

Half Yearly Examination 2023-24

Class-10

Time : 3½Hrs.

Subject-English

M.M. : 70

General Instructions

- All the questions are compulsory.
- Write the answer to each question in the given answer book only.
- Write the correct serial number of each question as mentioned in the question paper.

SECTION-A (Reading)

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

1×5=5

The great advantage of early rising is the good start, it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a larger amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning, the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that the work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it.

Questions

- The good starting of a day is
 (a) early morning (b) early rising
 (c) early begining (d) better understanding ()
 - In the early morning, many early risers find time to
 (a) make a noise in the fresh air (b) work slowly in the fresh air
 (c) hear the songs in the fresh air (d) take exercise in the fresh air ()
 - Why can we work better in the morning?
 (a) because the mind is fresh in the morning
 (b) because we can't understand in the morning
 (c) because there are few sounds or other distraction
 (d) both (a) and (c) ()
 - Find the word from the passage which means-completely
 (a) throughly (b) plenty (c) tempted (d) hurry over ()
 - Find the word from the passage which is opposite to-lack-
 (a) plenty (b) large (c) amount (d) few ()
2. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow- 1×8=8

Srinivasa Ramanujan was one of the greatest mathematical genius of the world. Born in a poor Brahmin family, he gave no indication of his hidden talent. He was born at Erode in Coimbatore in 1887. His father was an accountant to a cloth merchant who had to maintain a large family on a small income. Srinivasa was granted half exemption of fees when he stood first in the Primary School Examination in the whole of Tanjore District. From his childhood Ramanujan was of a quiet and dreamy temperament. He had answer to all sums that puzzled his classmates and seniors. Figures did not worry him, no calculation was too difficult for him. Things which were, all dark and muddled to his class-mates were as clear as daylight to him. He always helped them with generosity which all through his career was the most lovable feature of his character.

When he was in second class his curiosity upon the subject of the 'Highest Truth' in Mathematics was roused. Later on, when he moved into the third standard, he asked for problems of Mathematics of higher nature. While in fourth standard, he could solve the most difficult problems of Trigonometry. He obtained Euler's Theorems and proved them. He followed Carr's Synopsis of Pure Mathematics. He solved all the problems without any other book to aid him. To him each solution was a triumph which encouraged him to a fresh endeavour.

Ramanujan won Subramanyam Scholarship usually awarded for proficiency in English as well as Mathematics. But the passion for Mathematics gained on him, he neglected all other subjects so much that he failed to gain promotion to higher class, thereby losing his scholarship.

Questions-

- (i) When was Ramanujan granted half exemption of fees?
- (ii) What was the temperament of Ramanujan from his childhood?
- (iii) Where was Ramanujan born?
- (iv) How can you say that Ramanujan belonged to a poor family?
- (v) What was his most lovable quality of his character?
- (vi) "Things which were all dark and muddled to his class-mates were as clear as daylight to him," How?
- (vii) Find the word from the passage which means-victory.
- (viii) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to-passed.

SECTION-B (Writing)

3. Imagine that you are Monitor of class 10th. All the students of class 10th want to go Udaipur for Educational Tour with your class teacher. Write an application to your Principal for grant permission. 4

OR

You are Nepal, reading in Government Senior Secondary School Sojat. Write an E-mail to your Principal complaining about the bad condition of your school's toilet.

4. Write a story with the help of given outlines in about 80 words. Give the suitable title and moral to it. 4

A lion asleep _____ a mouse comes _____ dances on the lion's body _____ awakes _____ get angry _____ ready to kill _____ begs _____ promises to help _____ lets go off _____ lion caught _____ tries to free _____ roars _____ the mouse comes _____ lion is freed _____ kindness _____ rewarded.

OR

A farmer _____ wonderful hen _____ lays golden egg _____ to get all eggs _____ kills _____ cuts stomach _____ no eggs _____ very sad _____ repents.

5. Last month your school organised Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Olympic Sports in your school. write a short paragraph in about 80 words about it. 4

OR

Write a paragraph on the basis of given visual aid in about 80 words.



SECTION-C (Grammar)

6. Choose the correct form of the verb— 4×3/4=3
- (i) She never (come) late in the school. ()
 - (a) came
 - (b) is coming
 - (c) comes
 - (d) will come
 - (ii) Rakesh (not return) from Jaipur yet. ()
 - (a) not return
 - (b) has not returned
 - (c) had not returned
 - (d) has been return
 - (iii) Once there (be) a king. ()
 - (a) be
 - (b) are
 - (c) were
 - (d) was
 - (iv) The patient (die) before the doctor came. ()
7. Rewrite the following sentences changing them in Indirect Speech. 2
- (i) The teacher said, "The Sun rises in the east".
 - (ii) He said, "I shall do my work."

