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Half Yearly Examination-2026

English

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Class-11

Time : 3.15 Hrs.]

[M.M. : 100

Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted for the candidate for reading question paper.
- (ii) This paper is divided into four sections 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D'.
- (iii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iv) Do not exceed the prescribed limit while answering the questions.

Section 'A' (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow:

In India, it has always been the custom to look after the aged. The parents in old age continued to live with their children and grand children. The joint family system is breaking up now. Urbanisation is changing the old pattern. Small flats can not accommodate everybody. Parents are confined to some remote corner or are shared round the year with other members of the family. The young find their ways embarrassing. They will have to be sent to old people home. The cost of living is steadily going up doctors are expensive and so are the special foods the old need. The problem of loneliness is frightening.

- (i) What has been the effect of small flats on the aged in a family ?
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- (ii) How does the rising cost of living affect the life of the aged ?
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- (iii) What is the most frightening problem of the old age ? 3
- (iv) Give the meaning of the underlined words in the passage. $1\frac{1}{2}$
- (v) What is the opposite of the word 'confined' ? $1\frac{1}{2}$

Section-'B' (Writing)

2. Write a report on "Blood Donation" camp organised by your school. 5

OR

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

Man is made of many qualities, both good and bad and among the latter is anger. The nature of every human being is such that anything that gives offence to his sentiments or goes against his principles, excites the anger. The evils which result from anger are many, under its influence a man loses his power of reasoning and judgement. Not being able to control himself when angry, he does not know what he is doing or saying under its influence a man is so much put off his balance that he forget his duty toward his superiors and many go to the extent of saying things which are extremely insulting to them. When anger gets the better of man, he is capable of committing the worst crimes, and there is nothing to be surprised at if under its evil influence he commite murder.

3. Write an article on 'Save Water, Save life" (in about 100 words):
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OR

Write an essay on "National Integration" in about 80-100 words.

4. Write a letter to your father requesting him to send some money.
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OR

Write a letter to the district magistrate making complaint about electric trippings in your town which creates hurdle in your studies.

Section-'C' (Grammar)

5. Answer the following : $2 \times 10 = 20$

(A) (i) The boy said to his mother, "Are you going to temple now ?"
(ii) I said to them, "I shall meet him tommorrow."

(B) Change any one as directed :

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

- (ii) The sun rose. The fog dispersed. (into simple sentence)
- (C) Change any one of the following :
- (i) He wrote a letter to me. (into passive voice)
- (ii) Call him. (into passive voice)
- (D) Correct any one of the following sentence :
- (i) You, we and they are friends.
- (ii) The new is much perplexing.
- (E) Use any one of the given idioms into your own sentence :
- (i) pick holes in (ii) a black sheep
- (F) Use any **one** from the given phrasal verbs in your own sentence :
- (i) turn up (ii) call for
- (i) Bear with (ii) Take after
- (G) Give synonyms of the following :
- (i) pride (ii) timid (iii) confess (iv) admit
- (H) Give antonym of the following :
- (i) fresh (ii) damage (iii) cruel (iv) atheist
- (I) Give any **one** word for the following group of words :
- (i) A person who can neither read nor write.
- (ii) A child whose parents are dead.
- (j) Use the following words in sentence of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meaning :

(i) wait, weight **OR** (ii) check, cheque

6. Translate the following passage into English :

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प्रत्येक व्यक्ति गुरु नानक के नाम से अच्छी तरह परिचित हैं। बचपन में पढ़ने, लिखने तथा खेलने में उनकी रुचि नहीं थी। एक दिन उनके पिता ने उन्हें दस रुपये दिए और बाजार से कुछ आवश्यक चीजें लाने के लिए कहा। बाजार जाते समय उन्हें कुछ साधु मिले जो बहुत भूखे थे। उन्होंने सारे पैसे साधुओं को भोजन कराने में खर्च कर दिये और घर वापस आ गये। अब उनके पिता को पता चला तो उन्होंने गुरु नानक को कुछ नहीं कहा। किन्तु उन्होंने विचार किया कि भविष्य में उनका पुत्र ऐसा महान बनेगा जिसका सम्मान सब करेंगे।

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Section-'D' (Literature)

7. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 words:
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- (a) Who was Amenhotep IV ? How did he bring one of the strongest periods in the history of ancient Egypt ?
- (b) Draw a character sketch of the narrator in 'We're not afraid to die'

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

- (i) Why was the body of Tutankhamun scanned ?
- (ii) What happened to Sue ?
- (iii) How did grandmother die ?

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

Now she's been dead nearly as many years
As that girl lived, And of this circumstance
There is nothing to say at all.
Its silence silence.

- (i) When did the poet's mother die ?
- (ii) What is it about which nothing can be said ?
- (iii) Explain the line "Its silence silence".

10. Write the central idea of any one poem of the followings : 4

- (a) A photograph (b) The laburnum top
- (c) The voice of the rain

11. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 words:
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(a) Draw a character-sketch of mourad.

(b) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address ?

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

(a) Where did Mourad and Aram ride the horse ?

(b) What was that woman's reply to the narrator ?

(c) Why had people gathered at Ranga's house ?

