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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

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ENGLISH

Time : 2.30 Hrs

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Marks : 100

Part - I

Note : (i) Answer all the questions. (ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words:

14 X 1 = 14

1. I had to learn to take these remarks in my *stride*.
a) strike b) step c) stick d) strip
2. On one side was visible a sea of *billowing* sand.
a) following b) pillowing c) rafting d) wafting
3. The voice in his head asked the narrator to eat the *evidence*.
a) disprove b) contradict c) proof d) refute
4. Ordinary men and women are not usually *heroic*.
a) coward b) brave c) hectic d) victory
5. Some mathematicians *claimed* that zero divided by zero was zero.
a) asked b) told c) denied d) found
6. Amy returns to the room. She is looking very *scared*.
a) afraid b) progress c) calm d) wise
7. Choose the correct plural form of *mouse* from the following:
a) mice b) mouses c) mouse d) rats
8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word '*brother*'.
a) -ness b) -ly c) -ship d) -hood
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation *PAN*.
a) Public Account Number b) Permanent Account Number
c) Permanent Active Number d) People Account Number

10. **Fill in the blank with the correct homophone.**

It's very hard to say _____ to a person whom we _____ very well. (know / no)

11. **Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word *bone* to form a compound word.**

- a) front b) back c) leg d) long

12. **Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.**

Vimal generally goes to his workplace _____ bus.

- a) during b) in c) on d) by

13. **Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.**

My brother _____ in London now.

- a) works b) is working c) worked d) working

14. **Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate prepositional phrase given below.**

I almost _____ the hope of escaping from the trouble.

- a) gave away b) gave in c) gave up d) gave out

Part - II (Section - 1)

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

3 x 2 = 6

15. Why did the visitor return to his old house?
16. What according to the writer is the real elixir of life?
17. How did the act with the one-rupee coin help Sachin become a good cricketer?
18. What helps ordinary men and women to become heroes?

Section - 2

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

3 x 2 = 6

19. *Over rocks, by rose-banks, sweeping
Like impetuous youth*
a) Where does the rose grow? b) Which stage of man is compared here?
20. "And now dear little children, who may this story read,
To idle, silly flattering words, I pray you ne'er give heed:"
a) Who does 'I' refer to? b) What is the advice given to the readers?
21. Whose woods these are I think I know
His house in the village though.
a) Who does 'I' refer to? b) Where is his house?
22. Not a simple jab of the knife will do it
a) Can a 'simple jab of the knife' kill a tree? b) Why does it take so much time to kill a tree?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 2 = 6

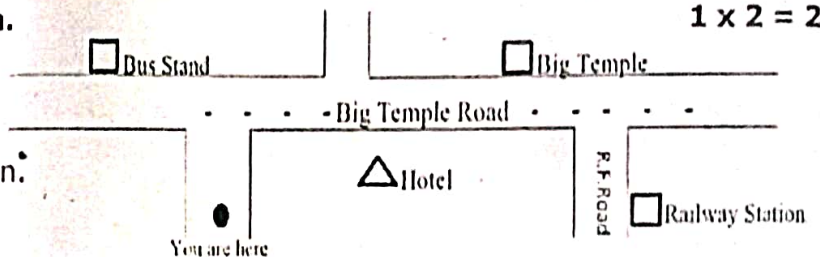
23. **Rewrite the following sentence in Active voice.** Chandru will inform you later.
24. **Change into indirect speech.** Raman said, "Do not share this with anyone."
25. **Punctuate the following sentence.** karthi said do not spoil the eco system
26. **Transform the following sentences into a simple / compound / complex sentence.**
Jaya is rich. He is humble.
27. **Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.**
a) deer/tiger/the/The/was/chasing. b) a/has/written / She/novel

Section - 4

Answer the following question.

1 x 2 = 2

28. A stranger wants to visit the Big Temple. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



Part - III (Section - 1)

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2 x 5 = 10

29. 'Achrekar was a sincere coach' substantiate.
30. Elaborate the rescue operation undertaken by Mr. Peter.
31. Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo.
32. How does C.V. Raman show that water is the real elixir of life?

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions.

2 x 5 = 10

33. How did the poet's anger with his friend end?
34. What happens if we fall a prey to flattery? Give instances from the poem 'The Spider and the Fly'.
35. **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.**
*And I water'd it in fears,
Night and morning with my tears;
And I sunned it with smiles;
And with soft deceitful wiles.*
(i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
(ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given lines.
(iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the third line.
(iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the fourth line.
36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**
*River, river, little river!
Bright you sparkle on your way;
O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,
Through the flowers and foliage glancing,
Like a child at play.*

Answer any one of the following.

37. **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**
 a) Since all her methods failed, finally she gave him a pain-killer.
 b) Tom was dull and depressed.
 c) This incident upset Aunt Polly and she questioned him.
 d) But, Tom gave that pain-killer to the cat Peter.
 e) So, Aunt Polly tried different types of remedies on him.

