Prose)**II. Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two. (3x2=6)**

- What was the opportunity that transformed the life of Sachin?
- When did the visitor actually hide the iron cross?
- What was Clem Jones carrying in the box?
- How does the water in rain-fed tanks get its colour?

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Section - II (Poetry)

III. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following. (3x2=6)

19. *My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near*
a) Who is the speaker?
b) Why should the horse think it queer?
20. *In the morning glad I see
My foe out stretched beneath the tree*
a) How did the poet feel in the morning?
b) Who is the 'foe' referred to here?
21. *The root is to be pulled out-
Out of the anchoring earth*
a) Why should the root be pulled out?
b) What does 'anchoring earth' mean?
22. *"The way into my parlour is up a winding stair,
And I've many curious things to show when you are there"*
a) How can the fly reach the spider's parlour?
b) What will the fly get to see in the parlour?

Section - III (Grammar)

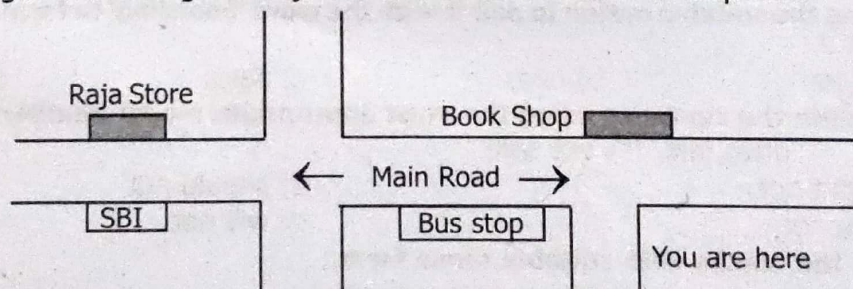
IV. Answer any three of the following question. (3x2=6)

23. **Rewrite the following sentence into other voice.**
She has won the first prize.
24. **Rewrite the following into Superlative degree.**
Ramya is taller than any other girl in the class.
25. **Identify the Dependent and Independent clauses from the following sentences and underline them.**
a) It isn't necessary to cram all night if you have studies a little each day.
b) Mala bought a car which was too expensive.
26. **Punctuate the following sentence.**
hey wait a minute pongo shouted
27. **Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.**
a) rising / the / fast / is / river
b) poured down / his mouth / and / painkiller / opened / Tom / the

Section-IV

V. Answer the following questions. (1x2=2)

28. A stranger wants to go to Raja store. Give instructions to help him.

**PART - III****Section - I (Prose)**

VI. Answer any two of the following in a paragraph. (2x5=10)

29. Narrate in your own words the hardship underwent by Sachin to become a great cricketer.
30. How did Amy manage the situation at home?
31. Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.
32. How does C.V. Raman show the water in the real elixir of life?

Section - II (Poetry)

VII. Answer any two of the following questions. (2x5=10)

33. What information does the poet highlight about the season and the time of the day in the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'?
34. How well does Gieve Patel bring out the pain of the tree in the poem?

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

*And I water'd it in tears,
Night and morning with my tears,
And I stunned it with smiles,
And with soft deceitful wiles.*

- Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
- Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza?
- Identify the figure of speech employed in the second line.
- Pick out the alliterating words from the third line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

*And now dear little children, who may this story read
To idle, silly flattering words, I pray you ne'er give heed:
Unto an evil counsellor, close heart and ear and eye,
And take a lesson from this tale, of the Spider and the Fly.*

Section - III (Supplementary)

VIII. Answer any one of the following.

37. Rearrange the following sentences in a coherent order.

(1x5=5)

- Little cyclone gave a strong blow a Czar's ear.
- Little Czar was a European brown bear.
- The Zoological Park had six to eight cubs.
- Little Cyclone is a grizzly cub from Alaska.
- It had stumpy little legs.

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

Becky Thatcher, his friend, had stopped coming to school. This disturbed Tom. He become unhappy. The charm of life was gone; there was nothing but boredom left. He put his hoop away, and his bat; there was no joy in them anymore and so his aunt Polly was concerned. She was infatuated with patent medicines and all new methods of producing health or mending it. She was an incurable experimenter in these things. She began to try all manners of remedies on Tom.

Questions:

- Who was Tom's friend?
- What did she do?
- Was Tom happy?
- Who was Polly?
- What did she do?

Section - IV (Writing)

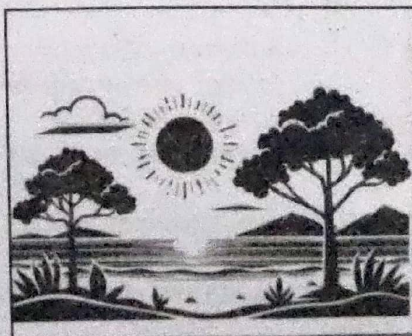
IX. Answer any four of the following.

(4x5=20)

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Raj Apparels - festival sale - 40% - special combo offers - Buy 1 Get 1 - East Main Street - Pudukkottai.

- Your friend lives in another town / city has won his / her championship trophy in the recent sports meet. Write a letter congratulating him / her.
- You are Ganesh / Gayathri, Head boy / Head girl of your school. Write a notice for your school notice board informing the students about the 'Fancy Fete' that is going to be organized in your school campus on the 10th of next month.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in five sentences.



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43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Our blood consists of three types of blood cells red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped. They are composed of an iron containing component called hemoglobin molecule picks up four oxygen molecules and supplies them to the body tissues. Red blood cells also transport the carbon dioxide from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and few compared to red cells, numbering only one for every 700 red cells. They are the body's defenders, the soldiers that fight bacteria and other enemies and destroy dead cells.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- She love her father.
- He is taller than me.
- Neither Jack or Jill fetched any water.
- One of the girl is tall.
- I met an one eyed man.

Section - V Memoriter (Compulsory)

45. Quote from Memory.

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From: River

To: youth.

PART - IV (Supplementary)

X. Write a paragraph using any one of the following hints.

(2x8=16)

46. a) Little cyclone - grizzly cub - mother fried - Brother escaped from captor - cyclone - reduced by zoological park - met - resisted all bears who attacked - behaved dignified - proved - fight any bear - second's notice. (OR)

b) Margie - Tommy - 11 and 13 - Tommy - real book - attic - about - grandfather's grandfather schools - Margies' teacher - Mechanical - olden days - teacher - human beings - all the kids - same age - special building - person - enjoyed learning.

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

In China, in about 1200 BC., people traded shells for the things they wanted, Chinese people also traded metal tools for the things they wanted, For example, they traded metal knives and shovels for the things they wanted. Later in China, people made metal money. In about 100 BC, the Chinese made money of animal skin. The first paper money was made from white coloured deer skin. It came from China about 9000 years later. In about 700 BC people similar to the coins we use today. After people made coins in Lydia, people in Rome. Iran and Greece also began making coins. Coins were very durable - they use strong and could ask a long time without becoming damaged.

Questions:

- What did the Chinese trade for the things they wanted?
- How was the first paper money made?
- Where was Lydia?
- When did people make the first round metal coins? (OR)

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

Summer comes
in a blaze of heat
With sunny smiles
And dusty feet

Spring is pretty
But short and sweet
When you can smell the grass
From your garden seat

Then season change
To muddy roads
Monsoons and mangoes
Leap frogs and toads

Autumn is English
In red, yellow and brown
Autumn is Indian
Whenever leaves fall down.

Questions:

- How does the poet describe the spring season?
- Which line tells you that the garden is fresh?
- Does the poet welcome the summer. How do you know?
- How is autumn in India?

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