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Half-Yearly Examination, 2026

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English
Class : 9

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

[M.M. : 70

General Instructions :

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

Section-A

(Multiple Choice Questions)

Note : Answer the following questions as per instructions given on the OMR Answer Sheet.

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

Of all the Mughal emperors, Akbar is the most secular in the sense that while other Mughal emperors thought of their religions, sects or tribes, Akbar treated all the religions equally. To him, the Hindus were as dear as the Muslims. He initiated a religion by the name of 'Deen-e-Elahi'. He had many Hindu kings as his friends. His 'nine jewels' are quite famous. Pandit Nehru has showered lavish praise on Akbar.

1. Of all the mughal emperors, who is the most secular ?

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- (A) Akbar (C) Shahjahan
(B) Aurangzeb (D) Jahangir

2. 'Deen-e-Elahi' was founded by : 1

- (A) Aurangzeb (C) Jahangir
(B) Akbar (D) Shahjahan

3. How many jewels were in Akbar's court ? 1

- (A) five jewels (C) nine jewels
(B) six jewels (D) ten jewels

Q. No. 4-8 : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

4. My friend _____ these stories long ago. 1

- (A) write (B) writing (C) wrote (D) had written

5. She _____ since 12 O'clock. 1

- (A) cook (C) has been cooking
(B) cooking (D) cooked

6. _____ life of a bird is very short. 1

- (A) a (B) an (C) the (D) none

7. Which word is correctly spelled ? 1

- (A) serprised (C) prectise
(B) camanded (D) principle

8. Card/a post/me/sent/he : 1

- (A) He card a post me sent
- (B) He sent a post card me
- (C) He sent me a postcard
- (D) He sent a card post me

Q. 9-10 : Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to on a screen, you know. And when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had when they read it the first time.

9. Who are 'They' in the first time ? 1

- (A) Margie and her grandmother
- (B) Tommy and his grandmother
- (C) Margie and Tommy
- (D) none of these

10. What did they have in their hand ? 1

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| (A) a tablet | (C) a book |
| (B) a screen | (D) a blank paper |

Q. 11-13 Based on Your understanding of the prose lessons choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. The grandmother wrapped her in : 1

- | | |
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| (A) a shawl | (C) a quilt |
| (B) a blanket | (D) none of these |

12. What was life for Evelyn ? 1

(A) dance (B) nature (C) music (D) all

13. How old is Tommy ? 1

(A) 10 years old (C) 15 years old

(B) 13 years old (D) 12 years old

Q. 14-15 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Every tinkle on the shingles
Has an echo in the heart;
And a thousand dreamy fancies
Into busy being start

14. What is the meaning of 'woof' ? 1

(A) noise (B) weft (C) disgust (D) peace

15. How does the poet's mind get busy ? 1

(A) with memories (C) with music

(B) with dreams (D) with peace

Q. 16-20 Based on your understanding of the lesson in the book, Moment, choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

16. His parents thought the snake-charmer's music was : 1

(A) coarse (B) sweet (C) great (D) Indian

17. One day Toto nearly succeeded in boiling himself : 1

- (A) alone (C) alive
(B) in the stable (D) dead

18. You know, sir, how an elephant behaves when it : 1

- (A) is greedy (C) goes mad
(B) feels thirsty (D) is sleepy

19. The king was now thrown into deep : 1

- (A) ditch (C) thought
(B) valley (D) decision

20. The people did as they were told for fear of : 1

- (A) hell (C) the king
(B) death (D) the minister

Section-B (Reading)

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

Gluck poured the dem drops in the river but nothing happened. "The river does not turn into gold. Why did the king ask me to pour the dem drop into it." Gluck wondered. He started back home because he could do nothing more. When he reached the treasure valley, he was surprised to see the river, the golden river. It was flowing down the valley. This river became the river of gold for Gluck because it brought plenty of water and good soil into the valley and plenty of grain grass and fruits began to grow there.

1. What did Gluck pour into the river ? 2
2. How did it affect ? 2

3. What did he see when he reached the valley ? 2
4. What is the opposite word of 'plenty' ? 1

(Writing)

- 2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the birthday party.** 4

Or

Write an application to the Principal of your college, requesting him leave for three days to look after his mother.

- 3. Answer any one of the following in about 80-100 words : 6**

- (a) You love your friend very much. [Hints : Name and parentage, his family, his qualities, why I like him]
- (b) Write an article on 'An Ideal Teacher'.

(Grammar)

- 4. Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech :**

- (a) I said him, "Do not play in the sun." 2
- (b) You did not write a letter. (into passive voice) 2
- (c) There was a king he lived in a grand fort. (Punctuate the following) 2
- (d) Translate the following passage into English: 4
- ईश्वर महान है। वह न्यायी है। वह दयालु है। उसने हमारे लिए चाँद बनाया है। उसने सूर्य बनाया है। आदमी मकान बनाता है। वह पुल बनाता है। वह एक फूल भी नहीं बना सकता है। हमें उसकी पूजा करनी चाहिए।

(Literature)

- 5. Answer the following in about 30-40 words each : $2 \times 3 = 6$**

(a) What did Margie write in her diary ?

Or

Describe Bismillah as a boy.

(b) What is Evelyn's contribution to percussion ?

Or

Who were the people in Kezia's family ?

6. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words : 4

(a) Write a short character-sketch of Kezia's father.

(b) How does Evelyn encourage the physically challenged children ?

7. What does the poem 'Wind' teach us ? (in about 40 words) 3

Or

Write *four* lines from any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

8. Write the central idea of any one of the following : 3

(a) Rain on the Roof

(c) The Road not Taken

(b) Wind

9. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words : 3

(a) How did Ishwaran build up his ghost story ?

(b) How did Toto behave with other animals ?

10. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words : 4

(a) Why did Grandfather show his tortoise to the ticket collector ?

(b) Write the character sketch of the lost child.

