

Half Yearly Examination

STSO

Subject- English

P.V.

Time: 3 hrs

Class-11

M.M. : 100

Instructions : The whole question paper is divided into four sections A, B, C and D. All sections are compulsory.

Section- A | Reading |

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow: 12
In these trying times, when buying ordinary food stuff foodstuff can burn a hole in our pocket, comes the news that can actually help us save some hard cash when we go out to shop the next time. According to a Stanford University study, a first of its kind in the world, there is no evidence to suggest that there are more nutritional benefits from expensive organic food than those grown by conventional methods. The researchers add that there is no difference in protein and fat content between organic and conventional milk and the vitamin count is similar in both types. The only benefit is that organic foods are not contaminated with pesticides but then, before you chew on that plate of organic okra with roti made from organic wheat, they are not 100% pesticide free either. In India organic food has been growing at 20-22% and the exports market is valued at Rs. 1000 crore, obviously, the study is not good news for that sector and for people who are big on organic food.

In India, eating organic food is more of a style statement than due to health worries because that stuff is expensive. But people who can do indulge in not only organic vegetables but even organic eggs laid by 'happy hens', who are allowed to roam around freely whereas 'unhappy hens' are kept in coops. Then (there are companies that have installed music channels in their cow sheds and the milk from those sheds is sold at a marked-up price since it has more nutritional value because the animals are happy, thanks to listening 24 x 7 music. We don't know yet of any farmer using music to improve his crop quality, but then you never know; plants are known to respond to music. Why such pickiness about foods? These days the huge number of TV shows and articles that we see and read on food provide bread and butter for the specialists. But instead of decoding food, its sources and what has gone into growing it, Isn't it much better to enjoy what's on the plate?

Questions:

- Why is the study not welcomed by some people?
- What study was being given by Stanford University?
- What method was adopted by companies to increase the nutritional value of their food?
- The phrase 'burn a hole' means:
(i) to make a hole (ii) to spend money quickly
- The word 'pickiness' means.

Section-B | Writing |

Write an essay on any one of the following in about 20 words: 10

- A flood Scene
- The Teacher You Like Most
- Social Media
- Your views on Terrorism

Or

Write an article in about 150-200 words about "Child Marriage".
Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper to complain the bad condition of streets and roads: 5

Section-C | Grammar |

- Change the sentences into indirect speech: 2
(i) He said to me, "You did the work well with me yesterday."
(ii) They said, "Do they play well."
- Combine one of the following as directed within the brackets: 2
(i) Geeta is beautiful. She wanted to take part in beauty contest. (into compound)
(ii) Ram went to Agra. He wants to see the Taj Mahal. (simple sent.)
- Transform one of the following sentences as directed in brackets: 2

P.T.O.

- (i) The tea is too hot for me to drink. | Remove 'too' |
(ii) She completed her work. | Passive voice |
- (c) Correct any two of these: 2
(i) I have an one rupee note.
(ii) Physics are my favourite subject.
(iii) I saw some deers in the field.
(iv) Ram is more wiser than Shayam.
5. Vocabulary: 2
(a) Idioms (any two) 2
(i) A black sheep (ii) Child's play (iii) above board
(b) Give the synonyms of the following: 3
(i) purchase (ii) filthy (iii) Lustre
(c) Give the antonyms of the following: 3
(i) barren (ii) adversity (iii) Cruel
(d) Use the following words in sentences so as to bring out the difference in their meanings clearly: 1
(i) Career (ii) Carrier
(e) Substitute one word for the following expressions: 1
(i) The murder of a king. (ii) A post with no salary.
(iii) One, who hates women.
6. Point out the figure of speech in any two of the following: 2
(a) The cardboard shows me. (b) It is the engine of her family.
(c) I am the poem of the earth.
7. Translate the following into English: 8
आशा के बिना मानव जीवन असम्भव है। यदि आशा न होती तो मनुष्य का जीवन बड़ा बोझिल और दुःखमय हो जाता। विद्यार्थी साल भर कड़ा परिश्रम करते हैं केवल इसी आशा पर कि वे सफलता का मुख देखेंगे। एक किसान घोर उष्णता और शीत का तनिक भी ध्यान नहीं करता। इसी प्रकार व्यापारी लोग व्यापार में धन लगाते हैं केवल इसी आशा का आश्रय लेकर ताकि उनका व्यापार उनके लिए लाभकारी सिद्ध हो। तभी तो बुद्धिमान तथा महापुरुषों ने आशा को मानव रूपी जहाज का सम्बल कहा है।
- Section-D
8. Answer any one of the following questions in not to exceed 60 words: 7
(a) How did the grandmother receive the author when he returned from abroad?
(b) Describe how the C T scan of king Tut's mummy was carried out on 5 January, 2005.
9. Answer any two of the following questions in not to exceed 30 words: 10
(a) Why was the author's grandmother distressed with English school education?
(b) How was king Tut's death a big event?
(c) Who were Larry and Herb? Why did the narrator take them with him?
10. Read the given extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow: 6
The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girls cousins went paddling
Each one holding one of my mother hands.
And sbe the big girl - some twelve years or so
- Questions:
(a) What does the word 'cardboard' denote?
(b) How many persons can be seen on the cardboard?
(c) Who is the 'big girl' mentioned here?
11. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems: 4
(i) A Photograph (ii) The Laburnum Top
12. Answer any one of the following questions in not to exceed 60 words: 7
(a) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?
(b) Describe the narrator's experience of early morning ride with his cousin Mourad?
13. Answer any two of the following questions in not to exceed 30 words: 8
(a) Where did Mourad hide the horse more than one month and why?
(b) Why did the narrator not wait for Mrs. Dorling on the second visit?
(c) Why did John Byro visit Aram's house in his surrayer after getting his horse back?