

Half Yearly Exam 2019
Class 10th
Subject - English Special

Time: 03 hours

(MM-100)

Instructions :-

- 1) Read the questions carefully and answer them.
- 2) All questions are compulsory.
- 3) Marks are indicated against each question.

Section A

Q1. Read the passage and answer the questions given below :-

We do not know whether suitable physical conditions are enough in themselves to produce life. Some scientists think that as the earth gradually became cooler, it was natural and indeed almost unavoidable, that life should come. Others believe that it was an accident, which brought the earth into being, and that another accident was necessary to produce life. The materials of which living body is composed are ordinary chemical atoms-Carbon, such as we find in water; nitrogen, as we find in air, and so on. Every kind of atom necessary for life must have existed on the new born earth. At times a group of atoms might happen to arrange themselves in the way in which they are arranged in the living cell. Indeed, if they were given enough time, they would certainly do so, just as six monkeys set to work on type writers for millions and millions of years would be certain in time to type out by chance all the books in the British museum.

Questions -

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| (a) What do some scientists think? | 1 |
| (b) What do we not know ? | 1 |
| (c) What do others believe ? | 1 |
| (d) Name the material of which a living body is composed ? | 2 |
| (e) Pick out the words, from passage which have the following meaning- | 2 |
| i) Which cannot be avoided. | |
| ii) A building dedicated to historical objects having value. | |

Q.2 Read the poem carefully and answer the questions given below.

We have no wings, we cannot soar,
But we have feet to scale and climb
By slow degrees, by more and more,
The cloudy summits of our time.

The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But, they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

Questions :

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| (a) What is the poem about ? | 1 |
| (b) How does the poet wish to achieve the heights ? | 2 |
| (c) How had the greatmen reached the height ? | 2 |

- (d) When the greatmen toiled hard. what did their companions do? 2
- (e) Find the words from the poem which is the opposite of 2
- i) Base ii) gradual

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

Good governance is the ability, capacity, capability and efficiency to formulate citizen centric policies and their implementation. Its aim is to upgrade the quality of life of common people to protect them from hazards, to facilitate and accelerate the process of modernization and change to make society more competitive and development oriented to protect the rights and human rights of the people, to bring peace and prosperity and to cope with the global activities in all walks of life..It refers to adoption of new values of governance to establish greater efficiency, legitimacy and credibility of system and thus, in simple terms, it can be considered as citizen- friendly citizen-caring and responsive administration.

Good governance means, the efficient administration, which aims at 'cost less and work better ?' It is an alternative to the traditional administration. Woodrow Wilson, the father of public administration, advocated the idea of administration and governance and defined the role of government to implement delegated tasks from the legislature, which the modern context has been perceived by contemporary scholars like Osborne and Gabler as 'Reinventing Government': Governance <https://www.mpboardonline.com> can be explained as a system for steering and co-coordinating collective actions. It envelops public private pat partnership, industrial district, trade association, state craft and diplomacy, interest in police, policy, community and international regimes. The argument of efficiency in the governance text is the sustainable human development with the characteristics of empowerment, equity sustainability and security.

Questions -

- (a) What is good governance? 1
- (b) What is its aim ? 1
- (c) What does it refer to? 1
- (d) What has woodrow wilson advocated? 1
- (e) Why did he advocate it? 1
- (f) What does 'good governance' envelop? 2
- (g) What is the argument of efficiency in governance? 2
- (h) Find one word from the passage for - 2
- (1) Activities around the world 2
- (2) The act of managing relations between countries. 2
- (i) Find the antonym of the following words from Passage - 2
- i) Layman ii) Hostile.

Section B

Q4. Develop a write up on the topic 'cleanliness is Godliness'. 5

OR

Write an article on the topic 'Beauty strikes the eye but goodness move the heart'.

Q5. You are Vijay /Vijaya, Head boy your school. Draft a notice For your school notice board informing the students about an inter school spell bee competition going to be organized in your school.

