

Half Yearly Examination 2022-23

Subject : English Compulsory

Class : XII (Twelfth)

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. Choose the Correct Alternative :

- (i) Who is the poet of the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'? 1
 - (a) Adrienne Rich
 - (b) Robert Frost
 - (c) John Keats
 - (d) Pablo Neruda
- (ii) Who are the greedy doers? 1
 - (a) The government
 - (b) Old people
 - (c) The rural people
 - (d) The polished city folk
- (iii) Who wants to drive a car? 1
 - (a) Aness Jung
 - (b) Mukesh
 - (c) Saheb
 - (d) Father of Mukesh
- (iv) The poetess says her mother's face looked pale like a..... 1
 - (a) Corpse
 - (b) Ghost
 - (c) Late winter's moon.
 - (d) Trees and plants
- (v) Saheb originally belonged to (before Delhi) 1
 - (a) Bengal
 - (b) Orissa
 - (c) Dhaka
 - (d) Bihar

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- (vi) Who is the teacher in the 'Last Lesson'. 1
 (a) Franz (b) Houser
 (c) M. Hamel (d) Butcher
- (vii) was stolen from the old man's cottage. 1
 (a) Thirty Rupees (b) Twenty Rupees
 (c) Thirty Kroners (d) Twenty Kroners
- (viii) When did Gandhi Ji go to Lucknow? 1
 (a) December 1917. (b) October 1916
 (c) February 1917 (d) December 1916
- (ix) Danny Casey was a football player of : 1
 (a) Ireland (b) Finland
 (c) England (d) Denmark
- (x) Identify the literary device in 'Slum as big as doom'. 1
 (a) Simile (b) Personification
 (c) Metaphor (d) Alliteration
- (xi) Sophie's best friend was : 1
 (a) Geoff (b) Derek
 (c) Danny (d) Jansie
- (xii) The poet suggests to keep quiet for : 1
 (a) One hour (b) Two hours
 (c) One minute (d) One second

2. Combine the sentence using words given in brackets :

- (i) You should wait. I shall finish the letter. (till)
 (ii) I have bought a book. The book has many pictures. (which)

3. Fill in the blanks by choosing words given in brackets :

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- (i) He is weak pass the exams. (So - that / too - to)
 (ii) Come and sit me. (to / by)
 (iii) A cat is not big a lion. (so - as / as - as)
 (iv) Ramesh found a mobile he was going to school. (when / while)

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- (v) Mother their children with love and care. (bring to / bring up)
 (vi) you don't work hard, you won't pass. (as / if / so)

Section—B

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Delhi has grown into the city that shuns children. It is now an urban sprawl. Its development model is skewed in favour of motorized traffic and commercial capitalization. This has snatched playfield from kids with vehicles occupying every inch of space available. The roads and even lanes and by lanes are out of bounds for the little ones. Unlike the American and European cities, there are few public spaces where one can hang out. No wonder, our children spend a lot of time indoors, glued to T.V., P.C. or mobile screens.

Supreme Court Judge Kurian Joseph expressed his anguish at the shrinking playing space for children in Delhi. The condition of parks in the city he said was a "serious violation of human rights of children" as it was "their right in their tender times to have a decent environment to play and frolic around".

Kuldeep Singh an architect and Urban planner who worked with DDA during 1956 - 57 to bring out Delhi's first master plan. Explained how initially children's needs were the town planner's priority. "Space standards were set every rationally and in every neighborhood a huge open space was reserved for children which we called tot - lots".

"This was the place where we thought children would get a space to play and mingle with each other and we kept it away from roads" recalled Singh. "However due to administrative reasons the idea of tot - lots had to be dropped and regrettably was never entertained again over the years. Circumstances have changed and people are reluctant to let their children go out without some kind of security as a result of which are suffering". Says Mr. Singh.

Before its too late, Mr. Singh hopes the few open spaces for kids are restored and protected from vehicles looking for parking lots. Another planning expert says the rectification of Delhi development model needs to carry out is to ensure mobility of children.

