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## HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2017-2018

Subject—English

Class—X (Tenth)

Time : 3¼ Hrs.

MM. : 70

### General Instructions for the Examinees :

- (1) All the questions are compulsory.
- (2) Write the answers in the given answer book only.
- (3) Write down the correct serial number of each question before attempting it.
- (4) Answer to all the parts of a question must be written together at one place.
- (5) Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions.
- (6) Candidate must write his/her Roll No. on the question-paper.

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

A little boy used to play in the shade of a tree. One day the boy sat leaning against the trunk of tree, cried and signed, "I am hungry," "Eat my fruits" said the little kind tree and it bent down one of its branches. The little boy ate the 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, "My Wedding day is bare a week away and I have now here to live." Cut down my branches and build yourself a house." said the tree. The young man sat to work immediately.

Time passed 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 is the matter was, he pleaded, "My Captain is cruel, so to survive. I must own a ship." "Cut down my trunk and build a ship." said the tree. -

- (1) Why did the tree say to the boy to eat its fruits? 1
- (2) How did the tree help the man before his marriage? 1

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- (3) How many times did the tree help a single human being? 1
- (4) Write down the name of different parts of the tree? 1
- (5) Find the word from the passage which is opposite of : "kind". 1
- (6) Find from the passage a word similar to "a strong feeling of sadness". 1

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

Pandit Ravi Shankar, the brilliant sitarist, has done a signal service to the country by carrying the banner of Indian music across the world. He has done more than any musician to arouse the interest of Westerners in Indian music, thus earning himself, the little, "India's musical ambassador."

Born in Varansi in 1920, Ravi Shankar began as a ballet dancer with his elder brother Uday Shankar's troupe. But he left the troupe to learn the sitar under ustad Allauddin Khan of Maihar. He underwent rigorous training practising for hours by eighteen hour's day to gain command over the instrument.

Ravi Shankar toured Europe and America in 1960's, where he gave several sitar recitals. He has composed tunes for light music, choral singing and orchestra.

The popular tune of Saare Jahan se Achha, was composed by him in 1945. He composed music for films like Meera, Godaan and Anuradha. In 1998 polar music prize considered the Nobel Prize of music. in 1999 he was awarded the Bharat Ratna.

- (1) What service has Pandit Ravi Shankar done for the country? 1
- (2) What title has Pandit Ravi Shankar earned for promoting Indian music? 1
- (3) When and where was Pandit Ravi Shankar born? 1
- (4) Why did he leave his brother's troupe? 1
- (5) Which tune was composed by him in the year 1945? 1
- (6) Find from the passage the word which is opposite to "Dull". 1
- (7) Write the word from the passage which means "singing in a group"? 1

### Section B (Writing)

3. Imagine that you are Suresh/Sarita living in Government Hostel Ajmer. Write a letter to your father telling him about your hostel life. You may touch upon the following points : 5

- The facilities in the hostel.
- Daily routine
- Study hours
- Room partner's and Warden's behaviour

OR

You are Ankita/Ankur of class X of Adarsh Vidya Mandir, Jaipur. Write a formal e-mail letter to the principal of your school at principal Palavmjpr@yahoo.com requesting to arrange extra class for English and Mathematics as the syllabus is incomplete.

4. Write a paragraph in about 60 words with the help of the out line given below :4

A visit to a zoo ..... animals and birds ..... I visited ..... lions ..... monkeys ..... not allowed to poke ..... threw fruits ..... happy.

5. 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. 4

### Section C (Grammar)

6. (a) Combine the following pairs of sentences using the word given in the brackets: 2

- There is a belief. A serpent is a god. (That)
- The question is. We should solve it. (How)
- You smiled. You would never be sick. (If)
- She will come. It is uncertain. (When)

(B) Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct passive forms. 2

(1) Honesty ..... the best policy even today.

- (a) is considered                      (b) was considered  
 (c) had been considered              (d) was being considered      ( )

(2) The land ..... by thousands upon thousands of Khejdi trees.

- (a) will covered                       (b) was covered  
 (c) are covered                      (d) were covered                      ( )

(3) The sale of tickets for the show ..... from next week.

- (a) is started                      (b) are started  
 (c) will start                      (d) was started                      ( )

(4) As a boy I ..... to appreciate English literature.

- (a) were taught                      (b) would taught  
 (c) has been taught                       (d) was taught                      ( )

(5) An email ..... through internet. 1

- (a) is sent                      (b) are sent  
 (c) Am sent                      (d) were sent                      ( )

7. Complete the following sentences using one of the following verbs in the correct form: 2

<sup>1</sup> cause, <sup>2</sup> teach, <sup>3</sup> write, make, hold, spend, repair, shut, <sup>4</sup> find

(1) Many diseases .....

