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COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2019

STANDARD - IX

Time : 2.30 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Part I

Instructions:

1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness inform the hall-supervisor immediately.

2) Use blue or black ink to write or underlined. www.kalviexpress.in

Part - I

i) Answer all the questions.

ii) Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer: 14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words

- The divine Amrita, a draught of which was thought to confer immortality.
a) holy b) refine c) wine d) pure
- Clem looked at him furiously.
a) angrily b) earnestly c) severely d) seriously
- Yes, you have hurt badly.
a) broken b) injured c) treated d) mixed

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words

- They were silent for sometimes. a) dumb b) noisy c) outside d) idle
- The telephone is dead.
a) alive b) inactive c) mute d) noise
- Its ancient civilization was created.
a) old b) primitive c) modern d) important
- Choose the correct plural form of 'river' from the following
a) rivers b) riveres c) riveries d) river
- Add a prefix to the word to complete the sentences:
CONSCIOUS
a) sub b) dis c) im d) il
- Fill in the blanks with suitable
a) homophones in the sentence given below:
I cannot the insult. (bear / bare)
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below
The cricket ball was hidden the leaves.
a) between b) among c) into d) on
- Choose the correct option.
Students (may / must) be quiet when they write the examination.
- Choose the correct form of the verb from the options given:
I this mobile for three years. (have been using / am using)
- Complete the following sentence using appropriate prepositional phrase:
I am standing here my friends.
a) in behalf of b) on behalf of c) on behalf
- Fill in the blanks with the correct degree of the adjective.
No other English dramatist was (great) Shakespeare.

Part II

Section I

10 x 2 = 20

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

3 x 2 = 6

- What is the imaginary elixir of life?
- Why did the policemen suspect the narrator?
- Who is the founder of the junior red cross?
- What was the local superstition about trees?

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Section II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following $3 \times 2 = 6$

19. And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep
a) Why the poet has used the same line twice?
b) Explain : Miles to go before I sleep.
20. In the morning glad I see
My foe outstretched 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.
One 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 to reach the spider's parlour.
b) What will the fly get to see in the parlour?

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Section III

Answer any THREE of the following:

$3 \times 2 = 6$

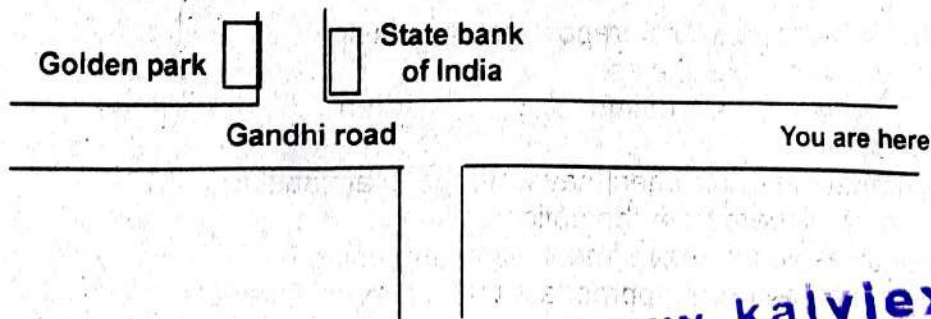
23. Give the other degree as stated in the bracket
Mango is the sweetest fruit. (change into positive degree)
24. Rewrite the sentence changing the underlined words into Gerund:
To obey the rules of the road is essesntial to avoid accidents.
25. Rewrite the following sentence using infinitive form of the underlined word:
Helping the poor is service to God.
26. Punctuate the following sentence:
a cat pongo said
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:
a) a fantastic book / I / am reading / now
b) I know / This is / the / route / best / that

Section IV

Answer the following question:

$1 \times 2 = 2$

28. A lady wants to meet her friend who is working in State Bank of India. Give instructions of help her to reach the place.



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Part III

$10 \times 5 = 50$

Section I

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:

$2 \times 5 = 10$

29. How does C.V. Raman show that water is the real elixir of life?
30. Narrate the clever strategy followed by clem Jones to deceive pongo.
31. 'Achrekar was a sincere coach' substantiate.
32. Narrate the story of your visit to your ancestral house.

Section II

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:

2 x 5 = 10

33. 'A tree doesn't grow in a day' Explain it with reference to the poem.
 34. What are the main concepts and ideas in the poem - "Stopping by woods on a snowy Evening?"
 35. Read the following stanza and answer the 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

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- a) Pick out the rhyming words.
 b) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
 c) Identify the figure of speech in the title of the poem.
 d) Pick out the alliterated words in this stanza.

