

# Half-Yearly Examination, 2021-22

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## English Class—10

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Minutes]

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**Instructions :** First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates for reading the question paper.

- Note :** (i) This paper is divided into four sections A, B, C and D.  
(ii) All the questions are compulsory.  
(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.  
(iv) Read the question paper very carefully before you start answering them.

### Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 10

Man is made up of many qualities, both good and bad, and among the latter is anger. The nature of every human being is such that anything that gives offence to his sentiment, or goes against his principles, excites his anger. The evil which result from anger are many under its influence a man loses his power of reasoning and judgement. Not being able to retain control over himself when angry, he does not know what he is doing or saying. Under its influence a man but off his balance that he forgets his duty towards his superiors and may even go to the extent of saying things which are extremly insulting to them. When anger gets the better of man, he is capable of committing the worst crimes and there is nothing to be surprised if under its evil influence, he commits murder.

### Questions

- (i) What happens to man's important mental powers when he is angry ? 3  
(ii) What excites the anger of every human beings ? 3  
(iii) Give the opposite of the word 'Worst'. 2  
(iv) Give the similar meaning of the word 'Commits'. 2

### Section 'B' (Writing)

2. Write a letter to your mother informing her about your health and progress in the class as she has enquired about it all. 4

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Or

Write an application to the principal of your college, requesting him/her to grant you a concession in school fee. Mention the reason why you deserve it.

3. Describe in 60 to 100 words paragraph on the Postman on this outlines—Introduction, His dress, His education, His service and responsibilities. 6

Or

An Indian Festival—Outlines—Introduction, Preparation, Decoration, How celebrated.

### Section 'C' (Grammar)

4. (a) Complete *any one* of the following sentences putting the subject parts in the correct order : 1  
 (i) .....was sitting in the tree. (Crow, black, a)  
 (ii) .....are sweet. (almirah, in the, apples, the red)
- (b) Pick out *any one* of the following sentences as directed with in the brackets : 1  
 (i) You consider him expert. (Subject Parts)  
 (ii) The news made me happy. (Predicate Parts)
- (c) Make correct *any one* sentence by reordering the following words : 1  
 (i) Did she a me not letter send to.  
 (ii) Promised my friend all me help.
- (d) Fill in the blanks *any one* with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets : 1  
 (i) She.....since 12 O'clock. (Cook)  
 (ii) The Sun.....in the West. (Set)
- (e) Change *any one* of the following sentence into Interrogative :  
 (i) Raju beat his brother.  
 (ii) Teacher teach students.
- (f) Change any one of the following into passive voice : 1  
 (i) Please, learn the lesson.  
 (ii) Do it.
- (g) Change *any one* of the following sentences as directed with in the brackets : 1  
 (i) People do work to earn living. (Past Perfect)  
 (ii) I shall have helped them. (Present Continuous)
- (h) Fill in the blanks *any one* with suitable preposition : 1  
 (i) The Red Fort is built.....red stone.  
 (ii) Sheela died.....cholera.

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- (i) Change *any one* of the following sentences into indirect form of speech : 1
- (i) She said to me, "When do you play game?"
- (ii) Ram said, "Father, I want money to pay fees."
- (j) Punctuate *any one* of the following sentences and use capital letters where necessary : 1
- (i) My father is a farmer he is an old man.
- (ii) I said to ramesh you will pass if you work hard.
5. Translate the following into English : 5
- हम सब हाथ की अँगुलियों की तरह रहें। हमारे हाथ की एक अँगुली छेटी है तो, दूसरी बड़ी है। फिर भी जो काम करना होता है, वह सब मिलकर ही करती हैं। लोटा उठाना हो, तो अँगुलियाँ मिलकर उठाती हैं। अगर वे आपस में झगड़ा करने लगेंगी और परस्पर सहयोग नहीं करेंगी, तो कुछ भी काम नहीं हो पाएगा। तो हमें भी उनकी तरह प्रेम से रहना चाहिए।

#### Section 'D' (Litrature)

6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow : 2 + 2 = 4
- Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen year old school girl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing, and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.
- Questions :
- (i) Has she written something before ? 2
- (ii) Why does she think that no one will be interested in her musings ? 2
7. Answer *any one* of the following questions in about 60 words : 8
- (a) How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life ?
- (b) What do you know about Mr. Keesing ? How did he punish Anne ?
8. Answer *any two* of the following questions in about 30 words each : 2 + 2 = 4
- (a) Why did Anne feel alone ?
- (b) What was unique in the inallguration ceremony ?
- (c) Why was the family not really upset ?

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9. Match the words in Column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B': 3

'A'	'B'
Assigned	cheater
Unintended	gave
Crooks	invisible

10. Read the following passage from the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow : 2 + 2 = 4

Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet. 2  
 (ii) What does he favour ? 2
11. Give the central idea of *one* of the following poems : 4
- (a) Dust of snow. (b) Amanda!

Or

Reproduce four lines from any other poem prescribed in your syllabus, other than those occurring in the question paper.

12. Answer *any two* of the following questions in about 30 words each : 2 + 2 = 4

- (a) Why did Griffin decide to slip into a big London store ?  
 (b) How did Hari Singh make money though he was not paid by Anil ?  
 (c) Why was Mr. Herriot confident that Tricki will be in hospital soon ?

13. Answer *any one* of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

- (a) What treatment was given to tricky by Mr. Herriot ?  
 (b) Write a brief character sketch of Hari Singh in the light of his honesty—Express your opinion also.

14. State whether the following statements are True or False :

4 × 1 = 4

- (a) Tricki was very weak due to illness.  
 (b) Anil would borrow one week, lend the next week.  
 (c) Griffin was rather lawful person.  
 (d) Richard Ebright has never lost his scientific curiosity.

