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Half Yearly Exam.–2026–27
Class : 12
Subject : English

Time : 3:00 M.M. : 90

Instructions– This question paper is divided into four sections. **All the questions from all the sections are compulsory.**

Section–A (Reading)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions– **10**

Some people think that the aim of education is merely to give knowledge. These people want students to read books and do nothing eles, but add to their knowledge. Others believe that knowledge alone is not enough, only that which enables a man to earn his living can be called education. Such people think that bread is more important than anything eles. Still others believe that education should aim at making good citizens and good patriots. All these people see only one of the several purpose of education.

In fact education should aim at three things together. It should give men knowledge, make them self-reliant and able to serve others. Education should produce men, who love their own country but who do not want to harm other countries.

(a) What should be the aim of education?

(b) What kind of men should be produced by education?

(c) How should a good citizen behave?

(d) Which word in the passage means 'independence'?

Section– B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any one of the following– **10**

(a) Importance of games and sports in our life

(b) Unemployment in India and its solution

(c) Positive and Negative impact of AI in our life

3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining about the insanitary condition of your locality you live in.

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting her to attend elder brother's marriage.

Section– C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions–

(a) A place where dead bodies are kept before post-mortem– **1**

(i) versatile (ii) exceptional (iii) mortuary (iv) den

(b) The phrase 'point out' means– **1**

(i) to abuse (ii) to cry out (iii) to think of (iv) to tell

(c) The synonym of 'Jealous' is– **1**

(i) Zealous (ii) Callous (iii) Dangerous (iv) Envious

(d) He knows Ramu since a long time. Which word in this sentence is error– **1**

(i) knows (ii) since (iii) long (iv) time

(e) The antonym of justice is– **1**

(i) unjustice (ii) malpractice (iii) injustice (iv) malice

5. Change any one of the following in indirect speech– **2**

(a) The soldier said, "Hurrah! We have won the battle."

(b) The police said to the thief, "Show me all the articles which you have."

6. Change any one of the following as directed– **2**

(a) Kolkata is the biggest city in India. (Comparative)

(b) The children sang the national anthem very cheerfully. (Passive voice)

(c) Correct any one of the following sentences–

(i) Ramesh is junior than Mukesh.

(ii) The sceneries of Kashmir are very charming.

(d) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference clear–

(i) idle (ii) sight (iii) ideal (iv) site

7. Translate the following passage into English– **5**

बाल गंगाधर तिलक का जन्म 23 जुलाई 1856 को महाराष्ट्र के रत्नागिरि में हुआ था। उनके दादा केशवराव पेशवा राज्य में उच्च पद पर आसीन थे। उन्होंने बाल को संस्कृत, गणित एवं मराठी का अच्छा ज्ञान घर पर ही करा दिया था। उनकी स्मरण शक्ति अद्भुत थी। संस्कृत के श्लोक उन्होंने कंठस्थ कर लिए थे। उनके पिता की असामयिक मृत्यु के बाद उनका जीवन बदल गया। 1880 में उन्होंने पूना में न्यू इंग्लिश स्कूल की स्थापना की।

Section– D (Literature)

8. Answer the following questions in about 30 words– **4 × 2 = 8**

   (a) How did Franz's feeling change about M. Hamel and school change? **4**

   OR

   What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a Rattrap? **4**

   (b) What was the importance of garbage for children in Seemapuri? **4**

   OR

   What was the bulletin board? How was it important? **4**

9. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words– **5**

   (a) What incident did Douglas face at the pool? **5**

   (b) Attempt a character sketch of the peddler in the story 'The Rattrap'. **5**

   (c) Who was Saheb? What was the plight that compelled him to wander as a Ragpicker? **5**

10. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow– **5**

"Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,

let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much."

(a) Who is the poet of the poem and title of poem? **2**

(b) What does the poet want for one second? **2**

(c) What is the message of the poem? **1**

11. Give the central idea of the poem (any one)– **5**

(a) A thing of beauty **5**

(b) My mother at sixty six **5**

12. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each– **4** $\times$ **2 = 8**

(a) What was the third level? Where was it situated? **4**

OR

What did the astrologer tell when the tiger king was born? **4**

(b) When did Maharaja decide to give up tiger hunting altogether? **4**

OR

How did the author feel when she reacted Antarctica? **4**

13. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words–

8

(a) Write the summary of the lesson 'The Tiger king'. **8**

(b) Why was the third level a medium of escape for Charley? **8**

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