

HALF YEARLY EXAMS 2023-24

CLASS-X (SET-A)

Time-03 hours

SUBJECT-ENGLISH

MM -75

SECTION-A (READING)

Q.1-Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

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One November afternoon, a child came to Narendra's light house studio. She was about twelve, slender, dirty, nervous and timid. In her arms she carried something. She was desperately afraid of the ugly man she had come to see, but she had heard somewhere that this man would heal injured things. The man's voice was deep and kind when he spoke to her. What is it, child? She stepped forward timidly, and in her arms was a large white bird which was quite still. There were stains of blood on its whiteness. The girl placed it in his arms. 'I found it, Sir. It's hurt. Is it still alive?' 'Yes. Yes, I think so?' Narendra went inside with the bird in his arms. He placed it upon a table. The girl followed. The bird fluttered. Narendra spread one of its large white wings. 'Child where did you find it?' 'In the marsh, Sir. Hunters had been there? 'Is a snow goose from Canada. But how did it get here?' The girl's eyes were fixed on the injured bird. She said 'Can you heal it, Sir?' 'Yes' said Narendra. 'We will try. You can help me. She has been shot, poor thing, her leg is broken and the wing too.' In a few days' time, the bird was completely cured and they released it to fly to its destination.

Questions:

i. Where did the bird come from?

(a) from Canada

(b) from the South

(c) from Australia

(d) from North America

ii. Where did Narendra live?

(a) In a light house

(b) An old cottage

(c) In a cabin by the marsh

(d) In a barn

iii. On the basis of the above passage, it can be said that the girl was

(a) Loud and forceful.

(b) Shy and clean.

(c) bold and brave.

(d) sympathetic and caring.

iv. Why did the girl take the bird to Narendra?

(a) So that he would tell her if it was still alive

(b) So that he would tell her what to do

(c) So that he would send it to where it came from

(d) So that he would heal it

v. which of the word similar to the word 'slender'?

(a) fat

(b) thin

(c) pretty

(d) tall

Q.2-Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

1×5=5

As the rulers of the planet, humans like to think that it is the large creatures who will emerge victorious from the struggle for survival. However, nature teaches us the opposite: it is often the smallest species which are the toughest and most adaptable. A perfect example is the hummingbird, which is found in the Americas. One species of hummingbird known as the bee hummingbird ranks as the world's smallest and lightest bird and it is barely visible when it is in flight. Hummingbirds are the only birds

that can fly backwards. They feed mainly on the nectar of flowers, a liquid that is rich in energy. Nectar is an ideal food source, for hummingbirds need an incredible amount of energy to sustain their body metabolism. A hummingbird's wings flap at a rate of about 80 times per second and its tiny heart beats more than 1000 times per minute. This is why they must consume relatively large quantities of food. In the course of a day, a hummingbird consumes about half its body weight in nectar.

Questions:

- i. Which of the following statements about the bee hummingbird is true?
 - (a) It cannot be seen when it is in flight.
 - (b) It is obviously visible when it flies.
 - (c) It could fly high beyond the clouds.
 - (d) It escapes our sight when it is in flight.
- ii. Hummingbirds need a lot of energy in order to
 - (a) win in the struggle for survival.
 - (b) maintain their body metabolism.
 - (c) sustain a steady rhythm of heart-beat.
 - (d) flap their wings and fly backwards.
- iii. The hummingbirds are exclusive in the sense that
 - (a) they can fly backwards.
 - (b) they subsist only on nectar.
 - (c) they consume half their body weight every day.
 - (d) their pulse rate is more than 1000 per minute.
- iv. The word 'Incredible' in the passage means
 - (a) non creditable
 - (b) insatiable
 - (c) unbelievable
 - (d) inexhaustible
- v. Nature has made man realize the fact that
 - (a) the largest and the smallest species are equally tough and strong.
 - (b) the large creatures emerge victorious from the struggle for survival.
 - (c) humans who rule the planet are the most powerful beings on Earth.
 - (d) the smallest creatures are the toughest and most adaptable.

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q.3- Read the passage carefully answer the questions given below:

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A library is an organized collection of sources of information and similar resources, made accessible to a defined community for reference or borrowing. It provides physical or digital access to material, and may be a physical building or room, or a virtual space, or both. A library's collection can include books, periodicals, newspapers, manuscripts, films, maps, e-books and other formats. A library is organized for use and is maintained by a public body, an institution, a corporation, or a private individual. Public and institutional collections and services may be intended for use by people who choose not to or cannot afford to purchase an extensive collection themselves, who need material no individual can reasonably be expected to have, or who require professional assistance with their research. In addition to providing materials, libraries also provide the services of librarians who are experts at finding and organizing information and at interpreting information needs. Libraries often provide quiet areas for studying, and they also offer common areas to facilitate group study and collaboration. Libraries are extending services beyond the physical walls of a building by providing material accessible by electronic means.