8. Change the following sentences into passive voice. 2
 (i) Rohan eats an apple daily.
 (ii) They have built a house.
9. Frame questions to get following answer. 1
 (i) Who ?
 My father teaches in this school.
10. Add question-Tag to the statement given below: 1
 Paval has finished her work ?
11. Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with its subject: 1
 (i) Slow and steady the race. (win/wins)
 (ii) This news good. (is / are)

SECTION-D (Text Book)

12. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow— 6

Suddenly I came out of the clouds and saw two long straight lines of lights in front of me. It was a runway! An airport! I was safe! I turned to look for my friend in the black aeroplane, but the sky was empty. There was nothing there. The black aeroplane was gone. I could not see it anywhere. I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the Old Dakota near the control tower.

I went and asked a woman in the control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. I wanted to say 'Thank you.' She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed. <https://www.rajasthanboard.com>

"Another aeroplane? Up there in this storm? No other aeroplanes were flying to night. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar." So who helped me to arrive there safely without a compass or a radio and without any more fuel in my tanks? Who was the pilot on the strange black aeroplane, flying in the storm, without lights?

Questions—

- (i) What did the two long straight lines of lights indicate to the author?
 (a) the presence of a runway (b) the presence of many aircraft
 (c) the presence of a highway (d) the presence of a river
- (ii) The author was happy to leave the aircraft because—
 (a) he had a very scary flight (b) the aircraft was not worthy
 (c) he wanted to go home quickly (d) he was now scared of flying.
- (iii) The author went into the control centre to—
 (a) thank the air traffic controller (b) enquire about the other pilot
 (c) plan his further flight (d) find out the position of the storm
- (iv) What did the narrator see in front of him after coming out of the clouds?
 (v) Who looked at the narrator strangely?
 (vi) Find from the passage the word which means-reach.

OR

Coorg or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it rains enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March.

The weather is perfect with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. As one story goes, a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled here. When return became impractical. These people married amongst the locals and their culture is apparent in the martial traditions, marriage and religious rites, which are distinct from the Hindu mainstream.

- (i) Coorg can be best described as the—
 (a) land of spices (b) land of beautiful women
 (c) land of rolling hills (d) land of wild animals.
- (ii) The best season for visitors in Coorg is—
 (a) Summer (b) autumn and winter
 (c) Rains (d) Round the year

- (iii) The Coorgi people are thought to have descended from the soldiers of
 (a) Hoyasala Kings (b) Alexander's army
 (c) Chola Kings (d) Chalukyan army
- (iv) How much land do evergreen rainforests cover of this district?
- (v) Whose descent are the people of Coorg?
- (vi) Find the word from the passage which means-begin.

13. Answer any three questions in about 20-30 words : 2×3=6
- (i) What were the Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped? (A letter to God)
- (ii) What vision does Mandela have for the future of South Africa? (Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom)
- (iii) What did the bakers wear in the portuguese days? (A Baker from Goa).
- (iv) Where did Buddha give his first Sermon and what did it reflect? (The Sermon at Benares)
14. Answer any one question in about 80-100 words. 1×4=4
- (i) What details did Valli gather from the conversation between her neighbours? (Madam rides the Bus)
- (ii) Write a brief Sketch of Anne's life. (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
15. Answer anyone question in about 40 words : 2
- (i) What is the cause of the first quarrel between Natalya and Lomov? (The Proposal)
- (ii) Give a character sketch of Lomov? (The Proposal)
16. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow— 1½×2=3
- The fog comes
 On little cat feet
 It sits looking
 Over harbour and city
 On silent haunches
 and then moves on
- (i) Where does the fog come from?
- (ii) Why does the poet compare the fog with a cat?
- OR
- He should be lurking in shadow,
 sliding through long grass
 Near the water hole
 Where plump deer pass.
- (i) Where is the tiger shown to be in these lines?
- (ii) What is the tiger doing now?
17. Answer any two questions in about 20 words each : 2×2=4
- (i) What is a 'dust of snow'? What does the poet say has changed his mood?
- (ii) what does "in the world of possessions" mean?
- (iii) What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?
18. Answer any one question in about 80 words : 4
- (i) What was Tricki suffering from? Why could he not walk or play properly?
- (ii) How did Bheli's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?
19. Answer any two questions in about 20 words each— 1½×2=3
- (i) What is he "a fairly successful hand" at?
- (ii) Why does Horace Danby steal every year?
- (iii) Why was the invisible man wandering in the streets?
20. Read the following questions carefully and select the correct alternative for each : 1×3=3
- (i) The local inn belonged to
- (a) Mrs Hall (b) Jaffers, (c) Mr. Patch (d) None of these
- (ii) Who is the ruler of the Mars?
- (a) Noodle (b) Omega (c) Iota (d) Think-Tank
- (iii) The number of species of Butterflies collected by Richard were
- (a) 20 (b) 25 (c) 28 (d) 30

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