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# Half Yearly Examination 2022-23

Subject : English

Class : IX (Ninth)

Time : 3¼ Hrs.

M.M. : 70

## General Instructions :

- (1) All the questions are compulsory.
- (2) Candidate must write his / her Roll No. on the question paper.
- (3) This paper is divided into four section A, B, C and D.
- (4) Marks are indicated against each questions.
- (4) Answer to the all parts of question must be written together at one place

## Section—A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

From the beginning, children should be allowed to develop in their own natural happy way within the control of parental love, guidance and care and without too much pressure. A change of some conventional parental attitudes may help to prevent many cases of drug dependence and other adolescent problems.

We should also understand our parental responsibilities to the world environment. Remember that the living space of this world is limited and we must leave enough space for our future generations to live happily. To achieve that aim, we must practice family planning and limit the birth rate by having only one or two children per couple. Between each birth there should be a gap of three or four years so that each child is not deprived of the right to sufficient parental love and care. Family planning really means family welfare, as it helps to keep women healthy enough to contribute to a happy home environment. A happy healthy mother is a key to the welfare of the whole family.

The mind is not important in the maintenance of positive health. To develop a healthy mind it is important to learn to relax properly and to develop ways to deal

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with day to day stress. Many diseases such as high blood - pressure and some heart problems are thought to be related to stress, so by using relaxation, techniques you may avoid many healthy problems.

However, even when we enjoy good health, disease may occur. According to international statistics, each person is at risk of becoming sick or injured about twice a year on average. It is important to deal with any sickness or injury in a realistic and intelligent way without panic.

- (i) Children should grow within parental : 1  
 (a) Love (b) Guidance  
 (c) Care (d) All of above
- (ii) What can occur even when we enjoy good health? 1  
 (a) Fitness (b) Disease  
 (c) Happiness (d) None
- (iii) Family planning really means ..... welfare. 1  
 (a) Family (b) Water  
 (c) Mountain (d) None
- (iv) The mind is most important in the maintenance of the ..... health. 1  
 (a) Negative (b) Positive  
 (c) Indifferent (d) None
- (v) We can deal with any ..... or injury without panic. 1  
 (a) Fitness (b) Health  
 (c) Sickness (d) All
- (vi) Fill in the blanks :  
 (a) A ..... mother is a key to the welfare of the whole family. 1
- (vii) Write the similar word of the following word from the passage : 1  
 (a) Fear

2 Read the following passage and answer the questions :

Forests are considered the "Green Gold" of a country. The very survival of humans and other living beings is dependent on trees and plants which are a major source of oxygen - the vital gas for our respiration. They also act as a "Sink" for the carbondioxide exhaled by humans and animals and spewed from the chimneys and by the automobiles.

Forests play a vital role in sustaining our life and the nation's economy. They provide oxygen without which life is not possible on earth. They maintain a healthy gaseous balance in the atmosphere. They are great moderators of climate. Plants increase the humidity of water vapour from their exposed surfaces by way of transpiration.

As one may be aware, forests extensively control soil erosion and landslides. Forests in the hilly areas keep the soil of river banks intact with their extensive root system. They also maintain the stability of the mountain slopes. The aerial parts of the plants intercept rain, decreasing its erosive power. Ground flora and the thick layer of litter and humas in the forests act as sponge and help to retain the water received in the form of rain or through the melting of snow; this prevent floods in the plants. By decreasing the velocity of water coming down the hills. Forests help in greater absorption of water by the soil in the plains and thus preventing droughts. As the soil retains its moisture, it is released slowly, giving rise to perennial streams and rivulets.

The material advantage offered by forests needs no mention. Through centuries forests have provided us fuel, fodder and timber wood; our several industries are based on certain resources which are found in the woods.

(i) Forests provide.....for our respiration.

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| (a) Carbon   | (b) Oxygen       |
| (c) Hydrogen | (d) All of these |

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- (ii) How do forest moderate climate? 1
- (a) By transpiration (b) By transplantation  
(c) By respiration (d) None
- (iii) Forests acts as a..... for the carbondioxide. 1
- (a) Sink (b) Bowl  
(c) Saucer (d) None
- (iv) ..... maintain stability of mountain slopes. 1
- (a) Forests (b) Rain  
(c) Stones (d) All
- (v) Forests provide : 1
- (a) Oxygen (b) Raw - material  
(c) Both (a) and (b) (d) None
- (vi) Fill in the blanks : 1
- (a) Forests are considered the..... gold of a country. 1
- (vii) Write similar word of the following word from the passage. 1
- (a) Important

### Section—B

3. Imagine that you are Mahesh living in Talera. Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for his birthday gift "Dictionary" presented you on your birthday. 5

You may touch upon the following points.

