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Half-Yearly Examination, 2025–26

YE/117 English
Class—12

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Mins]

[M.M. : 100

Instructions :

1. The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
2. *All* questions are compulsory.
3. Marks are indicated against questions.

Section ‘A’ Reading

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

Whatever your task may be, concentrate your whole mind upon it, throw into it all the energy of which you are capable. The faultless completion of small tasks leads inevitably to larger tasks. See to it that you rise by steady climbing and you will never fall. And here in lies the secret of true power. Learn, by constant practice, how to husband your resources, and to concentrate them, at any moment, upon a given point. The Foolish waste all their mental and spiritual energy in frivolity, foolish chatter, or selfish argument, nor to mention wasteful physical excesses.

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| (a) How should we do our task ? | 3 |
| (b) When shall we never fall ? | 3 |
| (c) Where in lies the secret of true power ? | 3 |
| (d) How do the foolish was to their energy ? | 3 |
| (e) (i) Which word in the passage is the opposite of ‘false’ ? | 1 |
| (ii) What is meant by ‘to concentrate’ ? | 1 |

(iii) Give the antonym of 'foolish'.

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Section 'B' Writing

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words : 10

(a) The Problem of Unemployment.

(b) Demerits of Dowry system.

(c) A Journey to Historical place.

3. Write a letter to the principal of your college to complain against the shortage of drinking water for students in your college. 10

Or

Write a letter to your younger brother warning him against some of his undesirable companions.

Section 'C' Grammar

5×2=10

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

(a) One who sees the dark side of a thing is called :

(i) optimist

(iii) darky

(ii) pessimist

(iv) hopeless

(b) "The apple of one's eye" means :

(i) The most tender part of an eye

(iii) very dear

(ii) a tearful eye

(iv) a costly treatment of an eye

(c) The synonym of 'destroy' is :

- (i) finish
- (ii) demolish
- (iii) stop
- (iv) end

(d) “What is the time in your watch ?”
(which word in this sentence is an error ?)

- (i) what
- (ii) time
- (iii) in
- (iv) watch

(e) The antonym of ‘better’ is :

- (i) good
- (ii) bad
- (iii) worse
- (iv) worst

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

- (a) (i) I said to her, “Please, help me just now.”
- (ii) She said to us, “Let us have some music.”

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

- (i) He is very slow. He can not win the race. **(into simple sentence)**
- (ii) This is a book. I bought it. **(into complex sentence)**

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

- (i) What made you hope ? **(into passive voice)**
- (ii) Jammu is not so hot as Delhi. **(into comparative degree)**

(d) Correct any one of the following sentences : 2

- (i) Milk is preferable than tea.
- (ii) If he will come, I shall teach him.

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

- (i) Stair–stare
- (ii) Career–carrier

6. Translate the following passage into English : 5

Section 'D' Literature

7. Answer the following questions in a bout 40 words each
: **4+4=8**

(a) What did Franz think about the pigeons and why ?

OR

What did the instructor do to train Douglas ?

(b) What do the inhabitants of Seemapuri do for their survival ?

OR

Why did the peddler consider the world as a rattrap ?

8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words : **7**

(a) How is Mukesh different from the other bangle maker of Firozabad ?

(b) What happened with the stranger at iron master's house ?
How was he treated by Edla Willmansson ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions : **3×2=6**

Those who prepare green wars
Wars with gas, warse with fire
Victory with no survivors,
Would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
In the shade, dosing nothing.

(iv)

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- (a) What types of wars are prepared by the persons ?
- (b) What is the end of such wars ?
- (c) What would such persons do after keeping quiet ?

10. Write the Central Idea of any one of the following poems : **4**

- (a) A Road side stand
- (b) A Thing of Beauty
- (c) Keeping Quiet.

11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : **4+4=8**

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

OR

How was the Tiger king brought up ?

- (b) What was Gondwana ?

OR

How did Dr. Sadao operate the white man ?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words : **7**

- (a) How did the Maharaja fulfil his vow ? What dangers did he face while fulfilling it ?
- (b) Who was Dr. Sadao ? How did he meet Hana and married to her ? Who played an important role in their marriage and how ?

