

Half Yearly Examination

Subject : English (E.M.)

Class : XII

Time : 3 hrs

MM : 100

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)

Man has undoubtedly progressed since medieval times. The earliest men lived like brutes. Individuals fought among themselves and the strong destroyed the weak, for that is the law of jungle, the law of irrational life. But man was not an animal. He possessed rational faculties. These faculties gradually developed and appeared in his actions and man gave up the law of jungle and made his own rational laws. Men saw that the law of jungle was not applicable to their lives. They realized that they had souls and the strength of being with a soul can consist in a variety of capabilities other than the power to cut and kill, tear and bite. For instance, a man can be strong in fashioning tools, or in controlling the actions of other rational beings by the power of song or speech. Thus men realized that they should not be fighting among themselves, but they should be working together and giving one another opportunities to develop their respective strengths. This was the first step in man's progress. By these means men gained such control over the forces of nature. They made each other so much wiser and more comfortable that they were convinced that they were the best creation of God.

1. What do you mean by the law of jungle?
2. How was man different from animals?
3. How could man gain control the forces of nature?

(a) Developed (b) Ruined (c) Achieved

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer. The questions given below. (10)

Some political thinker think that liberty and equality cannot go together. They think that liberty implies the freedom to do what one would like to do. This is true if freedom is interpreted in its absolute sense to mean that every individual shall be free according to his opportunities there will be choose.

It is a lesson of history that whininess people are allowed to do as they wish the cleaner and more capable used their freedom to concentrate all width and power in themselves to the misery and oppression of the rest. Obviously the negative view is described by those who belong to privileged section of community and for this reason seek to maintain status for the sake of their vested interest. They think that equality is unattainable under condition of such unrestricted freedom. Lord Acton therefore, says “The passion of equality made vain the hope of liberty.”

The exponents of this view held that liberty is natural, equality is not. Nature it self created differences. For example some are intellectuals, others are not. Liberty means freedom i.e. so restrictions, this is against the principle of liberty. The indelution of property is a natural institution and therefore, should not be restricted by equality project by state. The means the powers of state will increase. Excess power of the state is harmful to the liberty of the people. Moreover state has produced many exits of capitalist. It has encouraged exploitation. It has given protection to the capitalist. Such a state cannot give project equality. So, the hope of liberty also vanishes away. The democracy is either becoming elites democracy or dollar democracy. Either this is controlled by the educated class or by the capitalists. Presence of elite or capitalist is in equality. Hence liberty and equality appear opposed to each other.

1. Find out a word from the passage for the expression- 'having special rights'.
2. Give the adverb form of the word 'absolute'
3. Make noun form the word 'describe'.
4. What is the view of lord action regarding equality and liberty?
5. What do you understand by cities and democracy and dollar democracy?

Q.3 Answer the following questions.

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1. What- qualities grow when the mind is without halred?
2. Why did the beggar get a merciless scolding?
3. Why can't the poet sub strangeness from his sight?
4. What does the anther say about- "umbrella conscience"? Mention some of its chief charactnistices?
5. Why does the poet call the children sullen?
6. Why is it necessary for our youth to the spiritually strong?

Q.4 Write an essay on any one of the following topics.

(10)

1. Dowry : A social Evil
2. Importance of Science and Computers
3. Corruption in India.

Q.5 Write a letter of complaint to the suppression M.P. electricity board, Barwani regarding the frequent break-down in elect city supply in your area.

(10)

OR

Write a letter to your father asking him for the permission to visit your friend's village doing the vacation.

Q.6 Do as directed:

(5)

1. They said to me "Are the grapes sour?" (Change the narration)
2. I can solve this sum. (Change the voice)
3. I _____ climb the trees when I was a boy. (May / Can / Could)

4. Today is _____ hottest day of the year. (a, an, the)

5. There is hardly _____ sugar left. (Some / any)

Q.7 Syed Mohd. Amir Ali has changed his name to Amir Arif, write a newspaper notice enouncing the change. (5)

Q.8 Read the following extracts from the text book carefully and answer the questions the follow: (10)

An intellectual hatred is the worst

So let her think opinions are accursed.

Have I not seen the loveliest women born

Out of the month of plenty's horn

Because other opinionated mind

Bartis that horn and every good

By quiet nature understood

For an old bellows full of angry wind?

1. Which hatred is of the worst kind?
2. What is 'horn of plenty'?
3. What does opinionated mean?
4. What are the civil effects of 'Horn of plenty'?

Q.9 You are secretary of the Principal of sun rise public school. Using his notes write a message on his behalf to the school. Captain, Ashutosh Verma.

Message for the school caption.

1. Urgent meeting of the student council.
2. Agenda: Falling standards of discipline
3. To day during recess in my office.
4. Attendance must for all members
5. School captain to inform other members.