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Total Questions : 20

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Half Yearly Examination–2022-23
Subject : English Compulsory
Class : 12

Time : 3.15 hrs

MM : 70

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :-
1. Candidate must write his / her Roll No. on the question paper.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
4. Write answers of all the questions in your answer book only.
5. Write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.

Section - A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

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 dark and muddled to his classmates were as clear as day-light to him. He always helped them with generosity which was the most lovable feature of his character all through his career.

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 Eurler'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. This was a great calamity of which he had never dream. He had no money, no means of earning, no books, no influence. No help came to him from outside. He was now eighteen without any definite plan. He joined Pachaiyapsa's college Madras (Now in chennai) but had to return home due to illness.

(i) Where was Ramanujan Born ?   1
(ii) Why did he fail to get promotion to higher class?   1
(iii) How did Ramanujan show his talent in third standard?   1

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(iv) What was the unexpected calamity that befell Ramanujan?

(v) How was Ramanujan superior to his seniors? 1

(vi) Find out a word from the passage which means. 1

(a) Inspire (b) Ignore 1

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Everyone needs a holiday, both to relax and to have a change of environment. The holiday makers feel relaxed and refreshed at the end of the holiday and look forward to the resumption of thier duties, be it at school, office or factories, with renewed vigour. This is the reason why all establishments grant thier employees annual leave. with the end of the academic year the schools and universities grant thier pupils a long holiday during Mid-summer. This will last until early september when the new school term starts of course the parents will like to take advantage of this and take thier leave to coincide with the children's vacation. This has become a traditional holiday season in most european countries particularly in england.

With the coming of August, the traditional holiday season in Britain reaches its peak point and most of the holiday resorts are packed to capacity. In order to avoid the crowd, some prefer to take thier holiday a little earlier if facilities so warrant. Those who have already taken thier holidays can console themselves not only with reflections on the happy days spent in the country, at the seaside or abroad, but also with the thought that holiday expenses are over for the year and that by taking an earlier holiday they have missed the August rush.

Holiday time is surely a time for shedding serious Preoccupations and seeking the pleasures that appeal to us. It is true that we may not always succeed in finding them, indeed there are people who maintain that the great thing about a holiday is that it gives you an ampler appreciation of home comforts - a view no doubt more widely held among the elderly than you.

(i) What do we need to relax and to have a change of environment? 1

(a) holidays (b) hospitals (c) Theatres (d) Warrant

(ii) In which month falls the traditional season in Britain? 1

(a) July (b) August (c) September (d) December

(iii) When should we shed serious preoccupations? 1

(a) during holiday time (b) during rest (c) during play (d) during work

(iv) Choose from the following the similar word for 'a feeling of Praise"? 1

(a) depreciation (b) communication (c) appreciation (d) comforts

Section – B (Writing)

3. You are Kavya / Kaustubh studing in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Alwar. Your school is organising an educational tour to Mt. Abu. draft a notice informing the students of class XII in about eighty (80) words. 4

Or

You are Miss Aarya Singh. You have been invited by Miss Khushi Beekarwar to take lunch with her at hotel Meru Palace, Bharatpur on 25 December, 2022 at 01:30 P.M. Respond formally to the invitation in acceptance.

4. Yesterday, two robbers robbed the Punjab National Bank of your city. Write a report on it in about 100 words. You may use the following outline. 5 (PNB - robbed - two robbers -11:30 am - customers -cash counter -Manager - Pistol - guard - injured - telephone line-masks-safe-fifty lakh rupees-police- investigation)

Or

Translate the following passage into hindi.

Recently I shent several hours sitting under a tree in my garden with the social anthropologist william ury, a harward university professor who specialises in the art of negotiation and wrote the best selling book, Getting to yes. He captivated me with his theory that tribalism Protect people from thier fear of rapid change. He explained that the pillars of tribalism that humans rely on for security would always counter any significant cultural or social change.

5. Suppose you are Mahi / Rudra studing in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Alwar. Write an official letter to the principal of your school complaining about the poor condition of your classroom. 6

Or

You are Prachi / Yuvraj. Write a letter of application with curriculum vitae in reply to the following advertisement.