(2) A school is a place where children .....

(3) Let all the doors .....

(4) His lost book .....

8. Arrange the following jumbled words and phrases so as to make meaningful sentences : 2

(1) Before Diwali/cleaned /are Houses

(2) Daily/Are/clothes/washed

9. Complete the following dialogue by writing the passive forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 2

Student : Is English grammar .....

(1) study or ..... (2) practise?

Teacher Grammar ..... (3) stress in old grammar. Functional grammar ..... (4) Highlight more in future.

Student : Has linguistic research ..... (5) (make) in this matter?

Teacher Various linguistic tools ..... (6) (devise) these days.

Student : Thank you, Sir

Teacher : You are welcomed

10. Combine the following pairs of sentences by using the word given in the brackets : 2

(1) ~~You~~ help others. You will be loved. (If)

(2) ~~You~~ build character. You can't progress. (unless)

11. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 3

(1) The earth ..... round the sun. (move)

(2) Amritadevi's sacrifice is ..... people. (inspir)

(3) The water in the pond ..... last night. (freeze)

12. Combine the sentences using these words : 2

(1) ~~The~~ earth is round. It is known to all. (that)

(2) ~~It~~ is hot. The roads are empty. (when)

(3) ~~She~~ is Sita. She lives in Jaipur. (who)

13. Change the following sentences into passive voice :

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(1) Many people take tea in the morning.

(2) Some people do not eat onions.

14. Rewrite the following sentences by changing them from direct to indirect speech :

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(1) The teacher said, <sup>that</sup> "The sun rises in the east."

(2) Kusum said, <sup>that</sup> "I shall work hard."

(3) The stranger said to me, <sup>to</sup> "Please tell me the way to the station."

15. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below :

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(<sup>3</sup> must, <sup>4</sup> shall, <sup>1</sup> may, can, <sup>2</sup> May, would)

(1) The clouds are dark so it ..... rain.

(2) The president ..... be elected for five years.

(3) Students ..... come in uniform.

(4) We ..... learn by mistake.

### Section D (Text Books)

16. Seen Passage. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

According to this definition, very few people in the world enjoy positive health. In the rich and developed countries, family ties appear to be weakening, neighbours may be strangers and friendship is sometimes restricted to business contacts. In these countries environmental conditions have improved considerably, the populations have achieved a better nutritional status, and there is often plenty of money available to buy most of life's comforts people in developed countries may enjoy better physical health, but they are far from achieving positive health, as many are not so contented mentally.

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(1) How many people enjoy positive health?

(2) What are the weaknesses in the rich and developed countries?

(3) What are the strengths of the rich and developed countries?

(4) Write from the passage the word which means "satisfied".

Passage II

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Cleanliness is next to Godliness. That seems to remain an obsolete adage now. We are used to uncleanliness that it does not seem to affect our senses leave aside annoying us. We throw the rubbish and waste materials wherever we like, may be roads, public transport, educational institutions, historical monuments government buildings and do not spare even holy places of worship. In our fond hope of keeping our home clean. We not hesitate in making our neighbours home unclean.

The rubbish may be dirt of the house, shit of the children, skin of the vegetables, fruits or any other waste stuff.

(1) Which adage seems to be obsolete now?

(2) How do we show dual nature in cleanliness?

(3) Mention two waste stuff?

(4) Pick out from the passage the word which means "out of date."

7 Explain the following lines with reference to context :

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To live is to risk dying

To hope is to risk despair

To try is to risk failure

But risk must be taken, because the greatest hazard.

in life is to risk nothing

OR

Love came to florã asking for a Flower

That would of flowers be undisputed queen.

The lily and the rose, long, long had been Rivals for that high honor.

Bards of power

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B) Answer the following two questions

- (1) Who is the friend that could help and make the poet happy?  
(My Good Right Hand)
- (2) Why should we take risk? (Risk)
- (3) Why did cupid come to flora? (The Lotus)

18. Answer the following questions in 80 words :

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- (1) Describe, how Anil's friendly treatment changed the thief's life?

OR

Draw a character sketch of Bholi.

19. Answer the following question in 30-40 words :

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How did Samir try to dispel fear?

OR

How did Rosamond's father refuse to take her along with him?

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

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How did the scientist become invisible?

OR

What from the story have you known about Spain?

Road Safety

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- (1) What do you understand by car pooling?
- (2) Why we follow traffic signals?
- (3) What is drunk driving?

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