Questions:

- i.-Make note based on the above passage.
- ii.-Give a suitable title too.

Q.4- You are Jayant Sharma studying in Govt. HSS Myana, (M.P.). Write an application to your principal for Character Certificate.

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or

You are Atul Chauhan residing at Gokul Dhaam Colony, Sohagpur. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your brother's marriage.

Q.5- Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics. (In about 120 words)

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- A. Importance of English
- B. My Favourite Teacher
- C. Unemployment problem
- D. Computer and Mobile: Modern Need
- E. Madhya Pradesh: The Heart of India

Q.6- Last you went on a picnic with your family. Look at the picture given below and write a short paragraph about how you enjoyed your picnic. (in about 75 words)

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Or

On the basis of the picture given below, write a short story in about 75 words and also give a suitable title to it.



SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q.7-Fill in the blanks-(Any five)

1×5=5

- i.I use your phone? (will/may/might)
- ii. he worked hard, he would pass. (Though/If/Unless)
- iii. There is notwater in the pool. (some/any/many)
- iv. They have been living here January (since /from/for)
- v. He didn't play well he was not selected. (and/or/so)
- vi. He teaches inuniversity. (a/an/the)

Q.8-Do as directed (Any five)

1×5=5

- i. She did it. (Change into interrogative)
- ii. He did not go to school. He was ill. (Combine the sentence using 'so')
- iii. She did not play well. (Change into Future Indefinite Tense)
- iv. They play football. (Change into Passive Voice)
- v. Unless she works hard, she will not pass. (Rewrite the sentence using 'if')
- vi. He is very intelligent. He can pass any test.
- vii. (Combine the pair of sentences using 'so.....that')

SECTION-D (TEXTBOOKS)

Q.9-Choose the correct alternatives to answer the following questions.

1×4=4

- i. Who is the poet of the poem 'Dust of Snow'?
(a) Robert Frost (b) Ogden Nash
(c) Walt Whitman (d) W.B. Yeats
- ii. According to Mandela, what comes naturally to heart?
(a) hatred (b) love
(c) discrimination (d) unity
- iii. Anne Frank wrote her diary while
(a) while playing with her family (b) while hiding with her family
(c) while a trip (d) while working
- iv. What does the poetess compare the tree branches to?
(a) an old patient. (b) a newly discharged patient.
(c) a Doctor (d) none of these

Q.10- Read the following extracts from the prose and answer the questions given below

(A) The young seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brothers and his sister had already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. Somehow when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings he became afraid. The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath, and it was such a long way down—miles down. He felt certain that his wings would never support him; so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night.

Questions:

1×3=3

i. What happened when the young seagull ran to the brink of the ledge?

- (a) he became afraid (b) he flew away (c) he fell into the sea

ii. Where did the young sleep at night?

- (a) on a tree (b) under the ledge (c) in water

iii. The word 'little' means-

- (a) big (b) wide (c) small

(B) What is the boy now, who has lost his ball, What, what is he to do? I saw it go Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then Merrily over - there it is in the water!

Questions:

1×3=3

i. From which poem have the above lines been taken?

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

ii. Which of the following words is similar to the word 'merrily'?

- (a) sadly (b) happily (c) cleverly

iii. Where did the ball go?

- (a) in the water (b) in the sky (c) in the house

Q.11- Answer the following questions in about 30 words (Any six)

2×6=12

- I. What did Lencho hope for?
- II. What does courage mean to Mandela?
- III. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?
- IV. What makes writing in a diary a strange experience for Anne Frank?
- V. Why is Coorg compared to heaven?
- VI. What did Mij do to the box?
- VII. Why did Kisa Gotami go to Buddha?

Q.12- Answer the following questions in about 30 words (Any two)

2×2=4

- I. According to Frost, what are the two different views about the end of the world?
- II. Why does Amanda want to be an orphan?
- III. How does the tiger act in the cage?

Q.13- Answer the following questions in about 30 words (Any two)

2×2=4

- I. Why was Dr. Herriot worried about Tricky?
- II. Why does Horace steal every year?
- III. Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated?

Q.14- Answer the following question in about 75 words.

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Why does the post master send money to Lencho? Why does he Sign the letter God?

Or

Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.

Q.15- Answer the following question in about 75 words.

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What is the central idea of the poem 'Fire and Ice'?

or

Write the central idea of the poem, 'The Trees'?

Q.16- Answer the following question in about 75 words.

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Why does Mr. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is a triumph of surgery?

or

How did the lady in red convince Horace Danby to open the lock?