

Half Yearly Examination-2020-21

English

Class—XI

A-XI-English

Time : 3.15 Hours

M. M. : 100

Note: All the questions of four Sections A, B, C and D are compulsory.

Section (A) : (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow :

One of the great advantages in modern technology has been the invention of computer. They are already used in industry and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into service of Man. Computers have become part of man's daily life.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated works in all branches of learning. They work accurately and at a high speed. They save research worker's years of hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called automation. In the future, automation may enable human beings for more leisure than they do have today. An expert on automation, pointed out some years ago, that it was a mistake to believe that machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be controlled by machines. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed information from human beings to be able to operate.

In the future, computers will be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. They will inform people weather condition, traffic routes. They will be used in ordinary public hospitals. Doctors will be able to diagnose the nature of patient's illness. Book-keepers and accountants will use it to relieve them of their tedious work. Computers are the most efficient servants man has ever had and there is no limit to the way they can be used to improve our lives.

- (i) How important is computer likely to be in human life?
(ii) How does automation help human beings? 3 P.T.O.

- (iii) How can computers be called the most efficient servants of man ? What shape of computers will be developed in future ? 3
- (iv) Find out the word in the passage which means spare time. 1½
- (v) Find out one word in the passage which can be substituted for one who has every knowledge of one's subject. 1½

Section (B) : Writing

Man's life is not measured by the number of days, months, and years that he has lived but by the deeds he has done and by the achievements he has made. What is the real significance in life is not the quantity but the quality of experience. A short life devoted to *noble endeavours* is far more valuable than a long life of over a hundred years spent in *trivial pursuits*. "We live in deed not in years."

Noble deeds, splendid ideas, and fine sentiments constitute the real glory of character and not the length of time one has lived in the world.

2. Write a report on a cultural programme organised for raising funds for the handicapped. <https://www.upboardonline.com> 5

Or

Make notes on the given passage and then make summary of the passage with the help of notes.

3. You read in the news papers that talented highly educated young professionals are migrating to the advanced countries for attractive salaries. This news hints to the loss of our country in terms of talent and resources. Write an article on 'The problem of Brain Drain' to be published in a national daily. 10

Or

Write an essay on 'The problem of pollution'.

4. Write a letter to the S.P. of your district describing the increasing of crimes in the town you live. Also give suggestions which can be helpful to decrease them. 5

Or

Write a letter to your friend advising him to give up the habit of drinking describing its disadvantages.

Section (C) : (Grammar)

5. Give the very short answer of the following : 2 × 10
- (a) Change the narration of the following : 2
- (i) She said to a stranger, "How can I forget your bad behaviour ?"

- (ii) He said to his son, "Work hard if you want to get good marks."
- (b) Combine the following sets of sentences as directed within brackets :
- (i) The boy saw a wolf. He ran fast. (Simple sentence)
- (ii) I bought a cycle from Mr. Gupta. He is a whole sale dealer of cycles in the market. (Complex sentence)
- (c) Transform the following sentences as directed within brackets :
- (i) Who teacher you English ? (Passive voice)
- Or**
- (ii) As soon as I reached the station. The train started. (Negative)
- (d) Correct any one of the following : 1
- (i) One should do his duty first.
- (ii) He is true to his words.
- (e) Use any one of the following idioms in your sentence so as to bring out its meaning clear : 2
- a bosom friend, a lion's share, a black sheep
- (f) Use any one of the following phrasal verbs in your sentences so as to bring out their meaning clear : 2
- put up with, turn down, make out
- (g) Give synonyms of the following : 2
- (a) delicate (b) precious **Or**
- (a) scared (b) hate
- (h) Give antonyms of the following : 2
- (a) vice (b) major **Or**
- (a) fresh (b) blunt
- (i) Substitute one word of the following group of words : 2
- (i) One who pleads for author. **Or**
- (ii) A woman whose husband has died.
- (j) Use the following pair of words in your sentences as to bring out the difference in their meaning : 2
- (a) Course (b) Course
- (c) Principal (d) Principle
6. Translate the following into English : 8
- वृक्ष हमारे देश की अमूल्य निधि है। वृक्ष हमें केवल ईंधन व फल ही नहीं देते बल्कि हमें इमारती लकड़ी तथा कुछ अन्य आवश्यक वस्तुएँ भी उपलब्ध कराते हैं। पॉपलर वृक्षों की लकड़ी से माचिस बनाई जाती है। यूकेलिप्टस

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वृक्षों की लकड़ी से कागज तैयार किया जा रहा है। इस वृक्ष की पत्तियाँ कुछ औषधियों के निर्माण में भी काम आती हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त वृक्ष वायु-प्रदूषण को भी रोकते हैं तथा वर्षा में मिट्टी के कटाव को कम करते हैं। जरा सोचो कि हमारी उपजाऊ मिट्टी बहकर नदियों में चली जाए तो हम अच्छी फसल कैसे उगा सकेंगे। वृक्षों के महत्त्व को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह हमारा सामाजिक व राष्ट्रीय कर्तव्य है कि हम पेड़ों की रक्षा करें, उन्हें अनावश्यक रूप से न काटें और जहाँ भी सम्भव हो नए वृक्ष लगाएँ।

Section (D) : (Literature)

7. Answer any one of the following questions : 7
- (i) Draw a character-sketch of the grandmother.
- (ii) Draw a character-sketch of the narrator in 'We're Not Afraid to Die'.
8. Answer any two of the following questions : 4 + 4
- (i) How was carter troubled when found the mummy finally?
- (ii) What happened when a torrent collapsed with the boat ?
- (iii) What did the grandmother on the returning of the grandson from abroad ?
9. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below it :
- Some-twenty-thirty -years later
She'd laugh at the snapshot, "See Betty"
And Dolly. "She'd say" and look how they.
Dressed us for the beach. "The sea holiday
Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry
With the laboured case of loss.
- (i) Why did she laugh at the snap-shot? 2
- (ii) What was the past time of the poet and her mother successively? 2
- (iii) Explain the line 'Both wry with the laboured case of loss.'
10. Give the central idea of one of the following poems : 4
- (i) A photograph (ii) The Laburnum Top
- (iii) The voice of the Rain
11. Answer one of the following questions : 7
- (i) Bring out the qualities Mourad described in the lesson 'The Summer of the Beautiful white Horse'.
- (ii) Draw a character-sketch of Mrs S's daughter narrator.
12. Answer any two of the following questions : 4 + 4
- (i) Why did Ratna stop singing?
- (ii) Who met at The address on narrator's second visit?
- (iii) What was Jhon Byro's reaction after identifying the horse?