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Half-Yearly Examination, 2021-22

B/10,000

English

Class-10

Time : 3 hours 15 min]

[M.M. : 70

Note : First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.

Instruction : (i) This paper is divided into four section A, B, C, 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 given below and answer the question that follow it. 10

Remember the words of the immortal Helen Keller, "I will not just live my life. I will not just spend my life. I will invest my life," when you invest your life in the personalities of others you make the wisest investment of all. When you invest your life in teaching young people to choose good over evil to seek excellence, to shun mediocrity, and to set goals worthy of their highest efforts, and loftiest dreams, you enrich eternity. When you invest your life in destroying pain and suffering, help the ill and the aged. You merit a seat beside the angels. When you invest your life in befriending the fallen. In feeding the hungry. You achieve, what your creator asked you to become. Person of compassionate love and wise generosity.

(i) What is the wisest investment of all?

(ii) What does a man enrich eternity?

(iii) Find the word from the passage which means 'merciful'.

(iv) Find the word from the passage which is opposite in meaning to the word 'meanness'.

Section-B : Writing

2. Write an application to the Principal of your college, requesting him to grant you full fee concession. 4

Or

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your birthday party.

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3. Write a short paragraph (essay) on any one of the following. 6
(i) Any Indian festival (ii) My Principal
(iii) Value of games

Or

You are Rashi/Rishi. You have attended a workshop on creative writing for students. Many well-known writers who attended the workshop interested with the students and encouraged them. Write a report on it. <https://www.upboardonline.com>

Section-C : Grammar

4. Frame a correct sentence by reordering the words : $10 \times 1 = 10$
- (i) The crow clever is a very bird.
 - (ii) She always comes late. (change into negative)
 - (iii) I know him very well. (change into passive voice)
 - (iv) We are proud our country.
(Fill in the blank correct Preposition—in, of, at)
 - (v) The teacher said to the boy, "work hard to pass."
(change into indirect speech)
 - (vi) I do not know why (complete the sentence)
 - (vii) This house to me. (right form of 'belong')
 - (viii) His father is M.P. (Fill in blank suitable article)
 - (ix) Punctuate the following by using comma, inverted comma and capital letters.
sita says to her mother, 'where are you going?'
 - (x) Complete the spellings.
(a) D _ ac _ pl _ n _ (b) Ch _ _ (m _ ng.

5. Translate the following into English : 5
बोध गया बिहार प्रदेश में एक प्रसिद्ध तीर्थ स्थान है। वहाँ एक बड़ा मन्दिर है। इस मन्दिर में गौतमबुद्ध की एक बड़ी मूर्ति है। मन्दिर के पास एक पीपल का वृक्ष है जिसे लोग पवित्र मानते हैं।

Section-D : Literature

6. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it. 2+2=4

I finished my poem and it was beautiful! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments and to several other classes as well. Since then I've been allowed to talk and

haven't been assigned any extra home work. On the contrary Mr. Keesing's always making jokes these days.

- (i) Write the name of the lesson from which the above passage have been taken. Who is the author of the lesson?
- (ii) What did the father swan do to the ducklings and why?
7. Answer any one of the following questions in about 70 words. 4
- (i) What do you know about Anne? Why did she decide to write her personal diary?
- (ii) Draw the character sketch of valli.
8. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each. 2 + 2 = 4
- (i) What would the baker do after reaching a house?
- (ii) Why does Anne Frank feel diary writing is a strange experience? <https://www.upboardonline.com>
- (iii) How did rain affect Lencho's life?
9. Choose the most appropriate alternative from the following : 3
- (i) The field was white as if covered with
- (a) sugar (b) snow (c) cotton (d) salt
- (ii) Then was sworn in as first deputy president.
- (a) Mr. de klerk (b) Oliver Tambo
(c) Yusuf Dadoo (d) Thabo Mbeki
- (iii) In the baker used to be friend, companion :
- (a) Goa^v (b) Mumbai
(c) Dadra and Nagar Haveli (d) Delhi

Or

Match the words in column 'A' with those in column 'B' :

Column 'A'

vendor

tiny

popular

Column 'B'

well liked

seller

little

10. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : 4

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.

- (i) How does he react to the visitor?
- (ii) Who is the poet of this poem?

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11. Write the central Idea of any **one** of the poem given below : 4
 (a) Fire and Ice (b) Dust of Snow

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

(i) How does he treat the dog?

(ii) What was Anil's job? What did he usually do with the money he earned?

(iii) Why did Griffin do to become invisible?

13. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 75 words : 4

(i) 'Mr. Herriot, the veterinary surgeon is tactful as well as full of commonsense.' Justify this statement by giving instances from the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.

(ii) Why did Hari Singh decide to return the stolen money? What light does it throw on his character?

14. Point out the true and false statements from the following : 4

(i) Joe is a greyhound dog, which becomes a friend of Tricky F.

(ii) One evening Anil came home with a friend. T

(iii) He reached an inn in the summer. F.

(iv) Jaffers, the constable could not arrest the head less man. T

Or

Choose the most appropriate alternative from the following :

(i) Which utensil is not included in Tricky's articles?

(a) Lunch bowl

(b) Meat bowl

(c) Breakfast bowl

(d) Supper bowl

(ii) Tricky was engulfed by :

(a) the doctors

(b) the people

(c) his friends

(d) Joe

(iii) The narrator of the story 'The thief's story' is :

(a) Anil

(b) an oldman

(c) the shopkeeper

(d) Hari Singh

(iv) Mr. Jaffer had to arrest a :

(a) headed man

(b) head less man

(c) naked man

(d) notorious man