



## Half Yearly Exam - 2021-22

### Class – XI

### Subject – English (Compulsory)

Time : 2¼ Hours

Total Marks : 48

Note : 1. All questions are compulsory. 2. Marks are given before each question. 3. Write Roll No. on the question paper. 4. Don't cross the words limit. 5. Question paper is divided into four parts.

#### SECTION - A (Reading)

✓ Read the following passage carefully and give answer of the following questions. 1×5=5

Vitamin C is an essential ingredient for human beings. It is required for the synthesis of intercellular cement "collagen", which is responsible for keeping various cells of the human body together. As an oxidant, it acts like a cop in the body, apprehending the rowdy molecules called free radicals that are naturally formed during various chemical reaction in the body and have the potential to damage. Vitamin C is also required for dentine formation in the teeth and it also aids in the absorption of iron from the body. Rats have the capacity to synthesis vitamin C with their body whereas human beings are required to provide it through diet. The richest source of vitamin C is amla. The other sources are lemon orange, papaya, pineapple, cabbage, cauliflower, green peas and tomato. While cooking above 70 degree centigrade vitamin C gets destroyed.

Scurvey is a disease caured by the deficiency of this vitamin. Due to its deficiency, gums are swollen or bleeding, bones are weak and readily fractured, delayed wound healing and poor teeth formation in children result. A balanced diet with vitamin C is the requirement to avoid scurvy. For pregnant or lactating mothers vitamin C is the remedy.

- (a) Why is vitamin 'C' is important for us ? 1  
 (b) What are the sources of vitamin C ? 1  
 (c) What are the bad effects due to the deficiency of vitaminC ? 1  
 (d) Write the synonyms of the word necessary, from the passage. 1  
 (e) Write the antonyms of the word strong, from the passage. 1

✓ Read the passage carefully and give answers of the questions given below. 1×3=3

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a Clean India drive and mission launched as a national campaign by the Indian Government in order to cover the GOC, statutory towns aiming maintained cleanliness of streets, roads and infrastructure of the country. Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has officially launched this mission on 2nd October (the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi) in 2014 at Rajghat, New Delhi.

On the day of launch of the event, the PM himself nominated the names of nine (09) people to participate in the cleanliness drive in their areas. Schools and Colleges have participated in the event by organizing many cleanliness activities according to their own themes. Students of India participated in this event. PM has also requested all these nine nominees to call another nine people separately to participate in this cleanliness drive as well as continue the chain of calling nine people by each and every participating members of the mission until the message reaches to the every Indian in every corner of the country so make it a national mission.

- (a) When has 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' officially launched? 1  
 (i) 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (ii) 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
 (iii) 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 (iv) 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015
- (b) What is the Swachh Bharat mission? 1  
 (i) A clean India drive (ii) A mission for satellites  
 (iii) A mission for missile (iv) None of these
- (c) Choose from the following the similar word for 'to take part or become involved.' 1  
 (i) parole (ii) partial (iii) participate (iv) protest

### SECTION - B (Writing)

3. Describe with the help of the following hints the process of getting a seat reserved on a train. 'How to get Reservation in a Train' fill the form → train name and number → dates of journey → passenger's details → submit the form → check availability → seat available → deposit the amount → ticket → issued. (100 words) 5

Or

You were the participant of your school quiz team which won the RBSE Quiz contest at the state level. Describe your experience of the event with the help of the following hints - (100 Words)  
 participants — quiz contest — general knowledge — very sharp team — result — won the quiz — trophy.

4. Write a report on 'The District Level Kabad di Tournament' held at Adarsh Stadium, Barmer last month. (80 words) 4

Or

Write a short composition on 'the importance of discipline in life'. (80 words)

5. You are Himanshu Choudhary, living at 55 Vivek Vihar Colony, Bijarad, Barmer. You are suffering from the problem of poor internet connectivity in your area. Write a letter of complaint to the manager, BSNL, Barmer, requesting him to solve the problem of internet connectivity. Or 5

You are sports secretary of your school. Your school need some sports items for the preparation of state level tournament. Write a letter to the dealer placing an order for some sports items.

### SECTION - C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with the help of the correct determines given in the brackets. 1-4=4  
 (i) Amar \_\_\_\_\_ for morning walk daily. (go)

- (ii) Water \_\_\_\_\_ at 100° C. (boil)  
 (iii) The students \_\_\_\_\_ their homework before the teacher entered the classroom. (complete).  
 (iv) Shyam \_\_\_\_\_ me his bike yesterday. (not give).