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

Little Cyclone is a grizzly cub from Alaska, who earned his name by the vigour of his resistance to ill-treatment. When his mother was fired at, on a timbered hillside facing Chilkat River, he and his brother ran away as fast as their stumpy little legs could carry them. The Bears' Nursery at the New York Zoological Park is a big yard with a shade tree, a tree to climb, a swimming pool, three sleeping dens, and a rock cliff. It never contains fewer than six cubs, and sometimes eight. When little Cyclone's travelling box was opened and he found himself free in the Nursery, he stalked deliberately to the center of the stage, halted, and calmly looked about him. His air and manner said as plainly as English: "I'm a grizzly from Alaska, and I've come to stay. If any of you fellows think there is anything coming to you from me, come and take it."

- (i) How did 'Little Cyclone' earn its name?
 (ii) Describe the Bears' Nursery.
 (iii) What did the grizzly's air and manners say about itself?
 (iv) What happened to Little Cyclone's mother?
 (v) Give a suitable title for the passage.

Section - 4

4 x 5 = 20

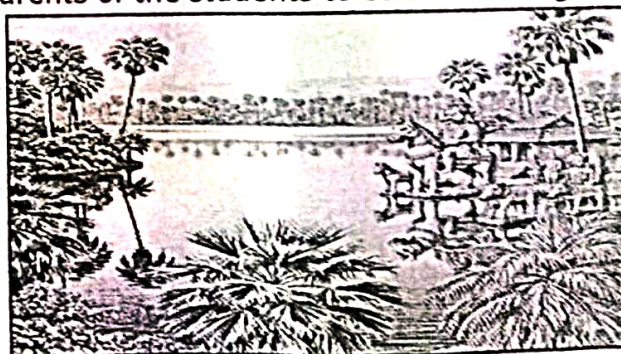
Answer any four of the following.

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

Coffee house - Fresh and tasty - premium quality - hot and cold - more variety of crunchy snacks - try it now - credit and debit cards accepted - special offers - door delivery available - 5th Avenue, Kumbakonam.

40. Write a letter to your friend, describing the joy of celebrating festivals in a village.
 41. You are Aathan / Aathini, the school pupil leader of GHSS, Pattukottai. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the parents of the students to celebrate Pongal in your school campus on the 15th of January.

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.**

Preserving native languages within India's linguistic states is crucial because they serve as the primary vehicles for cultural memory and identity. A mother tongue is far more than a communication tool; it is the repository of a people's history, unique philosophical insights, regional literature, folklore, and traditional knowledge. Allowing these languages to decline leads to the irreplaceable loss of intellectual heritage and a thinning of the cultural diversity that makes India unique. Furthermore, native languages are essential for inclusive education and effective local governance, ensuring that knowledge and justice are accessible to the common person, especially in rural areas. When native languages are vibrant, they provide a sense of rootedness and pride, acting as a psychological anchor that prevents cultural homogenization and strengthens the federation by giving each state a distinct, yet valued, voice. Therefore, strong native language preservation is not a threat to national unity, but a vital safeguard of the rich pluralism that defines the Indian nation.

44. **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**

- a) I have two sister in laws.
- b) He told to me a story.
- c) Neither the doctor or the nurse is available.
- d) One of the girl has won the first Prize.
- e) He arranged the furniture properly.

Section - 5

45. **Quote from memory:**

1 x 5 = 5

From : My little horse
To : is some mistake..

Part - IV

46. **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 2x8 = 16**

(a) Honest man and his wife - pet dog - found a treasure - covetous old couple - borrowed the dog - found nothing - killed the dog - dream - mortar out of pine-tree - more richness - neighbour - borrowed the mortar - only filth - burnt the mortar - dream - collected the ashes - withered plants came to life - prince gave rewards - envious neighbour - collected the ashes - nothing happened - prince's retainers - beat him - honest couple - shared their riches.

(OR)

(b) Tommy and Margie - something - of the past. Tommy - a book - printed papers. It - old and crinkly. The television - over - million books. He - the book - attic. Margie - hated - school. The mechanical - large - black. Margie - understand - how a teacher - all the subjects. Then it - school time - Tommy and Margie. Margie - the schoolroom. She - thinking - old school.

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

Your school years are an amazing time for learning, making friends, and figuring out what you love to do, but it's crucial to choose wisely to protect your immense potential by staying away from drugs and being smart about your mobile use. Some students might think trying drugs is cool or that constantly checking their phone is harmless, but both can seriously hurt your future: using drugs, even once, can damage your developing brain, making it hard to focus, learn, and remember, which leads to lower grades and puts your goals at risk; similarly, constantly checking your phone can act like an addiction, stealing your time and focus, reducing your ability to concentrate in class, disrupting your sleep, and leading to anxiety that replaces real-life friendships. You are in control of your life, and being drug-free and practicing healthy digital habits are the strongest, smartest choices you can make to keep yourself healthy, focused, and free to chase your dreams and build a great life.

- Questions:**
- a) What is the importance of school years?
 - b) How does the use of drugs and mobile phones damage you?
 - c) What are the consequences of phone addiction?
 - d) How can you achieve health, focus and a great life?

(OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,"

- Questions:**
- a) Where was the poet?
 - b) What was the dilemma in the poet's mind?
 - c) What choice did the poet make at the end?
 - d) How was the other road?