- (i) What type of city has Delhi grown into? 1
- (ii) What is expressed by Kurian Joseph about Delhi? 1
- (iii) What does Kuldeep Singh say as an Urban planner? 1
- (iv) What are tot - lots? 1
- (v) Find a synonym for 'correction' and an antonym for 'separate' from the passage. 1

5. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :

It has become common knowledge that yoga is good for you. Currently yoga is being used as a therapy for cancer, infertility, lung disease, Parkinson's disease, insomnia, high blood pressure, and joint pain. Yet there is little awareness and understanding on exactly how yoga heals. The key is to understand the relationship between stress, yoga and disease.

Medical research estimates that as much as 90 percent of illness and disease is stress related. A few of these include cardio - vascular disease, depression, anxiety, and some type of diabetes. <https://www.rajasthanboard.com>

What we feel as stress, is the product of the sympathetic nervous system or the 'fight and flight' response: and almost instantaneous surge in heart rate, cardiac output, blood pressure, sweating, shallow breathing and metabolism.

Internally the 'fight and flight' response shuts down digestion and elimination.

Chronic stress leads to high level of cortisol. This hormone helps to maintain an active healthy body. But excessive amount of cortisol can suppress the immune system and cause sleep disturbances and loss of appetite. High level of cortisol can also increase your heart rate, blood pressure and your cholesterol and triglyceride.

- (i) What are the side effects of excessive cortisol? 1
- (ii) What do you mean by 'fight and flight'? 1
- (iii) What is stress? 1
- (iv) Which diseases can be cured by yoga. 1
- (v) Find a word similar to 'immediate'. 1

Section—C

Write the answers of the following questions in about 20 words :

6. What does Mr. Lamb do all day? (On The Face Of It) 1
7. What did the narrator claim about third level? (Third Level) 1
8. Why is the global temperature increasing? (Journey to the End of the Earth) 1
9. Why does the name 'Tiger King' justify in the story? (The Tiger King) 1
10. What do the walls of the slum school have on them?
(An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum) 1

Write the answers of following questions in 30 - 40 words.

11. What does smile signify in the poem? (My Mother at Sixty Six) 2
12. What is the theme of the poem 'Keeping Quiet'. 2
13. Why did the paddler call the world a rattrap? 2
14. Identify the things of beauty mentioned in the poem by poet.
(A Thing of Beauty) 2
15. How did the drowning experience affect Douglas? (Deep Water) 2
16. Explain 'Vive La France!' in your words. (The Last Lesson) 2
17. What was the long term contract? (Indigo) 2

Write the answer of following questions in 60 - 80 words :

18. Write about the make - up department of Gemini studio. (Poets and Pancakes) 3
19. How did Gandhi Ji help the peasants in Champaran? (Indigo) 3
20. 'We too are Human beings' who is victim here and why?
(Memories of Childhood) 3

OR

How is the grand central station a symbol of escape? (The Third Level)

Section—D

21. S.K. International school is looking for a Science teacher for 10th class. Write an advertisement on behalf of Principal in the classified column of the local newspaper giving necessary details. 4

OR

You are Rashi / Ramesh, Secretary of youth club, Jaipur. Draft a notice asking all the club members and other people to donate the blood in blood donation camp.

22. You are the President of your school's student union. Your Principal has asked you to observe the morning prayer in school. Write a report based on your observation in about 100 words. 4

OR

Translate the following passage into Hindi :

A small family is always a happy family. It has a lot of benefits. Each member has true love for others and honourable feelings for all. All the members unitedly face hardships and sorrows. Small family has less expenses and more income. It can have a better living standard with the help of better purchasing capacity. It can provide quality education to the children. It can travel more to visit places. The members are ready to sacrifice for each other. A small family develops each member well both mentally and physically. So a small family is preferable.

23. Write a letter to the chairman, municipal board of your town complaining about the miserable condition of roads in your locality. 4

OR

You are Sakshi / Suresh living at A - 5, Raja Park, Jaipur. Write a letter to the editor 'The Hindu' to publish his views on the 'Influence of mobile and internet on students'.

