

Based on OMR Answer Sheet
Half Yearly Examination

Time: 3 Hrs

Class-10

M.M. 20+50=70

Subject- English

Instruction:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
(ii) This question paper is divided into two parts - Part 'A' and Part 'B'.
(iii) Part 'A' consists of multiple choice questions. Answer to these questions are to be marked on OMR sheet.
(iv) Part 'B' consists of descriptive type questions.

Section-'A'
(Q.- No. 1-3). Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the question that follow:
At Shantiniketan classes are held in the open air. The students sit on the ground under the trees and listen to their teacher. They often act plays they have written themselves and very often they act those written by Rabindranath Tagore, the great poet who founded Shantiniketan. The place fills anyone with peace and quiet. The meaning of the word 'Shantiniketan' is 'abode of peace'. It is one of the best places of learning in India. Many of our great leaders were educated at Shantiniketan.

1. Who is the founder of Shantiniketan? 1
(a) Ravindranath Tagore ✓ (b) Raja Ram Mohan Rai
(c) Swami Vivekanand (d) Satyendra Nath Tagore
2. At Shantiniketan, classes are held in the _____ 1
(a) big hall (b) class room
(c) open air (d) none of these
3. What does the word 'Shantiniketan' mean? 1
(a) Abode of peace. (b) palace of king
(c) beautiful building (d) none of these
- (Q. No.4-8) Choose the correct option to answer the following:
4. Which of the following is incorrectly spelled? 1
(a) Wonder ✓ (b) Blunder (c) Thunder (d) Splendor
5. The earth _____ around the Sun. 1
(a) revolves (b) revolving (c) revolved (d) revolve ✓
6. How many kinds of each tense are _____ 1
(a) four (b) two (c) three ✓ (d) six
7. He is eager _____ know this result. 1
(a) about ✓ (b) into (c) to (d) of
8. The adjective form of 'Glory' is: 1
(a) glorify (b) gloriant (c) glorious ✓ (d) glories

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(Q. No. 9-10). Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resiliency that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

9. To author, the men and women risk and sacrifice their lives for: 1
(a) the sake of family ✓ (b) the sake of an idea
(c) the sake of friends (d) the sake of money
10. The man who shows strength to standing up against a crime is called: 1
(a) brave man ✓ (b) innocent man
(c) sensitive man (d) coward
- (Q. Nos. 11-13) Choose the correct option to answer the following sentences:
11. The field looked as if it were covered n _____ 1
(a) salt (b) locusts (c) sugar (d) ice
12. How many Deputy Presidents were elected: 1
(a) Two ✓ (b) Three (c) One (d) None
13. Who was the only survivor from Anne's family: 1
(a) Anne (b) Anne's father
(c) Anne's mother (d) Anne's sister
- (Q. No. 14-15). Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions:
- He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.
14. Who is 'He': 1
(a) thief (b) tiger ✓ (c) gardener (d) water man
15. The words 'lurking' and 'sliding' describe: 1
(a) joy (b) anger (c) silence (d) movement
- (Q. 16-20) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.
16. What was Tricki's actual problem: 1
(a) Fever (b) Malaria.
(c) Malnutrition (d) Vomiting because of excess food
17. 'Chauffeur' means: 1
(a) driver ✓

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18. Who is the narrator of the story? (a) gardener (b) guard (c) driver ✓ (d) chef 1
19. What type of man was Griffin? (a) Anil (b) Rusking Bond (c) Hari Singh (d) Anil's friend 1
20. What did Ebright start collecting in childhood? (a) Lawless person (b) brilliant scientist (c) both (a) and (b) (d) none of these 1
- (a) rocks (b) butterflies ✓ (c) coins (d) none of the above

Part- 'B'[Reading]

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer given below:

A man was kept in jail without any fault, when the King visited the jail, he told him that he was innocent. The King found out that it was true. The King gave him a sum of money and set him free. He went straight to the market, where some birds were kept for sale. He purchased all the birds from the shopkeeper and set them free. At this, the shopkeeper was surprised. Then the man said to him, "If you had been in prison like me for no fault, you would have done the same."

- (a) Why was the shopkeeper surprised? 2
 (b) What did the man say to the shopkeeper? 2
 (c) Find out a word in the passage, which means 'Jail'. 2
 (d) Find out a word in the passage, which is opposite of 'sold' 1

[Writing]

2. Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you five hundred rupees for buying books. 4

Or

Write an application to the principal requesting him to grant leave to attend your sister's wedding.

3. Write a report on 'Election Scene' in about 60-80 words: 6
 [Time and place, Scene around the polling station, scene inside the polling booths, polling method arrangement by the administration.]

Or

Write an essay (article) on the following topic in about 80-100 words:

An Indian Festival

- Hints: (i) Introduction (ii) Time of celebration
 (iii) The legend behind (iv) How it is celebrated
 (v) conclusion

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4. (a) Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech: 2
 [Grammar]
 The teacher said, "The sun rises in the East."
 (b) Change the following into passive voice: 2
 They will finish their work tomorrow.
 (c) Punctuate the following: 2
 are you coming to school with your brother he said.
 (d) Translate the following into English: 4
 नई दिल्ली भारत की राजधानी है। भारत के राष्ट्रपति और प्रधानमंत्री नई दिल्ली में रहते हैं। नई दिल्ली में लाल किला और कुतुबमीनार प्रसिद्ध पर्यटकीय स्थल हैं। इमारतें हैं। प्रगति मैदान और अप्सरा घर यहाँ के आकर्षण हैं।

[Literature]

5. Answer of the following in 30-40 words each: 6
 (a) Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter?
 Or Describe about Anne's early education.
 (b) What is coorg famous for?
 Or What according to Mandela is true freedom?
 6. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4
 (a) How did Post-office employees help Lencho? How did Lencho react to their help?
 (b) Give a brief sketch of Anne's life.
 7. How has the poet observed nature in the poem 'Dust of snow' (about 40 words) 3
 Or Write four line from one of the poem given in your text book. [Do not copy the lines given in the question paper.]
 8. Write central idea of any one of the following poems (in about 40-50 words) 3
 (a) Dust of snow (b) Amanda (c) Fire and Ice
 9. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words each: 3
 (a) What was the only way to save Tricki?
 (b) Why Hari Singh felt regretted?
 10. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4
 (a) Write a character sketch of Hari Singh.
 (b) Why did Griffin enter the London store? What did he do there?