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## Half Yearly Examination - 2022-23

Subject : English

MM : 70

Time : 3.15 hrs

Class : XII (Twelveth)

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

1. Candidate must write their Roll No. on the question paper.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.

## SECTION-A

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows :

There are two problems which cause great worry to our educationists - the problem of religious and moral instruction in a land of many faiths and the problem arising out of a large variety of languages. Taking up the education of children we see that they should be trained to love one another, to be kind and helpful to all, to be tender to the lower animals and to observe and think rightly. The task of teaching them how to read and write and to count and calculate is important, but it should not make us lose sight of the primary aim of moulding personality in the right way. For this, it is necessary to call into aid, culture, tradition and religion. But in our country we have, in the same school, to look after boys and girls born in different faiths and belonging to families that live diverse ways of life and follow different forms of worship associated with different denominations of religion. It will not do to tread the easy path of evading the difficulty by attending solely to physical culture and intellectual education. We have to evolve a suitable technique and method for serving the spiritual needs of school children professing different faiths. We should thereby promote an atmosphere of mutual respect, a fuller understanding and helpful co-operation among the different communities in our society. Again we must remain one people and we have therefore to give basic training in our schools to speak and understand more languages than one and to appreciate and respect the different religions prevailing in India. It is not right for us in India to be dissuaded from this by considerations as to overtaking the young minds. What is necessary must be done. And it is not in the fact too great a burden.

Any attempt to do away with or stream roll the differences through governmental coercion and indirect pressure would be as futile as it would be unwise. Any imposition of a single way of life and form of worship on all children or neglect of a section of the pupils in this respect or barren secularisation will lead to conflict between school and home life which is harmful. On the other hand, if we give due recognition to the different prevailing faiths in the educational institutions by organising suitable facilities for religious teaching for boys and girls of all communities, this may itself serve as a broadening influence of great national values.)

## Questions :

1. Which two problems have our educationists to face? 1
2. What is the primary aim of the education of children? 1
3. How should the problem of religious and moral instruction be dealt with? 1
4. Which basic training is the writer talking about? 1
5. What harm can be done if one culture and one faith are imposed on all children? 1
6. How can our great national values be made more influential? 1
7. Find out a word from the passage which means : 1
7. Shaping ..... 1
8. Different ..... 1
9. Infertile ..... 1

10. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

There are seven schools of Yoga, differing from one another, and yet having a common objective. The system expounded by Patanjali in his 'Yoga Sutras' is that of Raja Yoga and includes much of the teaching of the other six. 'Hatha Yoga' consists largely of a system of bodily exercises calculated to stimulate the mental and spiritual faculties. 'Mantra Yoga' is a ritualistic course of meditation on certain mystical syllables. 'Bhakti Yoga' emphasises devotion. The remaining schools do not command much importance.

It may be worthwhile examining if the Yoga method and the modern technique of mental hygiene have any common features. Yoga in the words of Patanjali is attained by studying the fluctuations of the mind.

The student of Yoga is necessarily one who is dissatisfied with his own adaptation to life and to external world, for no other reason would induce a man to engage in such an exacting course. His search is not avowedly a search for God, but rather a striving for self-knowledge and internal mental balance. Patanjali says that if the student is of such a temperament that the idea of God appeals to him, that is to be encouraged, for the approach to equilibrium through devotion to God is thereby made the more rapid.

If, on the other hand, the student is unable to accept the hypothesis of God, there are other paths of approach. Yoga, in other words, encourages but does not insist upon the devotional approach. Even though Mental Hygiene is intimately associated with ethics and religion and this study must confine itself to the psychological aspects of the subject.

Choose the correct alternative :

- (i) How many schools of Yoga are there? 1  
 (a) Five (b) Six (c) Seven (d) Eight
- (ii) Who has expounded the system of Raja Yoga in his Yoga Sutras? 1  
 (a) Patanjali (b) Baba Ramdev (c) God (d) Ethics
- (iii) Which Yoga consists largely a system of bodily exercises? 1  
 (a) Raja Yoga (b) Hatha Yoga (c) Mantra Yoga (d) Bhakti Yoga
- (iv) What is intimately associated with ethics and religion? 1  
 (a) Physical hygiene (b) Cultural hygiene  
 (c) Mental hygiene (d) Environmental hygiene
- (v) Antonym of 'internal' is: 1  
 (a) external (b) temperament (c) balance (d) exercises
- (vi) Choose from the following the similar word for a 'State of Balance' is: 1  
 (a) aspects (b) equilibrium (c) reason (d) technique

(SECTION-B)

XII Combine the sentences using the words given in brackets :