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

What is this life if, full of care
 We have no time to stand and stare
 A poor life this is, if full of care
 We have no time to stand and stare.

Section III

Answer any ONE of the following:

1 x 5 = 5

37. Rearrange the following sentence in coherent order.
 (i) Thus the dog helped the good oldman even after its death.
 ii) So, the prince gave him a rich reward of pieces of silk and cloth and other presents.
 iii) The trees began to shoot out and blossom.
 iv) He sprinkled the ashes on the withered plum and cherry trees.
 v) A certain prince hearing of the power of the ashes, sent for the good old man.
 38. Rewrite the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
 The narrator went away to buy school books. That night there was an earth quake and they felt it. Brij, the narrator returned home at Mollti with his uncle. Help arrived only after four days. Brij's little sister Bhuli was missing. The soldiers cleared the debris. Some one said that she was alive. It was a miracle. She was taken to the hospital. Thus the narrator's little sister Bhuli was saved. But Bhuli had been buried under the debris for 116 hours.
 i) What was the name of the narrator?
 ii) Why did Brij go to pauri?
 iii) Who was missing?
 iv) How long had been Bhuli buried under the debris?
 v) What was the name of the village?

Section IV www.kalviexpress.in

Answer any FOUR of the following:

4 x 5 = 20

39. **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below**
 Susee - Hyundai - New Cars - Sales - special offer spot - booking - exchange offer - venue - Gandhi nagar - Madurai.
 40. Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to issue a conduct certificate.
 41. You are Mr.Ram/Mrs.Ram, the school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the parents of the students to celebrate the mother's day in your school auditorium on the 20th of next months.
 42. Look at the following picture and express your views on its in about five sentences.



Common Exam

43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.
Some people suffer from inability to sleep, a disease called insomnia and it may be due to different factors. The first factor may be biological imbalance. Sleep is caused by sleep system and wakefulness is caused by an arousal system. Both the systems are governed by the brain. In order to have a good sleep the arousal system must be less and the sleep system must be more. When the arousal system goes up due to tension, insomnia may occur. Drugs are the second factor. People who consume alcohol habitually become a prey to insomnia. Drugs like stimulants, sedatives, certain thyroid drugs and heart medicines can cause sleeplessness. Both sleeping pills and alcohol appear to promise better sleep. But they actually lead to shallow sleep and frequent early awakenings. Bad habits and disturbing environments are the third factor in making one lose his sleep. If the bedroom is too noisy or too cold it may make one keep awake. If the stomach has too little or too much food, it may cause sleeplessness.
44. **Identify and correct the errors to the following sentences**
a) I am working here since 2010. b) I told him I can come
c) The cat drink milk. d) e) I don't agree to you

Section V

45. **Quote from memory**
River, river eternity

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1 x 5 = 5

Part IV

46. **Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing the following hints** 2 x 8 = 16
a) The old farmer - village - an honest man - He and his wife - work - their neighbours - not good people - jealous - killed the dog - buried - the roots of pine tree - old man - shed tears - dog appeared - rich treasure - neighbour - the mortar - into fifth - the ashes and sprinkle - blossom - rich reward - the dog - helped - after its death. (OR)
b) The appearance of little cyclone - cub - Alaska - its treatment - mother died - brother - orphans - cyclone rescued - to New York - Full moon fluffy hair - black eyes - a pudgy nose - high shoulders - claws - grizzly spirit - bear's nursery - new comer - free - air and manners - challenging appearance - born - full of courage - sense of fear - treated with respect.
47. **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below**
Long ago Udai Singh ruled over the part of Chittoor. He was a kind man and a just ruler. His people showed him great respect. Once Akbar attacked him. As his army was not so huge and powerful as Akbar's Udai Singh was defeated in the battle. He hid himself in the Valley of the Aravalli hills. There was a small town called Udaipur. After the death of Udai Singh, Pratab came the Rana of Udaipur.

Questions:

1. Who was Udai Singh?
2. Where did Udai Singh hide himself?
3. How was Akbar's army?
4. Was Udai Singh a kind man?

(OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

Be hold her, single in the field,
Yon solitary high land lass!
Reaping and singing by herself.
Stop here, or gently pass
Alone she cuts and binds the grain,
And sings a melan choly strain

- William Wordsworth

Question

- a) Where does she live?
b) What does lass mean?
c) What kind of song does she sing?
d) Who wrote this poem?

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