

## Half Yearly Examination, 2018-19

Class-X

Time : 3¼ Hrs. Subject-English (Compulsory) MM. : 70

### General Instructions :

For questions having more than one part the answer to those parts are to be written together in continuity.

#### Section - A

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

One day a rich merchant was walking through the Mahendra Nagar street of the town where he lived; he was on his way to see his brother who lived at some distance from his house. He paused to watch a man who was badly beating his donkey. The merchant said to him "Why are you doing that?" "To make the donkey go", replied the man. "Is it right to beat the poor animal like that?", asked the merchant "Certainly, it is", replied the man, "It is my donkey and I can do what I like with what is mine". The merchant advised him to be kind to the animal but in vain. The merchant thought for a minute and started beating the man with his stick. "Stop", cried the man, "What have I done to deserve this?" "Oh" replied the merchant, "This is my stick and I can do what I like with what is mine."

- Where was the rich merchant going to? 1
- Why did the merchant stop on his way? 1
- Why was the man beating the donkey? 1
- How did the man justify his act of beating the donkey? 1
- What advice did the merchant give to the man? 1
- Find out from the passage the word which means :  
(a) 'A person who buys and sells goods in large quantities.' ½  
(b) Find out from the passage the word which is opposite of "wrong". ½

2/ Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 6

There are several species of birds and animals in our country. Some of them are huge like elephants and some of them are small like frogs. Some are very dangerous like lion and some are harmless like deer. Some are very beautiful like peacock and some are ugly like vultures and eagles.

No one is allowed to kill wild animals and birds. Forests and sanctuaries are conserved by the government where people can enjoy watching the animals and birds in their natural surroundings. There is such a place in Assam. There the forests are very thick and the ground is covered with the tall bamboo grass which is called elephant grass. When people go there to see animals, they ride on elephants. Riding on elephant is like being on a ship. They

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may also see some deer, rhinoceros etc. At night they may get chance to have a look at a tiger or leopard at a water hole. Snakes may be seen hanging from a tree overhead or moving underneath. Generally, wild animals do not attack people unless they are disturbed.

- Which is the harmless animal? 1
- What can we do in sanctuaries? 1
- How does one feel while riding on an elephant? 1
- List the animals that can be seen in Assam. 1
- Find out the word from the passage which means 'a place where birds and animals are protected from being hunted.' 1
- Find out the word from the passage which is opposite to 'fame'. 1

#### Section - B

2/ Suppose you are Dushyant Choudhary living at 7514, Teja Chouk Chandawal Nagar. Your friend Sachin Mundel has got first division in his secondary school examination. Write a letter to congratulate him. You may take help of the following points: 4

- How did you come to know about it?
- Congratulate him on his success.
- How does he feel about his achievement?
- Good wishes for a bright future.
- Invite him for a visit to your place.

OR

4/ Imagine that you are Prakul living in Jaipur. Your economic condition is very poor. Write an application to your principal requesting him to issue you books from your school library. Write a paragraph on 'Save water' in about 60 words. 3

OR

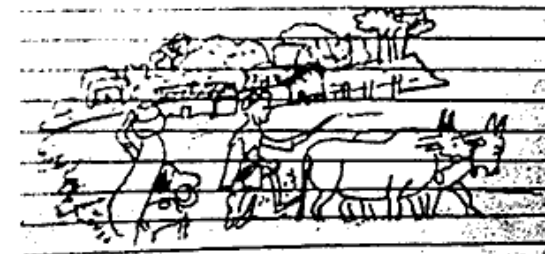
Write a paragraph in about 60 words with the help of the given out line:

The game I like most ..... popular games ..... very ..... useful ..... makes us strong ..... teach ..... discipline ..... good exercise ..... fresh ..... cheap game ..... regularly.

5/ Write a paragraph in about 75 words telling what are the uses of internet and what are its abuses. 4

OR

Write a paragraph in about 75 words using the visual aid given below:



6/ Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets:  $4 \times 1 = 4$

- (i) Look ! it ..... (rain) now.  
 (ii) She ..... (write) twenty stories so far.  
 (iii) Tomorrow ..... (be) Monday.  
 (iv) The patient ..... (die) before the doctor came.

7/ Join the following sentences using relative pronouns given in the brackets :  $2 \times 1 = 2$

- (i) We know. The sun rises in the east. (that)  
 (ii) This is the temple. Gandhiji was shot dead here. (where)

8/ Change the following sentences into passive voice :  $2 \times 1 = 2$

- (i) The doctor injected the child.  
 The child .....
- (ii) Please lend me 5000 rupees.  
 You are requested .....

9/ Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech :  $2 \times 1 = 2$

- (i) The mother said to the children, "Don't go near the fire."  
 (ii) Rohit said to me, "Do you play cricket in the evening?"

10/ Fill in the blanks with the suitable modals from the brackets :  $2 \times 1 = 2$   
 (can, must, may, need)

- (i) There are dark clouds in the sky so it ..... rain today.  
 (ii) Your son got first division in board exam. He .....  
 be an intelligent boy.

### Section - C

11/ Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

He covered himself with the blanket as if it were an armour, covered himself so completely that he could hardly breathe. Every moment he expected the devils to come up and clutch at his throat or carry him away, there was the instance of his old friend in the fourth class who suddenly disappeared and was said to have been carried off by a ghost to Siam or Nepal, Swami hurriedly got up and spread his bed under the bench and crouched there.

12/ Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow:  $4 \times 1 = 4$

It was mid-day. Seven and eight people had gathered in our courtyard to supervise the division. We three brothers were present. Mother was not to be seen any where in the vicinity.

We were waiting for the final separation as if ready to slice out the flesh of the domestic body which our parents had nourished since the day of their marriage. And then we would run away in three different directions clutching a piece each.

- (i) How many people gathered in his house?  
 (ii) Why did the people collect in his home?  
 (iii) What was the time?  
 (iv) Find out the word from the passage which means 'the area around a particular place'.

13/ Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context :  $3$

Love came to flora 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

OR

A kind and gentle heart he had  
 To comfort friends and foes  
 The naked everyday he clad  
 When he put on his clothes.

14/ Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

- (i) How many types of violence? What do you know about each type? (On violence)  
 (ii) Describe the kind of person Swami really was and what people took him to be. (A hero)

15/ Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words: 3

- (i) What questions does Think-Tank asked the mirror?  
 (The book that saved the earth)  
 (ii) What did the gentleman give to the thief?  
 (A man's True Son)

16/ Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words :  $2 \times 1\frac{1}{2} = 3$

- (i) What is the greatest hazard in life? (Risk)  
 (ii) Describe the theme of the poem 'my good right hand'.  
 (My good Right hand)  
 (iii) What wonderful event does happen at the end of the poem?  
 (An Elegy on the Death of a mad dog)

17/ Answer any one of the following questions in 80 words : 4

- (i) 'Freedom never comes in a day' Explain it.  
 (Growing up pains)  
 (ii) "Griffin was rather a lawless person" Explain it.  
 (Footprints without Feet)

18/ Answer any one of the following question in 30-40 words : 3

- (i) What was the sergeant describing to the young trainees?  
 (The man who knew too much)  
 (ii) With whom is a drunkard compared?  
 (The imp and the peasants bread)

19/ Answer any one of the following questions in 20-30 words : 3

- (i) When did the incident happen? (Old man at the Bridge)  
 (ii) Why was Mr. Angus angry with High Maharaja?  
 (High Maharaja)

20/ Write a short speech on the 'Importance of Traffic Lights and obeying the rules.  $4$

OR

Why do teenager drivers run more risk on the road?