West central Railway, Kota

March 12, 2022

Applications are invited for the post of L.D.C, pay as per the grade. Age : Not exceeding 35 years, Qualification graducte with experience of 2 years and good knowledge of computer.

Section - C (Grammer)

6. clauses :-   ½×½ = 1
(i) The difficulty is .... (who / whose / how) we should make our career.
(ii) It can be made bright (other wise / provided / unless) you work hard.

Synthesis. :-

7. Combine two or more simple sentences into a single compound / complex sentence.   ½×2 = 1
(i) Moon-is shining stars are shining.
(ii) India stands for peace. It is known to the world.

8. Use the appropriate phrasal verb to fill in the blank.   ½×2 = 1
(i) Covid-19 has .... all over the world.   (broken out / bring out)
(ii) Do not .... till tomorrow what you can do today.   (Put on / Put off)

9. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions from the brackets. ½×4 = 2
(i) He started .... six in the Morning.   (at / on / for)
(ii) We went to a party .... sunday.   (in / from / on)
(iii) Rafiq is .... Jaipur at the Moment.   (in / on / into)
(iv) .... 8 o' clock everybody had gone home.   (from / on / at)

Section - D

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

Then he opened a grammar and read us our lesson. I was amazed to see how well I understood it. All he said seemed so easy, so easy! I think, too, that I had never listened so carefully, and that he had never explained everything with so much patience. It seemed almost as if the poor man wanted to give us all he knew before going away, and to put it all into our heads at one stroke.

After the grammer, we had a lesson in writing. That day M. hamel had new copies for us, written in a beautiful round hand- France, Alsace, France, Alsace. They looked like little flags floating everywhere in the school - room, hung from the rod at the top of our desks.

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(i) What was he amazed at?
(ii) What did he teach after grammer? 1
(iii) How did he feel about teaching that day? 1
(iv) Find out the word similar in meaning to "Surprised". 1
(v) What did M. hamel have for them? 1
11. Answer the question in 80 words. 2
How did edla change the behaviour of peddler? 4
(The Rattrap)

Or

Why did douglas have a fear of water? (deep water)
12. Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words. (Any Two) 2×2 = 4
(i) Write about saheb and his family? (lost spring)
(ii) Where did Gandhi ji stay at Muzzafarpur? (Indiago)
(iii) What was the dream of the office boy? (Poets and Pancakes)
(iv) What diffrences do you find between soppie and Jansie? (Going Places)
13. Explain these line with reference to the context. 6
Such the sun, the moon, Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady Boon
For simple sheep; and such are daffodil With the green world they live in; and
clear rills That for themselves a cooling covert make Gainst the hot season; the
mid forest brake, Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms.

Or

When aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie still ringed with ordeals she was
mastered by. The tigers in the panel that she made will go on prancing, proud
and unafraid. https://www.rajasthanboard.com

14. Answer any two questions in 20 - 30 words. 2×2 = 4
(i) What tempt them to steal? (An elementary ....)
(ii) What can a short pause do for us ? (keeping quiet)
(iii) List the things that cause suffering and pain. (A thing of beauty)
15. Answer the following question in 80 words :-
(i) What was the childhood's fear the poet was suffering from? 4
(My Mother at sixty-six)

Or

How does the poet express his sympathy for the poor, deprived villagers?
(A Roadside stand)
(ii) Write in your own words about Mr. Lamb? (On the face of it) 4

Or

Why did roger skunk's mother go back to the wizard?
16. Answer the following question in about 30 - 40 words each.(any two)2×2 = 4
(i) What type of princess the tiger king want to marry? (The Tiger king)
(ii) What were the names of father and daughter? (should wizard hit Mommy)
(iii) Where did evans go ? (evans tries An O - level)
Q. (17-20) Answer the following questions by selecting the correct option from the
following. 1×4 = 4
17. The friend of the narrrator whom he talked was a.
(a) Scientist (b) Psychiatrist (c) Station Master (d) dean of faculty
18. All those who are born will one day.
(a) Talk (b) Play (c) die (d) swim
19. How was the leg of Mr. Lamb.
(a) No legs (b) Wooden leg (c) Real leg (d) Tin leg
20. The name of sadao's wife is.
(a) Hana (b) Julie (c) Maria (d) Elizabeth