

# Half Yearly Examination 2021 - 22

Class - 12<sup>th</sup>

Time : 3 hours      Subject - English

Marks : 80

## SECTION - A

### (Reading Comprehension)

**Note - Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow -**

Soil is your garden's natural growing medium so it's vital for the health and successful growth of your plants and crops that you keep it well maintained. Soil is basically rock that's been ground down by the effects of the weather over a long period of time. There are hundreds of different soil types, but they can broadly be classified as sandy loamy or clay, referring to their basic texture it is the texture that affects the drainage, aeration and nutrients content of the soil and you may have to take steps to improve on this in certain type of soil sandy soil feels gritty when dry and even its wet particles will not stick together. Loams on the other hand, can be moulded in the hand when moist but aren't at all sticky and gritty and are fairly loose when dry clay soil is sticky and smooth when wet, but becomes polished when rubbed and backed hard when dry. A loamy soil is a well balanced amalgamation of sand, silt and clay, which combines excellent drainage with sufficient moisture retention to assure good growing conditions for most plants. It's fairly easy to look after, although loamy soils do benefit from regular applications of well - rotted organic matter to prevent getting tightly packed. The particle consistency of sandy soil doesn't hold water well. Again well rooted organic matter can be added to bind the soil particles together.

There are various methods of improving soil in texture. Essentially this requires regular applications of a well rooted organic substance called humus, which is obtained from de

decayed plant and animal matters. Most fruits and vegetables, however, grow better in natural soil. Clay soil is most difficult to work usually becoming water logged.

**(A) Choose the appropriate option -**

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- Q. 1 We should keep soil maintained as -  
 (a) It absorbs and retain water  
 (b) It responds to effect of weather  
 (c) It raises water level  
 (d) It is the garden's natural growing medium.
- Q. 2 Soil is divided into various types of, on the basis of .....  
 (a) Colour (b) Drainage (c) Texture (d) Aeration
- Q. 3 Loamy soil is the best for plant growth because .....  
 (a) It is a well balanced mixture of sand silt and clay.  
 (b) It has a weak drainage slowly to decayed organic matter.  
 (c) Its texture responds slowly to decayed organic matter.  
 (d) It gets tightly packed unless looked after well.
- Q. 4 Clay soil are the most difficult to work as .....  
 (a) They don't hold water well.  
 (b) They usually become water logged.  
 (c) The soil particles are not held together.  
 (d) They require natural drainage and additives.
- Q. 5 Soil must be tested before growing fruits and vegetables because .....  
 (a) They need alkaline soil  
 (b) They prefer slightly acidic soil  
 (c) They grow better in natural soil  
 (d) They flourish in over acidic soil

**(B) Answer the questions -**

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- Q. 6 Which of the soil is the best for plant growth why ?
- Q. 7 What do you know about the clay soil ?
- Q. 8 In which soil do the fruits and vegetables grow better ?
- Q. 9 Which soil is most difficult to work ?
- Q. 10 How can texture of the soil is improved ?

**(C) Find the words in the passage which similar meaning as-2**

Q. 11 Climate

Q. 12 Wet

**Note - The following passage carefully and answer the questions given belows it -**

The most alarming of man's assault upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers and sea with lethal material. This pollution is for the most part irrevocable; the chain of evil it initiates is for the most part irreversible. It is contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world; radiation released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to the earth in rain, lodges into the soil, enters the grass or corn, or what grown there to remain until his death similarly, chemicals sprayed on crops lie long in soil, entering living organisms passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death or they pass by underground streams until they emerge and combine into new forms that kill vegetation, sicken cattle and harm those who drink from once pure wells.

It took hundreds of millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the earth and reached a stage of adjustment and balance with its surroundings the environment contained elements that were hostile as well as supporting. Even within the light of the sun, these were short wave radiations with power to injure. Give time is the essential ingredient but in the modern world there is no time.

**Questions -**

Q. 13 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviation wherever necessary.

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Q. 14 Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words using notes made and suggest a suitable title.

