

**Half Yearly Examination 2019-20 [SK]**

**Time: 3.15 hrs.**

**Class-11**

**M.M.:70**

**Subject: English Compulsory**

**General Instructions:**

1. All the questions are compulsory.
2. Answer all the parts of a question together a one place.
3. This paper is divided into four sections – A, B, C and D. All are compulsory.

**SECTION- A**

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

Rajasthan is India's largest state, located on its north-eastern border with Pakistan. It is surrounded by the states of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab.

Rajasthan is bisected by the Aravalli hills, dividing it into two distinct landscapes. On the west is Rajasthan's unique feature, the Thar Desert, an area of sand, scrub and thorn. The other is the region to the east of the Aravalli which is more rain-fed and hospitable.

The culture of Rajasthan is defined by the Rajputana Kingdoms that ruled it for centuries; the word Rajput meaning sons of Royalty. The Thar Desert region saw the Desert Kingdoms of Marwar; Modern Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Bikaner. The east saw the kingdoms of Mewar; Modern Chittor and Udaipur, Amber, Jaipur, Bundi and Jhalawar. As a result, Rajasthan has a larger concentration of Forts, Palaces and royal places. This is the reason why tourism is a primary pillar of the economy apart from agriculture and rearing.

The capital Jaipur, with its many famous buildings made of rosy sandstones, is called Pink City. Udaipur has many lakes and the largest palaces complex (city palace) in Rajasthan. Jaisalmer Fort is made of yellow sandstone such that it is called the Golden Fort.

The Amber Fort; the Chittor Fort; the Junagarh Fort; Mehrangarh Fort are among the main fortress attractions.

The Shekhawati region in the north-east offers painted havelis belonging to old business families. Ranthambore and Sariska National Parks are for tigers while Keoladeo Ghana National Park (Bharatpur) is a bird rich wetland, where over 389 species of migratory birds visit every year.

- (i) Why do we call Jaipur a Pink City? 1
- (ii) Where are the painted havelis found? 1
- (iii) What does the word Rajput means? 1
- (iv) Name the states which surrounded Rajasthan? 1
- (v) How many species of migratory birds visit Ghana every year? 1
- (vi) Choose from the passage that means: to breed animals. 1
- (vii) Choose from the passage that means: popular. 1

#### SECTION-B

2. What you saw at the railway platform when you went to the station to receive your father. Write in the description in about 100-120 words using the following hints:

Everyone busy, railway station, receive your father, train was late, great rush and train moved on. 7

OR

One morning you went for swimming with your friends. One of your friends did not know how to swim. Somehow he lost his balance and fell into the river. Write the process how you saved him from drowning with the help of the following hints in about 100-120 words:

Go for swimming, one friend did not know how to swim, slipped, pulled out, unconscious, to hospital, doctor, saved.

3. Write an article in about 100-120 words on "The problem of Unemployment in India." 7

OR

Write a report in about 100-120 words on "Assembly Election in Rajasthan."

4. Write a letter to the secretary, Board of Secondary Education Rajasthan, Ajmer, asking for a migration certificate. 7

OR

You are Sumit living at Krishna Bhawan, Janta Colony, Alwar. You bought a refrigerator from Ajanta Trading Company, Alwar. It does not work properly. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of the shop.

### SECTION-C

5. Underline and name the parts of speech used in following sentence:

- (a) Ram is a good boy. 1  
(b) Sohan writes beautifully. 1  
(c) Hurrah! We won the match. 1  
(d) A letter was written by Ram. 1

6. Fill the blanks with correct forms of the verbs:

- (a) If you \_\_\_\_ (work) hard you will get success. 1  
(b) Look! The bus \_\_\_\_ (come). 1  
(c) The patient \_\_\_\_ (die) before the doctor reached. 1  
(d) He\_\_ just \_\_\_\_ (go) out. 1

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals:

- (a) I \_\_\_\_ swim when I was young. (ability) 1  
(b) We eat so that we \_\_\_\_ live. (purpose) 1  
(c) Work hard lest you \_\_\_\_ fail. 1

8. Change the following sentence into passive voice.

- (a) Which color do you like? 1  
(b) Whom did you suggest? 1  
(b) Help the poor. 1

9. Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech:

- (a) He said to me, "I shall see you tomorrow." 1  
(b) I said to her, "Who are you?" 1  
(c) He said to me, "May you live long!" 1

10. Join the following sentences as directed:

- (a) He is poor. He is honest. (although) 1  
(b) He is weak. I shall teach him. (because) 1

11. Transform the following sentence as directed:

- (a) Tagore was a great poet. (negative) 1  
(b) How beautiful the flower is! (assertive) 1

## SECTION-D

12. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The debt which the world owes to our motherland is immense. Taking country to country, there is no race on this earth to which the world owes so much as to the patient Hindu, the mild Hindu.... Here activity prevailed when even Greece did not exist, when Rome was not thought of, when the very fathers of the modern Europeans lived in the forests and painted themselves blue. Even earlier, when history has no record, and tradition dares not peer into the gloom of that intense past, even from then until now peace before it.

Can you adduce any reason why India should lie in the ebb tide of the Aryan nations? Is she inferior in the intellect? Is she inferior in dexterity? Can you look at her art, at her mathematics, at her philosophy, and answer 'yes'? All that is needed is that she should de-hypnotise herself and wake up from her age-long sleep to take her true rank in the hierarchy of nations...

- (i) To whom does the world owe? 1
- (ii) Which two European countries are named in passage? 1
- (iii) In which ebb tide is India? 1
- (iv) Find from the passage the word that means: 1
- (a) huge (b) put forward as proof or example

13. Answer any three of the following questions in about 10-15 words:

- (i) What will bring happiness, peace and prosperity? 1
- (ii) What according to the author, are two different Indias? 1
- (iii) Who is the ancestor of our domestic poultry? 1
- (iv) What are the national ideals of India? 1
- (v) Name the oldest human right organization? 1

14. Read the following extract and answer the following questions:

In summer I tend watermelons

And in flood I stay

Near the postman's house

I am beggar

I am a clown

And I am shadowless.

- (i) Where does the Ganga stay in flood? 1
- (ii) What does the Ganga do in summer? 1
- (iii) Which figure of speech is used or in the line. "I am a beggar." 2

OR

Mother, I am the one  
 you sent away  
 when the doctor told you I would be  
 a girl- In the end they had to  
 give me an injection to kill me.

- (i) What did the doctor tell the mother? 1
- (ii) Why did they give her an injection? 1
- (iii) Why did the mother send her girl away? 2

15. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words:

- (i) What does the poet say in 'Songs of the Ganga'? Comment. 1½
- (ii) For whom is the festival of Rakhi important? 1½
- (iii) What was not the God's will? 1½

16. Answer any one of the following questions in about 50-60 words:

- (i) Why does Jogmaya upbraid her husband? 3
- (ii) Who gave the feast to the commission and why? 3

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words:

- (i) Which questions did the police officer ask Aksionov? 2
- (ii) Why is the frame maker anxious? 2
- (iii) What did the king command? 2

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