

Half Yearly Examination - 2022-23

Class - VIII

Subject - English

Time :- 2:30 Hours

M.M. - 50

General Instructions

* Attempt all questions.

* All questions are compulsory

Q.1 Make new words by adding 'able', 'ful' to the following words properly:- (2)

- (a) beauty (b) miser

Q.2 Write plural of the following words:- (2)

- (a) territory (b) wall

Q.3 Write the missing letters in the following words:- (2)

- (a) g__nt__em__n (b) re__e__b__r

Q.4 Identify the words with incorrect spelling and rewrite them after correcting. But there were no animals to be seen (2)

Q.5 Arrange the words in proper order to make meaningful sentences. (2)

- (a) was / sitting / old lady / the / the wheel chair / in.
(b) attracted / He was / by / modern knowledge / science / and.

Q.6 Which of the underlined letters has a different sound :- (2)

- (i) (a) father (b) car
(c) aunt (d) have
(ii) (a) head (b) reach
(c) beach (d) peach

Q.7 (i) we are not interested _____ such programmes. (1)

- (a) on (b) to
(c) at (d) in

(ii) Ignacious was the manager _____ a cooperative society. (1)

- (a) on (b) at
(c) of (d) from

Q.8 (i) I have a banyan tree _____ roots are much deeper. (1)

- (a) which (b) whose
(c) who (d) what

(ii) Do you know Rohit _____ lives near a village. (1)

- (a) which (b) who
(c) whom (d) what

Q.9 (i) One day two boys came and _____ by my house. (1)

- (a) stand (b) stood
(c) stands (d) standing

(ii) When the dinner was ready they _____ it to the table. (1)

- (a) carried (b) carry
(c) carries (d) carrying

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

I spotted in a junk shop in Bridport, a rolltop desk. The man said it was early nineteenth century and oak. I had wanted one, but they were far too expensive. This one was in a bad condition, the roll top in several pieces one leg clumsily mended, scorch marks all down one side it was going for very little money. I thought I could restore it. It would be a risk, a challenge but I had to have it. I paid the man and brought it back to my work room at the back of the garage. I began to work on it on Christmas eve.

Answer these following :-

1. What did the author spot in a junk shop? (1)
2. Why couldn't the author buy roll-top oak desk earlier? (1)
3. Why did the author think that he could restore the desk? (1)
4. When did the author begin work on the desk? (1)
5. Find the one word from the passage which means "costing a lot of money". (1)
6. Find the opposite of the following:- (2)
(i) good (ii) front

7. Find the same word in meaning of the following:- (2)

(i) started

(ii) costly

Q.11 Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions:-

Ashoka was a great emperor. He thought that the duty of the king was to protect the people and safeguard their rights. He gave protection to the public and made arrangement for justice. He instructed his officials to behave properly with the public. He engraved the message of justice and non-violence on pillars and installed them at different places some of the pillars still tell us about his greatness. He opened hospitals for the infirm and the old where the good treatment was given to the patients. He also opened hospitals for animals. He was really great as he advocated pity and mercy for all living creatures.

Questions:-

1. Who was Ashoka? (2)
2. What did he think about justice? (2)
3. What do the pillars tell us about Ashoka? (2)
4. What did Ashoka instruct his officials? (2)
5. Write one word for the following:- (2)
 - (i) The ruler of an empire. E _____.
 - (ii) find the opposite of 'took' g _____.

Q.12 Write an application to the Principal/Head master for a railway concession certificate. (4)

You may use the following clues:-

(Parents live, go home, during vacations, railway concession issue.)

Or

You are Adesh/Asha. Your father is out of station. Write a letter to your father informing him about the illness of your father.