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**Half Yearly Examination, 2026-27**  
**Class - X**  
**English**

**Time : 3.00 hours**

**M.M. : 70**

**Note:** All questions are compulsory.

**Section - A**

**(Multiple Choice Questions)**

**20 Marks**

**1.** What was the seagull afraid of-

- (i) Flying
- (ii) Running
- (iii) Swimming
- (iv) Seeing

**2.** Who gave the young seagull a piece of flesh.

- (i) Mother seagull
- (ii) Brother seagull
- (iii) Father seagull
- (iv) None

**3.** The Pilot was not able to \_\_\_\_\_ anything.

- (i) see
- (ii) hear

(iii) speak

(iv) all

**4.** Anne's argument shows that she is -

(i) intelligent

(ii) cunning

(iii) selfish

(iv) clever

**5.** Who is Anne's long awaited friend ?

(i) Diary

(ii) Pen

(iii) Cat

(iv) Dog

**6.** The bakers of Goa used to wear \_\_\_\_\_

(i) Bol

(ii) a long cloak

(iii) Kabai

(iv) all

**7.** A man who takes away another man's freedom is-

(i) White

(ii) Criminal

(iii) A prisoner of hatred

(iv) black

**8.** What is patrolling at night ?

- (i) Tigers
- (ii) Deers
- (iii) Cars
- (iv) lions

**9.** What do you mean by 'hold' in the poem 'Fire and Ice' ?

- (i) Comfort
- (ii) laugh
- (iii) support
- (iv) desire

**10.** Who is the poet of 'Dust of Snow'.

- (i) Leslie Norris
- (ii) W.B. Yeats
- (iii) Robert Frost
- (iv) Robin Klein

**11.** What did Mr. Hall hear, all of sudden -

- (i) a sniff
- (ii) loud sound
- (iii) barking sound
- (iv) None

**12.** What type of a man was Griffin ?

- (i) Lawless person
- (ii) Law abiding
- (iii) Caving person
- (iv) all

**13.** Who came with a small bundle of notes one evening ?

- (i) Anil
- (ii) Hari Singh
- (iii) Writer
- (iv) Publisher

**14.** What did Tricki refuse to eat ?

- (i) Favourite dishes
- (ii) Spicy items
- (iii) Bitter food
- (iv) Sweets

**15.** Tricki's actual problem was-

- (i) Vomiting

(ii) Malaria

(iii) Fever

(iv) Malnutrition

**16.** Which of the following words is mis-spelled ?

(i) Maker

(ii) Inspector

(iii) Greater

(iv) Creator

**17.** He is in need \_\_\_\_\_ money.

(i) an

(ii) of

(iii) the

(iv) diesel

**18.** Children \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the programme.

(i) had gone

(ii) went

(iii) will go

(iv) all

**19.** He walked \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the street.

(i) for

(ii) of

(iii) on

(iv) to

**20.** They will arrive soon. Identify the adverb.

(i) They

(ii) arrive

(iii) will

(iv) soon

## **Section - B**

### **(Reading)**

**1.** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that given below:

Robin Hood was the leader of the company of outlaws who lived in Sherwood forest. His name was a terror to rich travellers, but he was loved by the poor, whom he saved from cruel landlords and often helped with money. The Sheriff of the nearby town was his bitter enemy. After many attempts to catch Robin Hood, the Sheriff one day declared in the hearing of many people, "I am willing to give half of my wealth to anyone who will help me to catch Robin Hood."

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| (a) Who was Robin Hood ?                                                     | <b>2</b> |
| (b) Who did Robin Hood help with money ?                                     | <b>2</b> |
| (c) Who was Robin Hood's bitter enemy ?                                      | <b>2</b> |
| (d) Which word in the passage means 'to make known publicly or officially' ? | <b>2</b> |

## Section - C

### (Writing)

2. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him/her to issue a Transfer certificate as your father has been transferred. 4

### OR

Write a letter to your father demanding money to purchase some new books.

3. Write an article on 'Your Birthday Party' or 'Rules of the Road'. 6

## Section - D

### (Grammar)

4.

(a) Change as directed:

- Who taught you English ? (Passive voice) 2
- Mohan reads a book. (Passive voice) 2

(b) The boy said to the teacher, "My mother is a teacher." (Indirect speech) 2

(c) Punctuate the following:

he wrote I can not come because i am ill. 2

(d) Translate into English:

मैं कल सुबह पुस्तकालय जा रहा था। रास्ते में मेरा एक मित्र मिला। हम दोनों शाम तक एक साथ रहे। मित्र से मिलकर मैं खुश था परन्तु पुस्तकालय न जा पाने के कारण दुखी भी था। 4

## Section - E

**(Literature)**

- 5.** Answer any two questions in about 30-40 words: **6**
- (a) "The sight of food maddened him" What does this suggest ?
  - (b) Was Anne right when she said the world would not be interested in the musings of a thirteen year old girl ?
  - (c) Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money ? Why/Why not ?
- 6.** Answer any one of the following in about 60-80 words: **6**
- (a) How did Mandela's hunger for freedom change his life ?
  - (b) What is the story about Kodagu people's descent ?
- 7.** Write four lines of any poem from your Text-book. **3**
- 8.** Write the Central Idea of any one poem: **3**
- (a) Fire and Ice
  - (b) Amanda
- 9.** Answer any one of the following questions in 30-40 words: **3**
- (a) What did the doctor do to cure Tricki ?
  - (b) What did Griffin want to prove ? Could he do that ?
- 10.** Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: **4**
- (a) Griffin was rather a lawless person. Comment.
  - (b) How does Ausable manage to make Max believe that there is a balcony attached to his room ? Look back at his detailed description of it. What makes it a convincing story ?