

Half-Yearly Examination 2016-17

Class- 11 XI

Time : 3¼ hrs. Subject- ENGLISH

M.M. : 70

General Instructions : (1) This paper is divided into four sections- A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory. (2) Write within word limit.

Section - 'A'

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow : 7

It seems to be essential to the mental health and happiness of every individual that he should have something to which we can assert exclusive possession- something, as we say, that he can call his own. Delight in owning things usually shows itself as early as the second year of life, when the words "my" and "mine" are among the first that the child learns to utter.

Parents and teachers can make use of this characteristics of human nature in many ways. In the home a child can be led to acquire orderly habits by being encouraged to arrange his own possessions tidily; and this valuable training can be continued at school, where he can be helped to keep carefully arranged samples of his own handiwork, such as drawings, paintings, specimens of his handwriting, well done arithmetic exercise and he like.

Closely linked with pride of possession is an impulse that appears early in the life of most children the impulse to collect things. This too the educator can use to good effect. By the exercise of a little tact he can inspire a child to collect postage stamps and may thus lead him to a lasting interest in history and geography. Or, by encouraging hi to collect wild flowers, shells or pebbles, he may help him to become a naturalist.

- (i) What is essential to the mental health and happiness of every individual?
- (ii) How can a child be led to acquire orderly habits?
- (iii) In which subjects can interest be created by stamp collection?
- (iv) How can we help a child to become a naturalist?
- (v) Who can make use of human nature in many ways?
- (vi) Which valuable training can be continued at school?
- (vii) Find the words fro the passage which mean :
(a) an expert in a natural history (b) owing.

or

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows :

Swami Vivekananda was born in aristocratic Bengali Kayastha family

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of Calcutta on January 12, 1863. Vivekananda's parents influenced his thinking—his father by his rationality and his mother by her religious temperament.

From his childhood, he showed an inclination towards spirituality and God realization. His guru, Ramakrishna taught him Advaita Vedanta (non-dualism); that all religions are true and that service to man was most effective worship of God. After death of his Guru, Vivekananda became a wandering monk, touring the Indian Subcontinent and acquiring first hand knowledge of conditions in India.

He had desire to know the truth about God, he questioned people of holy reputation, asking them if they had seen God. He found such a person in Shri Ramakrishna, who came his master, allayed his doubts, gave him God vision, and transformed him into sage and prophet with authority to teach.

- (i) When was Swami Vivekananda born?
- (ii) What was influence upon Swami Vivekananda of his parents?
- (iii) What did Ramakrishna teach Swami Vivekananda?
- (iv) asking them if they had seen God.
To whom does the word "them" here refer to?
- (v) Where did Swami Vivekananda travel as a wandering monk?
- (vi) Find the words from passage which mean :
 - (i) having the ways of person of noble birth.
 - (ii) quality of reasoning.
- (vii) Find out opposite words from passage :
 - (i) False
 - (ii) reluctance.

Section - 'B'

2. Write a task in 100-200 words giving description of an incident on 'A Train Accident' based on the hints given below : 7

- (i) a train accident, (ii) Maitrain run into the goods train. (iii) Last two bogies were safe (iv) Injured to hospital, 5 lac for dead (v) Heart rending.

or

Describe the process of 'opening a Bank Account' with the help of the following hints in about 100-120 words :

take form, fill it, paste photo, deposit money, specimen signature, complete.

3. Write an article about 100-120 words "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao". 7

or

Prepare a speech in about 100-120 words on "The Village Life".

4. Write a letter to the chairman, Municipal Board, of your town complaining about insanitary condition in your locality. 7

or

Imagine you are Vinit, a student of class XI A, Your younger brother is

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also in class XI B. Write an application to your principal for changing section.

