

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2021-22

Class : XI

Subject : ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3:15 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Instructions :

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Marks are indicated against each question.
- (iii) Please check that the question paper contains total 12 questions and the No. of printed paper is 04.
- (iv) Please write the question no. properly before giving your answer.
- (v) When the first bell rings, the question paper will be distributed and you should go through it properly.
- (vi) After 15 minutes, at the second bell you will start writing your answers.

SECTION - A (READING)

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows : (12)

After knowledge, there is no one passion which has done so much good to mankind a love of money. It is to the love of money that we owe all trade and commerce in other words, the possession of every comfort and luxury which our own country is unable to supply. Trade and commerce have made us familiar with the production of many lands, have awakened curiosity and have widened our ideas by bringing us in contact with nations of various manners, speech and thought. They have supplied an outlet for energies which would otherwise have been wasted, have accustomed men to have habits of enterprise, forethought and calculation have communicated to us many arts of great utility, and have put us in possession of some of the most valuable remedies with which we are acquainted either to save life or lessen pain. These things we owe to the love of money. If theologians could succeed in their desire to destroy that love all these things would cease and we should relapse into barbarism.

Questions :

- (i) What has done us the greatest good after knowledge? (3)
- (ii) What do we owe to the love of money? (3)
- (iii) If this love be destroyed by theologians, what would happen? (3)
- (iv) Give the antonym of 'Supply'. (1½)
- (v) Write the synonym of 'destroy'. (1½)

SECTION-B (WRITING)

- Q.2 A fire broke out in a slum area near Seemapuri in Delhi. Write a report for 'The Hindustan' as a reporter. (5)
- Q.3 Write an essay on any one of the following topics : (10)
- (i) The Problem of Price Rise
 - (ii) Value of Games
 - (iii) Health is Wealth
- Q.4 Write a letter to the Chairman of the Pollution Control Board of U.P. complaining against the increasing air pollution in your locality. (5)

OR

Write a letter to your father, asking him to buy you a mobile phone so as to facilitate your studies at home during lockdown.

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q.5 Change the following sentences as directed : (2x10=20)
- (a) My father said to me, "Do not laugh at the old beggar."
(Indirect speech) <https://www.upboardonline.com> (2)
 - (b) He was very busy. He could not come.
(Compound Sentence) (2)
 - (c) People speak English all over the world. (Passive Voice) (2)
 - (d) Do not make noise. (Correct the sentence) (2)
 - (e) 'A Red Letter Day'. (use the idiom in your own words) (2)
 - (f) 'Break into'. (use the phrasal verb in your words) (2)
 - (g) Write synonym of 'Convict' (2)
 - (h) Write antonym of 'dynamic' (2)
 - (i) Write one word of 'A person who depends on another'. (2)
 - (j) Use the pair of words to make the different in meaning. (2)
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- Q.6 Translate the following passage into English : (8)
कलिंग के युद्ध ने सम्राट अशोक का हृदय एकदम परिवर्तित कर दिया। उन्होंने जीवन पर्यन्त युद्ध न करने की प्रतिज्ञा की। उन्होंने हिंसा का मार्ग त्याग कर अहिंसा का मार्ग अपनाया। उन्होंने बौद्ध धर्म अपना लिया। गरीबों, असहायों, दीन-दुखियों और साधारण जनता की सेवा करना ही अपना धर्म बना लिया। जगह-जगह पर कुएं खुदवाए और सड़कों के किनारे फलदार पेड़ लगवाये। इतना ही नहीं अपने पुत्र तथा अन्य दूतों को विदेशों में बौद्ध धर्म का प्रचार करने हेतु भेजा। इस तरह अशोक ने दिखा दिया कि वास्तविक जीत नये देशों व क्षेत्रों को जीतने में निहित नहीं है, बल्कि सेवा के माध्यम से गरीबों के हृदयों को जीतने में निहित है।

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

- Q.7 Answer one of the following questions in not more than 60 words. (7)
(a) Give a character sketch of the author's grandmother.
(b) What damage did 'Wavewalker' suffer as a result of bad weather?
- Q.8 Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words : (4+4=8)
(a) What was the grandmother's reaction towards education in English school?
(b) Where did the narrator want to go? Why?
(c) What changes did king Tut bring out during his reign?
- Q.9 Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below : (2x3=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
Its silence silences."

Questions :

- (i) Who has been dead for nearly as many years? (2)
(ii) Explain 'Its silence silences.' (2)
(iii) How many years ago had the poetess's mother died? (2)

- Q.10 Write the central idea of any one of the poems. (4)
(a) A Photograph (b) The Laburnum Top
- Q.11 Answer the following questions in not more than 60 words : (7)
(a) Give the character sketch of Mourad.
(b) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?
- Q.12 Answer any two of the following questions : (4+4=8)
(a) Why did Aram not want to return the horse?
(b) Why did Mrs. Dorling refuse to even talk to the narrator?
(c) Who was Ranga? Why was his home coming a great event in the village?