

Half Yearly Examination 2019-20

CLASS - 10

BS-602

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time : 3.15 Hours

M.M. : 70

General Instructions :

- (i) Candidates must first write their Roll No. on the questions paper.
- (ii) All the questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Write the answer to each question in the given answer book only.
- (iv) For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts must be written together in continuity.
- (v) Write the correct serial number of each question as mentioned in the question paper.

SECTION-A

(Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: $6 \times 1 = 6$

Thomas Alva Edison invented electric light. He loved to do experiments and to ask funny questions. Once he asked his teacher how the kites could fly without wings. The puzzled teacher thought him to be stupid and naughty and turned him out of the school. He was just eight years old when it happened. Edison's best teacher was his mother. She answered his questions, helped and guided him.

He read a lot of books. He bought them with the pocket money he received. At the age of twelve Edison became a newspaper boy in the railway. Out of his new income he purchased more books and carried out his experiments. He also gave a dollar every night to his mother. He began to publish his own newspaper and made more money. With it he set up a small laboratory in his railway wagon. One day a bit of phosphorous fell down and caught fire. It burnt his newspapers. He was turned out of the job at the next station.

- (i) Who invented electric light?
- (ii) What did he ask his teacher?

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- (iii) Who was his best teacher?
- (iv) Where did Edison set up his laboratory?
- (v) How much money did Edison give to his mother daily?
- (vi) (a) Write the word from the passage which means :
'Confused'.
- (b) Write one word from the passage for the group of words :
'A Place where experiments are carried out'.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 6 × 1 = 6

One day a rich merchant was walking through the Mahendra Nagar street of the town where he lived; he was on his way to see his brother who lived at some distance from his house. He paused to watch a man who was badly beating his donkey. The merchant said to him why are you doing that? To make the donkey go", replied the man. "Is it right to beat the poor animal like that?" asked the merchant. "Certainly, it is", replied the man. "It is my donkey and I can do what I like with what is mine. "The merchant advised him to be kind to the animal but in vain.

The merchant thought for a minute and started beating the man with his stick. "Stop", cried the man. "What have I done to deserve this?" "Oh", replied the merchant, "This is my stick and I can do what I like with what is mine".

- (i) Where was the rich merchant going to?
- (ii) Why did the merchant stop on his way?
- (iii) Why was the man beating the donkey?
- (iv) How did the man justify his act of beating the donkey?
- (v) (a) Find out from the passage the word which means "a person who buys and sells goods in large quantities".
- (b) Give from the passage the word which is opposite of "wrong".

SECTION-B

(Writing)

3. Due to insanitary conditions in the colony the population of mosquitoes has been multiplying, exposing the residents to multiple diseases. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner bringing the problem to his notice and urging him to take urgent action in the matter. You are Suraj/Supriya, 12 MG Road, Jaipur. 1 × 4 = 4

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You are Aman/Aditi studying in Bal Bharati School Bikaner. The road leading to your School is very congested and full of pot holes. Students and parents are often caught in a traffic jam. In spite of several representations, the government has not done anything to improve the condition of the road. Write an email to the Editor of 'The Times of India' drawing the attention of the government to this problem.

4. Write a paragraph in about 60 words with the help of the given outlines: 1 × 3 = 3

My favourite teacher _____ teaches _____ very well
_____ his voice _____ sweet nature _____ very
punctual _____ always ready to help _____ believes.

OR

My Best friend _____ need friends _____ simple and
sober _____ honest and humble _____ headboy of the
school _____ fond of reading books _____ share feeling
and thought _____ lucky _____.

5. Write a paragraph in about 75 words on, "A Village Fair". 1×4=4
OR

Write a paragraph in about 75 words on "Save Trees".



SECTION-C
(Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs given in the brackets: 4 × 1 = 4
- (i) Columbus _____ America (discover).
 - (ii) He _____ (write) a letter to his father every Sunday.
 - (iii) He _____ (wash) his hands when the telephone rang.
 - (iv) The window _____ (not clean) for three months.