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**SECTION - B**  
**(Writing Skills)**

Q. 15 You found a portfolio file in a park. Write an advertisement for the found column of a newspaper in about 50 words.

OR

You are Nandita Dubey, Head girl of Swami Vivekanand Vidyalaya, Bhilai. Write notice on the school notice board calling for entries from the students for the quiz contest held in your school.

Q. 16 Draft a reply to your sister who has advised you to work hard to secure good marks in the senior secondary school.

OR

Write a letter to the station house officer, Raipur complaining about the bad law and order situation in your area. 4

Q17. Do as directed - 10

1. We are collecting stamps. (Change the Voice)

2. I met Romesh.

Romesh had just arrived. (Combine by using relative clause)

3. Forget all your Sorrow. (Change the Voice)

4. He said, "please do it fast." (Change the narration)

5. Officer to soldier, "Let the man go." (Change the narration)

6. The news is too good to be true.

(Rewrite the sentence using so ..... that)

7. This is he watch.

I had it for my birthday.

(Combine the sentence using adjective clause)

8. Ram is a postman. He delivers letters.

(Combine using a relative clause)

9. As soon as the sun rises, darkness disappears.

(Rewrite using no sooner ..... than)

10. Combine the sentence using noun clause.

It is certain.

Abdul will pass.

Q/18 Write an article about 250 words on any one of the following topics -

1. The Role of youth in National Development.
2. Festival of India
3. Environmental Pollution
4. Importance of Yoga to students

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### SECTION - C

(Literature text books flamingo)

Note - Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it -

My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fear. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings. Watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened. <https://www.cgboardonline.com>

I went to the pool when no one else was there. The place was quiet. The water was still, and the tiled bottom was as white and clean as a bathtub. I was timid about going in alone, so I sat on the side of the pool to wait for others.

Choose the most appropriate option -

Q/19 Y.M.C.A. pool revived .....

- (a) Pleasant memories (b) Stirred fear  
(c) Unpleasant memories (d) Childish memories

Q. 20 I ..... with my new water wings.

- (a) Paddled (b) Swim (c) Air wings (d) Fear

Q. 21 The narrator went to the pool when the place was -

- (a) Quiet (b) calm  
(c) No one there (d) Crowd

Q. 22 ..... as white and clean.

- (a) The pool (b) The tiled bottom  
(c) The water (d) The place

**Note -** Reade the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below it -

What I want should not be confused  
with total inactivity.

Life is **what it is about**.

I want no truck with death

If we were not so single minded  
about keeping our lives moving,  
perhaps a huge silence.

Might interrupt this sadness  
of never understanding ourselves  
and of threatening ourselcs with death,

Penhaps the Earth can teach us  
as when everything seems dead  
and later proves to be live.

Now I'll count up to twelve  
and you keep quiet and I will go.

Choose the most appropriate option -

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Q. 23 The poet wants that he should not be -

- (a) Totally upset                      (b) Death  
 (c) Totally inactive                  (d) Totally canfused

Q. 24 The poet want no truck with -

- (a) Silence      (b) Nothing      (c) Moving       (d) Death

Q. 25 The narrator count up to -

- (a) Fifteen      (b) Ten              (c) Eight               (d) Twelve

Q. 26 The meaning of 'Vast' from the stanza is -

- (a) Huge              (b) lactivity      (c) Silence       (d) Death

**Note -** Answer the following questions in about three sentence each-

Q. 27 What had been put in the bulletein board ?

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Q. 28 Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry ?

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Q. 29 From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap ? 2

Q. 30 Give character sketch of Franz. 6

OR

How did the swimming instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas ?

Note - Answer the above question two sentence each - 4

(Vistas)

Q. 31 How did Maharaja manage to retain his kingdom ?

Q. 32 What does the third level refer to ?

Note - Answer the questions in about 80 words. 6

Q. 33 What do you infer from sam's letter to charley ?

OR

The story is satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device or dramatic irony in the story.

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