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Half-Yearly Examination, 2025-26
English
Class : 10

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min.]

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General Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted only for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections.
- (iii) Section 'A' Contains multiple choice questions and Section 'B' Contains descriptive answer type questions.
- (iv) All the questions are compulsory.
- (v) Marks are indicated against questions.

Section-‘A’
(Multiple Choice Questions)

Note : Answer the following questions as per instructions given on the OMR answer Sheet.

(Q. No. 1-3) : Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

An old man was distressed because his sons always quarrelled with one another. One day he called them to him and showed them a bundle of sticks tied together. He asked if anyone of them was strong enough to break them. First one and then another tried, but they all failed. He then united the bundle, and told them to break each stick separately. This time they did easily and all the sticks were soon broken into pieces. Thus he taught them that united they would be strong, but disunited they would always be weak.

- 1. An old man was distressed because : **1**
 - (A) his sons quarrelled sometimes with him.
 - (B) his sons quarrelled with their friends.
 - (C) his sons always quarrelled with one another.
 - (D) his sons did not quarrel.
- 2. An old man was distressed. It means he was : **1**
 - (A) happy (B) helpful (C) angry (D) sad
- 3. Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'weak' ? **1**
 - (A) distressed (B) quarrelled (C) strong (D) disunited

(Q. No. 4-8) : Choose the correct option to answer the following :

- 4. You eating junk food. **1**
 - (A) must (B) were (C) should not (D) did not
- 5. "My friend is a hard working man". Identify the verb. **1**

(A) working (B) is (C) hard (D) man

6. He has no desire _____ fame. 1

(A) of (B) for (C) to (D) at

7. Football/play/not/boys/these/do ? 1

(A) These boys not do play football.

(B) Do these boys not play football ?

(C) These boys do not play football.

(D) Do not play these boys football ?

8. Which of the following words is misspelled ? 1

(A) believe (C) receive

(B) achieve (D) decive

(Q. No. 9-10) : Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

I knew that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred : he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. I am not truly free. If I am taking away someone's else freedom just as surely as I am not free when freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity.

9. A man who takes away another man's freedom is : 1

(A) oppressor (C) white

(B) a Prisoner of hatred (D) criminal

10. A strong dislike without any good reason : 1

(A) prejudice (C) irritation

(B) revenge (D) strong feeling

(Q. No. 11-13) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. What did she write in her last essay ? 1

(A) a poem (C) a paragraph

(B) a joke (D) a funny poem

12. What are the bakers known in Goa ? **1**

- (A) pader (B) portugese (C) peker (D) baker

13. The Pito was not able to _____ anything. **1**

- (A) see (B) hear (C) speak (D) all of them

(Q. No. 14-15) : Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

But his locked in a concrete cell.
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage
Ignoring visitors !

14. 'He' here refers to : **1**

- (A) gardener (C) care taker
(B) tiger (D) forest officer

15. The tiger is locked in a : **1**

- (A) wooden cage (C) concrete cell
(B) plastic box (D) zoo

(Q. No. 16-20) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

16. Who was Mrs. Pumphrey ? **1**

- (A) the maid (C) The nurse
(B) the caretaker (D) the mistress

17. What did Hari Singh want from Anil ? **1**

- (A) work (B) money (C) eatables (D) home

18. Who was Max ? **1**

- (A) fowler's friend (C) a soldier
(B) ausable's friend (D) secret agent

19. What was the colour of her dress ? **1**

- (A) red (B) white (C) green (D) black

20. Whose were the muddy footprints ? **1**

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| (A) the landlord | (C) two boys |
| (B) two girls | (D) Mrs. Hall |

Section-‘B’
(Descriptive Type Questions)

21. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :
[Passage text omitted for brevity]

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| (i) How many daughters did the king of Greece have ? | 2 |
| (ii) Who was the fairest of all ? | 2 |
| (iii) What did Psyche pray to the goddess of Greece ? | 2 |
| (iv) Which word in the passage means ‘unattractive’ ? | 1 |

22. Write a letter to your father requesting him to purchase some books and school dress for you. **4**

OR

Write an application to the principal requesting him to change your subjects.

23. Write a report on the ‘Independence day’ celebration in your school in about 80–100 words. **6**

OR

Write an article on ‘Picnic Tour’ in about 80–100 words.

24. Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech :

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| (A) She said to him, “Let us play now.” | 2 |
| (B) He is helping his brother. (into passive voice) | 2 |
| (C) Punctuate the following :
mohan said may god help you | 2 |
| (D) Translate the following into English : | 4 |

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25. Answer the following questions in about 30–40 words each : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (A) Describe your views about Mr. Keesing as your teacher.

OR

Who according to Mandela is not free ?

- (B) What risk did the writer take while flying ? Why ?

OR

Why did the postman laugh heartily ?

26. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

- (A) Give the character sketch of Lencho ?
- (B) Why did Anne Frank maintain her diary ?

27. Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire ? (in about 40 words) 3

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

28. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems : 3

- (A) Dust of Snow (B) A Tiger in the Zoo (C) Fire and Ice

29. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30–40 words : 3

- (A) What treatment did the doctor give to Tricki ?
- (B) What kind of thief Hari Singh was ?

30. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

- (A) Write the character sketch of Hari Singh.
- (B) Mrs. Pumphrey was responsible for Tricki's poor condition. Describe it in detail.

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