Section - 'C'

5. Some parts of speech are given below. Using these words make a correct and meaningful sentences : 5

- (i) Aksinov/not/done/had/he/it/I swore.
- (ii) thunder storm/one day/ broke out/ a/ heavy.
- (iii) looked/ at/ her/ shamnath/ dubiously.
- (iv) It/ sraban/ of/ night/ was/ a dark.
- (v) was flowing/ the bridge/ under/ the/ river.

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners : 3

- (i) Look at apples. This seems to be nice ripe one.
- (ii) It was story of Kumari.
- (iii) Kindly help me with money.

7. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs given in the bracket : 4

- (i) The whole world (require) light.
- (ii) There (be) a hut beside a tank then.
- (iii) I (always regard) it as my duta.
- (iv) They (visit) Ajmer a few days ago.
- (v) The rain (stop) before I skepped out at the house.
- (vi) Man (reach) the Mars by the end of this century.
- (vii) Our class teacher always (come) on time.
- (viii) We (play) a friendly match tomorrow.

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals : 4

- (i) You are the only person who have done it.
- (ii) You not depend on any foreign help.
- (iii) Yes, I gladly give them to you.
- (iv) He has two cars. He be a rich man.
- (v) you please tell me the time?
- (vi) Sita attend your birthday party.
- (vii) You to visit him from time to time.
- (viii) This be enough.

Transform the following sentences as directed : 6

- (i) Seing a lion he ran away at once (As soon as)
- (ii) He is too weak to walk (so..... that)
- (iii) He does not smoke. He does not drink (neighter.... nor)
- (iv) Radha dance as good as Shyama (Rewrite using 'better')
- (v) If you do not hurry up, you will miss the train (unless)
- (vi) Come to me and I will help you. (use 'if')

Section - 'D'

10. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 5
Bansilal's train was late and it reached Mumbai a little after midnight. If

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was his first visit to city, and he did not know where to go. He thought he would go to a choultry where he would not have to pay rent, but he did not know how to find one at that hour. He asked a porter to get him a cheap room. The porter said that if Bansilal gave him three rupees, he would take him to one. But Bansilal waived him away and walked out of the station. He wandered through the streets and asked a number of people, but could not find a room cheap enough for him. He sat down on a park bench to think of what he should do next. He was very tired and fell asleep on the bench. He woke up the next morning stiff in every limb but he smiled when he realized that it was the cheapest night's lodging that he had ever had.

- (i) Why did Bansilal think he would go to a Choultry?
 - (ii) What did the porter say to Bansilal?
 - (iii) What did Bansilal do in the park?
 - (iv) What does 'choultry' mean?
 - (v) But Bansilal 'waved him away' What does 'waved' here mean?
11. Answer any two questions each in about 10-15 words : 3
- (i) What will bring happiness, peace and prosperity? (Vision-2020)
 - (ii) What according to the author, are two different Indias?
(What India can teach us)
 - (iii) "That's a lucky sign" what was the lucky sign?
(God see the Truth but Waits)
12. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow : 2
I am Ganga, show from the mountains. The keeper of water, I am the plains, I am the foot hills, I carry the wishes of my streams, To the Sea.
- (i) What is the origin of the Ganga?
 - (ii) How is the Ganga 'the plains' and 'the foot hills'?
13. Answer the following questions (any three) : 6
- (1) 'India can offer a laboratory for the disciplines' What are they.
(What India can Teachers)
 - (2) How can, according to Swami Vivekananda, India be raised?
(India : our Mother land)
 - (3) Why did Sripati perplexed when he returns from Ranihat?
(Living or Dead?)
 - (4) What was an indifference habit of Datta? (The Gold frame)
14. Answer any two of the following questions in about 50-60 words : 4
- (1) Write a note on the satire in the story. (The Gold Frame)
 - (2) "Peace is costly, but it's worth the expense" Explain.
(The Gentlemen of the Jungle)
 - (3) According to the author O.K. can be used in many ways. How? Explain.
(Toasted English)
 - (4) What according to Vivekananda, has kept India alive.
(India : our Mother Land)
 - (5) Attempt a character sketch of Rama Rao.
(Out of Business)