

# Half Yearly Examination – 2014-15

## English Class – 10

Total Q. : 20

Total Page : 4

Time : 3.15 Hour

M.M. : 70

General instruction to the examinees :

1. All the questions are compulsory.
2. For questions having more than one part, the answer to those parts are to be written together in continuity.

### SECTION – A (READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 6

The dictionary defines 'vitamin' as one of the various organic substance found in foods and essential for the prevention of deficiency diseases. Discovered by Lunin in 1881, vitamins are required by the human body in small amounts.

So far, about twenty vitamins have been discovered. Each of them performs some definite function. The most important vitamins are A, B, C. Vitamin A is highly essential for the growth of the body and for the protection of the skin and other delicate part of the body. Found in milk, butter, eggs, green vegetables as also substances like cod liver oil. Vitamin A also checks infections and keeps the eyes healthy. Vitamin B, whose shortage in the body can cause a disease called beri-beri, is mainly found in cereals eggs, green vegetables and yeast. A good source of vitamin C is human milk but it is also present in large amounts in oranges lemons and fresh fruits. Its deficiency can cause diseases like scurvy.

- Q. 1. How is vitamin a useful? 1
  - Q. 2. Which are the most important vitamins? 1
  - Q. 3. What causes beri-beri? 1
  - Q. 4. What can the deficiency of vitamin C do? 1
  - Q. 5. Find out from the passage the word which means 'a natural substance found in food to help humans to grow and stay healthy'. 1
  - Q. 6. Pick out from the passage the word which is opposite to 'absent'. 1
2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 7

Beware of those who use the truth to deceive. When someone tells you something that is true but leaves out important information that should be included, he can create a false impression. For example, someone might say, "I just won ten thousand rupees on the lottery. It was great. I took that ten rupee ticket back to the store and turned it in for ten thousand rupees!" This guy's winner, right? May be may be not. We then discover that he bought two hundred tickets, and only one was a winner. He is really a big loser.

He didn't say anything that was false, but he deliberately omitted important information. That's called a half truth. Half truths are not technically lies, but they are just as dishonest, Un trust worthy candidates in political campaigns often use their tactic Let's say that during Governor Smith's last term, her state lost one million jobs and gained three million jobs . Then she seeks another term. One of her opponents runs an ad saying, "During Governor Smith's term, the state lost one million jobs!" That's true. However, an honest statement would have been, "During Governor Smith's term, the state had a net gain of two million jobs."

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Advertising has evolved tremendously in the past century. It has not only been furthered by Advances in technology, but also in the way that advertisers. Communicate with consumers. Advertising copy writers know the power that language has over people and they use this to their advantage to convince and persuade. They use a number of techniques to help after the way people perceive a product. More importantly, they make them want to buy it.

- (i) How do some people use the truth to deceive? 1
- (ii) What is half truth? 1
- (iii) Who uses half truths in political campaigns? 1
- (iv) How do politicians use half-truths during their election campaigns? 1
- (v) What role does language play in the world of advertising? 1
- (vi) What is the opposite of trustworthy in the passage. 1
- (vii) Find the word which means ten lac in the passage. 1

### SECTION – B (WRITING)

3. Imagine that you are Aviral Pareek. Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you money to buy a bicycle. You may touch upon the following points. 4
- (i) your school has been shifted to a new building 2 kilometers away from the town.
  - (ii) no bus is available to reach school in time.
  - (iii) necessity of a bicycle.
  - (iv) request for sending money.

Or

You are Vasu. Write a formal e-mail to the Principal of your school at [principalgsss@gmail.com](mailto:principalgsss@gmail.com) requestig to arrange an one-time counselling on 'How to face Board Examinations.'

4. Write a paragraph on 'My Family' in about 60 words.

Or

Write a paragraph in about 60 words with the help of the given outline. 3

One day ..... wanted tea ..... lighted gas-stove ..... placed the kettle ..... boiled ..... added tea leaves ..... sugar and milk ..... boiled again ..... ready ..... sipped.

Or

Write a paragraph on 'How You Prepared Tea' in about 60 words.

5. Write a paragraph in about 75 words on the scene given in the picture. 5



Or

Grass and bushes have grown up in your school ground during the rainy season. To check the spread of any epidemic, the principal and the staff of your school decided to clean the campus of your school. Write in about 75 words how you helped in this noble work.

