



Half Yearly 2021-22

Class - XI

Subject - English (Compulsory)

Time : 2.45 Hours

Marks : 48

- Note : 1. All the questions are compulsory.
2. Marks of every question have been shown at the front

Section A

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following question

1. Ravindranath Thakur was born in Calcutta on May 7, 1861. His father Devendranath Thakur, was a well-known social and religious leader and was called Maharshi. Devendranath though a religious leader, Devendranath was very broad minded and he encouraged his son to think independently.

In school, Ravindranath found the teaching too elementary. It did not take his high intelligence. He was given 'Macbeth' to translate and to everyone's surprise Ravindranath made a very good translation into Bengali. However his limitless curiosity to know more and newer things could not be satisfied in school. It was therefore decided to withdraw him from there. For four years from the age of thirteen to seventeen, he studied at home. About the same time he was drawn to nature and arts. For hours and watch the changing moods of the mighty river. He also started composing verse and learning music.

Question-

- (i) Who was famous as 'Maharshi' 1
(a) Ravindranath Thakur (b) Macbeth क. ७.३

(c) Devendranath Thakur. (d) Ganga

(ii) When and where was he born?

(iii) Why was he decided to withdraw him from school?

(iv) What was his father

(v) Find out the word from the passage which means -

"A strong desire to know or learn sometimes."

2. **War is the social cancer of mankind. It is a pernicious form of ignorance for it destroyed not only 'enemies' but also the whole superstructure to which it is a part and thus eventually it defects itself. Nations live in state of anarchy not in a state of law. And like cancer cells, nations do not know that their ultimate self interest lies in preserving the health and harmony of the whole body for if that body is morally wounded then no nation can survive and flourish. If the aim of life is self preservation, we must tame or life is self preservation we must tame or eradicate the cancer cells of was in the social organism. And this can be done only when nation begin to recognize that 'what may seem to be' in the national interest can not be opposed to the common interest to mankind or born the nation and mankind. Will die in this conquest**

(i) What is war

(ii) Why is war a pernicious form of ignorance?

(iii) Who will die in this 'conquest'?

(iv) Find the words from the passage which mean -

(a) Lawlessness (b) Victory

SECTION-B

- 3 Write a task in 100-120 words giving discription of an event on carrer Day in school based on hims given below - 4

- (i) Useful for students
- (ii) Information of diffrent academic fields
- (iii) Exhibition
- (iv) Expert advise

Or

Write a task in 100-120 words giving description of a process for " opening a bank account" based on the hint given below:-

- (i) To open a bank account
 - (ii) Fill up the form
 - (iii) Necessary documents
 - (iv) Deposite with intial amount
 - (v) Account no and passbook.
- 4 Prepare a report in 100-120 words under the heading "A Bank Robbery" 5

Or

Write a Speech in about 100-120 words on corona A pandemic

- 5 You are Rakesh/Rakhi living in newai write a letter to the chairman municipal board of yours town complaining about insantary condition of yours locality 5

Or

You are Radhika studying in Govt. sr sec school Tonk write a letter to yours principal to request him to arrange extra-classes for english

6 Fill in the blanks with suitable determiner (Any-3) 3

(i) Have you _____ difficulty? (some/any)

(ii) I have _____ money (some/any)

(iii) There was _____ traffic on the road (much/many)

(iv) Honesty is _____ best policy (A/the)

(v) _____ people are happy in this world (a few/a little)

7 Choose the correct form of verb (Any-3)

(i) Water _____ at 100 centigrade

(a) boils (b) ~~boils~~ boiled

(c) boil (d) ~~boil~~ boiling

(ii) Ram _____ him a letter last week

(a) writes (b) ~~writes~~ wrote

(c) has written (d) will write

(iii) Deepa _____ when he came

(a) is studying (b) studied

(c) has written (d) ~~is~~ will studying

(iv) My brother _____ a house next year

(a) will buy (b) shall buy

(c) ~~is~~ bought (d) has bought

(v) I _____ as a teacher since 2018

- (a) am working (b) was working
 (c) have been working (d) work

Choose suitable modals from the given hints in bracket 3

(Can, will, could, used, to, may)

- (i) Radha _____ speak english well (ability)
 (ii) I _____ do better next time (promise)
 (iii) _____ God bless you (Bless)

SECTION-D

9 Read the passage and answer the given questions:-

My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple the priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayers while the children sat in sours on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayers in a chorus My grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures, when we had both finished we would walk back together this time the village dogs would meet us at the temple door they followed us to our home growling and fighting with each other for the chapattis we throw to them

- (i) who always went to school with author ? 1
 (ii) what did they throw to village dogs ? 1

Or

In July 1976 my ~~bro~~ ^{only} son Jhonthon 6 daughter suzanne 7 and I set sail from plymouth, england to duplicated the round the

world voyage made 200 years earlier by captain James cook
 For the longest time mary and I - a 37 years old business man
 had dreamt of sailing in the wake of the famous explores
 and for the past 16 years we had spent all our leisure time
 honing our seafaring skills in british waters

(i) who was mary?

(ii) For how much time had the writer been preparing for the
 voyage?

10. Answer the following questions (Any three)

(i) When was Tut's tomb discovered and by whom?

(ii) why did the grandmother hate music?

(iii) What happened at dawn on 2 January, found in Tut's tomb.

11. Read the extract and answer the question -

The carboard shows me how it was when the two girl
 cousins went paddling each one holding one of my mother's
 hands And she the big girl some twelve years or so.

(i) What is the name of the poem? 1

(ii) How many girls were there? 1

(Or

The laburnum top is silent, quite still In the afternoon yellow
 september sunlight A few leaves yellowing all its reeds fallen

(i) Name the poet of this poem? 1

(ii) Which month is the poet talking about? 1

12. Answer these questions (any-3)

(i) Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet?

(The laburnum)

(ii) What has the camera captured? (A photo grapher)

(iii) What are the girls doing in the photograph?

(A photo grapher)

(iv) To what is the bird 's movement compared and why?

(The laburnum)

13. Answer the questions given below (any-2)

(i) What kind of lady was Mrs. Dorling?

(ii) Who was John Byro and what was his problem?

(iii) Who was Ratna and why was she living with Rama Rao?

(iv) Why did Albert not want to go to school?

14. Say whether the following statements are true or false write 'T' for true and 'F' for false

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(i) The address was no-46 Marconi street

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(ii) Ranga married with Ratna

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(iii) The Armenian tribe was famous for honesty

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