Fill in the blanks with the help of the correct determiners given in the brackets. 1 × 4 = 4

- (i) Amitabh is \_\_\_\_\_ honourable man. (a/an/the)  
 (ii) He is pursuing \_\_\_\_\_ university course. (a/an/the)  
 (iii) Is there \_\_\_\_\_ letter for me? (some/any)  
 (iv) Geeta has \_\_\_\_\_ books to read. (much/many)

### SECTION - D (Text Books)

Read the following extract and give answers of the questions given below. 1 × 3 = 3

Only in the afternoon, she relaxed for a while to feed the sparrows. While she sat in the varandah breaking the bread into little bits, hundreds of little birds collected round her creating a veritable bedlam of chirpings. Some came and perched on her legs, others on her shoulders some even sat on her head. She smiled but never shooed them away. It used to be the happiest half-hour of the day for her.

When I decided to go abroad for further studies, I was sure my grandmother would be upset. I would be away for five years, and at her age one could never tell. But my grandmother could. She was not even sentimental. She came to leave me at the railway station but did not talk or show any emotion.

- (i) When did the author's grandmother feel the relaxed?  
 (ii) How long did it take the author to complete his study abroad?  
 (iii) Which was the happiest hour of the day for her?

Or

After months of carefully recording the pharaohs's funerary treasures, Carter began investigating his three nested coffins. Opening the first, he found a shroud adorned with garland of willow and olive leaves, wild celery, lotus petals and cornflowers, the faded evidence of a burial in March or April. When he finally reached, though, he ran into trouble. The ritual resins had hardened, cementing Tut to the bottom of his solid gold coffin. "No amount of legitimate force could move them", Carter wrote later, "what was to be done?" The sun can feat down like a hammer this far south in Ezypt, and Carter tried to use it to loosen the resins.

- (i) What did Carter do for months?  
 (ii) What did Carter find when he opened the first layer of coffin?  
 (iii) What happened to the ritual resins?

9. Give the answer of any four questions. 1 × 4 = 4

- (i) How did the author's grand mother look like? (The Potrait of a Lady)

- (ii) Why did the grandmother recite the prayer while she bathed the author ? (The Portrait of a Lady)
- (iii) What was the enormous cloud ? (We're not Afraid... to Die... if we can All Be Together)
- (iv) How did the captin come to know that wavewalker was near capsizing ? (We're not Afraid... to Die... if we can All Be Together)
- (v) Who was king Tut ? (Discoverng Tut : the Saga continues)
- (vi) When did Tut die ? (Discoverng Tut : the Saga continues)
10. Read the following stanza and give the answers of the following questions. 1×3=3
- The Cardboard shows me how it was  
 when the two girls cousins went paddlinge.  
 Each one holding one of my mother's hands,  
 And she the big girl - some twelve years or so.  
 All three stood still to smile through their hair.  
 At the uncle with the camera.
- (i) What does the cardboard stand for here ?
- (ii) What does the poet see in the photo ?
- (iii) Who was the big girl ? **Or**
- Till the goldfinch comes, with a twitching chirrup.  
 A suddenness, a startlement, at a branch end.  
 Then sleek as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt.  
 She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up  
 of chitterings, and a tremor of wings, and trillings.
- (i) How does the goldfinch come ?
- (ii) What happens when the goldfinch comes ?
- (iii) With whom has a goldfinch been compared in sleekness ?
11. Write the answers of any three questions. (Word limit 10-15 words) 1×3=3
- (i) The poet's mother laughed at the snapshot. What did this laugh indicate ? (A Photograph)
- (ii) What is the message behind the poem. (A Photograph)
- (iii) What do you notice about the beginning of the poem ? (The Laburnum Top)
- (iv) To what is the bird's movement compared ? (The Laburnum Top)
12. Give a character-sketch of mourad. (The Summer of Beautiful White Horse) 3
13. Write answer of any two questions given below - 1 2 2
- (i) Why did the narrator visit Mrs. Dorling ? (The Address)
- (ii) Who is Ranga ? (Ranga's Marriage)
- (iii) What is the Albert's opinion regarding education ? (Albert Einstein at School)