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Half Yearly Examination-2026
English
Class-10

Time : 3.15 Hrs.]

[M.M. : 70

Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted for the candidate for reading question paper.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) This question paper is divided into two sections Part 'A' and Part 'B'.
- (iv) Part 'A' consists of 20 multiple choice questions 1 marks each.
- (v) Part 'B' consists of descriptive type questions.
- (vi) Read the question wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet.
- (vii) Marks are indicated against each questions.

Part 'A'

(Q. 1-3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

The window of my room overlooks the road. The child had seated himself at my feet near my table, and was playing softly, drumming on her knees. I was hard at work on my seventeenth chapter, where Pratap Singh, the hero, had just caught Kanchanlata the Heroine in a arms and was about to escape with there by the third story window of the castle, when all of a sudden Mini left her play, and ran to the window, crying, 'A Kabuliwallah'? a Kabuliwallah; sure enough in the street below was Kabuliwallah passing slowly along. He wore the loose solid clothing of his people with a tall turban. There was a bag on his back, and he carried boxes of grapes in his hand.

1. Where was the child seated?

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(A) floor (B) chair (C) table (D) cot

2. Who was the heroine of the book? 1

(A) Sunita (B) Seeta (C) Kanchan (D) Kanchanlata

3. Who ran to the window? 1

(A) mother (B) father (C) Mini (D) friend

(Q. 4-8) Choose the correct option to answer the following :

4. My friend _____ these stories long ago. 1

(A) write (B) wrote (C) written (D) writting

5. They _____ hard daily. 1

(A) work (B) works (C) worked (D) working

6. Mount Everest is the _____ peak in the world. 1

(A) high (B) higher (C) highest (D) none

7. Which word is corfrectly spelled : 1

(A) prepered (B) running (C) generelly (D) indefinite

8. bought/a cycle/me/my/father: 1

- (A) A cycle bought mer my father
- (B) My father a cycle bought me
- (C) My father bought me a cycle
- (D) My father bought a cycle me.

(Q. 9-10) Read the passage given below and answer the question 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 (C) plane's pilot
(B) plane's assistant (D) an engineer

10. The phrase 'looking forward to' means : **1**

- (A) expecting (B) excepting (C) accepting (D) existing

(Q. 11-13) Based on your understanding of the prose lessons, choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. Who destroyed Lencho's fields? **1**

- (A) heavy rainfall (B) hailstorm (C) landslide (D) flood

12. When was the inauguration day? **1**

- (A) 10 may (B) 10 march (C) 20 may (D) 20 march

13. The pilot was not able to _____ anything. **1**

- (A) see (B) hear (C) speak (D) all of them

(Q. 14-15) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

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'?

- (A) Ogden Nash (C) W.B. Yeats
(B) Carl Sandburg (D) Robert Frost

15. The phrase 'hold with' means. **1**

- (A) avenge (C) agree
(B) disagree (D) take care

(Q. 16-20) Based on your understanding of the lesson in the book 'moments choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

16. Who was Mrs Pumphrey? **1**

- (A) maid (C) the nurse
(B) the caretaker (D) the mistress

17. Who is the narrator of the story 'The thief's story'? **1**

- (A) Anil (C) Hari Singh
(B) Ruskin Bond (D) Anil's Friend

18. Who was max? **1**

- (A) fowler's friend (C) A soldier
(B) Auseble's fund (D) secret agent

19. Which colour box the lady had picked? **1**

- (A) grey (B) white (C) silver (D) black

20. Who fell down from the top floor of the hotel? **1**

- (A) Auseble (B) Max (C) Waiter (D) Fowler

Part-'B' (Reading)

(Q. 21) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

The stars that we see at night appear like little points of light in the sky. But they are much larger than they look. Almost all of them are bigger than our earth. They look like points because they are millions of miles away. Fortunately, we can explore them sitting on our own planet. To look at them from our own we need a powerful telescope. A telescope is a tube-like instrument. With a special kind of glass filled at each end when we look at things through it, they seem closer and bigger. Before people ever thought of reaching the moon, telescope had told them about the mountains there.

- (i) What do the stars look like? 2
- (ii) How big are they? 2
- (iii) How can we see them? 2
- (iv) Write the synonyms of the words : explore and fitted. 2

22. Write a letter to a friend inviting him to attend your birthday party.

Write an application to your principal to grant leave you for week to attend you sister's marriage.

23. Answer a report on 'Your best friend' in about 80-100 words: 6

OR

Write an article in about 80-100 'My favourite Hero'.

24. (a) Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech: 2

My grandfather said, 'Gaurav, how old are you?'

(b) The policemen caught the thief (into passive voice)
2

(c) hari said to aman i like your dress. (punctuate the following) 2

(d) Translate the following passage into English : 4

**25. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :
2×3=6**

(a) Why was the Lencho's soul filled with sorrow?

OR

What according to Mandela is true freedom?

(b) Why was the young seagull afraid of flying?

OR

Describe Anne's feeling about having a diary?

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

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

(b) How did the young seagull learn floating on the sea?

27. How is a tiger in the zoo different from a tiger in the jungle? 3

OR

Write four lines of any one of the following poems.

28. Write the central idea of any one the following poems in about 40-50 words : 3

(a) A tiger in the zoo (b) Dust of snow (c) the ball poem

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words : 3

(a) How was maxdie?

(b) Why was Anil chosen by Hari Singh as his new victim?

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

(a) Write a character sketch of Mrs. Pumphrey.

(b) Why did the thief become a friend of Anil?

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