

Half Yearly Examination : 2026

Class : 12

Subject : English

Time : 3 Hours

(M.M. : 100)

Note : Attempt all questions.

SECTION – A

READING

- 1.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : **3 × 5 = 15**

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone who lies in bed late is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health. In spite of all his efforts, his work will not produce as good results as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he cannot take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. Some people say that the quiet hour of mid night is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn the mid night oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at mid night when the body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time soon ruin their health. Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

- (a) Why is early rising better than rising late?

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- (b) Why do some thinkers burn the midnight oil? **3**
- (c) What is the disadvantage of working at midnight? **3**
- (d) What are the possible advantages of both morning hours and midnight hours? **3**
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'Noisy'? **1**
- (ii) What do you mean by burning of Midnight oil? **1**
- (iii) What is the Synonym of 'ruin'? **1**

SECTION – B

WRITING

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

- (a) Unemployment in India and its solution (b) Mobile Phones
- (c) Place of Woman in Society

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a Daily Newspaper about frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality. **10**

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your College to grant you full fee concession.

SECTION – C

[GRAMMAR]

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions
:
5 × 2 = 10

(i) The synonym of 'destiny' is—

- (a) defeat (b) fortune (c) victory (d) confidence

(ii) The antonym of 'Justice' is—

- (a) Unjustice (b) Malpractice (c) Injustice (d) Malice

(iii) Cattles are grazing in the field.

Which word in this sentence is an error?

- (a) Cattles (b) are (c) in (d) the

(iv) The phrase 'A Bone of contention' means?

- (a) quarrel some (b) disturbing man (c) reason of quarrel (d)
with a reason

(v) Allowance due to a wife from her husband on separation is—

- (a) Matrimony (b) Patrimony (c) Alimony (d) Column

5. (a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech : **2**

(i) The teacher said, "Honesty is the best policy."

(ii) The Principal said to the Students, "Why did they not attend their classes regularly?"

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

(i) The Sun rose. The boys went to school. (Simple sentence)

(ii) He is poor. He is not dishonest. (Complex sentence)

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

- (i) The woodcutter has cut down these trees. (Passive voice)
- (ii) Mumbai is bigger than any other city in India. (into superlative degree)

(d) Correct the following Sentences : **2**

- (i) Ramesh is junior than Mahesh.
- (ii) Mathematics are not an easy subject.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words to make the difference in their meaning clear : **2**

- (i) Week – Weak (ii) Stationary – Stationery

6. Translate the following passage into English : **5**

समय मनुष्य का सबसे बड़ा शत्रु है। इसका पालन न करने वाला मनुष्य कभी सफल नहीं होता। बीता समय कभी लौटकर नहीं आता। कहा जाता है कि नदी की लहर और समय की गत किसी की प्रतीक्षा नहीं करती। इसलिए समय के साथ चलना सदैव लाभदायक होता है। छात्रों के लिए तो समय का एक-एक क्षण बहुत मूल्यवान है। उन्हें समयबद्ध ढंग से अपनी दिनचर्या बनानी चाहिए। समय का पालन करने वाला व्यक्ति जीवन में कभी असफल नहीं होता।

SECTION – D

[LITERATURE]

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

(a) What did M. Hamel say about the language and its importance?

OR

What did the Children find in garbage?

(b) How did the Peddler consider the World as a rattrap?

OR

How did the instructor train Douglas?

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

(a) Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.

OR

(b) What did Douglas do to overcome his fear of water?

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

"Pain and realised with
That she was as old as she
looked but soon
Put that thought away."

- (i) What did the Poet realise after seeing her mother's face?
- (ii) What did the Poet feel with realisation?
- (iii) Name the Poem and the Poet of the above lines.

10. Write the Central Idea of any one of the following Poems.
4

- (i) My Mother at Sixty Six (ii) Keeping Quiet (iii) A thing of Beauty

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

(i) What was the third level? Where was it situated?

OR

What did the Astrologer tell about the death of the tiger king?

(ii) What did the Author realise on reaching Antaretica [Antarctica]?

OR

Why did the Maharaja start hunting of Tigers?

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

(i) Who was the Psychiatrist? What did he say about the third level?

OR

(ii) Why did the king Kill the hundredth tiger?