OR

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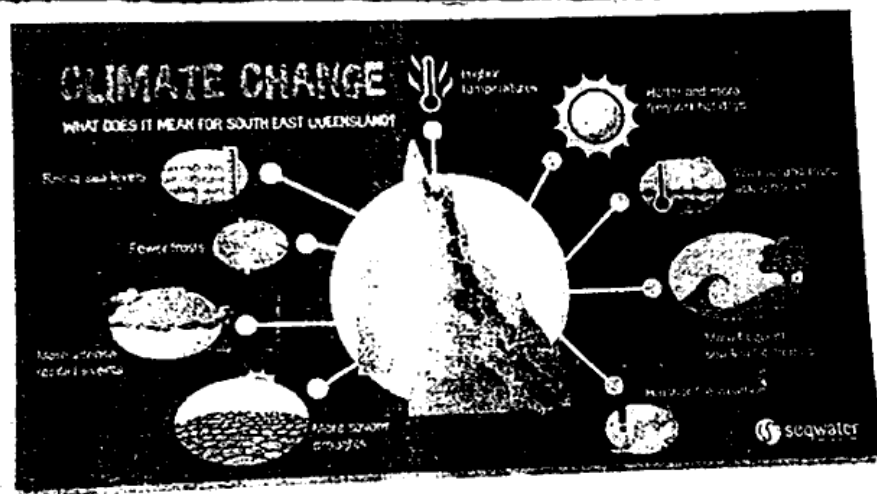
You are Amit / Amita you got a call from sumit a friend of your elder brother deliver a message informing about the plan of movie cancelled.

Q6. you are Arun / Aruna living at 36/A Kotra sultanabad, Bhopal. write a letter to your friend Ravi congratulating him for his grand success in NEET exam 2019. 7

OR

You are Vishal /Vishaka a student in St. Mary H.S. school Indore. Write a letter to the principal of your school to get a medical leave as you got injured while playing a match.

Q7 The picture below shows the climate change which we see today. Using your own ideas write an article to be published in local newspaper. 6



OR

Develop a write up using links given below.

- visual intelligence
- think in pictures
- enjoys doing puzzles
- verbal intelligence
- comes good at speaking.
- Mathematical intelligence
- solving puzzles
- musical intelligence
- enjoys music

Q8 Write an essay on any one of the topics :

1. Your Role model
2. Science A Bane or A Boon.
3. An India festival.
4. Importance of Reading Newspaper section.

Section C

Q9. Fill in the blanks with the correct option given in brackets.

1. The jury ----- divided in their opinion. (was / were)
2. Rice and curry ----- a good food. (is / are)
3. Give me ----- ink to write. (some / much)
4. You will never get ----- that luggage into the car. (each/ all)
5. ----- player in the team is a first class Footballer. (each /every)
6. Charity begins at ----- (home / house)
7. The question is ----- to go or to stay. (if / whether)
8. She is really fond ----- music. (of/ in).
9. This is trending fashion. I hope it is ----- (latest /last).
10. I need nothing ----- I have money with me. (providing/ provided)

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Q 10 Do as directed -

1. They are playing cricket with friends. (change the voice)
2. The teacher said, "when will you bring the work books" (change into indirect speech)
3. The weather was fine. We enjoyed the picnic. (combine using appropriate form of participle)
4. I am glad that I have met my friend. (Rewrite using an infinitive)
5. My friend is rich. (change into negative without changing the meaning)

Section D

Q11 Read the extract and answer the questions given below :-

To please the yelping dogs. The gap I mean,
 No one has seen them made or heard them made,
 But at spring mending-time we find them there.
 I let my neighbour know beyond - the hill,

Question -

- (1) Name the poem. 1
- (2) What do you mean by yelping dogs ? 1
- (3) Explain - 2
 "No one has seen them made or heard them made"

Q12. Read the extract and answer the questions given below.

I will rise and go now, and go to Innis free.
 And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
 Nine bean rows will I have there, I hive for the honey bee,
 And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

Questions:

- (1) Name the poem. 1
- (2) What is the meaning of word 'wattle' ? 1
- (3) What does the post want to do after going to the lake of Innisfree ? 2

Q13. Answer any one of the following questions in about 120 to 150 words.

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- 1) Describe how Jean and Pierre managed to get the pie.
- 2) Sum up some of the activities that the prisoner undertook in prison.

Q14. Answer any four of the following questions -

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- 1) When do cultural conflicts occur?
- 2) What were the two boys doing when the author met them for the first time?
- 3) Why did Wassekopf come to school after eighteen years?
- 4) Why did the last leaf not fall?
- 5) Why would Helen like to let her eyes rest on the face of a baby?

Q15. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 to 150 words.

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- (1) Narrate some memorable teachings and inspirational pieces of advice given by your parents.
- (2) Imagine there are no political boundaries among countries then what will be the face of the world? Describe.

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