

Half Yearly Examination-2022-23

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Subject : English Compulsory

Time : 3.15 hrs

Class : 11

MM : 70

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STUDENTS:

1. Candidate must write his / her Roll No. on the question paper.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the answer of each question in the answer sheet only.
4. For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
5. Write down the serial number of the questions before attempting it.

Section - A (Reading)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

'Health is wealth' goes the saying. By the word 'health' we do not mean only bodily health 'Health' stands for physical health, mental health, emotional health etc. Any disturbance in any of the above is bound to cast its effect on the personality of man.

A balanced diet, calm and quiet temperament and a perfect emotional balance make one happy. Regular habits and proper resources add to healthy living. Physical health depends on the food we take. Mental and emotional health are maintained by good reading materials. A good kind of recreation and entertainment help us in keeping the emotional balance. Good literature, entertaining movies and good environmental surrounding are helpful in a healthy living. A healthy man is without any ailment. He is always pleasing and well composed. He is natural in his living, thinking and action. He does not drag the years of his life. He sails well in the ocean of life enjoying the currents and breeze.

- (i) "Health is" is an old saying. 1
 (a) character (b) worship (c) wealth (d) body
- (ii) Health means 1
 (a) physical health (b) mental health (c) emotional health (d) All of the above
- (iii) Physical health depends on 1
 (a) good reading materials (b) Food
 (c) entertaining movies (d) None of the above
- (iv) What are helpful in a healthy living? 1
 (a) good literature (b) entertaining movies (c) good environment (d) All of the above
- (v) A healthy man is natural in his 1
 (a) living (b) thinking (c) action (d) All of the above

Find the words in the passage which mean :

- (vi) sickness 1
 (vii) films 1

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

Every man that is born in this world has a desire to live well. Life has various aims for various people. To some, life is an empty dream without a motive. They eat and drink and continue to exist for the sake of living. They have no ideal, no mission for which to struggle and fight. Their ideal is to eat well to make merry and enjoy the material things of life. Their activities aim at amassing wealth by hook or by crook and using that wealth for the sake of luxury and comfort and pleasures.

Life is however, not so easy at present. Even to make money for the sake of comforts and Luxuries. You have got to work hard and perform social duties before the society can allow you to earn a lot of money

and amass wealth. Modern states work under certain principles of social behaviour and do not allow people to go about making money without caring to perform certain duties which are useful to society. A businessman or an industrialist must pay his workers well so that the workers does his duty honestly and diligently and enables the entrepreneur to make profits from the goods produced.

Life is complicated in modern life. It needs be well planned if you want to achieve something worthwhile.

- (i) What is the desire of every man in this world? 1
 (a) to eat well (b) to sleep well (c) to live well (d) to drink well 1
- (ii) What is the ideal of a majority of people? 1
 (a) to make merry (b) to eat well
 (c) to enjoy the material things (d) All of the above 1
- (iii) Life is in modern life. 1
 (a) easy (b) complicated (c) comfortable (d) None 1
- (iv) A majority of people use wealth on 1
 (a) luxury (b) comfort (c) pleasures (d) All of the above 1
- (v) What is needed to achieve something worthwhile? 1
 (a) good planning (b) money (c) hard work (d) None 1
- (vi) Choose from the passage a word that is opposite to : lose 1
- (vii) Choose from the passage a word that means : valuable 1

Section - B (Writing)

3.5 Write a task in 100 - 120 words giving description of an event on 'Celebrations on Diwali' based on the hints given below : 7

- (i) Diwali - full of light & full of events
 (ii) In the evening, we light candles
 (iii) Fired crackers and enjoyed sweets
 (iv) An eventful festival

OR

Write a task in 100 - 120 words giving description of a process for 'Getting a Driving Licence Issued' based on the hints given below :

- (i) To get a Driving Licence Issued
 (ii) Buy a form and fill it up
 (iii) Attach necessary documents
 (iv) Deposit the fee and pass the tests.

4.5 Write an article in about 100 - 120 words on 'A Morning Walk'. 7

OR

Write a speech in about 100 - 120 words on 'Teacher's Day'.

5.5 Write a letter to the collector of your district to close the shop of wine near your school. 7

OR

6. Suppose you are Ashok / Kavita, a student of Govt. Senior Secondary School Ratangarh. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him / her to allow you to play a friendly cricket match on the school playground.

Section - C (Grammar)

6.4 Fill in the blanks with suitable determiner :

- (i) He is honourable member of this club. 1
 (a / an / the)

- (ii) How milk do you take daily? (much / many) 1
- (iii) It is difficult to run a school with so students. (few / little) 1
- (iv) His father was going to school. (a / an / the) 1
- (v) The man is a postman or a police man. (either / neither) 1

7. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of verbs.

