

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

Standard IX

ENGLISH

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Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 100

14 x 1 = 14

Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words:

1. Practice hard and see what magic can transpire.
a) concealed b) revealed c) closed d) completed
2. He muttered to himself for his poor condition.
a) low voice b) high pitched noise c) screamed d) giggled
3. I wanted to pursue cricket seriously.
a) greet b) follow c) stop d) extract.

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

4. I was angry with my foe
a) friend b) enemy c) follower d) neighbour
5. Everyone should be very conscious.
a) aware b) unconscious c) alert d) intentional
6. Elixir was thought to confer immortality of life.
a) deathless b) eternal c) mortality d) imperishable
7. Choose the plural form of the word "child"
a) childs b) children c) childrens d) child
8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word "awake"
a) _ment b) _ness c) _ous d) _ly
9. Choose the most appropriate modal for the following.
_____ I open the window? It is very hot in the room.
a) will b) can c) may d) could
10. Findout the anagram of the given word "LEMON".
a) MON b) MELON c) NOLEM d) NOL
11. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verb for the following.
I am _____ the ice cream
a) gave up b) finish off c) fond of d) look up
12. Fill in the blanks with most appropriate preposition given below.
We have been living in Chennai _____ seven years
a) from b) for c) since d) at
13. Choose the full form of the word: "I'll"
a) I will not b) I would c) I will d) I would not
14. Fill in the blanks with suitable Homophones:
Do you know _____ are we going? (were / where)

Part - II

Section - I

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

3 x 2 = 6

15. Who were Sachin's favourite players?
16. What according to the writer is the real elixir of life?
17. Did the narrator believe Clem's story?
18. When did the visitor actually hide the Iron Cross?

Section - II

Read the poem lines and answer the questions that follow. (Any 3)

3 x 2 = 6

19. He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fillup with snow.
a) Whom does "He" refer here? b) Identify the season mentioned here.
20. And I watered it in fears
Night and morning with my tears
a) What does 'it' refers to? b) How is it watered?

21. "Come hither, hither, pretty fly, with the pearl and silver wing,
Your robes are green and purple - There's a crest upon your head;
a) How are the wings? b) How are the robes?
22. River, river, little river!
Bright you sparkle on your way;
a) How is the river? b) What does the river on its way?"

Section - III

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 2 = 6

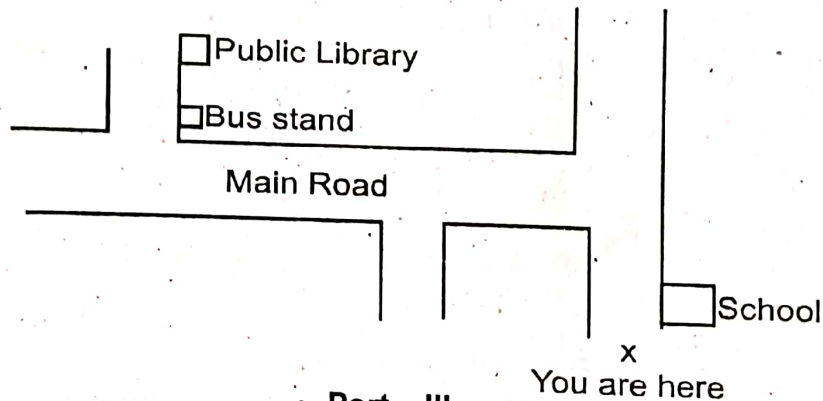
23. Rewrite the following sentence into superlative degree.
Balu is taller than any other boy in the class.
24. Fill in the blanks with Gerund or Infinitive.
a) _____ (walk) is a healthy habit.
b) I wish _____ (finish) my assignment this evening.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
tom what on earth ails that cat
26. Identify the clause and phrase in the following sentence.
I enjoy painting during my holidays.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make a meaningful sentence.
a) a / has / written / She / novel b) rising / the / fast / is / river

Section - IV

28. Answer the following questions.

1 x 2 = 2

Guide the stranger to the Public Library. Guide him to reach the destination.



Part - III

Section - I

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2 x 5 = 10

29. Life cannot exist on earth without water - Explain.
30. Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongo.
31. "Achrekar was a sincere coach" - Substantiate.
32. How did the children handle the situation?

Section - II

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 5 = 10

33. Write about the theme of the poem.
"Stopping by woods on a Snowy Evening".
34. How does the poet bringout the pain of the trees?
35. Read the following poem lines and answer questions given below.

I was angry with my friend;
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe:
I told it not, my wrath did grow.

