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Half-Yearly Examination, 2026
English
Class—11

A/40,000

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Mins.]

[M. M. : 100

General Instructions :

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This paper is divided into *four* sections—A, B, C and D.
- (iii) *All* the sections are compulsory.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against questions.

(Section A : Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Man's life is not measured by the number of days, months and years that he has lived, but by the deeds he has done and by the achievement he has made. What is the real significance in life is not the quantity but the quality of experience. A short life devoted to noble endeavours is far more valuable than a long life of over a hundred years spent in trivial pursuits. We live in deeds not in years. Noble deeds, splendid ideas and fine sentiments constitute the real glory of character and not the length of time one has lived in the world.

- (a) How is man's life measured ? 3
- (b) Which is more valuable, a short life or a long life ? 3

- (c) What should man prefer to do in life ? 3
- (d) What makes character glorious ? 3
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'importance' 1
- (ii) What is meant by noble endeavours ? 1
- (iii) What is the difference between 'Indeed' and in deed ? 1

(Section B : Writing)

2. Write a report on 'The Taj Mahal'. 5

OR

Make notes on the given passage and then make summary of the passage with the help of notes :

Pratap was a king and yet he had no love of comfort. He had the welfare of the people at heart. He was proud of his honour, and he was so good to the people that they were ever willing to sacrifice their all for his welfare. There is a story that Pratap once gave his turban to a poet who had pleased him with his verses. The poet went to Akbar's court but took off the turban before bowing to the emperor who was surprised and ask him why he bowed bare headed. The poet answered, "Your Majesty, this turban belonged to a man who has never bowed his head to another man. This is Maharana Pratap's turban."

3. Write an article on 'A National Festival' in about 100-150 words.
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OR

Write an essay on 'My Aim of Life' in about 100-150 words.

4. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the frequent breakdown in electric supply of your locality. 5

OR

Write a letter to the principal of your college to complain against the shortage of books in your college library.

(Section C : Grammar)

5. Answer the following :

$$2 \times 10 = 20$$

(i) Change any one of the following into indirect speech :

(a) Her mother said to me, "How old are you ?"

(b) Arun said, "I will arise and go to my father".

(ii) Combine any one of the following as directed :

(a) The weather was fine we enjoyed the walk. (into simple sentence)

(b) The doctor came. The patient had died. (into complex sentence)

(iii) Change any one of the following as directed :

(a) I am too tired to walk. (remove 'too')

(b) All his friends laughed at him. (into passive voice)

(iv) Correct any **one** of the following sentences :

(a) myself can do it.

(b) more you have, more you desire.

(v) Use any **one** of the given idiom into your own sentence :

(a) By leaps and bounds

(b) In black and white

(vi) Use any **one** of the given phrasal verbs into your own sentence :

(a) Carry out

(b) Bringup

(vii) The synonym of 'Bane' is :

(a) Banish

(c) Curse

(b) Banner

(d) Ban

(viii) The antonym of 'Virtue' is :

(a) Fraud

(c) Vice

(b) Crime

(d) Wickedness

(ix) Give one word of any one for the following group of words :

(a) Which can not be heard.

(b) Person who can neither read nor write.

(x) Use any **one** of the following pairs of words in your own sentence to make the difference in their meaning clear :

(a) Pain-Pane

(b) Adapt-adept

6. Translate the following into English :

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मुंशी प्रेमचन्द को कौन नहीं जानता ? लोगों ने उनकी कहानियों और उपन्यासों को पढ़ा है। उनकी कहानियों में गाँव में रहने वाले निर्धन तथा अन्य परिवारों की झलक मिलती है। उन्होंने गाँव के रीति-रिवाज, सामाजिक बुराइयों, जमींदारों के अत्याचार तथा अंधविश्वासों के विषय में खुलकर लिखा है। उन्होंने यह सिद्ध कर दिखाया कि वे उपन्यास सम्राट हैं।

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(Section D : Literature)

7. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80-100 words. 7

- (a) Draw a character-sketch of the grandmother.
- (b) Describe how the CT scan of king Tut's mummy was carried out on 5 January 2005.

8. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : 4+4

- (a) How did grandmother die ?
- (b) What was floating on the deck ?
- (c) Why was the body of Tut C.T. scanned ?

9. Read the given stanza and answer the questions : $2 \times 3 = 6$

The cardboard shows me how it was
What the two girl cousins went paddling
Each one holding one of my mother's hands
And she the big girl-same twelve years or so
All three stood still to smile through their hair
At the uncle with the camera.

- (i) What does the 'cardboard' denote in the poem ?
- (ii) How many years ago was the poet's mother young ?
- (iii) Why were they standing still ? Why were they smiling at the uncle ?

10. Write the central idea at any **one** of the following poems : 4

- (a) A Laburnum Top

(b) A Photograph

(c) The Voice of the Rain

11. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80-100 words each : 7

(a) Draw a character-sketch of Mourad.

(b) What steps did the narrator take to get Ranga married to Ratna ?

12. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : 4+4

(a) What happened when Aram rode the horse ?

(b) What did the girl tell her about the cutlery ?

(c) What did the narrator think... ?