

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

Standard X

ENGLISH

Part - I

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14 x 1 = 14

Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words:

1. The lady seems hysterical
a) calm b) serious c) emotional d) missing
2. They can control a computer screen with Eye Gaze
a) control b) shape c) colour d) stare
3. We had reached a point where the road bifurcated
a) ended b) divided into two c) connected d) collapsed

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words:

4. His father was preening his feathers.
a) cleaning b) clearing c) dirtying d) colouring
5. We witnessed the bright lights from the sea.
a) famous b) superb c) night d) dull
6. Nothing Herman said gruffly
a) sadly b) happily c) angrily d) slowly
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'eskimo' from the following.
a) eskimoss b) eskimos c) eskimose d) eskimo
8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'child'
a) hood b) ment c) ure d) ion

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation AAC
a) Augmentative and Alternative Communication
b) Accumulative and Alternative Communication
c) Augmentative and Assessive Communication
d) Augumentative and Artificial Computer
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below
The mother instructed the maid to _____ the child carefully.
a) warm up b) shut down c) look after d) take off
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'Sun' to form a Compound word.
a) thing b) hole c) glasses d) hand
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
Keep the books _____ the table
a) on b) to c) into d) with
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below : If I were a bird, I _____ around the world.
a) would have flown b) would fly c) flew d) can fly
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives:
_____ he was honest he was punished.
a) While b) As c) Though d) But

Part - II

Section - 1

Answer any three of the following question.

3 x 2 = 6

15. What did the young bird do to seek the attentions of his parents?
16. What did Aditya offer Sanyal?
17. Who mentored the crew?
18. Why did Holmes want Smith to treat him?

Section - 2

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

3 x 2 = 6

19. So let the way wind up the hill or down
O'er rough or Smooth, the journey will be joy.
a) How is the way of life? b) How should be the journey?
20. At last by starvation and famine made bold,
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold.
a) What made the cricket bold? b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?

21. Strong is she in her faith and beliefs.
'Persistence is the key to everything' says she.
a) What is she strong about? b) How does she deal with the adversities in life?
22. It sat alone
What happened there is still today unknown.
a) What does 'it' refer to? b) What happened inside it?

Section - 3

3 x 2 = 6

Answer any three of the following:

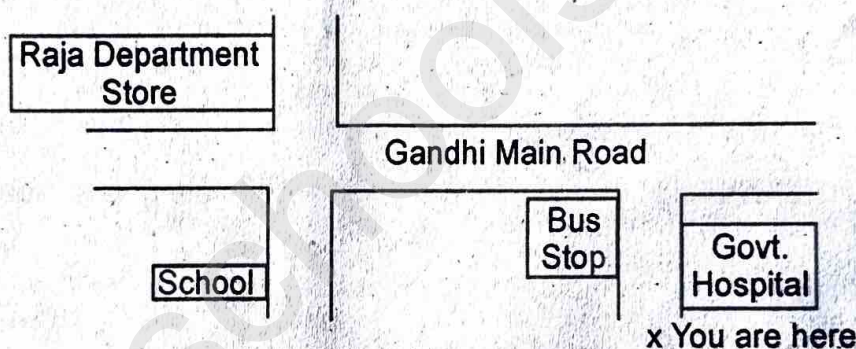
23. Rewrite the following in other voice.
Our army has defeated the enemy.
24. Rewrite the sentence in Reported speech.
The captain said to the soldiers, "March fast"
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
were you not a good student i asked
26. Combine the following sentence into a compound sentence.
Radha was ill. She was not hospitalised.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
a) Celebrated / at / festivals / sea / we.
b) Was / alone / the / Seagull / young / his / on / ledge

Section - 4

1 x 2 = 2

28. Answer the following question.

A stranger asked you to direct him to the School. Guide him to reach his destination.



Part - III

Section - 1

Answer any Two of the following in a paragraph.

2 x 5 = 10

29. Highlight the factors responsible for the all-women Indian Navy Crew to carry out their expedition.
30. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?
31. Describe the struggles underwent by the young Seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
32. Give an account of the last day of Mr. Hamel in School.

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 5 = 10

33. What optimistic attitude should the readers possess according to the poem "The Grumble Family"?
34. How is the mystery depicted in the poem "The House on Elm Street"?
35. **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.**
The weather is always too hot or cold;
Summer and winter alike they scold
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet.
Down on that gloomy complaining street.

Questions:

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
- b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
- c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
- d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.

36. **Paraphrase the following: Stanza.**

Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes.
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we shall lie.

Section - 3

Answer any one of the following.