- (i) The boy was intelligent. He topped the class. (who) 1
- (ii) We love everyone. None will be our enemy. (if) 1

12. Fill in the blanks by choosing words given in brackets :

- (i) He was ..... tired ..... he couldn't walk. (so-that / too-to) 1
- (ii) ..... you work hard. You will fail. (unless / if) 1
- (iii) He agreed to ..... my orders. (carry on/carry out) 1
- (iv) What is the time ..... your watch? (by/in/of) 1

13. Choose the correct alternative :

- (i) The friend of the narrator whom he talked was a ..... 1  
 (a) Scientist (b) Psychiatrist (c) Station master (d) Stamp vendor
- (ii) The landscape of Antarctica is ..... 1  
 (a) white (b) green (c) blue (d) black
- (iii) The name of Sadao's wife is ..... 1  
 (a) Julie (b) Maria (c) Hana (d) Elizabeth
- (iv) Derry's face was burnt by ..... 1  
 (a) Fire (b) Acid (c) Candle light (d) Electric wire

14. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

One dark evening as he was trudging along the road, he caught sight of a little gray cottage by the roadside, and he knocked on the door to ask shelter for the night. Nor was he refused. Instead of the sour faces which ordinarily met him, the owner, who was an old man without wife or child, was happy to get someone to talk to in his loneliness. Immediately he put the porridge pot on the fire and gave him supper. Then he carved off such a big slice from his tobacco roll that it was enough both for the stranger's pipe and his own. Finally he got out an old pack of cards and played 'mjolis' with his guest until bed time.

Questions :

- (i) What did he do when he saw a little cottage? 1
- (ii) What did the old man do for him that evening? 1
- (iii) Find out the word from the passage similar in the meaning to - 'Solitariness'. 1
- (iv) Find out the word from the passage opposite in the meaning to - 'Sweet'. 1

### SECTION-C

Write the answers of the following questions in 20 words :

15. Why has the mother been compared to the 'Late Winter's Moon'? (My Mother at Sixty Six) 2
16. Describe the physical condition of the children of the slum school? (An elementary school classroom in a slum) 2
17. How does a beautiful thing affect us? (A thing of beauty) 2
18. Explain the Stanza with reference to context. (Any One) 6

Perhaps the earth can teach us  
 As when everything seems dead  
 And later proves to be alive  
 Now I'll count up to twelve  
 And you keep quiet and I will go.

OR

And one did stop, but only to plow up grass  
 In using the yard to back and turn around  
 And another to ask the way to where it was bound  
 And another to ask could they sell it a gallon of gas  
 They couldn't (this crossly); they had none, didn't it see?

Write the answers of the following questions in 20 words :

19. What are some positive views on interviews? (The Interview) 2
20. Why did Gandhiji go to Champaran? (Indigo) 2

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Answer the following questions in 80 words :

21. Write a character sketch of the rattrap peddler. (The Rattrap) 4  
OR

Describe the role of Subbu in Gemini Studios. (Poets and Pancakes)

Answer the following questions in 20 words (Any two) :

22. What is 'Student on Ice' programme? (Journey to the end of the earth) 2  
23. What was the problem of Roger Skunk? (Should wizard hit mommy?) 2  
24. What made Bama sad and angry? (Memories of childhood) 2

Answer the following question in 80 words :

25. Write about the character of Dr. Sadao. (The Enemy) 4  
OR

Draw a character sketch of Evans. (Evans tries on O-level)

#### SECTION-D

26. You have an extra house. You want to give it on rent. Draft an advertisement to be given in a local newspaper, giving relevant details of the house. (in 80 words) 4  
OR

You are Arun/Aruna. You have been invited to attend the wedding of your friend's sister during summer vacation. Respond to the invitation accepting it formally. (in 80 words)

27. Write a report on COVID-19 in about 100 words. 4  
OR

Translate the following passage into Hindi :

There are a number of pleasures of morning walks. A morning walker enjoys the attractive scenes of the morning. He is able to listen to the chirping of the birds. He receives fresh, healing and energizing air. He is able to behold the beauty of the flowers and trees. He rejoices walking on the green and dewy grass. He stores the fund of energy that lasts throughout the day. He makes a number of friends. Other morning walkers also meet him. He gets an opportunity to live in the company of nature. Thus, he remains physically and mentally fit.

28. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper about the frequent breakdown of the water supply in your locality suggesting solution. 5  
OR

You are Rakesh / Rani. You have read an advertisement in the Rajasthan Patrika for the post of Cashier in HDFC Bank, Dholpur. Write an application to the Manager, Personnel with your C. V. or Resume.

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