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# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023-24

Subject : ENGLISH

Class : XI

Time : 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.

## SECTION-A (READING)

1. Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions given below :

If you would be free from all physical aches and pains, and would enjoy perfect physical harmony, then put your mind in order and harmonise your thoughts. Think joyful thoughts think loving thought, let the elixir of goodwill course through your veins, and you will need no other medicine. Put away your jealousies, your suspicions, your worries, your hatreds, your selfish indulgences, and you will put away your dyspepsia, your beliousness, your nervousness and aching joints. If you will persists in clinging to these dehilitting and demoralizing habits of mind, then do not complain when your body is laid low with sickness,

Questions :

- (a) When shall we enjoy perfect physical harmony? (3)
- (b) When is our body laid low with sickness? (3)
- (c) What should we think? (3)
- (d) What should we give up? (3)
- (e) (i) Explain underlined words - 'harmonise your thoughts' in the passage. (1)
- (ii) In the passage the meaning of 'elixir' is .... (1)  
(a) fortune (b) blessing  
(c) nectar (d) dynamic
- (iii) Which of the following is the antonym of 'indulgence'? (1)

- (a) Deny (b) comfort  
(c) interference (d) delicacy

### SECTION-B (WRITING SKILLS)

Q.2 Last day on your way to 'Mahesh Nath Dham Temple' you witnessed an accident of chain snatching. A couple of men chased the snatcher, caught him and handed him over to the police. Write a report on this brave act as a reporter of 'Amar Ujala' the newspaper. (5)

OR

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

On 15th August 1947, India was divided. Pakistan came into being. William C. Douglas, a judge of the Supreme Court of America, visited India in 1950. He had full knowledge of India's political background. Therefore, he formed his own impression of the Indian refugees when he saw them in India.

He knew that about nine million people had to leave their homes and belongings. They came to India for their safety. The danger of religious madness was the cause of leaving the old homes. They had a very little food and articles with them. Many of them got so tired and hungry that they died on the way.

The refugees had got settled in cheap huts. They made simple things and sold them for their little income. The author knew that the children who surrounded him to sell their belongings. They were at the edge of hunger but they had high sense of self respect. Thus he got an idea of the warm soul of India.

As he made a loving and respecting image of India.

Questions :

- (a) On the basis of the passage, make notes on it using heading and sub-headings with abbreviations wherever necessary. (3)
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in short. (2)

Q.3 Write an article (essay) on anyone of the following topics in about 80 to 100 words : (8)

- (a) Early Rising  
(b) Rural Development in India  
(c) Science and Religion

Q.4 Write a letter to the Police Superintendent of your city requesting him / her to improve the law and order situation in your locality. (6)

OR

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him / her on winning the



first prize in a painting competition.

### SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q.5 I. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

- (a) A place where birds, animals etc. are kept : (2)  
(i) den (ii) holes (iii) zoo (iv) cave
- (b) The phrase 'carry out' means : (2)  
(i) reject (ii) accept (iii) obey (iv) disobey
- (c) The antonym of 'bottom' is \_\_\_\_\_ (2)  
(i) top (ii) above (iii) low (iv) below
- (d) The synonym of 'boon' is \_\_\_\_\_ (2)  
(i) curse (ii) blessing (iii) savage (iv) faith
- (e) Which word / part in the sentence is an error ? (2)  
(i) He (ii) prevented (iii) me (iv) to go

II. (a) Change the following into Indirect speech : (2)

Sudha said to Mrs. Chawala, "Mam, you are so sweet."

OR

"Dear Baby, don't eat rice too much." said the doctor to  
sweety.

(b) Combine the sentences as directed. (2)

He saw the moon. He became glad. (Simple sentence)

OR

The pen is mine. It is on the table. (Complex sentence)

(c) Transform the following sentences as directed : (2)

Have you ever seen a flying bird? (Passive voice)

OR

Only the children saw the Red Fort. (Negative sentence)

(d) Correct the following sentence : (2)

I prefer milk than tea.

OR

I have come at Varanasi a month ago.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own  
sentences to make the difference in their meaning clear. (2)

Soul - Sole, Week - Weak

Q.6 Translate the following passage into English : (5)

कला ही जीवन है। कला और जीवन का बहुत घनिष्ठ सम्बन्ध है।  
कला के विकास का उद्देश्य कभी आत्मानुभूति होता है तो कभी आनन्द और  
विनोद। कला के माध्यम से कभी संघर्ष किया जाता है, तो कभी उस संघर्ष से  
मुक्ति पायी जाती है। कला यश प्राप्ति, धन प्राप्ति, शांति प्राप्ति तथा समाज  
को सही राह दिखाने का माध्यम भी बनती है। मनुष्य अपनी भावनाओं को  
कला के माध्यम से ही प्रकट करता है।

### SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

- Q.7 Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 60 words : (7)
- (a) When did the first indication of impending disaster occur and why?
- (b) Why was the grandmother not happy with the city's life and education?
- Q.8 Answer the following questions in not more than 30 words :
- (a) Why were the sparrows not chirping and what did they do? (4)
- OR
- (b) How was sue treated for her head injury?  
Who donated portable CT Machine? (4)
- OR
- What was the daily routine of the grandmother?
- Q.9 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :
- And all that in them without me were seeds,  
only, latent, unborn  
And forever, by day and night,  
I give back life to my own origin,  
And make pure and beautify it;
- Questions :
- (a) What does it mean - latent and unborn? (2)
- (b) How does the rain help its place to origin? (2)
- (c) How does rain help the earth in making pure and beautiful? (2)
- Q.10 Write the central idea of any one of the following poems : (5)
- (a) A Photograph (b) The Laburnum Top
- Q.11 Answer any one of the questions in not more than 60 words : (5)
- (a) Who was Mrs. Dorling? How did she behave with the narrator?
- (b) Mention some remarkable change in Mrs. Annie Pearson's behaviour that shocked both Dorie and Cyril?
- Q.12 Answer the following questions in not more than 30 words : (5)
- (a) How did John Byro identify his horse?  
OR  
What was that address where the narrator went?
- (b) What did Dorie demand from her mother?  
OR  
From which family did Aram and Mourad belong?