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Half Yearly Examination, 2026-27

English

Class -9

A-IX

Time : 3:15 Hours

M.M. : 70

General Instructions:

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections A & B.
- (iii) Section 'A' contains 20 multiple choice questions.
- (iv) Section 'B' contains descriptive type questions.
- (v) All questions are compulsory.
- (vi) Marks are indicated against each question.

Section-(A)

Multiple Choice Questions

Q. No. (1-20)

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

The companionship of books is the best companionship and like all friendships which are sincere and true, grows sweeter with the passage of time. It contributes to the happiness of man and removes the sorrows that fall to the lot of all human beings. We can always turn to books for solace and comfort when overburdened with the cares and worries of the world, when life

appears to be dull and dreary, when the death of a beloved person makes one lose the relish of life or when illness or poverty brings disappointment and dejection. Buried in the mines of knowledge and information, we seem to be transported beyond the petty cares and anxieties of life, forget for the time being, at least, the pains and troubles to which all flesh is subject and find ourselves in heavenly bliss, as it were.

1. According to the passage, which is the best ?

- (A) The companionship of books
- (B) The companionship of friends
- (C) The companionship of great men
- (D) None of the above

2. Books give us solace and comfort when:

- (A) We are under worries and cares
- (B) Life appears to be dull and dreary
- (C) Poverty brings disappointment and dejection
- (D) All of the above

3. Knowledge and information are helpful to remove:

- (A) Cares and anxieties of life
- (B) Pains and troubles
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) None of these

Q. No. 4–8: Choose the correct option and answer the following questions.

4. To their astonishment they found that everything costs:

- (A) The same
- (B) Very high
- (C) Equal
- (D) Very low

5. The swallow picked out the great ruby from:

- (A) Basket
- (B) Prince's sword
- (C) The bag
- (D) Prince's ...

6. There was only one leaf on the:

- (A) Plant
- (B) Plant
- (C) Creeper
- (D) Shrub

7. A man in the surging crowd heard his cry and lifted the boy up in:

- (A) His arms
- (B) His lap
- (C) The car

(D) The bullock cart

8. Before coming to Toto, Grandfather's pets included:

(A) A tame squirrel and a pet goat

(B) A tortoise and a pair of rabbits

(C) A tortoise and pet goat

(D) A tortoise, a pair of rabbits, a tame squirrel and the writer's pet goat

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

A headmaster once told his father that what Einstein chose as a profession wouldn't matter because, "he'll never make a success at anything." Einstein began learning to play the violin at the age of six, because his mother wanted him to. He later became a gifted amateur violinist, maintaining this skill throughout his life. But Albert Einstein was not a bad pupil. He went to high school in Munich, where Einstein's family had moved when he was 15 months old, and scored good marks in almost every subject. Einstein hated the school's regimentation and often clashed with his teachers.

9. Einstein hated the school's regimentation as the school had a strict _____ which he disliked:

(A) Discipline

(B) Laws

(C) Rules

(D) Manners

10. Choose the antonym of 'Amateur'.

(A) Dabbler

(B) Laymen

(C) Expert

(D) Enthusiast

Q. No. 11–13: Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

11. As a child Abdul Kalam did not have any:

- (A) Exceptional looks
- (B) Average looks
- (C) Undistinguished looks
- (D) Ordinary looks

12. The writer and his friends offered a few _____ in the temple:

- (A) Gifts
- (B) Flowers
- (C) Sweets
- (D) Prasad

13. The play is set in:

- (A) A huge mansion
- (B) A bungalow
- (C) A small cottage
- (D) A theatre

Q. No. 14–15: Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow.

He came to the door of a cottage,
In travelling round the earth
Where a little woman was making cakes,
And baking them on the hearth;

14. In the cottage, the little woman was making:

- (A) Cakes
- (B) Samosas
- (C) Pastries
- (D) Patties

15. 'Hearth' in this stanza means:

