

# Half-Yearly Examination 2017-18

Class- 10 X

Time : 3¼ Hrs. Subject- ENGLISH

M.M. : 70

## Section-A (Reading)

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

A little boy used to play in the shade of the tree. One day the boy sat leaning against the trunk of the tree. Cried and sighed "I am hungry". "Eat my fruits", said the kind tree and it bent down one of its branches. The little boy ate fruits and felt satisfied. Many years passed and the boy grew up. Then once again he sat under the tree with a look of dejection and helplessness. "What is it"? The tree asked. The young man said, "My wedding day is bare a week away and I have nowhere to live". cut down my branches and build yourself a house," said the tree. The young man sat to work immediately. Timepassed and now the young man was a sailor : Once again he sat under the tree with a look of remorse on his face. It again asked what the matter was. He pleaded, "My captain is owl, so to survive I must own a ship." Cut down my trunk, and build a ship. "Said the tree." The sailor grew old but once again he turned to the tree with a laden expression on his face. It was cold and the sailor leaned on his stick was trembling. "Make a fire of me," said the stump of the tree It soon brunt in the fire softly humming a tune.

- (1) Why did the tree say to the little boy to eat its fruit? 2
- (2) How did the tree help the man before his marriage? 2
- (3) How many times did the tree help a single human being? 2
- (4) Did the tree remain alive at the last? If yes why? 2

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

Time is fluting. It never waits for anyone. Those who let the time ship away, repent someone has correctly said that making delay or being lazy is the thief of time so one must make use of it. Only those who realize this truth succeed in life. Time is precious. It cannot be recalled. Once gone, it is gone for good. The prudent course for a man of action is to utilize each and every moment. If we waste minutes, we may be wasting hours and years in true sense. The clock keeps on tilking and its hands are continuously moving. They know no break no rest. People who are laze,

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waste their energy while their time. Those who make the best use of time succeed in the long run. Take care of the minuts, and the hours will take care of themselves. As a rule, we must make use of the minuts of limited time span.

- (1) Who repent? 1
- (2) What is called the thief of time? 1
- (3) What happens if we write minutes? 2
- (4) What will happen if we take care of minutes? 2
- (5) Write the words from the passage which mean for always. 1

## Section-B (Writing)

3. You are Sanket living in Alwar. Your friend Aakash is very much obsessed. Write a letter to him highlighting the benefits of yoga to keep physically and mentally fit. You may touch upon the following points :  
(i) Very much obses (ii) Yoga a therapy can help (iii) Mell's fat and (iv) keep physically and mentally fit (v) hope to act upon 4

or

You are Sanjana. Write a formal e-mail letter to the Principal of your school at principalgass@gmail.com requesting to arrange an on-line counselling on 'How to Face Board Examination'.

4. Write a paragraph on 'Life in a Village' in about 60 words. 4

or

Write a paragraph on 'The scene of the Recess Period' in about 60 words.



5. Write a paragraph in about 75 words on the personality shown in the picture. 3

or

Write a paragraph in about 75 words on 'Clean India Mission'.

## Section-C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets: 3

- (1) We ..... (play) a friendly match tomorrow.
- (2) His father ..... (meet) the principal yesterday.
- (3) He ..... (repair) this building two weeks ago.
- (4) My mother ..... (go) to Jaipur tomorrow.
- (5) She always ..... (take) dinner before 9 p.m.
- (6) They ..... (start) music classes next-week.

7. Re-arrange the following words in meaningful sentences : 2  
 (1) next month/my father/retires  
 (2) asked/not/was/it
8. Join the following sentences using the gives relative pronouns : 2  
 (1) I read the newspaper. I take meal. (as)  
 (2) I am interested in. I can earn fame (how)
9. Re-write the following sentences by changing them into indirect speech: 3  
 (1) Priya said to Aman, "What are you doing?"  
 Priya asked Aman .....  
 (2) Aman said to Priya, "I am preparing tea".  
 Aman told Priya .....

10. Choose the correct alternative to make a meaningful passive from of these sentences : 2  
 (1) Her tears, of course, ..... in all the joy.  
 (a) have been lost (b) is lost  
 (c) were lost (d) lost  
 (2) An email ..... through internet.  
 (a) is sent (b) are sent  
 (c) am sent (d) were sent
11. Fill in the blanks choosing suitable nodals from bracket given below :2  
 (can, should, may, might, must, could)  
 (1) Drivers ..... observe the traffic rules.  
 (2) ..... she join the camp tomorrow.  
 (3) We ..... not disrespect the old.  
 (4) It ..... no rain because clouds have passed on.

**Section-D (Text Books)**

12. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below :  
 It was my second brother who was so particular and adamant about the division. He wanted it any cost. I finished reading the letter. A cold sweat drunched me I felt helpless orphaned. A sort of despair haunted me for a long time. Quite relentlessly. I tried to drive them away yarning helplessly in a chair. 4  
 (1) Who was adamant on partition?  
 (2) What happened to the author after reading th letter?  
 (3) What haunts the author?  
 (4) Find out the word from the passage which means mercilessly.
13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :  
 His personality was normally calm when everything was in order. When

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 there was a little hitch, however, he was exultant and happy. He loved it when things went wrong because that meant that he could then correct them. He loved to make the crooked straight to crush down the uneven palces in life. 4  
 (1) What kind of personality did he have when everything was normal?  
 (2) What made him joyful and happy?  
 (3) What did he love to do?  
 (4) Write the word from the passage which means-obstiale.
14. Answer the following questions in about 60 words : (Any one) 3  
 (1) Give the character stretch of Noodle? (The book that saved the Earth)  
 (2) How do the animals keep themselves fit? (Positive Health)
15. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: (Any one) 3  
 (1) What laid of trees and animals were found in the desert of Marwar? (The tale of the Bishnois)  
 (2) Whom does the writer call uncivilized? (What is Amiss with us)
16. Explain the following stanza with reference to the context : (any one)4  
 (i) But risk must be taken, because the greatest Hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
 (ii) A kind and gentle heart he had,  
 To comfort friends and foes:  
 The naked every day he lad  
 When he put on his clothes.
17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20-30 words : 4  
 (1) Describe the theme of the poem My God Right Hand.  
 (2) Describe the appearance of rose.  
 (3) How can freedom be enjoyed?
18. Answer any one of the following questions in 80 words : 2  
 (1) What was the role of the school teacher in Bholi's life? (Bholi)  
 (2) Describe Uttanlca's meeting with the king. (Uttanla's Gurudaksheia)
19. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words : 2  
 (1) Who was sending the food for Dursun's family. (Feast of the bead)  
 (2) HOW was the late of Rashida different? (High Maharajah)
20. Answer any one of the following questions in about 20-25 words : 2  
 (1) What did the peasant say when he lost his breakfast? (The Imp and the Peasant's Bread)  
 (2) What did Anna's classmates dream of? (Resolution)
21. What are the two essential steps we all must take before beginning to drive? 2

