

# Half Yearly Examination

English

JIN-22

Time:

XII

MM:100

Note- This question paper is divided into four sections A, B, C and D. All questions from all the sections are compulsory.

## Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

Every single mistake is a blessing in disguise; there are usually untold blessings hidden within every mistake. Children make many mistakes while learning how to ride a bike or write, and we don't give it a second thought because we know that through the mistakes they will learn and eventually master what they are trying to do. So why it is that adults are so hard on themselves? We all make mistakes, and if we didn't make them, we'd never learn anything and wouldn't grow any smarter or wiser. We have the freedom to make our own choices, and the freedom to make mistake.

### Questions-

- What is hidden in a mistake according to the author?
- What are main mistakes children do while learning?
- What do we need to learn from our mistakes?
- How did adults differ from children in doing mistakes?
- Which word in the passage mean 'really'?
- Give the synonym of the word 'Freedom'.
- Give the antonym of the word 'Never'.

## SECTION-B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in 100-150 words-

- Soaring price of essential commodities
- National festival of India
- Health sector of India

3. Write a letter to the health officer of your district to make a regular arrangement of fogging in your area to save the people from diseases.

Or

Write a letter to your sport minister of the state from a stadium in your city to improve the games.

## SECTION-C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions- 10

- Choose the correct synonyms of the following words-
  - begin
  - create

(1)

P.T.O.

iii) stop  
iv) dull

b) Choose the correct antonym of the following words-  
Gather-

i) collect ✓  
ii) scatter  
iii) conceal  
iv) combine

c) Select one word substitution from the following sentence-  
A person who sees the bright side of a thing-

i) optimist ✓  
ii) pessimist  
iii) courageous  
iv) advance

d) Choose the meaning of the following idioms/phrases-  
bosom friend-

i) flatter friend  
ii) dear friend ✓  
iii) clever friend  
iv) close friend

e) Choose the correct word to complete the given sentence-  
He ..... to Delhi last week

i) go  
ii) goes  
iii) went ✓  
iv) gone

5. a) Change the following sentence into indirect speech- 4

i) The doctor said, "Do not eat too much." The doctor told her  
ii) The teacher said, "What is your name?" they not eat too much

b) Combine the following sentences as directed-

i) He worked hard. He got good marks. (Simple sentence)

ii) The thief died. Some policeman beat him mercilessly.

(Compound sentence)

iii) Kolkata is the biggest city in India.

(Change into comparative degree)

6. Translate the following passage in English-

सुकरास यूनान के महान दार्शनिक थे। उनका जन्म ईसा मसीह के जन्म से 400 वर्ष पहले हुआ था। वे एथेन्स में रहते थे। वे नगर में पैदल घूमते थे तथा लोगों को सत्य के मार्ग पर चलने के लिए प्रेरित करते थे। उनकी इच्छा थी कि एथेन्स एक आदर्श राज्य बने। वे शीघ्र ही एक शिक्षक के रूप में प्रसिद्ध हो गये। यूनान के शासकों ने उन पर देश के युवाओं को पथभ्रष्ट करने का आरोप लगाया।

### SECTION-D (Literature)

7. Answer anyone of the following question in about 30 words- 8

✓ What did M. Hamel say about the French language?

OR

How did Douglas get success to conquer his old terror?

b) Why did Garbage is the gold for the people of Seemapuri?

OR

Who was Mukesh and what was his ambition?

8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words-  
Give the brief account of the life and the activities of the people like Saheb-e-Alam settled in Seemapuri?

OR

What happened at the YMCA swimming pool which instilled fear of water in Dougle's water?

9. Read the given lines and answer the following questions that follow-

Far-2 from gusty wave these children faces  
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor  
The tall girl with her weighed down head  
The paper seeming boy, with rat's eyes

Questions-

- a) Where are these children sitting?  
b) How do the faces and hair of these children look?  
c) Why is the head of the tall girl weighed down?

10. