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## Half Yearly Examination, 2018-19

Class-XII

Time : 3¼ Hrs. Subject-English (Compulsory) MM. : 70

### General Instructions :

- For questions having more than one part the answer to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Every man that is born in this world has a desire to live well. The life has various aims for various people. To some life is an empty dream without a motive. They eat and drink and continue to exist for the sake of living. They have no ideal, no mission for which to struggle and fight. Their ideal is to eat well to make merry and enjoy the material things of life. Their activities aim at amassing the wealth by hook or by crook and using that wealth for the sake of luxury and comfort and pleasures.

The life is, however, not so easy at present. Even to make money for the sake of comforts and luxuries you have got to work hard and perform the social duty before the society can allow one to earn lot of money and amass the wealth. Modern states work under certain principles of social behaviour and do not allow people to go about making money without caring to perform certain duties which are useful to society. A businessman or an industrialist must pay to his labourers well so that the labour does his duty honestly and diligently and enable the enterpriser to make profits from the goods produced. The only easy way of making money is cheating or stealing which have consequences of their own. Law has prescribed imprisonment for the robbers, thieves and the cheats. Life is complicated in modern life. It needs to be well planned if you want to achieve anything worthwhile. Whether your mission or ideal is materialistic or spiritual you have got to plan. To make life worth living you must work hard towards the object of your mission. A life without mission is a life lost. A life without planning is a life wasted. Discipline, mission and hard work are important virtues of a successful man. If you are a patriot and desire to be a politician to earn name and fame in the service of society, you must plan exactly what you want. If you want to do the service to the people and to represent their cause in elected assemblies you must win over the support of the voter's by giving them honest account of services. You must fight for their interest show great

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achievements before you can enjoy the popularity of the masses. It is not simply slogan mongering the matters in politics now-a-days. A successful public man has to be a qualified administrator who can fight out practical issues with the authorities and win practical benefits for the people.

1. What is the desire of every man in this world? 1
2. What is the ideal of majority of people? 1
3. Why do they act in this world? 1
4. What is needed to achieve anything worthwhile? 1
5. Write the important virtues of a successful man? 1
6. How can a man reach up to assemblies? 1
7. Find out a word from the passage which means: Useful enough. rbseonline.com 1
8. Purpose of doing something. 1

- 9-10 Read the passage given below and answer the questions :
- Success comes to those who work with concentration and have thoroughness in action. Anyone who achieves success in the management of any great affair of life is entitled to honour. May he be an artist who paints a picture, an author who writes a book, a housewife who manages the household affairs or a soldier who wins the battle - the credit goes to his ardent spirit which is responsible for getting the job done thoroughly without getting discouraged by the failures. Nothing great and durable was ever achieved without perseverance. It is only by practice, patience, labour, thoroughness and an eye for perfection that man reaches the minutest details of the problem overcomes them and attains his goal. There is not even a single statesman who has not been a man of industry. Louis XIV rightly said, "It is by toil that Kings govern." Washington an indefatigable man of business trained himself in the habit of application, study and methodical work and successfully brought to bear in the affairs of the government. Wellington, the head of his army in Spain directed the precise manner in which the soldiers were to cook their breakfast while on duty. He specified the exact speed at which bullocks were to be driven. If every detail in equipment is carefully arranged and well executed, then efficiency is secured.
- Booker T. Washington, a great racial American leader and educator gained admission to the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Virginia when the head teacher got impressed by the quality of thoroughness in work. When asked to clean the adjoining room, three times and dusted every bit of furniture four times. This superb quality of thoroughness in work impressed the head teacher and Washington got admission in the school of his dreams.

So it should be borne in mind that behind every dream and success lies a long trail of passionate efforts which the world may never come to know. But if anyone thinks that great success can be achieved without thoroughness, then it is better if thoroughness becomes our second nature and with the boon bestowed upon us, we can reap the harvest of our 'foil' for the rest of our lives.

9. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using heading and subheading. 3  
10. Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. 2

**Section - B (Writing)**

11. You are Chandra / Nandinee, an engineer. You need a space of 60×50' for opening an office. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the wanted column of the newspaper. 3

OR

Design a poster in about 50 words to encourage people to save water as much as possible.

12. Write a report in about 100 words on the topic "The Prize Distribution Function". 6

OR

Write a factual description in about 100 words on "My Neighbour".

13. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about choked drains and piles of garbage in your locality posing threat to public health. 5

OR

You are Bhawna/Alok 79 D Shashtri Nagar Jodhpur. Write an application to the Director, Alok Public Sr. Sec. School Shashtri Nagar Jodhpur for the post of a clerk. You have read the advertisement in the Rajasthan Patrika.

14. Write a speech in 100 words on the topic "Negative effects of mobile phone" to be delivered in your school assembly. 6

OR

You are Prachi/Neejal of Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School Falna. Write an article in about 100 words on "Advantages of Games and Sports."

**Section - C (Textual Questions)**

- 15-17 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

A lily of a day  
Is fairer far in May,  
Although it fall and die and that night  
It was the plant and flower of Light  
In small proportions we just beauties see;  
And in short measures life may perfect be.

15. How long is the life of a lily? 1  
16. What is the quality of a life? 1

17. How does a lily of a day impress us? 1

OR

But I can not tell from where  
He is calling out for aid  
Crying on the frightened air  
Making everything afraid.

15. Why is the rabbit crying? 1  
16. How is the rabbit's cry affecting the surrounding? 1  
17. Find out the word from the extract which means : 'Help'. 1

18. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each: 2×3

- (a) Why do all the birds belong to the poet? (A Boy's Song) 2  
(b) What does hope mean to the poet? (The Hope) 2  
(c) At what stage does a man wear spectacles at his nose? (The Seven Ages of Man) 2

- (d) Which birds does the poet mention in the poem in particular P. (A Boy's Song) 2

- 19-22 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: 2×4

19. What price did the narrator get from the buyer for the drawing? (Third Thoughts) 2

20. Why did Sahib's family settle at Seemapuri? (Lost Spring) 2

21. Name two feats performed by Prof. Rao. (A Walk Through the Fire) 2

22. Why did William Douglas have fear of water? How did he overcome it? (Deep Water) 2

23. Answer the question in about 80 words: rbseonline.com  
What are the benefits of yoga? (How Yoga Heals) 6

OR

Draw a character sketch of Mrs. Malik. (A Room 10×8)

Answer the following question in about 80 words:

24. 'Everybody including the sparrows mourned over the grandmother's death' Discuss. (The Portrait of a Lady) 6

OR

Draw the character-sketch of Gafur. (Drought)

- 25-28 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: 2×4

25. Who was the 'Tiger King'? Why did he get that name? (The Tiger King) 2

26. What were the two aims set by Obi for the betterment of the school? (Dead Men's Path) 2

27. Why had Franz not been able to learn much at school. (The Last Lesson) 2

28. What is Sophie's dream about her future? (Going Places) 2

