

Half Yearly Examination, 2018-19**Class-XI****Time : 3¼ Hrs. Subject-English (Compulsory) MM. : 70****General Instructions :**

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

Section - A

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions: 7
At the age of 14, Bismillah accompanied his uncle to the Allahabad Music Conference. At the end of his recital, Ustad Faiyaz Khan patted the young boy's back and said, "Work hard and you shall make it". With the opening of the All India Radio in Lucknow in 1938 came Bismillah's big break. He soon became an often heard shehnai player on radio.

When India gained independence on 15 August 1947, Bismillah Khan became the first Indian to greet the nation with his shehnai. He poured his heart out into Raag Kafi from the Red Fort to an audience which included Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, who later gave his famous speech "Tryst with Destiny".

Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to Afganistan where King Zahir Khan was so taken in by the maestro that he gifted him priceless Persian carpets and other souvenirs.

- (i) Where did Bismillah Khan go at the age of 14? 1
(ii) What did Ustad fayas say to Bismillah? 1
(iii) Where did he get his first big break? 1
(iv) Which raag was played by Bismillah from the Red fort on "15 August 1947"? 1
(v) What did King Zahir gift to Bismillah? 1
(vi) Find out the word from the passage which means : 2
(a) a man who is very skilled at playing music.
(b) in foreign country

Section - B

2. Write a task in 100-120 words given description of an event on "Annual Day Function" based on the hints given below: 6
(i) Prizes distributed
(ii) School hall decorated
(iii) Collector Chief guest
(iv) end with national anthem

OR

Write a task in about 100-120 words given description of a process

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for "How to take Admission in a school". based on the hints given below :

- (i) Admission in a school
(ii) Admission Form
(iii) Fill up it
(iv) Attached necessary documents
(v) Name in the attendance register

3. Write an article on "Importance of Morning Walk" in 100-120 words. 6

OR

Write a speech in about 100-120 words on "How useful Mobile for students".

4. You are Jyoti Panwar. Your half yearly examinations are near. write a letter to your district Collector to ban the use of loudspeaker in your village. 6

OR

Write an application to the Principal for the post of Lecturer-in English. Send your full Bio-data.

Section - C

5. Name the part of speech of underlined words in the following sentences : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (i) These cows are grazing grass.
(ii) Rahul purchased a car.
(iii) I eat rice.
(iv) Alas ! what a lazy girl she is.

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

- (i) A snake (kill) by him yesterday.
(ii) He not (see) my pen last night.
(iii) The doctor had come before the patient (die).
(iv) They (learn) computers these days.

7. Rewrite the following sentences using given modals and remove unnecessary words : $\frac{3}{4} \times 4 = 3$

- (i) He is necessary to obey his parents. (must)
(ii) I am able to speak three language. (can)
(iii) It is possible to rain today. (may)
(iv) I promise to do better for you. (will)

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

- (i) Kindly issue me T.C.
(ii) Who can solve the problem?

9. Change the following sentences into "Indirect Speech". $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 3$

- (i) He will say to me, "I was playing with my sister".
(ii) Radha said to her brother, "What are you doing here"?

10. Combine each set of following sentences into one complex sentence as directed : $1 \times 4 = 4$
- Anuj is my friend. His brother reads in your class. (whose)
 - They were playing cricket. I was writing a letter. (when)
 - It rained. I reached home (After)
 - I drink tea. I drink coffee. (as well as)

Section - C

11. Read the following passage and answer the following questions: 5
The nation's strengths predominantly reside in its natural and human resources which we should leverage. Human resources particularly with a large young population is the unique core strength of the nation. There are 700 million people below 35 years of age in the population of a billion people. The nation needs young leaders who can command the change for transformation of India into a developed nation embedded with a knowledge society from now to 20 years.
- What are the nation's strengths? 1
 - Who is the unique core strengths of the nation? 1
 - What does the nation need? 1
 - Find out the opposite words from the passage : 2
(a) weakness (b) followers

OR

Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions : 5

Being an environment- friendly activity eco-tourism aims at promoting environmental values and ethics and preserving nature in its uninterrupted form. It thus benefits wildlife and nature by contributing towards ecological integrity. Participation of the local communities ensures economic benefits for them, which in the longer run can ensure a better status and an easier life.

The mountain Eco systems are a unique creation having an altogether distinct characteristics. Mountain are fragile eco systems and are globally important as water towers of the earth, repositories of rich biological diversity, minerals and forests, target areas for recreation and as a hub of cultural integrity and heritage.

- What is an environment friendly activity? 1
 - What does eco-tourism aim at? 1
 - How does eco-tourism benefits wild life and nature? 1
 - Find out the opposite word from the passage : 2
(a) lose (b) worse
12. Answer the following questions in 15-20 words : $1 \times 4 = 4$
- What was the first vision for the nation? (Vision-2020)
 - What is real patriotism according to "Swami Vivekanand"? (India, Our mother land)

- Who is the ancestor of our domestic poultry?
(Man and Nature in India : The Ecological balance)
 - What are two different Indias? (What India can teach us)
13. Read the following extract and answer the following questions that follow : $1 \times 4 = 4$
- I am drenched in water
I am naked as water
I am clarity
Billy goats
Come down from the mountain
Without finding solitude
Camels returns from the desert
- Who is dressed in water? 1
 - Who comes down from the mountain? 1
 - From where the camels return? 1
 - Find out the of synonym of "being alone". 1

OR

- A piece of silken tassel tipped with gold,
Tied round the wrist by loving sister's hand
A sacred day in Sravan, when the lands
Are bathed in welcome rain. rbseonline.com
- What is Rakhi according to the poet?
 - Who tied the rakhi round the wrist?
 - In which month does Kaksha Bandhan fall?
 - How is the weather in Sravan?
14. Answer the following question in 20-30 words : $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 3$
- What does the birds teach the river? (Songs of Ganga)
 - For whom is this festival important? (Raksha Bandhan)
15. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words : $2 \times 3 = 6$
- "That's a lucky sign" what was the lucky sign (God sees the truth but wails)
 - Why does the train get late? (Out of Business)
 - Why did the man build a very large hut?
(The Gentleman of the Jungle)
16. Answer any one of the following question in 50-60 words : $5 \times 1 = 5$
- Why does Shannath's anger suddenly changes into joy?
(The Boss Come to Dinner)
 - Attempt a character sketch of Rama Rao. (Out of Business)

