

COMMON PRE HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2017

STANDARD - X

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Time : 2.30 hours

ENGLISH PAPER - II

Marks: 100

Instructions: 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately. 2. Use Black or Blue ink to write and underline.

Note : This question paper contains five sections.

SECTION - I [NON - DETAILED - 35 MARKS]

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases given below to form a complete meaningful paragraph: 5×1=5

I can remember like yesterday the day my father came home ___(i)__. A flying officer ___(ii)___ he was in a blue uniform with a skinny, ___(iii)___ plonked so precariously on the side of his head that I wondered why it never fell off. A neighbour called out. "What's the weather like up there?" as my giant - like father bounded by, carrying ___(iv)___ strapped together with a large leather belt. He was, without questions, ___(v)___ I had ever seen.

- i) Boat shaped cap ii) a battered brown suitcase iii) the tallest man
iv) during world war II v) from the war

2. Read the following sentences and identify the character/speaker: 5×1=5

- a) They tactfully diverted the attention of the inmates.
b) He begged for wine.
c) He wanted to know what the weather was like up there.
d) She bought home a chew toy.
e) She was forever serving coffee, pakodas, dosai, snacks etc.

3. Match the following appropriately: 5×1=5

- a) Goldy - a council worker
b) Judas - sam was named so
c) serge - planned to plunder the house
d) The bike - Schwinn
e) The thieves - one of the two figures for painting

4. Complete the following sentences choose the correct answer from the options given below: 5×1=5

1. The boy called the dog _____.
a) sweety b) Goldy c) Brownny d) Labrador
2. The artist was painting _____.
a) the life of Judas Iscariot b) the life of a young man
c) the life of an aged man d) the life of Jesus
3. Dad had to study to qualify as a _____.
a) doctor b) teacher c) chartered accountant d) clerk
4. The birds were flying in a streamlined _____.
a) 'A' shape b) 'O' shape c) 'V' shape d) 'S' shape
5. Hubert retrieved his _____ from the thieves.
a) jewels b) money c) horse d) car

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5×1=5

Council worker serge, 43 and 32 years old Celine, a home help, had lived most of their lives in Lunel which stands only a few meters above sea level. The flat, marshy area, floods frequently. This was the second time in just over a year that the couple had found the home invaded by water. Serge and Celine stepped out into this street, now a fast - flowing thigh - high river. They waded across the road and Celine stepped over a low hedge which separated the street from the pavement. Serge was following close behind when he saw celine fall. In an instant she had disappeared below the water.

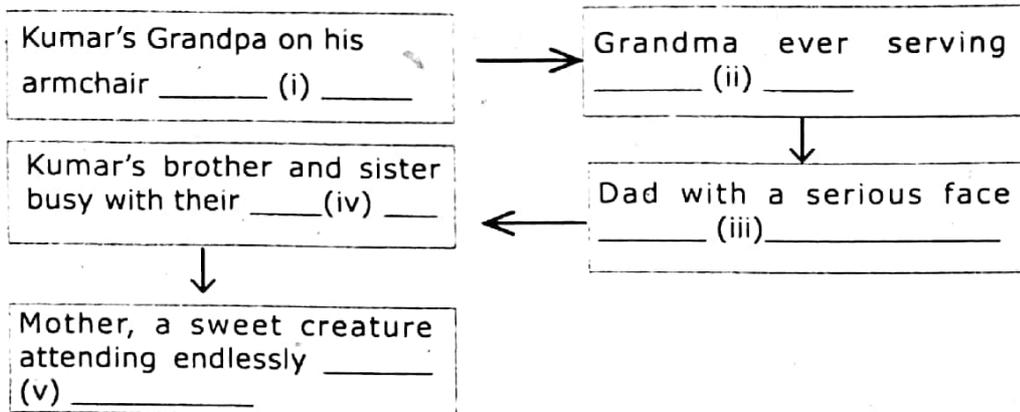
Questions:

- a) Who were serge and Celine?
b) Where did they spend most of their lives?

- c) Why had they stepped out of their home?
 d) What did Celine step over?
 e) What happened to Celine?

6. Study the given mind map and fill in the incomplete details:

5×1=5



7. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions:

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- (a) How did the encounter bring the brothers closer to each other? (OR)
 (b) Narrate the story of "Sam" in your own words. (OR)
 (c) Narrate the clever manner in which Hubert outwitted the thieves.

SECTION - II [LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 15 MARKS]

8. Make notes of the following passage and prepare a summary using the notes:

5+5=10

No study of English can be completed without a reference dictionary of English idioms. A very useful and easily available reference materials is The Collins Dictionary of English Idioms. This dictionary contains clearly explained meanings of over three thousand common English idioms. To make the meaning even clearer and to show you how the idiom can be used, each idiom is provided with suitable sample sentence. In this dictionary the emphasis is on 'true' idioms. These are expressions whose meanings cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain. The dictionary also provides a great many variations in the way these idioms are used. The main emphasis, however is on providing an understanding of the meaning of the idioms rather than attempting to be a complete guide to idiomatic usage.

9. Complete the following dialogue appropriately:

5×1=5

- X : Excuse me (i) _____.
 Pharmacist : Yes, we have this medicine.
 X : How much does it cost?
 Pharmacist : (ii) _____.
 X : Can you give me a strip of ten tablets?
 Pharmacist : Sorry (iii) _____.
 : Could you bring it?
 X : Definitely. Here is the prescription.
 Pharmacist : (iv) _____. An overdose may cause death.
 : (v) _____.
 X : Yes, I could give you the correct change.

SECTION - III [COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS - 15 MARKS]

10. Write a dialogue with atleast five utterances between a passenger and a conductor:

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11. Maha celebrated her birthday last week. Her Uncle Raman had Presented her a watch. Maha wants to thank him for the gift. The format of the letter is ready. Help Maha to complete the content of her Letter in about 100 words.

