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Half-Yearly Examination, 2026

English
Class : 10

B/30,000

[M.M. : 70]

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes]

General Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted only for reading 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 the 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 : **1×20=20**

Our country is proud of teachers. They have lived and died for their country. They follow the principle. "Live and let other live." They know that respect is commanded and not demanded. "practise before you preach" should be our motto. Teacher should live a selfless life. They should be duty bound devoted, dedicated and disciplined. They should inculcate the best habits in students. They should teach students the art of living. They should respect their parents. They should serve the sick, the downtrodden and the grieved. They should love all but hate none.

- 1. Who lived and died for their country ? **1**
(A) police (B) teachers (C) court (D) man

- 2. Who follow the principle ? **1**
(A) men (B) students
(C) teacher (D) none of these

3. What should we do before preach ? 1
(A) respect (B) practise (C) disciplined (D) none

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

4. Delhi is on Jamuna. 1
(A) the (B) an (C) a (D) None
5. She me a present on my birthday. 1
(A) give (B) gave (C) given (D) giving
6. This box is than the other one. 1
(A) heavy (B) heavier (C) the heaviest (D) none
7. He is afraid the dogs. 1
(A) on (B) in (C) of (D) off
8. Are/they/making/why/a/noise ? 1
(A) Why making a noise they are ?
(B) Why are they a noise making ?
(C) Why are they making a noise ?
(D) Why are making they a noise ?

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

The moon was coming up in the east; behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch : One thirty in the morning.

9. 'I' here refers to : 1
(A) a passenger (B) plane's assistant
(C) plane's pilot (D) an engineer
10. The phrase 'looking forward to' means : 1
(A) expecting (B) excepting
(C) accepting (D) existing

Q. 11-13 Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. What destroyed Lencho's fields ? 1
(A) heavy rainfall (B) hailstorm
(C) landslide (D) flood

12. How many deputy presidents were elected ? 1
(A) two (B) three (C) one (D) none

13. What food did the seagull's mother get for it? 1
(A) earthworms (B) fish (C) insects (D) rodents

Q. 14-15 Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire

14. Who is the poet of the poem 'Fire and Ice'? 1
(A) Ogden Nash (B) Carl Sandburg
(C) W.B. Yeats (D) Robert Frost

15. The phrase 'hold with' means : 1
(A) avenge (B) disagree (C) agree (D) take care

Q. 16-20 Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

16. Mrs. Pumphrey was a..... 1
(A) poor lady (B) selfish lady (C) rich lady (D) gentle lady

17. What did Hari Singh want from Anil ? 1
(A) work (B) money (C) eatables (D) home

18. Who was Max ? 1
(A) Fowler's friend (B) Ausable's friend
(C) a soldier (D) secret agent

19. Danby was suffering from : 1
(A) cold (B) cough (C) headache (D) hayfever

20. Who was knocking at the door ? 1
(A) Fowler (B) Max (C) the waiter (D) a soldier

Section-B (Reading)

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

Robin Hood was the leader of the company of out laws who lived in sherwood forest. His name was a terror to rich travellers, but he was lived by the poor. Whom he saved from cruel land lords and often helped with money. The Sheriff of the nearby town was his bitter enemy. After many attempts to catch Robinhood. The Sheriff one day declared in the hearing of many people. I am willing to give half of my wealth to anyone who will help me to catch Robin Hood.

1. Who was Robin Hood and where did he live ? 2
2. Who did Robin Hood help with money ? 2
3. Who was Robin Hood's bitter enemy ? 2
4. Which word in the passage means to make known publicaly or officially ? 2

(Writing)

2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your elder sister marriage. 4

Or

Write an application to the principal of your college, requesting him to improve the condition of your college library.

3. Write a report on 'An Election Scene' in about 80–100 words : 6
[Hints : Time and place, polling station, scene inside, polling method, conclusion]

Or

Write an article on 'Uses and Misuses of smart phones' in about 80–100 words.

(Grammar)

4. Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirec. speech:

- (a) Ram said to Meena, "Have you completed your work ?" 2
- (b) Why does he beat his brother ? (into passive voice) 2
- (c) Punctuate the following : 2
He said will you help me or shall i ask someone else.
- (d) Translate the following into English: 4
Aaj hamare pradhanacharya avkash grahan kar rahe hain. Ve college mein 1980 se karya kar rahe hain. Ve sabhi adhyapakon ke sath achha vyavhar karte rahe hain. Sabhi vidyarthi unka samman karte hain.

(Literature)

5. Answer the following questions in about 30–40 words each : **2×3=6**

(A) Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter ?
What according to Mandela is 'true freedom' ?

(B) Why was the young seagull afraid of flying ?
Describe about Anne's early education.

Or

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

(A) Why did Lencho write a letter to God ?

(B) What were the difficulties faced by Mandela in achieving freedom for his people ?

7. Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire ? **3**

Or

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

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

(a) A Tiger in the Zoo (b) Fire and Ice (c) The Ball Poem

9. Answer any one of the following in about 30–40 words. **3**

(a) Why was Pumphrey wring her hands.

(b) How did Max die ?

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

(a) Write a character sketch of Hari Singh.

(b) How is Horace Danby cheated by the lady in the story 'A Question of Trust' ?