1 x 5 = 5

37. **Rearrange the following Sentences in coherent order.**

- i) Peter stops the angry waters with his finger the entire right and saves the village.
- ii) Peter becomes the Little Hero of Holland.
- iii) Little Peter was asked to take cakes for his blind friend by his mother.
- iv) Peter realises the danger of flooding.
- v) While returning, he hears water trickling from the dikes.

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

Many years ago, China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a far away village of China, heard the news when she was outside, washing clothes. Mulan ran into the house. Her father was sitting on a chair, carving a piece of wood. "Father!" she said. "Did you hear what the Emperor says each family must do?" "Yes," said her old father, "I heard about it in town. Well, I may as well go pack up". He put down his carving, stood up and walked very slowly to his room.

Questions :-

- a) What did the Emperor say?
- b) Who was Mulan?
- c) When did she hear the news?
- d) What was her father doing?
- e) Where was her father when he heard the news?

Section - 4

Answer any four of the following.

4 x 5 = 20

39. **Prepare an Advertisement using the hints below:**

Fruits and Vegetables - organic - fresh from farm - free home delivery - 63, MRC Road, Salem.

40. Write a letter to complaint to the Officer of the PWD department to take immediate action to maintain cleanliness, in the children's park in your locality.
41. You are Aruna / Akash, The Literary Association Secretary of GHSS, Madurai. Prepare a Notice on behalf of your school, inviting the students to participate in the oratorical competition to be conducted next month.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it.

43. **Make notes or write a Summary of the following passage.**

Family is where we all belong to and from where our identity comes from. A person is valued based on his family and upbringing. Family is a bond, a long lasting relationship that holds a bond with each other. There are many values that one has to learn to get the family bonding in the right manner. Bonding does not happen overnight. It forms with every second, every minute that you spend with your loved ones. The understanding, the acceptance, the belonging and the security all enclosed together is how a family bond is formed.

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

- a) A earth goes round the sun. b) It proured outside now
c) I can lee fifteen next April. d) Slow but steady wins the race
e) Learn a language is always useful

Section - 5

45. **Quote from memory.**

1 x 5 = 5

We were taken from oil is all we ask

Part - IV

46. **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.** **2 x 8 = 16**

a) The year of 2889-25th July- Editor Earth Herald - Francis Bennett - phototelephote - champs - Elysees - wife telephotic mirror - phototelegrams from Mercury, Venus and Mars - Jupiter - New planet - Gandini - Mr. Bennett talks by means of apparatus - abandoned domestic cooking - pneumatic tubes - aero car - Niagara - aero train - centropolis - 600 miles an hours.

(OR)

b) The Emperor of shining - orders old people - to be - deserted - farmer - very sad - carries - old mother - to obatsuyama - leaves mother - arranges bed to sleep - mother warns - son of danger - asks to follow - twigs - son moved - son carries mother back home - hides at home - Emperor - orders - rope of ashes - farmer - worried - old mother helps - emperor surprised - farmer revealed the truth - Emperor - calls back the order - abolished his cruel law.

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

a) Amazon rainforest is rainforest in Brazil. The rainfall is more than 1800 mm. The total area is 2,300,000 square miles (6,000,000 square km). It is about 40 percent of Brazil's total area, 5 percent of world's Total area. The Amazon rainforest is the largest and the richest rainforest in the world. Containing 2.5 million types of insects and 40,000 types of plants. Many of them still unrecorded by science. There are different types of organisms that you haven't lseen in the other places such as spider monkey, Major wildlife includes jaguar, manatee, tapir, red deer, poison dart frog and so on. Amazon rainforest also have many plants. The most famous one is canopy. Canopy the tallest tree in the world. It is about 61 meters. It helps to protect the harsh sunlight. Most herbivores eat fruits, seeds and leaves and most carnivores eat smaller animals. In the 20th century, Brazil's rapidly growing population settled major areas in the Amazon rainforest. In the 1990s the Brazilian government started to protect this beautiful place.

Questions:

- i) Where is the Amazon rain forest situated?
ii) What is the total area of the Amazon forest?
iii) Mention some of the major wildlife of the Amazon?
iv) What is a Canopy?

(OR)

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

What will you be?

What will you be when you grow up?

A dancer? or a doctor?

A teacher? or a cricketer?

There are So many careers you can choose to do

It's very hard to decide you now

Sometimes you may keep on thinking

Doing many jobs and never deciding

And on Sunday again you will keep wondering.

Thursday you will chart the skies with the Navy.

Questions:

- i) What is hard to decide? ii) List the jobs mentioned in the poem.
iii) Pick out the days of the week mentioned in the poem.
iv) What career would you like to choose in future?
