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Half-Yearly Examination, 2026

English Class—12

A/40,000

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Mins.]

[M. M. : 100]

General Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted for reading the 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 answer the questions that follow :

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone who lies in the bed late is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health. In spite of all his efforts his work will not produce as good results as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he can not take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. Some people say that the quiet hour of midnight is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn the midnight oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at midnight when the body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time soon ruin their health, Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

- (a) Why is early rising better than rising late ? 3
- (b) Why do some thinkers burn the midnight oil ? 3
- (c) What is the disadvantage of working at midnight ? 3
- (d) What are the possible advantages of both morning hours and midnight hours ? 3

- (ii) **A/English, 12**
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'noisy' ? 1
- (ii) Substitute one word for the phrase 'in spite of'. 1
- (iii) Give the antonym of 'Several'. 1

Section B : Writing

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words
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- (a) Problem of corruption
- (b) Women in New India.
- (c) Your Ambition in Life

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily showing your concern over 'high rise in water-tax'. **10**

OR

Write a letter to the principal of your college for free studentship to enable you to study further.

Section C : Grammar

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) The country ruled by a king :

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| (i) Democracy | (iii) Matriarchy |
| (ii) Monarchy | (iv) Oligarchy |

(b) The Phrase 'At a stretch' means :

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| (i) Slowly | (iii) Very fast |
| (ii) Continuously | (iv) Rapidly |

(c) The synonym of 'Loudable' is :

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| (i) Praise worthy | (iii) Disable |
| (ii) Able | (iv) Liable |

(d) One should not abuse his father. Which word in the sentence is an error ?

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| (i) should | (iii) not |
| (ii) his | (iv) one |

(e) The antonym of 'stale' is :

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| (i) flash | (iii) fake |
| (ii) flush | (iv) fresh |

5. (a) Change any one of the following in indirect narration : 2

- (i) Mohit said to Reeta, "Why did you stop here ?"
- (ii) The teacher said to the children, 'Do not quarrel with your sisters.'

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

- (i) The thief was punished. The thief was fined. **(into compound sentence)**
- (ii) It must be done. The cost does not count. **(into simple sentence)**

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

- (i) You can solve it. **(into passive voice)**
- (ii) Their glory can never fade. **(into interrogative sentence)**

(d) Correct any one of the following sentence : 2

- (i) I am tired in doing this.
- (ii) Death is preferable than dishonour.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentence to make the difference in their meaning clear : 2

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| (i) access-excess | (ii) affect-effect |
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6. Translate the following into English :

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हमें पालतू और मूक पशुओं की तरह किसी के पीछे नहीं चलना चाहिए। जीवन के संघर्षों एवं आने वाले खतरों का निर्भीकता एवं साहस के साथ सामना करना चाहिए। भविष्य चाहे कितना भी उज्ज्वल एवं लुभावना क्यों न हो। हमें उस पर भरोसा नहीं करना चाहिए। हमें बीती हुई बातों को बार-बार सोचना नहीं चाहिए। बस अपने कर्तव्यों के प्रति सचेत रहना चाहिए।

Section D : Literature

7. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each :

4+4=8

(a) Whom did M. Hamel blame for the ignorance in studies and why ?

Or

What was the importance of garbage for children in Seemapuri ?

(b) How deep was the pool ? What was there inside the water ?

Or

What happened with the rattrap seller into the woods ?

8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80-100 words.

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(a) Who was Mukesh ? What did he want to do in his life and what did he not want to follow ?

(b) How did Douglas succeed in over coming his fear of water ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follows :

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A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness, but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing
A thing of beauty and a sleep.

(i) What is a joy forever ?

(ii) What will a thing of beauty provide us ?

(iii) What does the poet feel about a thing of beauty ?

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

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- (i) My Mother at Sixty-Six
- (ii) Keeping Quiet
- (iii) A Thing of Beauty.

11. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each :

4+4=8

(a) Who was psychiatrist ? What did he tell about the third level ?

Or

How did the king save his throne ? How much loss did he bear ?

(b) How did the author feel when he reached Antarctica ?

Or

How did the youngman wake up ? What did he say first ?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80-100 words.

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- (a) Who was the psychiatrist ? What did he say about the third level ?
- (b) What was the Vow of the Maharaja ? How did he fulfil it and what dangers did he face ?

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