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36, Sastri Street,
Siva Nagar, Trichy,
27th March, 2016

My dear Uncle,

Convey my regards to Aunty,

Yours lovingly,
Maha.

Address on the envelope

To

Mr. Raman
15, Thiru Nagar
Kanchipuram
Pin xxx xxx

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below:

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- a) MN Silks - all varieties - latest collections - low - cost - authorised silk mark showroom - festival offer - good customer service. (OR)
- b) Grand Discount sale - mobile store - exchange offer - Buy one and get one free - Dual SIM Mobile Rs. 1,299/- Android mobile even at Rs. 2,499/- All spare parts available - Sunday working day.

SECTION - IV [EXPANSION OF IDEAS - 35 MARKS]

13. Expand the following headlines:

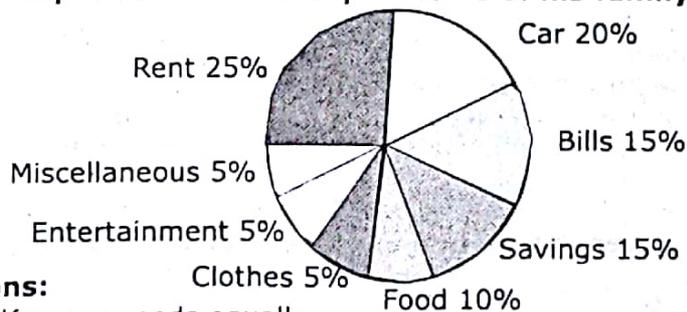
5×1=5

- a) 75 killed in Suicide attack in Pakistan.
b) IIT - Madras team wins New York Olympiad Competition.
c) Professional colleges to close from Sep. 2014.
d) Smuggled electronic good seized.
e) Tamil Nadu delegation to visit Sri Lanka.

14. Study the Pie - Chart and answer the questions given below:

5×1=5

Data in respect of Kumar's Expenditure of his family



Questions:

- Mr. Kumar spends equally on
 - Rent and Car
 - Entertainment and Bills
 - Clothes and Entertainment
 - Clothes and Rent
- State whether the following is true.
 - Expenditure on Rent equals the sum of food and savings
- The difference between the Expenditure on clothes and Rent is equal to that on
 - Rent
 - Car
 - Bills
 - Miscellaneous
- The Expenditure on savings _____ that on Entertainment
 - greater than
 - the same as
 - less than
 - double
- The Expenditure on cars is _____ that on food.
 - twice
 - half of
 - equal to
 - more than

15. Write a paragraph on any one of the outlines in about 100 words:

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a) It is better to prevent something disastrous before it happens - students - study daily lessons - work - regularly - avoid scoring less - family - save money - avoid getting into debts - take care of health - avoid diseases - save money - rather than spending on medicines. (OR)

b) Tree - wealth of a nation - should not be cut down. Forests aid rain - fall - natural resources - students - aim in life - planting of trees - encourage - in schools, colleges, create awareness in public - regarding - saving trees - preventing - cutting down trees.

16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately:

5×1=5

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Health drink - | a) Plastic Money |
| 2. Credit card - | b) move like wind |
| 3. Motor bike - | c) threatens sweat |
| 4. Perfume - | d) keep the moments |
| 5. Camera - | e) Keep the things away |
| | f) Save your bones |

17. Observe the map given and write the instructions required:

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Give Salim to the post office.

**18. Read the poem given below and complete its paraphrase with suitable phrases in the given blanks:**

5×1=5

Not gold but only man can make
 People great and strong
 Men who for truth and honour's sake
 Stand fast and suffer long
 Brave men who work, while others sleep
 Who dare, while others fly
 They build a nation's pillars deep
 And lift them to the sky

There is no doubt that man alone can form _____1_____, _____2_____ work at the time of other sleep. They _____3_____ when others run in fear. Only such brave persons construct _____4_____. In addition to that, they _____5_____.

19. Translate the following passage into English:

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a) You are at hospital. You find the following notice above the lift. The patient behind you needs a translation of the notice. Help him with your translation. Translate the instructions into English to help him.

இந்த லிப்ட் நோயாளிகளுக்கு மட்டுமே.

(OR)

(b) Look at the picture given below and express your views on it in above five sentences:



ANSWERS

1. i) from the war. ii) during world war II. iii) Boat shaped cap. iv) a battered brown suitcase. v) the tallest man

2. a) The three thieves / three hefty men. b) Judas model / The profligate. c) Rob's neighbour. d) Shelly's mother. e) Kumar's grandma

3. a) Sam was named so. b) one of the two figures for painting. c) a council worker. d) Schwinn. e) planned to plunder the house

4. 1- b. 2- d. 3- c. 4- c. 5- c

5. a) They were husband and wife. Serge was a council worker and Celine was a home help. b) They spent most of their lives in Lunel. c) They had stepped out their home because their home was invaded by the flood water. d) Celine stepped over a low hedge. e) Celine disappeared below the water.

6. i) watching TV. ii) coffee, pakodas, dosai, snacks etc. iii) striding to work. iv) school activities. v) to all members of the family, cooking, cleaning and running errands.

9. i) Do you have this medicine? ii) It costs five rupees. iii) I need the Doctor's prescription. iv) It is an overdose tablet. v) Could you give me the correct change?

14. 1- c. 2- true. 3- b. 4- a. 5- a

16. 1- save your bones. 2- plastic money. 3- move like wind. 4- threatens sweat. 5- keep the moments.

18. 1- people great and strong. 2- brave men. 3- have dare. 4. a nation's pillars deep. 5- lift them to the sky.

19. a) This lift is only for the patients

b) Any five related sentences.