

Half Yearly Exam - 2026

Class - XII

Subject - ENGLISH

Time : 3:00 Hours

MM : 100

Instructions:

- (i) This question paper is divided into four sections 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D'.
- (ii) All questions from the four sections are compulsory.
- (iii) Read the questions very carefully before you answer them.

Section 'A' Reading

1. Many people complain that they have broken down through over-work. In the majority of such cases, the break-down is more frequently the result of foolishly wasted energy. If you would secure health, you must learn to work without friction. To become anxious or excited or to worry over needless details is to invite a break-down. Work, whether of brain or body, is beneficial and health-giving, and the man who can work with a steady and calm persistency, freedom from all anxiety and worry, and with his mind utterly oblivious to all but the work he has in hand, will not only accomplish far more than the man who is always hurried and anxious, but he will retain his health, a boon which the other quickly forfeits.

Questions:

- (a) What do many people complain about ? **3**
- (b) What is the cause of breakdown ? **3**

- (c) Who will be able to retain his health ? **3**
- (d) What is useful and health-giving ? **3**
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'loss of health' ?
(ii) Which word in the passage is opposite to the word 'Curse' ?

Section 'B' Writing

Q2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100–150 words: **10**

- (a) Health is wealth
- (b) Water conservation
- (c) Role of woman in modern India

Q3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality. **10**

OR

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

Section 'C' Grammar and Translation

Q4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions: $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Government by one person is called:
- (i) Democracy
 - (ii) Bureaucracy
 - (iii) Aristocracy

- (iv) Autocracy
- (b) The phrase 'Pick holes in' means:
- (i) find fault with
 - (ii) to insult someone
 - (iii) to attack
 - (iv) to puncture
- (c) The antonym of Knowledge is:
- (i) education
 - (ii) indifference
 - (iii) ignorance
 - (iv) Knowing
- (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 synonym of 'despise' is:
- (i) love
 - (ii) hate
 - (iii) respect
 - (iv) select

Q5.

(a) Change any one of the following into Indirect Speech: 2

(i) The old man said, "The sun rises in the east every day."

(ii) They said to us, "Why are you not playing?"

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

(i) I have no money that I can spare. [Into Simple Sentence]

(ii) The sun rose. The fog dispersed. [Into a Compound Sentence]

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

(i) Radha writes letters. [Into Passive Voice]

(ii) Delhi is the best city in India. [Into Comparative Degree]

(d) Correct the sentence: 2

(i) I went out for walk.

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

(i) Coarse – Course

(ii) Edition – Addition

Q6. Translate the following passage into English: 5

भूख और इंसान का रिश्ता जन्म से होता है। जन्म के साथ ही मनुष्य अपनी भूख भी साथ लेकर आता है। भूख किसी भी व्यक्ति के जीवित रहने का प्रमाण है। लेकिन यह भूख हवस का रूप लेने लगे, तो चिन्ता का कारण बनने लगती है। किसी की बेइंतहा लालच, दूसरे की मुसीबत का सबब बन जाती है। भूख और भुखमरी असमानता की सूचक है।

Section - D (Literature)

Q7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each:
[4 + 4 = 8]

(a) What did M. Hamel say about the French language ?

OR

Who was Mukesh and what was his ambition ?

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

OR

Why did the peddler consider the world as a rattrap ?

Q8. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words: 7

(a) How did Gandhiji reach Champaran and what did he do there ?

OR

What was the scene inside the class when Franz reached the school ?

Q9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: $3 \times 2 = 6$

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.

Questions:

- (i) What does the poet feel about a thing of beauty ?
- (ii) What does the poet mean when he says, “It will never pass into nothingness” ?
- (iii) Point out the figure of speech in the statement “A thing of beauty is a joy forever”.

Q11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each:
[4 + 4 = 8]

(a) What was the third level ? Where was it situated ?

OR

What was the astrologer's prediction about the Tiger King's death ?

(b) What did the author realize on reaching Antarctica ?

OR

What was the chief concern of Sadao's father ?

Q12. Write any one of the following questions in about 80 words: **7**

(a) Who was Dr. Sadao ? How did he meet Hana and marry her ?

OR

Who was the Tiger King ? Why was he named the Tiger King ?

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