

Half-Yearly Exam 2017
Class – X (General English)

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt all questions as directed.

Section-A

Q. 1 Read the following passage and answers the questions that follow.

An ideal student is one who is fully conscious of his duties and responsibilities. He paves the way for the younger generations to tread on. Students are the leaders of tomorrow. A nation can reach the top of glory, if it has a disciplined army of students. An ideal student is intelligent and simple. According to Gandhiji, he should have the quality of simple living and high thinking. An ideal student should live in accordance with the strict rules of conduct and discipline. A student without the sense of discipline is like a ship without a rudder. It sails aimlessly and never comes to harbor. According to Swami Vivekanand, "Now our country wants men and women with muscles of iron, nerves of steel, who can accomplish their purpose boldly.

Questions:

- (a) A student without discipline is compared to..... (1)
(i) a ship (ii) rudderless ship (iii) a ship with a rudder.
- (b) The leaders of tomorrow are (1)
(i) Gandhi (ii) Vivekanandji (iii) Students.
- (c) Who is an ideal student? (1)
- (d) According to Gandhiji, what qualities should a student possess? (1)
- (e) What does Swami Vivekanand say about men and women? (1)

Q2 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The development of science and technology during the last few centuries has brought about a lot of realization and feeling of one world community among the people of the world. Due to the fast means of transport and communication the world has become quite small. News today travels very fast all over the world. The spread of newspapers radio and television has developed the feeling of internationalization. In the modern age no nation can live in the isolation. The international events influence a nation's internal and external policies greatly. The economic and technological development of the different countries has become interdependent. Countries depend a great deal on one another for their assistance. There is a lot of talk of international co-operation in all the fields of development.

Questions:

- (a) Why has world become small? (1)
- (c) What do international events influence? (1)
- (b) The spread of newspapers radio and television has developed the feeling of internationalization

True or False

- (d) Write the noun form of 'develop' from the passage. (1)
- (e) Write the synonym of 'internal'. (1)

Q. 3 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Money was invented by man to get power but now money has become more powerful than man all over the world, money and power go together. The more money a person has, more successful he is judged to be. A rich man is accepted by society even if he is corrupt or evil. Man works hard to earn more and more money and saves a lot of it. He thinks that money will give him more freedom to enjoy and to have lots of fun. He thinks he will not be anyone's slave but be his own master. But soon he becomes the slave of money. The more he has the more he wants. He is never satisfied with what he has got but always wants something more even though he knows

that in the end, he cannot carry anything with him. Money can buy something but it can not buy peace or happiness or a ticket to heaven.

Questions:

- (a) Why was money invented? (1)
- (b) By what a man is judged in the society? (1)
- (c) Money and power go together - True or false (1)
- (d) Write the noun form of 'invent' from the passage. (1)
- (e) Write the antonym of 'good' from the passage. (1)

Section-B

Q.4 You are Rohit / Rani Nehra residing at E-3/273, Arera Colony Bhopal. Write a letter to your friend Naresh inviting him to attend your brother's marriage. (6)

OR

You are Ankit / Anita Sen, studying in Std. X, Patel H.S. School, Gautam Nagar, Bhopal. Write an application to your Principal requesting him to issue books from the book bank.

Q.5 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Yoga is the ancient system to keep a person fit in body and mind. It is basically a system at self treatment according to the yogic view, diseases, disorders and ailments are the result of some faulty ways of the living bad habits, lack of proper knowledge and unsuitable food. The diseases are thus the resultant state of a sort of prolonged malfunctioning of the body system. Since the root cause of disease life lies in the mistakes of the individual himself. The Yoga expert shows only the path and works so more than a counselor. The yogic practice of treatment comprises three steps namely proper diet proper yogic practice and proper knowledge of things about the self .

Question.

- (a) Make notes. (4)
- (b) Prepare a summary and supply a title. (3)

Q.6 Write an essay on any one topic in about 200 words (7)

- (a) Any festival (c) My Hobby (b) Wonders of Science.

