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# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023-24

Subject : ENGLISH

Class : X

Time Allowed : 3:15 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

## Instructions :

- (i) All questions are compulsory. Please check that the questions paper contains total 30 questions and the No. of printed paper is 04.
- (ii) First 15 Minutes are allotted for the candidate to read the question paper. At the second bell you will start writing your answers.
- (iii) Read the questionwise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet.
- (iv) Part-B consists of descriptive type questions. Marks are indicated against each question.

## PART-A

- (Q.1-3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow : (20)

Scientists who study the rocks, landform and the history of the earth can tell what kind of plants and animals lived here on the earth a long time ago. These scientists are called geologist. One way that they are able to do this is by the study of fossils. Fossils may be the actual remains of those who walked or crawled.

Most fossils were formed in the waters covering the continents, in warm shallow island seas and in large swamps that covered the large part of the land in past geologic times. When the animals of these waters die, their remains are deposited on the floor of the waterbody where the fleshy part of the animals decays. The skeleton portion of the body is partially replaced by minerals and other substances. If this takes place in just the right manner, a fossil is formed. Since rock sediments are involved in the formation of fossils. It is not surprising that one finds many fossils in sedimentary rock layers. Plant fossils are found in the area that were once swamps. These are four main kinds of fossils original remains, replaced remains, moulds and casts and impressions.

- Q.1 Scientists who study the rocks, landforms and the history of earth are called : (1)  
 (a) Fossils (b) Geologist ✓  
 (c) Astronaut (d) Philanthropist
- Q.2 Fossils are the \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
 (a) remains of one who walked (b) Remains of those who crawled ✓  
 (c) remains of all who walked or crawled (d) None of these
- Q.3 How many kinds are of fossils : (1)  
 (a) One ✓ (b) two (c) four (d) six
- Q.4 I \_\_\_\_\_ a letter to my friend yesterday. (1)  
 (a) Write (b) Wrote ✓ (c) shall write (d) Writing
- Q.5 Fill correct article in the following sentence : (1)  
 My mother is \_\_\_\_\_ MLA.  
 (a) a ✓ (b) an (c) the (d) None of these
- Q.6 Which kind of noun is 'Army'? (1)  
 (a) Proper Noun (b) Common Noun  
 (c) Collective Noun ✓ (d) Abstract Noun
- Q.7 Which word is correct :  
 (a) Collage ✓ (b) Village (c) Knowledge (d) Not any of these
- Q.8 Re-arrange the words to form a clear sentence : (1)  
 She / a / letter / Rajat / wrote / to  
 (a) She wrote a letter to Rajat ✓ (b) She wrote the Rajat a letter  
 (c) Rajat wrote a letter to she (d) A letter wrote she to Rajat
- (Q.9-10) Read the passage given below, choose the correct option to answer the question that follow :
- A man who kept in jail without any fault. When the king visited the jail, he told him that he was innocent. The king found that he was true. He gave him a sum of money and set him free. From there the man went straight to the market where birds were kept for sale. He purchased them all and set them free.
- Q.9 Who was true : (1)  
 (a) The man (b) the king ✓ (c) the birds seller (d) None
- Q.10 The man was : (1)  
 (a) guilty (b) Innocent ✓  
 (c) guilty and innocent both (d) not clear
- Q.11 Lencho wrote a letter to : (1)  
 (a) God ✓ (b) Postman (c) Postmaster (d) His sons
- Q.12 Country's greatest wealth is : (1)  
 (a) It's people (b) It's technology  
 (c) It's minerals (d) It's scientist ✓

Q.13 The name of the dog in the lesson was \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
(a) Dollar (b) Tommy (c) Tricky (d) Jack

Q.14-15 Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

The way a crow, shook down on me  
The dust of snow, from a hemlock tree  
has given my heart, change of mood  
and saved some part of a day I had rued.

Q.14 At that time the tree had \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
(a) dust (b) dew (c) birds (d) None

Q.15 Who shook down the dust of snow on the poet? (1)  
(a) Crow (b) the poet (c) hemlock tree (d) birds

(Q.16-20) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

Q.16 The lesson 'His first flight' is about \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
(a) Parrot (b) Pigeon (c) Seagull (d) Pilot

Q.17 The voice of control room advised the pilot to turn \_\_\_\_\_ degree west. (1)  
(a) ten (b) twelve (c) eight (d) twenty

Q.18 Hari Singh, the thief was \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
(a) 10 years old (b) 15 years old  
(c) 16 years old (d) 9 years old

Q.19 Name of the veterinary surgeon was \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
(a) James Herriot (b) Mrs. Pumphry  
(c) Tricky (d) None of these

Q.20 Lencho compared the large raindrops with \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
(a) New coins (b) silver coins (c) diamonds (d) pearls

### PART-B

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Thousands of sparrows sat scattered on the floor. There was no chirping. We felt sorry for the birds and my mother fetched some breads for them. She broke it into little crumbs, the way my grand mother used and threw it to them. The sparrows took no notice of the bread we carried my grand mother's corpse off they flew away quietly.

- (a) Why were the sparrows not chirping? (2)  
(b) Whose mother fetched some breads for them? (2)  
(c) What did the mother do? (2)  
(d) Use the word 'notice' in your own sentence. (1)

### WRITING

Q.2 Write a letter to your friend congratulating him / her on his success in 10th Board Examination. (4)

OR

Write an application to the principal of your college to grant you leave for two days as your mother is ill.

Q.3 Write an essay on A Good Teacher OR The book you like most. (6)

### GRAMMAR

- Q.4 (a) Change into passive voice. (2)  
My mother taught me English grammar
- (b) Change into negative - (2)  
Satyam always writes with left hand.
- (c) Change into Interrogative sentence - (2)  
Anvi sang the song.
- (d) Translate the following into English : (4)  
भारत तेजी से उन्नति कर रहा है। यह एक प्रगतिशील देश है।  
जनसंख्या और बढ़ती कीमतें बड़ी समस्याएं हैं। हमें इन्हें नियंत्रित करना है।

### LITERATURE

Q.5 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : (3+3)

- (a) Who was Lencho? Describe his problems. (3+3)  
OR  
Why was there a large gathering in South Africa?
- (b) What indicates that the weather was fine at that time?  
OR  
Why was the whole family taunting the young seagull?

Q.6 Answer any one question in about 60 words : (4)  
Draw a character sketch of Nelson Mandela.

OR  
Why did the entire class quake in its boats? How does Anne describe it?

Q.7 Why do you think the tiger was stalking in the cage? What does it show? (3)  
OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

Q.8 Write the central Idea of any one of the given poems : (3)  
(a) Dust and Snow (b) Fire and Ice

Q.9 Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words : (3)  
What does the thief say about the reactions of the different people when they were looted?

OR

Why was it a temptation to keep Tricki on as permanent guest.

Q.10 Answer one of the following about 60 words : (4)  
(a) Describe Mrs. Pumphrey's love and worry for Tricki.  
(b) Describe the meeting between Ausable and Max.