

Half Yearly Examination 2021-22

Subject : English

Time : 2:30 Hours

Class- XIth

M.M. : 90

General Instruction :-

- (i) This paper is divided into four sections A, B, C, D.
- (ii) All the sections are compulsory.
- (iii) Don't exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section - A : Reading

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow- 10

It is only under circumstances of adversity that the real man is discovered. A man of character of noble intentions, strong and sturdy physique, virtues of selfless service to other, proves his worth even in times of adversity. He makes the events turn with his strong will and determination. If he has a will to do a thing, nothing can stand in his way. He can conquer all obstacles to achieve his mission since his objective is noble and worthy. In the day of prosperity and pleasure, we sleep and enjoy and know not what we are. But in adversity, the inner man wakes up and we come to know our real strength and weakness.

- (a) When is the real man discovered?
- (b) What qualities of a man prove his worth in times of adversity?
- (c) When do we know our real strength and weakness?
- (d) What is important during our days of prosperity and pleasure?
- (e) Find the word from the passage which means
 - (i) a difficult or unpleasant situation.
 - (ii) Hurdles

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Section - B : Writing

2. Write a report on a seminar of "Pleasure of body donation." make notes on the given passage and then make summary of the passage with the help of notes: 5

To a greater or less degree all the civilized communities of the modern world are made up of a small class of rulers, corrupted by too much power, and of a large class of subjects, corrupted by too much passive and irresponsible obedience. Participation in a social order of this kind makes it very difficult for individuals to achieve that non-attachment in the midst of activity, which is the distinguishing mark of the ideally excellent human being.

A desirable social order is one that deliver us from avoidable evils. A bad social order is one that leads us into temptation which, if matters were more sensibly arranged would never rise. our present business is to discover what large scale changes are best calculated to deliver us from the evils of too much power and of too much passive and irresponsible bedience.

3. Write an and essay on- 10
 (i) Pollution (ii) My favourite leader
 (iii) Importance of Games
4. Write a letter to the District magistrate making complaint about electric trippings in your town which is distrubs your studies. 5

Section - C : Grammer

5. (a) Change into indirect speech- 12
 (i) They said to me, "will you help us?"
 (ii) (a) It was a holiday. The students did not go to school.
 (Combine into simple sentence).
 (b) I do not know. He may come. He may not come.
 (Combine into Complex Sentence). (continue...)

(3)

(iii) Use the given idioms / Phrases in your own sentence to bring out its meaning.

(a) Nip in the bud (b) Carry out

(iv) Give the synonyms of the following -

(a) Price (b) Attack

OR

(a) Boon (b) Gain

(v) Give the antonyms of the following-

(a) fresh (b) Pure

OR

(a) vague (b) close

(vi) Give one word for the following expression

(a) one who can neither read or write

OR

A person whose wife is dead.

(vii) use the following words in sentences of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meaning.

(a) Cite (b) Sight

OR

(a) Pale (b) Pail

6. Translate the following passage into English-

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भारत का राष्ट्र निर्माण का गौरवशाली इतिहास है। भारतीयों ने अपने श्रम राष्ट्र से राष्ट्र को विश्व में प्रतिष्ठित किया है। दर्शन और संस्कृति के लिए, वैदिक ऋषि कपिल, बुद्ध, महावीर और शंकराचार्य जैसे पूर्वज उल्लेखनीय हैं। गणित के क्षेत्र में 'शून्य' की खोज, चिकित्सा के क्षेत्र में 'चरक-संहिता', व्याकरण के क्षेत्र में 'अष्टाध्यायी' ने विश्व को पहले ही बहुत कुछ देकर भारतीय ज्ञान को श्रेष्ठता साबित कर दी है। प्राचीन राष्ट्रीय एकता के लिए चन्द्रगुप्त मौर्य, अशोक, समुद्रगुप्त व हर्ष की राज्य व्यवस्थाएं हैं।

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Section - D : Literature

7. Draw a character sketch of the grandmother. 7

OR

Draw a characters sketch of the narrator in 'We are not afraid to die'.

8. Give short answer of any two 4+4=8

(i) What was alarming about the waves ?

(ii) Who was Howard Carter?

(iii) Why was the grand mother not satisfied from the city schools?

9. Read the given stanza and answer the questions that follow. $2 \times 6 = 6$

Now she's been dead nearly as many years

As that girl lived. And of this circumstance

There is nothing to say at all

It's silence silences.

(i) When did the poet's mother die?

(ii) What is at about which nothing can be said?

(iii) Explain the line its silence silences.

10. Write the central idea either of the following- 4

(i) A photograph

(ii) The laburnum top.

11. Define the figure of speech with one example- 4

Hyper bole or Apostrophe

12. Draw a character-sketch of Mourad in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful Horse'. OR

Draw a character sketch of Ranga

13. Answer any two of the following- 4+4=8

(i) What did Mrs. Darling do whenever she came to narrator's house?

(ii) What did the narrator think about Ranga?

(iii) What was the pet dialogue of uncle Khosrove?