Section 'C'

Q.7 Fill in the blanks with the words given in brackets. (10)

- (i) apple a day keeps the doctor away. (a/an)
- (ii) he get up early? (do/does)
- (iii) I have not books to read. (much/many)
- (iv) We do not go to school Sundays. (on/at)
- (v) He is sitting his friends. (between/among)
- (vi) Dinuswim across the river when he was young. (can/could)
- (vii) Reeta late everyday. (come/comes)
- (viii) Ilike to have a cup of tea. (should / would)
- (ix) Monu is than Sonu. (tall/taller/tallest)
- (x) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was President of India. (a/an/the)

Q. 8 Do as directed. (any five) (5)

- (i) She took the cup (change into negative).
- (ii) He is very intelligent. (Add a question tag)
- (iii) Raja sings a song. (change into passive voice).
- (iv) Passengers saw the bus. They rushed towards it. (combine the sentences using 'as soon as').
- (v) Mohan will come tomorrow. (change into interrogative).

- (vi) The question is so difficult that I cannot answer. (rewrite using 'too.....to').
(vii) Neetu played very well. (Change into past perfect).

Q.9 Translate any five sentences into English.

(5)

- 1 वह अंग्रेजी सीख रहा है ।
- 2 उसने चाय नहीं पी ।
- 3 पुस्तक मेज पर है ।
- 4 मेरी कक्षा में 50 विद्यार्थी हैं ।
- 5 लड़के दो घंटे से नदी में तैर रहे थे ।
- 6 बच्चे खेल रहे होंगे ।
- 7 शोर मत करो ।

Section 'D'

Q.10 Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

He is justly remembered as 'Shaheed-E-Azam' by his grateful countrymen for making the supreme sacrifice. He infused life into the youth and became their hero. It has increased our power for winning freedom for which Bhagat Singh and his comrades died, said Mahatma Gandhi.

Question.

- (a) The word 'grateful' means..... (1)
(i) Ungrateful (ii) thankful (iii) unthankful
- (b) The antonym of comrade is.... (1)
(i) Enemy (ii) trusted companion (iii) brother.
- (c) Who is called Shaheed-E-Azam? (1)
(i) Bhagat Singh (ii) Chandrashekhar (iii) Mahatma Gandhi.
- (d) What did Gandhiji say about Bhagat Singh? (2)

Q.11 Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

That night I was sleeping in the passage room. When I woke up in the morning I found my elder brother's blanket on me, added to mine. Early at dawn he had left for the field without a blanket on his shoulders. If he had been asked why he would have surely said in his usual manner that he did not feel the cold. Now I have a comfortable income. Yet it had never occurred to me to think of buying any warm cloth for my elder brother.

Questions:-

- a) This extract is from lesson..... (1)
i) The Sneeze ii) The Pot of Gold iii) The Tribute
- b) The word 'dawn' means..... (1)
i) early morning ii) afternoon iii) evening
- c) The writer always thought of buying warm clothes for his elder brother. True/False (1)
- d) What did the writer find on him in the morning? (2)

Q.12 Answer any two questions:

(3+3)

- (a) What did Kubuddhi propose to Subuddhi?
(b) How did the boy make himself able to walk and run?
(c) Which quality of Mahatma Gandhi is described by Nehruji?

Q.13 Describe the qualities of Maharana Pratap.

(4)

OR

Describe the thoughts of Bhamu Shah for his motherland.

Q.14 Read the extract and answers the questions that follow:

The hand of peace is frank and warm,
And soft as ring dove's wing.
And he who quells an angry thought
Is greater than a king.

Question.

- (a) The hand of peace is as soft as. (1)
(i) Silk (ii) Dove's wing.
- (b) 'Warm' means. (1)
(i) Cool (ii) Pleasantly hot
- (c) Write the name of the poem. (1)

OR

In your hearts the birds
And the sunshine
In your thoughts the brooklets flow
But in mine is the wind of autumn
And the first fall of snow.

Question:

- (a) Brooklet means: (1)
(i) Small river (ii) lake (iii) waterfall
- (b) Who is the writer of this poem? (1)
- (c) What lies in the hearts of the children? (1)

Q.15 Why the poet does wants God to light the lamp of his love? (3)

OR

How does the wind work?

Q.16 Answer any two questions (2+2)

- a) What happens when the poet looks at the children playing?
b) Who takes the kites high?
c) What does light stand for in the poem?

Q.17 Answer any three questions (3+3+3)

- a) What was the boy hoping while going to bed?
b) What was the problem of the soldier?
c) Where does malaria occur the most?
d) What happened to the bee when it went to the tank?

Q. 18 Answer any two questions

(3+3)

- a) Why did the woman save the other child?
b) What was Napoleon's motto?
c) What do we need for our highways?

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