

Name_____

Roll No._____

Half-Yearly Examination, 2026

English

A/40,000

Class—9

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min.]

[M. M. 70

General Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections : 'A' and 'B'.
- (iii) Section 'A' contains multiple choice questions and Section 'B' contains descriptive answer type questions.
- (iv) *All* questions are compulsory.
- (v) Marks are indicated against questions.

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 choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Once when Pandit Nehru was speaking to some peasant in Uttar Pradesh he stopped to ask them a question. He said, "You often say, Bharat Mata Ki Jai". Tell me who is Bharat Mata. "This land", the peasants replied and pointed towards the ground, "the rivers and the mountains and all the land of India are Bharat Mata". But she is not there

alone, she is also the people of India, you and me and all of us together. When I look at you all, I see Bharat Mata right in front of me, "said Pandit Nehru".

1. "Who is Bharat Mata". Who asked this ? 1

- | | |
|------------|------------------|
| (A) Tanner | (C) Pandit Nehru |
| (B) People | (D) None |

2. Who does "She" refer to : 1

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| (A) Motherland | (C) Bharat Mata |
| (B) Sister | (D) None of these |

3. Give the meaning of the word 'Peasants' : 1

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| (A) People of India | (C) Farmer of India |
| (B) Hands of India | (D) None of these |

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

4. Every student _____ not work hard. 1

- | | | | |
|--------|----------|---------|----------|
| (A) do | (B) does | (C) did | (D) done |
|--------|----------|---------|----------|

5. The farmers _____ their field. 1

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (A) plough | (C) ploughing |
| (B) ploughed | (D) none |

6. Is Sita _____ of the two daughters ? 1

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| (A) young | (C) youngest |
| (B) younger | (D) none |

7. Which word is correctly spelled ? 1

- (A) decorate (C) comper
(B) hynotise (D) beleive

8. elder/his/a good/obeys/boy. 1

- (A) A good elders obeys his boy.
(B) A boy obeys good his elders.
(C) A elders obeys his good boy.
(D) A good boy obeys his elders.

(Q. No. 9-10) : Read the passage given below, choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Most of the teachers discouraged her but percussionist Ron Forbes spotted her potential. He began by tuning two large drums to different notes. "Don't listen through your ears", he would say, "try to sense it some other way." says Evelyn, "Suddenly I realised I could feel the higher drum from the waist up and the lower one from the waist down." Forbes repeated the exercise, and soon Evelyn discovered that she could sense certain notes in different parts of her body.

9. Who supported Evelyn when discouraged by her teachers ? 1

- (A) her mother (C) both (A) and (B)
(B) her father (D) none of these

10. Which literary device has been used in waist up and waist down ?
1

- (A) simile (C) alliteration
(B) personification (D) repetition.

(Q. No. 11-13) : Based on your understanding of the prose lessons. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. According to Margie, in old times the school were : 1

(A) big (B) brown (C) funny (D) stupid

12. What did Evelyn want to pursue ? 1

(A) fashion (B) study (C) music (D) none

13. Kezia saw these children playing : 1

(A) tag (C) football
(B) hide and beek (D) badminton

(Q. No. 14-15) : Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

When the humid shadow hover
Over all the starry spheres
And the melancholy darkness
Gently weep in rainy tears.

(iii)

A/English, 9

14. What time of the day is discussed in the given extract ? 1

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| (A) early morning | (C) night |
| (B) afternoon | (D) none of these |

15. Where is the poet when it is raining ? 1

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| (A) in his cottage | (C) in his office |
| (B) in his school | (D) in his hostel |

(Q. No. 16-20) : Based on your understanding of the lessons in the book 'Moments'. Choose the correct option to answer the following question :

16. The man lifted the child : 1

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| (A) high | (C) in his arms |
| (B) and then dropped | (D) uptwice |

17. A big black canvas kit-bag was provided for : 1

- | | |
|----------|---------------|
| (A) Nana | (C) Pety goat |
| (B) Toto | (D) Tortoise |

18. The road was deserted and I was : 1

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| (A) thrilled | (C) depressed |
| (B) all alone | (D) excited |

19. The currency of the kingdom of fools was : 1

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| (A) duddu | (C) coin |
| (B) dollar | (D) rupee |

20. Mahendra's Job was to keep an eye on the activities at : 1

(A) the school

(C) the work site

(B) the main road

(D) the graveyard

Section-B
(Descriptive Type Questions)
Reading

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Our country is proud of teachers. They have lived and died for their country. They follow the principle, "Live and let others live." They know that respect is commanded and not demanded. "Practise before you preach" should be our motto. Teachers 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 down trodden and the grieved. They should love all but hate none.

- | | |
|---|---|
| (i) Why should our country be proud of teachers ? | 2 |
| (ii) What principle is followed by teachers ? | 2 |
| (iii) What should teachers teach their students ? | 2 |
| (iv) What is the opposite word of 'devoted' ? | 1 |

Writing

2. Write a letter to your father asking him to send five hundred rupee for the examination fee and books. 4

Or

UPBoardHub

Write an application to the Health officer of your city requesting him to arrange the cleanliness in your locality.

3. Answer any one of the following in about 80-100 words : 6

- (i) You love your neighbour very much (Hints: Name and Qualification, Nature, Dress, Qualities, His Hobby, Conclusion.)
- (ii) Write an article on 'Marriage Party'.

Grammar

4. Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech :

- (i) He said to me, Are you going to Agra ? 2
- (ii) Change the following sentence into passive voice : 2
She wrote a letter to her mother.
- (iii) Punctuate the following : 2
boys do not make a noise.
- (iv) Translate the following into English : 4
फूलपुर में एक सरकारी स्कूल है। स्कूल में 15 शिक्षिकाएँ और 200 छात्राएँ हैं। स्कूल की इमारत छोटी है। एक मैदान स्कूल के सामने है। छात्राएँ वहाँ खेलती हैं।

Literature

5. Answer the following in about 30-40 words each : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) Did Margie like the printed book ?

Or

How is a Shehnai different from pungi ?

- (b) How is Evelyn an inspiration for the handicapped people ?

Or

Why was Kezia afraid of her father ?

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

- (a) Who was Ron Forbes ? What quality did you find in him as a music teacher ?
- (b) What message does the author wish to convey through Kezia's story ?

7. What does the poem 'Rain on the Roof' teach us ? (in about 40 words.) 3

Or

Write *four* lines from any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

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

- (a) Wind
- (c) Rain on the Roof
- (b) The Road Not Taken

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

- (a) How does Toto come to grand father private zoo ?
- (b) In what way is Ishwaran as assets to Mahendra ?

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

- (a) What happened when Toto tried to escape ?
- (b) Give the character sketch of Mahendra.

