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Half Yearly Examination-2026

A English

Time : 3.15 Hrs.]

Class-12

[M.M. : 100

Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted for the candidate for reading question paper.
- (ii) This paper is divided into four sections 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D'.
- (iii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section 'A' (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

Whatever your task may be, concentrate your whole mind upon it, throw into it all the energy of which you are capable. The faultless completion of small tasks leads inevitably to larger tasks. See to it that you rise by steady climbing and you will never fall. And herein lies the secret of true power. Learn by constant practice, how to husband your resources, and to concentrate them, at any moment, upon a given point. The foolish waste all their mental and spiritual energy in frivolity, foolish chatter, or selfish argument, not to mention wasteful physical excesses.

- (i) How should we do our task? **3**
- (ii) When shall we never fall? **3**
- (iii) Where in lies the secret of true power? **3**
- (iv) How do the foolish waste their energy? **3**

- (v) (a) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'false'? 1
 (b) What is meant by 'to concentrate'? 1
 (c) Give the antonym of 'foolish'. 1

Section-'B' (Writing)

2. Write an article on anyone of the following topics in about 100-150 words: 10

- (i) Is science a blessing or a curse
- (ii) Problem of corruption
- (iii) The problem of unemployment

3. Write a letter to the News editor of 'The Times of India' complaining against the poor supply of water in your locality. 10

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your sister's marriage.

Section-'C' (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 5×2=10

(A) Government by one person is called—

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| (i) Democracy | (iii) Autocracy |
| (ii) Anarchy | (iv) Plutocracy |

(B) The phrase st of :

- (i) to leave a place (iii) to start to go
(ii) to hate a place (iv) to be forced to go

(C) The synonym of 'illustrious' is:

- (i) failure (iii) enduring
(ii) renowned (iv) both (i) and (ii)

(D) Mohan is more taller than Ram :

Which word in this sentence is an error?

- (i) than (ii) is (iii) taller (iv) more

(E) The antonym of 'optimistic' is :

- (i) unoptimistic
 - (ii) inoptimistic
 - (iii) pessimistic
 - (iv) hopelessness

5. (A) Change any one of the following in indirect speech:

- (i) He said to me, "Please, help me."
- (ii) He will say, 'The student was lazy.'

(B) Combine any one of the following as directed: 2

- (i) He is very fat. He can not run fast. (**into simple sentence**)
- (ii) He was so tired. He could not run. (**into complex sentence**)

(C) Transform any one of the following as directed : 2

- (i) They will close all the shops. (into passive voice)
- (ii) Besides making a promise, he kept it. (into compound sentence)

(D) Correct any one of the following sentences : 2

(i) I am too happy to see you.

(ii) Being a rainy day we did not go out.

(E) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentences to make the difference in their meaning clear:

() oar-ore

() affect-effect

6. Translate the following passage into English : 6

Section-'D' (Literature)

7. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words: **4+4=8**

(a) What happened when church-clock struck twelve?

OR

What was the importance of garbage for children in Seemapuri?

(b) What did the instructor do to train Douglas?

OR

What happened with the rattap seller into the woods?

8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words each: **7**

(a) Who was Saheb? What was the plight, that compelled him to wander in the streets of Delhi for ragpicking?

(b) What happened with the stranger at ironmaster's house? How was he treated by Edla Willmansson?

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9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: **3×2=6**

Those who prepare green wars
Wars with gas, wars with fire,
Victory with no survivors,
Would put on survivors,
Would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
In the shade, doing noting.

- (i) What types of wars are prepared by the persons?
- (ii) what is the end of such wars?
- (iii) what would such persons do after keeping quiet?

10. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems : **4**

- () Keeping quiet
- () My mother at sixty six
- () A thing of beauty

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 40 words each: **4+4=8**

- (a) How did Charley enter in the third leavel?

OR

What was Gondwana?

- (b) How was the tiger king brought up.

OR

How did Dr. Sadao operate the whiteman?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: **7**

(a) What is there on Antarctica? How is some times silence interrupted there?

(b) Who was Dr. Sadao? How did he meet Hana and married to her? Who played an important role in their marriage and how?

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