

Half Yearly Examination-2020-21

English

Class—X

A-X-English

Time: 3.15 Hours

M. M. : 100

Note: This paper is divided in Section A and Section B. Both the sections are compulsory.

Section-A

- Read the following passage and answer the given questions :
Yudhishtira replied; "O Yaksha, 'Dharma' is the only shield of man and not Bhima or Arjuna. If 'Dharma' is given up, man will be ruined. Kunti and Madri were the two wives of my father. I am alive, a son of Kunti and so she is not completely bereaved. In order that the scales of justice may be even I ask that Madri's son, Nakula may revive."
The Yaksha Was most pleased with Yudhishtira's impartiality and granted that all his brothers would come back to life. It was Yama, the Lord of Death, who had taken the form of the Yaksha so that he might see Yudhishtira and test him. He embraced Yudhishtira and blessed him; then he disappeared.
 - What did Yudhishtira reply to the Yaksha ? 2
 - What was Yudhishtira's impartiality that made the Yaksha most pleased and what did he grant ? 2
- Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4
 - What was Lencho's single hope ? Was it fulfilled or not and how ?
 - How does Pt. Nehru want his ashes to be disposed of ?
- Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : 2 + 2
 - Who was Socrates ?
 - What does Pt. Nehru call the Ganga ?
 - What did Lencho remark on the postoffice employees.
- Match the words in column 'A' with what are said for them in the column 'B' : 4

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Column 'A'
Will
Fraction
Abandoned
Colleagues

Column 'B'
Ample
Desire
Companions
A small part

- Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, the each tomorrow
Finds us farther than today.

 - What is our destination ? 2
 - How should we act in our life ? What is the meaning of the words finds us farther ? 2
- Give the centre idea of one of the following poems : 3
 - The Fountain
 - The Psalm of Life

Or

Write four lines of a poem from memory prescribed in your course. These lines should not occur in the question paper.
- Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words: 4
 - In what way did Edison's mother help him ?
 - What did Edison promise to the people of America ?
 - What was found in the pasture land when it was dug ?
- Say whether the following statements are True or False : 4
 - The servant girl drank the mixture and began to fly.
 - Edison was beaten by his mother as he had eaten up all the eggs.
 - The cow herd boys went to pasture land for grazing their cattle.
 - The king of Ujjain got success in sitting on the throne of Vikramaditya.
- Complete the following statements with the choice given below them : 4
 - Edison succeeded in making an electric bulb in :
 - 1878
 - 1879
 - 1880
 - 1882
 - Edison was fond of :
 - telling stories
 - playing games
 - making experiments
 - flying kites

- (iii) The shepherd boy sitting on the mound looked changed because he :
- listened to the complaints
 - had to decide the disputes
 - got the spirit of knowledge and justice
 - was an ordinary boy
- (iv) The angel took the judgement seat to :
- another kingdom
 - the Ganga
 - The hell
 - The sky

Section (B) Grammar

Do as indicated against each sentences in the following :

- (a) he likes idea never your.
 Frame a correct sentence by reordering the words given) 2
- Who taught you English last year ? (Passive-voice) 2
 - Ram said to Lakshman, "Go to pumpapur and warn Sugrib about his word." (Indirect speech) 2
 - If you hard, you in the examination. 2
 (correct form of the verb to be written)
 - You should writen red ink. 2
 (Fill an appropriate preposition : with, in, of)
 - I can not believe in 2
 (Complete the sentence)
 - L _ _ ten _ t _ ex _ rc _ se 1
 (put a letter in each gap to make a meanin gful word :)
 - are you going to cinema hall or not said his brother to mahesh 2
 (Punctuate the above sentence using capital letter where necessary :)

12. Translate the following into English : 4
- मैं जैसे ही प्लेटफार्म पर पहुँचा, ट्रेन चल दी। मैंने देखा कि एक आदमी ट्रेन को ओर दौड़ रहा है। मैं समझ गया कि वह चलती ट्रेन पर चढ़ना चाहता है। मैंने उसे ऐसा करने से रोका, किन्तु उसने मेरी बात नहीं सुनी। उसने चलती ट्रेन पर चढ़ने की कोशिश की और ट्रेन से नीचे गिर गया। ड्राइवर ने ट्रेन रोक दी, किन्तु वह अभाग्य व्यक्ति ट्रेन के नीचे कुचल चुका था। हमें चलती ट्रेन पर चढ़ने का प्रयास नहीं करना चाहिए।
13. Write a letter to you friend giving him information that you are going to Agra to visit the Taj if he wishes to accompany with you, he may come. 4

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Or

- Write an application to the principal of your college requesting him to issue you transfer certificate.
14. Write a composition on any one of the following : 6
- Early morning scene in a public park :
 (Name of park and time of visit, Atmosphere of the park, People's activities in the park, sun rising and people returning)
 - A city/village market.
 (Name of the market, Goods sold, Buyers, Shopkeepers, Prices, Conclusion)
 - My Ground Father :
 (His personality, His daily routine, His havits, His impression on the people)

15. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :
- Success in life depends largely on good health. Keep your body fit and by cleanliness, fresh air, regular habits and suitable recreations, make yourself strong to play the game and do it in every sense of the word.
- Avoid anything that will sap your strength. Smoking in your youth stunts the body and clouds the brain. Be temperate in all things and beware of the drink.
- It is the deadly enemy of health and efficiency. Above all remember that your character is a priceless possession. Therefore, keep it untarnished. Be truthful to all things, courteous and considerate to everybody-fair to your rivals, kind and helpful to all who are weak and suffering and do not be afraid to have the courage to stand up for what is good, pure and noble.

Questions :

- What does success in life depend on? 1
- How can we maintain good health? 1
- What are those things which we avoid in particular? 1
- How do smoking and drinking affect our health? 1
- Explain the Under lined words. 1
- Give a suitable title to the passage. 1