



Half Yearly Exam, 2018-19

Class - IX

Subject - English

Time : 3.15 Hours

Marks : 70

Note : 1. All questions are compulsory.

2. Marks are indicated against each question.

Section - A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 7

'A few years ago mosquitoes, flies, ticks, fleas and related biting and bloodsucking insects were considered by most people to be unworthy objects of serious study, but it is now known that they are most important factors in the spread of diseases, especially in tropical countries. It has been established by many investigators that these creatures are the sole agents of inoculation into man of the germs of malaria, yellow fever, sleeping sickness, plague typhus fever, recurrent fever and other maladies which have brought suffering and death to millions of people. In most cases they are not merely mechanical bearers of disease germs from one victim to another, for it that were so the problem of discovering the part they play would be relatively simple. Usually their bodies are breeding places of microscopic organisms which they suck from the blood of one victim-beast or man and these parasites are afterwards injected into other victims, Insects have thus been shown to be intimately related to the life of man and a branch of study which was formerly considered to be of purely zoological interest has proved to be closely connected with practical problem of finding the cause and the cure for several human disease. This branch of study is known as bacteriology.

- (1) Who are the most important factors in the spread of diseases ? 1
- (2) What types of insects are they ? 1
- (3) What is the out come of these maladies ? 1
- (4) To what are the insects related ? 1
- (5) What is bacteriology ? 1
- (6) they are most important To whom does 'they' here refer to ? 1
- (7) Find words from the passage which mean- 1
- (a) diseases or ailments
- (b) a very small living thing that causes disease

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Section - B (Writing)

2. Imagine you are Pushpa Kumari living at Govt. Hostal Barmer. Write a letter to your father requesting him for the permission to go on historical (Educational) tour. You may touch upon the following points : 5

- (1) Where will you go ?
- (2) Duration of the tour ?
- (3) How much money do you need ?
- (4) Who are going with you on the tour ?

Or

You are Priyanka studying in Govt. Secondary School Barmer. Write an application to your headmaster requesting him to issue a character certificate. 5

3. Write a speech on 'Harmful Effects of Polythene' in 60 to 80 words for morning assembly of your school using the outlines given below : 5

Rubbish dump polythene especially cows
 eat garbage swallow materials
 wrappers choke respiratory system
 stomach death clog the drain
 should not be thrown

Or

Write your view in favour of the motion "Home work should be abolished" in about 80 words.

You may use the given outlines :

Burden check child physical
 emotional, social consume free time
 energy reduce playtime problem
 weak students illiterate parents.

4. Imagine you are Himanshu and weak at English. You went to your English teacher for suggestion to improve English. Write a dialogue between you and your English teacher about the matter. 4

You may start like this—

You : Good Morning Sir

Teacher : Very good morning, How are you ?

Or

Read the outlines carefully given below and write the story in about 70 words with suitable title and moral :

A greedy man wonderful hen golden egg
 daily idea mind all the eggs
 stomach brings sharp knife
 cuts finds nothing repents
 sad.

Section - C (Grammar and Vocabulary)

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets : 8

- (1) We (go) to school tomorrow.
 (2) The Sun (rise) in the east.
 (3) It (rain) since 4 O' clock.
 (4) The train (stop) before I came.
6. Fill in the blanks with the verb in agreement with subjects : 3
 (1) Cattle going to the forest. (is/are)
 (2) Each man and each woman singing. (was/were)
 (3) The Policeman caught the thief. (has/have)
7. Name the parts of speech of underlined words in the following sentence : 3
 (1) Sometimes their hearts pound fast.
 (2) I go for a walk daily.
 (3) The bumble-bee is flying round and round.
8. Fill in the blanks with one word for the group of words given below : 3
 (1) A group of people who are related to each other
 (2) A large, natural flow of water that goes into sea
 (3) A tool that is used for digging
9. Fill in the blanks with antonyms for the words given in brackets : 2
 (1) Her dreams came (false)
 (2) Mango is in taste. (sour)
10. Write the Synonyms of underlined words. 2
 (1) He is poor but he is happy
 (2) We need to collect more money.
- Section - D (Text Book)**
11. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: <http://www.rbseonline.com> 4
 My parents were widely regarded as an ideal couple. My mother's lineage was the more distinguished, one of her forebears having been bestowed the title of 'Bahadur' by the British.
 I was one of many children, a short boy with rather undistinguished looks, born to tall and handsome parents. We lived in our ancestral house, which was built in middle of the 19th century. It was fairly large pucca house, made of limestone and brick, on the mosque street in Rameshwaram. My austere father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries. However, all necessities were provided for, in terms of food, medicine or clothes. In fact, I would say mine was a very secure childhood both materially and emotionally.
- (1) How did people regard the writer's parents ?
 (2) How did the writer look ?
 (3) What kind of childhood did the writer have ?
 (4) Find the words from the passage which mean—
 (a) The time when a person is a child
 (b) Very simple and strict person

- Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. 8
- (a) Why are good manners important? (Good Manners)
- (b) How do the untouchables deserve the same respect as doctors? (A stain on India's forehead)
- (c) What aspect of Vivekananda's character are revealed in his Journey to the west? (Vivekananda : The Great Journey to West)
- (d) How can education help in destroying the caste system? (Prospects of Democracy in India)

13. Explain the following lines with reference to context : 4
- Where the mind is without fear and
the head is held high
where knowledge is free
where the world has not been broken
up into fragments by harrow domestic walls.

Or

But mother, flashing her temper
like her mother's twisted silver
grand children's knickers.

14. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words : 2

- (1) What according to Tagore, are some of the qualities that the land of freedom should have? (The heaven of freedom)
- (2) What makes the speaker in the poem angry the day after the first rain year after year? (Ecology)
- (3) According to the poet why is it not good to make dreams your master? (If)

15. Answer the following questions in about 20 words : 6

- (1) What did the new passenger say about the girl? (The Eyes are not here)
- (2) Who decided to punish the king? and why? (The king and the drum)
- (3) What was the attitude of the father towards the demands of the child? (The Lost Child)
- (4) What is the significance of the title "The Last Leaf"? (The Last Leaf)

16. Answer anyone of the following questions in about 60-80 words : 4

Why is the "Present" the most important time of life? Elaborate? (Three Questions)

Or

What was Ratan's reaction to the post master's decision to leave the village? What was her state of mind later? (The Post Master)