

कुल प्रश्न संख्या-12

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# Half Yearly Examination 2019-20

CLASS - 12

BS-802

## SUBJECT - ENGLISH COMPULSORY

Time : 3.15 Hours

M.M. : 70

### General Instructions :

- (i) All the questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Write the answers in the given answer book only.
- (iii) Observe word limit wherever mentioned.
- (iv) Attempt all the parts of the questions.

### SECTION-A

#### (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 1 × 9 = 9

One summer day in 1955, on a beach near the village of Opononi, New Zealand, 13-year-old Jill Baker waded into the water to join a friend, one of the strangest playmates the world has ever known. A torpedo-like body streaked towards her and swam between her legs, spilling her into the surf. She put her arms around the huge creature, got on its back and took a ride. Later Jill tossed a beach ball to her playmate. Rising from the water, huge mouth spread in a grin, the creature batted it back with its nose. As the game progressed, people gathered on the beach staring in amazement. Jill Baker's playmate was a porpoise.

The ancients, who called the porpoise a dolphin, knew him as friendly. "He is the only creature who loves man for his own sake", wrote Plutarch. "Some land animals avoid man

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altogether, and the tame ones such as dogs and horses are tame because he feeds them. To the dolphin alone, nature has given what the best philosophers seek: friendship for no advantage". Pliny the Elder wrote of a wild porpoise that took a boy for a ride at Hippo, a Roman settlement in Africa; Roman coins of 74 B.C. show such a scene.

Everything about the porpoise could be written in superlatives. Not a fish but an air-breathing mammal, he swims incredibly fast, kills sharks, communicates with his own kind, herds fish. He may have the world's best sonar equipment. One scientist believes that his brain is so similar to a human being's that he might even be taught to talk.

- (i) Who was Jill Baker's playmate?
- (ii) How did the creature react when Jill tossed a beach ball to the creature?
- (iii) What did Jill Baker do when a Torpedo like body swam between her legs?
- (iv) What did Plutarch write about the dolphin?
- (v) What was nature given to the dolphin alone?
- (vi) What type of scene is shown on Roman coins?
- (vii) Find out the word from the passage which means :
  - (a) Close
  - (b) Large
- (viii) An animal which feeds their young ones from their breast.

**(Reading-II)**

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

New Building of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly is one of the most modern legislative complexes in India. Situated in a

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sprawling 16.96 acres campus - in Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur. Work on this Project commenced in November 1994 and completed in March 2001.

(The exterior of the building has been provided with famous traditional features of Rajasthan such as Jharokas, Chhatris, Kamani, Baradaris, Arches, Todies etc. in Jodhpur and Bansi Paharpur stone. The interior entrance lounges have been decorated in the famous Rajasthani traditional art on walls and ceilings representing traditional art of four regions of Jaipur, Shekhawati, Marwar and Mewar.

The building is an eight storeyed frame structure having height of 145 feet and floor area of 6.08 lac sqft. The main dome has a diameter of 104 feet. The assembly hall has a seating capacity for 260 members and a hall of identical capacity over it at fifth floor for future Vidhan Parishad (Upper House).

The building has been provided with following modern facilities :

- Central Air-Conditioning upto third floor
- Fire Detection and Fire Fighting System
- Electronic Voting and Sound System
- Audio-Video Recording System
- Lifts 4 nos.
- LAN and Personal Computers
- Two generator sets
- Three Tube Wells and Pump House
- Security System with Closed Circuit TVMS and Parcel Viewers
- Power Supply from G.S.S. Chambal & Mansarovar
- EPABX including Electronic Mail System, Fax etc.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using heading and sub-headings.

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- (b) Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. 2

**SECTION-B**

**(Writing)**

3. You are Deepika studying in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer. Your school is organising an educational tour to Mt. Abu. Draft a notice informing the students in about 50 words. 4

OR

You are Aruna. You have been invited by Mr. & Mrs. Sharma to attend their son's wedding. Write a formal reply accepting the invitation.

4. Write a report in about 100 words on "The Prize Distribution Function of your School." 4

OR

Write a factual description on how to use an ATM card.

5. Write a letter of application with curriculum vital in reply to the following advertisement. 6

**WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**KOTA**

Oct 20, 2019

Applications are invited for the post of L.D.C., pay as per the grade. Age not exceeding 35 years, Qualification graduate will experience of 2 years and good knowledge of computers.

OR

Suppose you are Pawan studying in Tilak Sr. Sec School. Triveni Nagar, Jaipur. Write an official letter to your principal complaining about the poor condition of your classroom.

6. Write an article on "Demonitization". 6

OR

Write a speech in about 100 words on the Topic "Benefits of Yoga"

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**SECTION-C**

(Textual Questions)

7. Because I set no snare  
but leave them flying free,  
All the birds of the air  
Belong to me.

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- (i) Who sets no snare for the birds?  
(ii) Why do all the birds belong to the poet?

OR

Hope is given different names  
Some call it expectation,  
Others term it future relevance  
Some others think it is a measure of benefaction

- (i) What is given different names?  
(ii) What are the different names given to hope?

8. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words: 3

- (i) What does hope kill? (The Hope)  
(ii) Mention the qualities of an oak? (The Noble Nature)  
(iii) Which birds does the poet mention in the poem in particular. (A Boys Song)  
(iv) Who sighs like a thrush? (The Seven Ages of Man)

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: 8

- (i) What were Mrs. Malik's plans regarding the old furniture? (A Room 10' × 8')  
(ii) When does the narrator give away his artistic articles? (Third Thoughts)  
(iii) Which diseases are caused by stress. (How Yoga Heals)  
(iv) Where did the narrator eat a nice meal one evening and how did he feel after eating it? (A walk Though the Fire)

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10/ Answer the question in 125 words.

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Why does the writer compare water with elixir?

(Water)

OR

What did Gandhiji do to uplift culturally and socially the people of Champaran Valley?

(Indigo)

11/ Answer the following question in 125 words:

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Write a character-sketch of the author's grandmother.

(The Portriact of a Lady)

OR

Discuss the character of Miss TreneAdler.

(Trouble in Bohemia)

12. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words :

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(i) How was prince Jung Bahadur brought up?

(The Tiger King)

(ii) What is the meaning of the word svayamvara?

(Svayamvara)

(iii) Describe the two times when Gaffur lost his temper?

(Drought)

(iv) How were Jim and Della planning to celebrate Christmas?

(The Gift of the Magi)



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