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7. Join the following sentences using the relative pronoun/adverb given in the brackets : $2 \times 1\frac{1}{2} = 3$

- (i) He trained the horse. It will win the race (which)
(ii) He is a gentleman. He will give us a speech. (who)

8. Change the following sentences into passive voice : $2 \times 1 = 2$

- (i) She has written a poem.
(ii) _____ by her.
We use this room on special occasions.

9. Rewrite the following sentences by changing them into indirect speech : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) The boy said, "We want to play a match".
The boy told _____.
(ii) Reena said to her friend, "Why are you not appearing in exams?"
Reena asked her friend _____.

10. Fill in the blanks choosing suitable modals from the bracket : $2 \times 1 = 2$

- (can, must, would, may)
(i) He has no keys, so he _____ not open the lock.
(ii) _____ I borrow your pen?

SECTION-D
(Text Book)

11. Read the following passage given below and answer the question that follows : $4 \times 1 = 4$

In the world, as we grow up, we see a great deal of violence, at all levels of human existence. The ultimate violence is war-the killing for ideas, for so called religious principles, for nationalities, the killing to preserve a little piece of land. To do that, man will kill, destroy, main and also be killed himself. There is enormous violence in the world, the rich wanting to keep people poor and the poor wanting to get rich and in the process hating the rich. And you, being caught in society, are also going to contribute to this.

- (i) What do we see as we grow up?
(ii) What is the ultimate violence?
(iii) Why do the poor hate the rich?
(iv) Find the word from the passage opposite in meaning : 'Peace'.

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12. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 4 × 1 = 4

As the night advanced and the silence in the house deepened, his heart beat faster. He remembered all the stories of devils and ghosts he had heard in his life. How often had his chum, Mani seen the devil in the banyan tree at his street end? And what about poor, Munisami's father who spat out blood because the devil near the river's edge slapped his cheek when he was returning home late one night". And so on and on his thoughts continued.

- (i) When did Swami's heart beat faster?
- (ii) Where had Mani seen the devil?
- (iii) Why did Munisami's father spit out blood?
- (iv) Find the word from the passage which means : 'Progressed'

13. Answer anyone of the following questions in about 60 words : 1 × 3 = 3

How did Babuli differentiate between his student life and the present life? (The Tribute)

OR

What had the princess discovered about the doors? (The Lady or the Tiger)

14. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words: 1 × 2 = 2

What strange thing did the gentleman notice after the feast was over? (A Man's True Son)

OR

How does Think-Tank describe the earth? (The Book that Saved the Earth)

15. Explain anyone of the following stanzas with reference to the context: 1 × 4 = 4

I fell into grief, and began to complain; |
I looked for a friend, but I sought him in vain;
Companions were shy, and acquaintance were cold;
They gave me good counsel, but dreaded their gold.

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OR

Love come to Flora asking for a flower
That would of flowers be undisputed queen,
The lily and the rose, long, long had been
Rivals for that high honour.

16. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words :
 $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) Describe the appearance of the lily?
- (ii) What is the greatest hazard in life?
- (iii) Who is the friend that could help and make the poet happy?

17. Answer anyone of the following questions in about 60 words :
 $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) Why were Samir's parents over protective?
(Growing up Pains)
- (ii) Write a brief character sketch of corporal Turnbull.
(The Man who knew Too Much)

18. Answer anyone of the following questions in about 30-40 words :
 $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) Why did Hari Singh think that he should go back to Anil?
(The Thief's Story)
- (ii) What was the queen's advice to Uttanka?
(Uttanka's Gurudakshina)

19. Answer anyone of the following questions in about 20-25 words :
 $1 \times 1 = 1$

- (i) Why was Bholi's father worried about her? (Bholi)
- (ii) Who is the High Maharajah in the story? (High Maharajah)

20. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30 words :
 $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) Write any three reasons for the 'Increasing number of 'road accidents'.
- (ii) Write any three things to keep in mind while walking on road.



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