

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2022-23

Class : XII
Subject : ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3:15 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Instructions :

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
 - (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) This question paper is divided into Four Sections 'A. B. C and D'.
 - (iv) Marks are indicated against each questions. Read the question very carefully before answering them.
 - (v) Please check that the questions paper contains total 12 questions and the No. of printed paper is 04.
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Section - A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions - 3x5 = 15

A man who possesses a strong will and a firm determination, finds all difficulties solved. To him there are a thousand ways open to steer clear of all dangers and difficulties. Such a man goes on working hard and even if he fails he is never downcast. Failure makes him all the more determined and he persists in his task till he attains the desired success. It is, therefore the man who labours hard with a strong resolution and an unshaken will, achieves success and makes his fortune.

Questions :

- (i) Who can steer clear of all dangers and difficulties ?
- (ii) How is a man builder of his own future ?
- (iii) Give a summary of the above passage.
- (iv) (a) Explain the underlined words : Resolution and industrious

- (b) Give a suitable title to the above passage.
- (v) Find the word from the passage whose antonyms is :
- (a) Failure (b) Misfortune
(c) danger

Section - B (Writing)

Q.2 Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 150 words - 10

- (a) Mobile phones - Boon or curse
(b) Water is life
(c) International yoga day.
(d) Population problem in India
(e) Means of checking terrorism.

Q.3 Write a letter to the editor of the times of India discussing the evils of child marriage system . 10

OR

Write a letter to sub-divisional officer, Telephone, Agra regarding frequent telephone disorder. <https://www.upboardonline.com>

Section - C (Grammar)

Q.4 Change as directed - 2x5 = 10

- (i) Shyam said, "Good night "Prashant ! We will meet again tomorrow. (Indirect narration)
- (ii) Ram is an intelligent boy. He is very punctual. He studies in 12th class. (Simple sentence)
- (iii) Iron is one of the heaviest metals (Comparative Degree)
- (iv) I congratulates you for your success. (correct it)
- (v) Write antonyms of the following. Domestic, Reveal
- (vi) Write one word of the following.
1. One who loves mankind.
 2. A person who believes in God.

Q.5 (i) Use the following Idioms in your words to make their meaning clear. 2x5 = 10

Through and through, kith and kin

(ii) Write synonyms of the following -

Wellness, freedom

(iii) Use the following in sentences of your own so as to bring out difference in their meaning clear.

(i) carrier, career

(ii) childish, childlike

(iv) Use the following phrasal verbs in your sentence to make their meaning clear. <https://www.upboardonline.com>

To call names, to nip in the bud

Q.6 Translate into English -

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कुछ वर्ष पूर्व जर्मनी का एक लड़का जिसे उम्र 10 वर्ष की थी, एक ज्योतिषी के पास गया। उस बच्चे ने अपना हाथ ज्योतिषी को दिखलाया और उससे पूछा, "श्रीमान् क्या मैं विश्व का बादशाह बन सकता हूँ।" उस बच्चे की महत्याकांक्षा को देखकर ज्योतिषी ने उसका हाथ देखा और कहा, "तुम्हारे हाथ में ऐसी रेखा नहीं है जिससे ज्ञात हो सके कि तुम बादशाह बनोगे।" वह लड़का वहाँ से चुपचाप चला गया। घर पहुँचकर उस बच्चे ने चाकू से अपने दोनों हाथों पर एक रेखा खींच दी। घाव राही हो जाने पर वह पुनः ज्योतिषी के पास गया। उसने अपना हाथ दिखलाया। यह देखकर ज्योतिषी उस बालक के साहस पर चकित हो गया। यह बालक और कोई नहीं जर्मनी का तानाशाह हिटलर था।

Section - D (Literature) Flamingo text book

Q.7 Answer any two of the following questions about 30 to 40 words -

4+4=8

(a) What did Mr. Hamel write on the blackboard? What did it mean?

(b) Who led Gandhiji to Champaran and why?

(c) Why does the author say "Garbage to them is gold?"

Q.8 Answer anyone of the following questions in about 150 words - 7

- (a) Why was it so difficult for the teacher to leave his school ?
- (b) Attempt a character - sketch of the peddler in the story.

Q9. Read the following stanza and answer the given questions - $2 \times 3 = 6$

Perhaps the earth can teach us.
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive
Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

- (a) What does the earth teach us ?
- (b) What does the poet mean to achieve by counting up to twelve ?
- (c) What is the significance of "keeping quiet".

Point out the figure of speech used in the above lines.

Q.10 Write central idea of the following - 4

A thing of beauty, My mother at sixty six

Q.11 Answer any two of the following question about 30 to 40 words - $4+4=8$

- (a) Why do the people in the modern world want to escape ?
- (b) How did the author travel to Antarctica ?
- (c) What was the condition of the man who arrived at Sadoo's doorstep ?

Q.12 Answer anyone of the following questions in about 150 words - 7

- (i) Write the character sketch of 'Hana'.
- (ii) How is the grand central station a symbol of escape ?