- (i) Thanks for the gift (ii) How you celebrated your birthday?  
(iii) Whom you invited? (iv) The usefulness of the gift

### OR

Imagine that you are Alok living in Nainwa. You have admitted to a new school in Kota. Write a letter to your sister telling him about your new school. You may touch upon the following points :

- (i) How do the building and class - room look like?
- (ii) What are sport facilities?
- (iii) How many teachers are there in the school?
- (iv) Which subjects are taught in the school?

4. Write a short paragraph on :

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**"No Bag day in School"**

**OR**

**"Harmful Effect of Polythene"**

5. Write a story with the help of out-lines given below :

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A poor wood cutter ..... goes ..... cut wood ..... near a river ..... are ..... falls ..... weeps ..... cries for help ..... the god appeared ..... bring a golden axe ..... silver axe ..... refused to take ..... real ..... accepts ..... pleased ..... gives ..... three axes.

**OR**

Write a short dialogue between Anuj and a salesman. Anuj wants to buy a new motor-cycle. You may begin like this. <https://www.rajasthanboard.com>

Salesman — Good morning. Sir!

Anuj — Good morning; I want a motor-cycle.

**Section—C**

6. Fill the correct form of the in blanks :

1×3=3

(i) India ..... freedom in 1947.

(a) got

(b) gets

(c) getting

(d) has gotten

(ii) Raghav ..... newspaper daily.

(a) reading

(b) read

(c) reads

(d) none

(iii) I have already ..... both.

- (a) took (b) takes  
(c) take (d) taken

7/ Choose the correct verb according to its subject. 1×3=3

- (i) My father ..... (know / knows) as much as my teacher.  
(ii) Bread and butter ..... (is/ are) his breakfast.  
(iii) It is I who ..... (is / am) to blame.

8/ Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners. 1×3=3

- (i) He dropped ..... pebbles into the pitcher. (little / some)  
(ii) Mathematics is ..... difficult subject. (a / an / the)  
(iii) She is ..... angry. (few / little)

9/ Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition. 1×3=3

- (i) Asha lives ..... Kota. (in / at)  
(ii) The cat is ..... the table. (over / under)  
(iii) My mother cuts the vegetable ..... a knife. (by / with)

### Section—D

10. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

The young boy took to music early in life. At the age of three when his mother took him to his maternal uncle's house in Banaras. Bismillah was fascinated watching him underpractise the Shehnai, soon Bismillah started accompanying his uncle, Ali Bux, to the Vishnu temple of Benaras where Bux was employed to play the Shehnai and Bismillah would sit captivated for hours on end. Slowly, he started getting lesson in playing the instrument and would sit practicing throughout the day. For years to come the temple of Balaji and Mangala Maiya and the bank of Ganga became the young apprentices favourite haunts where he could practice in solitude. The flowing water of the Ganga inspired him to improvise and invent ragas that were earlies considered to be beyond the range of Shehnai.

- (i) When was he carried to Benaras?

- (ii) When did the young boy take to music? 1
- (iii) Where did Ali Bux play Shehnai? 1
- (iv) What places were young apprentice's favourite haunts? 1
- (v) What inspired him to improve and invent rages? 1
- (vi) Find the word from the passage which mean. 1
- (a) Charmed

11. Answer any two of the questions given below : 2+2=4

- (i) What did Einstein call his desk drawer? (A Truly Beautiful Mind)
- (ii) Where was Abdul Kalam's house? (My Childhood)
- (iii) Why was Kazia afraid of her father? (The Little Girl)
- (iv) What subjects did Margie and Tommy learn? (The Fun they had)

12. Answer any two of the questions : 2+2=4

- (i) What does the poet like to do when it rains? (Rain on the Road)
- (ii) Where does the traveller find himself? (Road not taken)
- (iii) What kind of place is innisfree? (The lake Isle of Innisfree)

13. Answer any two of the questions given below : 2+2=4

- (i) What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? (The Lost Child)
- (ii) On what way is Ishwaran an asset to Mahendra? (Ishwaran The Story Teller)
- (iii) Who is the real culprit according to the king? (In The Kingdom of Fools)
- (iv) Why does the happy prince send a ruby for the seamstress? (The Happy Prince)

14. Explain any one stanza with reference to context : 4

Wind come softly

Don't break the shutters of the windows

Don't scatter the papers

Don't throw down the books on the shelf

**OR**

Remember, no men are strange

No countries foreign

**Beneath** all uniforms a single body breaths

Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon

Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

15. Answer any of the questions : 1×4=4
- (i) Describe the doctor's house and his possessions. (The Snake and The Mirror)
  - (ii) How does Evelyn hear music? (The Sound of Music)
16. Answer any of the questions. 1×4=4
- (i) How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo? (The Adventure of Toto)
  - (ii) How did Prashant arrange food for the red cross shelter?  
(Weathering the Storm in **Ersana**)

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