- i) Pickout the rhyming words. (2) ii) What is the rhyming scheme of the stanza (1)
iii) Identify the figure of speech in the title of the poem. (1)
iv) Pick out the alliterated words in the first line. (1)

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

River, river! Swelling river!
On you rush through rough and smooth;
Louder, faster, brawling, leaping.
Over rocks, by rose banks, sweeping
Like impetuous youth.

Section - III

1 x 5 = 5

Answer any one of the following.

37. **Rearrange the following sentences:**

1. Since all her methods failed, finally she gave him a pain-killer.
2. The pain-killer triggered adverse reactions on Peter
3. Tom was dull and depressed.
4. So, Aunt Polly tried different types of remedies on him.
5. But, Tom gave that painkiller to the cat Peter.

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

Margie even wrote about in that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May 2157, she wrote, "Today Tommy found a real book!". It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to - on a screen, you know. And then when turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had when they read it the first time.

Questions:

- i) When did Tommy find a real book?
- ii) Who wrote the diary?
- iii) What did Margie's grandfather tell once?
- iv) What was awfully funny?
- v) How were the pages of the book?

Section - IV

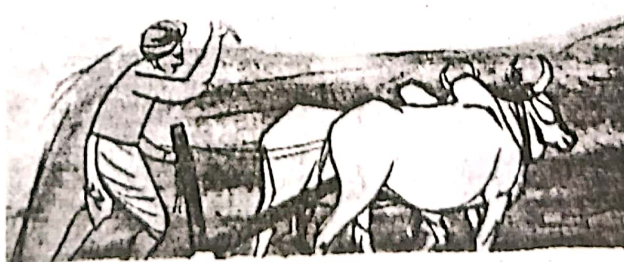
Answer any four of the following.

4 x 5 = 20

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

Colourful and beautiful toys - Eco-friendly - non-toxic - handy - buy one get one - discount 10% - 4, Amman koil street, Salem.

40. Write a letter to your friend describing the joy of celebrating festivals in a village.
41. You are Mithra / Mahesh School Pupil Leader of GHSS, Erode. Your principal has requested you to inform the students about the Eco Club meeting in your school. Prepare a notice giving the details such as date of the meeting, time and venue.
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.**

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 haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs each haemoglobin molecule picks up our oxygen molecules and supplies them to the body's 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. One kind, for instance destroys dead cells. Other kinds produce antibodies against viruses. Some others consume and digest bacteria.

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

1. Sachin is senior than Dhoni.
2. Vasco da Gama was a first European to reach India by sea.
3. My Son is fond to music.
4. As we are late, so we apologised
5. Chennai is one of the biggest city in India.

Section - V

45. **Quote from memory.**

From: River To: at play

1 x 5 = 5

Part - IV

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

a) An honest couple - dog - luck - envious - wicked couple - borrowed - not bring luck - killed - buried - pine tree - honest man's dream - mortar - pine tree - honest man - treasure - borrowed mortar - burnt - dog appeared - dream - sprinkle - ashes - withered trees - come back - life - prince - rich reward - wicked man - ashes - eyes of the prince - punished.

(OR)

b) Grizzly bears - born - full of courage - devoid - all sense of fear - little cyclone - Cub from Alaska - earned name - vigour of his resistance - ill treatment - mother fired - reached - Zoological park - Little Czar - attacked - Cyclone confident - shot him - furiously - no one got near him.

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

a) In 1902, American president Theodore Roosevelt, also known as Teddy, participated in a bear-hunting trip in Mississippi. While hunting, Roosevelt declared the behaviour of the other hunters 'unsportsmanlike' after he refused to kill a bear they had captured. As news of the hunting trip spread, many newspapers around the country featured political cartoons starring "Teddy" and the "bear". Meanwhile, in Brooklyn, New York, a shop owner named Morris Michtom saw one of the cartoons and had an idea. Michtom and his wife created plush, stuffed bears and placed them in the front window of their shop. With permission from Roosevelt, Michtom named the bears "Teddy Bears".

Questions:

- i) Who participated in a bear-hunting trip in Mississippi?
- ii) Where did Michtom place the stuffed bears?
- iii) What was the news that spread around the country about Teddy?
- iv) Who is the shop owner? What did he do in his shop? (OR)

b) **Read the poem and answer the questions.**

When I went out I stole an orange
I kept it in my pocket.
It felt like a warm planet.
Everywhere I went smelt of oranges
Whenever I got into an awkward situation
Take the orange out and smell it
And immediately on even dead branches
I saw the lovely and fierce orange blossom,
It was a safeguard against imaging
There was nothing bright or special in the world

Questions:

1. What did the poet steal?
2. Where did he keep it?
3. When would he smell the oranges?
4. How are oranges described?