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SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. 3
- (i) The earth ..... round the sun. (move) ½
- (ii) I ..... already learnt my lesson. (have/has) ½
- (iii) Ravi ..... money to buy a new car. (save) ½
- (iv) The patient ..... before the doctor ..... (die, arrive) ½
- (v) India ..... freedom in 1947. (get) ½
- (vi) I saw a monkey while I ..... going to school. (go) *was/were* ½
7. Put the most suitable words in the spaces to complete the following sentences choosing from the brackets given against each space. 2
- Long, long ..... (ago/before/last) there lived a merchant named Antoniq ..... (in/at/on) Venice. He had many trading ships ..... (which/who/when) were sent to distant countries.
8. Complete the following sentences by choosing correct passive form of the verbs given. 2×1=2
- (A) Most of the fruits and vegetables ..... in cold storages in this scientific Age.
- (a) was kept (b) is kept
- (c) were kept (d) are kept
- (B) An e-mail ..... through internet.
- (a) is sent (b) are sent
- (c) am sent (d) were sent
9. Rewrite the following sentences by transforming from direct to indirect speech. 1½×2=3
- Mohan: Shalini, what are you doing these days?
- Shalini: Mohan, I am working in a school.
- Mohan asked Shalini .....
- Shalini replied .....
10. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below : ½×4 = 2
- (can, might, should, could, may)
- (i) We ..... grow more and more trees.
- (ii) ..... I see the doctor?
- (iii) Amin is very intelligent, he ..... get I division in the Board Examinations.
- (iv) He ..... run fast when he was young.
11. Rearrange the following words and phrases meaningful sentences. 2×½=1
- (i) spent/Madie/the evening/Peggy with.
- (ii) my best friend/Ravi/is.

SECTION - D (TEXT-BOOK)

12. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 4
- Wanda didn't have any friends. She came to school alone and went home alone. She always wore a faded blue dress that didn't hang right. It was clean, but it looked as though it had never been ironed properly. She didn't have any friends, but a lot of girls talked to her. Sometimes, they surrounded her in the school yard as she stood watching the little girls play hopscotch on the worn hard ground.
- (i) Why did Wanda come to school alone and go home alone?
- (ii) Which game did the little girls play?
- (iii) She didn't have any friends. Who didn't have any friends and why?
- (iv) Find out from the passage the word which means 'a place where children go to be educated'.

P.T.O.

13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope : the help of God, whose eyes, as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deep in one's conscience. Lencho was an ox of a man working like an animal in the field's, but still he knew how to write. The following Sunday, at day break, he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place in the mail. It was nothing less than a letter to God.

- (i) What did Lencho think all through the night. 1  
 (ii) What did Lencho do on the following Sunday? 1  
 (iii) '..... was an ox of a man'.  
 Who was an ox of a man and how? 1  
 (iv) Find out from the passage the word which means 'The Part of your mind that tells whether your actions are right or wrong.' 1

14. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words :

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- (i) What 'twin obligations' does Mandela mention? (Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)  
 (ii) Why does Anne want to keep a diary? (From the Diary of Anne Frank)

15. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words :

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- (i) Draw a character sketch of Lomov. (Proposals).

Or

- (ii) The cause of the dispute was the 'Oxen Meadows'. Comment (Proposals)

16. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context :

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There is a languid, emerald sea,  
 where the sole inhabitant is me -  
 a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

Or

If ever you should go by chance  
 To jungles in the east;  
 And if there should to you advance  
 A large and tawny beast,  
 If he roars at you as you're dyin'  
 You'll know it is the Asian Lion...

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words :

2½×2=5

- (i) For Frast, what do 'fire' and 'ice' stand for? (Fire and Ice)  
 (ii) How old do you think Amanda is? How do you know this? (Amanda)  
 (iii) Mention three things that humans do and animals don't (Animals)

18. Answer any one question of the following in about 80 words :

1×4=4

- (i) How is Ausable different from other secret agents? (The Midnight Visitor) ✓  
 (ii) Give a character sketch of Mrs. Pumphrey. (A Triumph of Surgery) ✓

19. Answer any one question of the following is not more than 30-40 words :

3×1=3

- (i) Why did Hari Singh take a new name every month? (The Thief's Story) ✓  
 (ii) What does Horace Danby like to collect? (A Question of Trust) ✓

20. Answer any one of the following questions in about 20-25 words :

2×1=2

- (i) Why was the invisible man wandering the streets? (Foot prints without feet) ✓  
 (ii) What are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist? (The Making of a Scientist) ✓