- (i) The sun in the East. 1
- (a) rises (b) rose (c) has risen (d) rising
- (ii) The students making noise since morning. 1
- (a) is (b) has been (c) have been (d) are
- (iii) India Free in 1947. 1
- (a) become (b) becomes (c) becoming (d) became
- (iv) He English for the last two years. 1
- (a) has been learning (b) have been learning (c) is learning (d) are learning

8.5 Fill in the blanks with correct modal :

- (i) Ravi is very rich. He marry his daughter to a doctor. [can / could] 1
- (ii) Yesterday I was ill. I not attend the meeting. [should / could] 1
- (iii) You consult a good doctor. [should / would] 1
- (iv) students respect their teachers. [must / may] 1
- (v) you live long ! [may / might] 1

Section - D (Textual Questions)

9. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

When I went in to comfort the children, "Jon asked, "Daddy, are we going to die?" I tried to assure him that we could make it. "But, Daddy," he went on, "We aren't afraid of dying if we can an be together - You and Mummy, sue and I".

I could find no words with which to respond, but I left the children's cabin determined to fight the sea with everything I had. To protect the weakened starboard side, I decided to heave to - with undamaged port hull facing the oncoming waves, using an improvised sea anchor of heavy nylon rope and two 22 litre plastic barreis of paraffin.

- (i) What did Jon ask his father? 1
- (ii) Was Jon afraid of dying? 1
- (iii) Find out the word from the passage which mean : Reply 1

OR

In fifteenth century Antwerp, a master blacksmith called Quinten Metsys fell in love with a painter's daughter. The father would not accept a son-in-law in such a profession so Quinten sneaked into the painter's studio and painted a fly on his latest panel, with such delicate realism that the master tried to swat it away before he realised what had happened. Quinten was immediately admitted as an apprentice into his studio. He married his beloved and went on to become one of the most famous painters of his age.

- (i) Why did the painter not want to give his daughter to Quinten in marriage? 1
- (ii) What did Quinten do to impress the painter? 1
- (iii) Find out the word from the passage which mean : a learner of art. 1

10 - 13 Answer (Any Four) of the following questions :

- (i) Why did the grandmother always go to school with the author? (The Portrait of a Lady) 1
- (ii) What do you know about King Tut? (Discovering Tut : The saga continues) 1

(iii) How did the travellers feel when they saw the islands? ("We're Not Afraid to Die if we can All Be Together") 1

(iv) What are the principal biological systems of the earth? (The Ailing Planet : The Green Movement's Role) 1
(Landscape of the soul)

(v) Who was Quinten? (The Portrait of a Lady) 1

(vi) How did the grandmother spend her time in the city? 1

14. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

2 All three stood still to smile through their hair
At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,
My mother's, that was before I was born.
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet.

- (i) Why did the girls stand still? 1
- (ii) The girls stood still to smile through their hair? Why through their hair? 1
- (iii) How does the poet bring out the contrast between the sea and the feet that it washed? 1
- (iv) What does the poetess mean by "their terribly transient feet"? 1

OR

And who art thou? said I to the soft - falling shower,
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated.
I am the Poem of Earth. Said the voice of the rain,
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land the bottomless sea,
Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether
Changed, and yet the same.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet. 1
- (ii) Who is speaking and to whom? 1
- (iii) Explain the phrase 'Strange to tell'. 1
- (iv) In what manner does the rain rise? 1

15-17 Answer (Any Three) of the following questions.

- (i) What are the girls doing in the photograph? (A Photograph) 1
- (ii) What shows that it is the autumn season? (The Laburnum Top) 1
- (iii) How does the rain give life to its own origin? (The voice of the Rain) 1
- (iv) Which local bird is like the godfinch? (The Laburnum Top) 1

18-19 Answer (Any Two) of the following questions.

- (i) Who was John Byro and what was his problem? (The summer of the beautiful white horse) 1½
- (ii) What kind of lady was Mrs. Dorling? (The Address) 1½
- (iii) How does Mrs. Pearson win over her children and husband? (Mother's Day) 1½

20-21 Answer (Any Two) of the following questions.

- (i) What did Elsa think of Albert? (Albert Einstein at school) 2
- (ii) How does the narrator describe his village Hoshahalli? (Ranga's marriage) 2
- (iii) Where did they hide the horse and why? (The summer of the beautiful white horse) 2