- (A) Oven
- (B) Gas stove
- (C) Fireplace
- (D) Cooker

Q. No. 16–20: Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

16. He is poor _____ he is happy:

- (A) Yet
- (B) But
- (C) Since
- (D) So

17. The earth _____ round the sun:

- (A) Revolves
- (B) Revolve
- (C) Revolving

(D) Has revolved

18. _____ apple a day, keeps _____ doctor away:

(A) The, an

(B) An, the

(C) The, the

(D) A, the

19. Which word is correctly spelled ?

(A) Sorrowfully

(B) Sorrowfolly

(C) Sorrowfully

(D) Sorowfully

20. Country / to / we / ought / our / serve

(A) We ought to serve our country

(B) We to country ought serve our

(C) We to ought serve our country

(D) Our country we ought to serve

Section-(B)

Descriptive Questions

21. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Vitamins were discovered by Lunin in 1881. They may be defined as organic substances which are essential for the growth of the body. They are required in small amounts. If a man does not take food containing vitamins, he can suffer from various diseases. So far, about twenty vitamins have been discovered. They have been named as A, B, C, D, E, K, P, etc. Each of them performs a definite function.

The most important vitamins are A, B and C. Vitamin A is present in cod liver oil, milk, butter, eggs and green vegetables. It is very necessary for the growth of the body and for the protection of the skin and other delicate parts of the body. It checks infection and keeps the eyes healthy. Vitamin B is found mainly in cereals, yeast, green vegetables and eggs. Its shortage leads to a disease called beri-beri. Vitamin C is present in large amounts in orange, lemon and fresh fruits. Human milk is also a good source of vitamin C. Its deficiency causes diseases like scurvy.

- (a) Who discovered vitamins ?
- (b) Which substances contain vitamin A ?
- (c) What are the sources of vitamin C ?
- (d) Give the opposite of 'definite'.

22. Answer any one of the following:

4 marks

Write an application to the principal of your college requesting him to grant you full fee concession, saying that you had full freeship last year too. You have always been a good student.

OR

Write a letter to your local bookseller, asking him to send you some books by post/courier.

23. Write an article on 'Alarming Growth of Population' for your school magazine. You are Raj/Rajita. Take the help of the clues given below: **6 marks**

- (i) Impact on the economy and environment
- (ii) Migration to urban areas
- (iii) Depletion of natural resources
- (iv) High birthrate, low death rate, desire for male child

OR

You attended an exhibition on fashion designing and technology at Community Hall, Lucknow. You were impressed by the exhibition. Write a brief report of the exhibition. Your report should be written in 80–100 words.

24.

- (a) Change the following sentence into indirect speech. **2 marks**

The policeman said to the beggars, "Do not sit here."

- (b) Change the following sentence into passive voice. **2 marks**

You have bought many books.

- (c) Punctuate the following sentence wherever necessary. **2 marks**

Who are you sir and what do you want sheela said

- (d) Translate the following into English. **4 marks**

गया बिहार का प्रसिद्ध तीर्थ है। यहाँ एक बहुत बड़ा मन्दिर है। इस मन्दिर में गौतम बुद्ध की एक विशाल मूर्ति है। मन्दिर के पास बड़े पीपल के पेड़ के नीचे ही बुद्ध ने ज्ञान प्राप्त किया था। इसी कारण बौद्ध लोग इसे पवित्र मानते हैं।

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

(a) How does he describe the old kind of teacher ?

OR

How was the shehnai instrument made ?

(b) How did Kezia always stutter while talking to her father ?

OR

How did Einstein fare in high school ?

26. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words. **4 marks**

(a) Why was Benaras so important to Bismillah Khan ?

(b) How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages ?

27. What does the poet like to do when it rains ? (In about 40 words.) **3 marks**

OR

Write four lines from any poem prescribed in your syllabus.
(Do not copy the lines given in the question paper.)

28. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems in about 30–40 words. **3 marks**

(a) The Road Not Taken

(b) Wind

(c) The Lake Isle of Innisfree

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30–40 words. **3 marks**

- (a) What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair ?
- (b) In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra ?

30. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words. **4 marks**

- (a) Describe the childhood of Albert Einstein.
- (b) How did the Happy Prince help the poor children in the city ?