

अर्द्धवार्षिक परीक्षा सत्र 2016-17

कक्षा — 9

विषय — English

समय : 3¼ घण्टे

पूर्णांक : 70

नोट : 1. All questions are compulsory.

Section - A (Reading)

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

Ras Bihari Bose was one of the greatest freedom fighters from Bengal. He was a clerk in the Forest Research Department, Dehradun. He joined the forefront of the Indian Freedom Movement in 1911. He was prepared to take any risk for the freedom of the motherland. To him India's independence was essential because it was necessary for the regeneration of the whole world. He was responsible for the introduction of the revolutionary movement from Bengal to northern India. He was a strong supporter of open revolt against the British. Ras Bihari Bose got married to Toshiko, a Japanese citizen. In Japan he founded the Indian Independence League. He arranged for the safe passage of Subhash Chandra Bose to Singapore with the help of the Japanese government. He died in 1945 but his strong devotion and love for the motherland has made him an immortal figure in the history of the Indian freedom struggle.

- Who was Ras Bihari Bose ?
- Where was Ras Bihari Bose Posted ?
- What was he prepared for ?
- What important work did he do for the revolutionary movement of India ?
- What help did Ras Bihari Bose provide to Subhash Chandra Bose ?
- To whom did he marry ?
- Give opposite words of the following words—
(a) Necessary (b) Immortal

Section - B (Writing)

2. Imagine that you are Prakash living in Jaipur. You have received a very bad report about your younger brother Ashok from his principal. Write a letter to Ashok advising him to work hard and avoid the company of bad boys.

You may touch upon the following points.

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- What is the problem with him ?
- How can he get rid of problem ?
- Why do you want him to work hard ?
- What do you expect from him ?

Or

You are Neelam, a student of class IX B. Compose an E-mail to be sent to your principal stating the need for a bicycle stand in the school campus.

3. Prepare a speech with the help of given outline on the topic "Importance of Time" in around 60-80 words.
- Famous saying.....time and tide waits for none.....best use of time.....exams.....approaching.....not waste time.....Once lose.....never come back.....study.....secure good marks.

Or

Write a debate in about 60-80 words in favour of the "English Education : A Boon or a Ban for our children". You may take help of the given outline :

- a boon for our children an international language can't be rejected on parallel in its importance want to be well versed open the door of success A symbol of high status higher education only through English.
4. Write a dialogue between a visitor and a booking clerk. You may take help of the following hints:
- bus to Jaipur, time of departure, time of arrival, give tickets, Price of ticket.

Or

Develop a story in about 50-60 words with the help of the following points :

A fox.....hungry..... searches food..... sees a vine of grapes..... hanging high..... jumps again and again..... runs away.

Section - C (Grammar)

5. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs given in the brackets :
- Birds usually nests in the trees. (make)

- (ii) Hindusim is so great and so wide in sweep that ~~of~~ one so for (succeed)
- (iii) The earth round the sun. (revolve)
6. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals : 3
- (i) Listen, Please. You speak during this exam. (may not/ might not)
- (ii) He pass the exam. He has been studying very hard. (should/ must)
- (iii) You obey your parents. (may/ must)
7. Pick out the right word from the brackets and fill in the blanks: 3
- (i) Anil met at the station. (I/ me/ my)
- (ii) She is not interested film music. (in/ at/ on)
- (iii) Sunita wrote a letter. (me/ it/ we)
8. Give one word for each of the following group of words. The first letter of the word has been given for your help : 3
- (i) A person who performs religious ceremonies at church, temple etc. P.....
- (ii) A room in which meals are cooked and prepared K.....
- (iii) A set of rules or laws C.....
9. Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with its subject : 3
- (i) He as well as I reading in the class. (is/ am/ are)
- (ii) The great poet and scholar dead. (has/ have)
- (iii) The poet and the teacher coming. (is/ are)
10. Select the word that is opposite in meaning to the word given in bold letters. 3
- (i) Ancient
(a) modern (b) archaic
(c) old (d) primitive ()
- (ii) Indolent
(a) lazy (b) inert
(c) hardworking (d) idle ()
- (iii) Valid
(a) invalid (b) invalid
(c) appropriate (d) none of them ()
11. Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech : 3
- (i) He said to me, "I have completed my work".
- (ii) Hari said, "I am preparing for the examination these days".
- (iii) Ritu said to Mohan, "Are you going to Jaipur" ?

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 7

I normally ate with my mother, sitting on the floor of the kitchen. She would place a banana leaf before me, on which she then ladled rice and aromatic sambhar, a variety of sharp, homemade pickles and a dollop of fresh coconut chutney.

The famous shiva temple, which made Rameswaram so sacred to pilgrims, was about a ten-minute walk from our house. Our locality was predominantly muslim, but there were quite a few Hindu families too, living amicably with their muslim neighbours. There was a very old mosque in our locality where my father would take me for evening prayers. I had not the faintest idea of the meaning of the Arabic prayers chanted, but I was totally convinced that they reached god. When my father came out of the mosque after the prayers, people of different religious would be sitting outside, waiting for him.

- (i) What was Kalam's way of eating ?
- (ii) What was Kalam's usual meal ?
- (iii) What made Rameswaram so sacred to pilgrims ?
- (iv) How was Kalam's locality ?
- (v) Did Kalam understand the prayers in his childhood ?
- (vi) What did Kalam know about the prayers ?
- (vii) Pick from the passage the word which is the opposite to 'Notorious'.
13. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words :
2 × 2 = 4
- (i) What, according to the author, is God's purpose in creating each individual being ? (The Power of Prayer)
- (ii) Why are good manners important ? (Good Manners)
- (iii) What is a blot on India's forehead ? (A stain on India's forehead)
- (iv) Who was J.H. Wright ? How is he associated with Vivekananda ? (Vivekananda : The Great Journey to the west)
14. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words :
1 × 3 = 3
- (i) How have Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Vivekananda and Gandhi viewed social service ? (The Heritage of India)
- (ii) How did women play their role during Indian National movement ? (Women's Role in the national movement)

15. Explain any one stanza with reference to the context : $1 \times 3 = 3$
- The day after the first rain
for years I would come home
in a rage,
for I could see from a mile away
out there Red Champak trees
had done it again.

Or

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the
dreary desert sand of dead habit; Where the mind is led forward
by the into ever-widening thought and action.
Into that heaven of freedom; My father, My country awake.

16. Answer any two of the following questions. $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) Is this the song of a patriot? Why?
rbseonline.com (The Heaven of freedom)
- (ii) What, according to the mother, is the story of the origin of
the champak tree? (Ecology)
- (iii) Who is the speaker? What does the poem reveal about
the speaker's character? (14)
17. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words :

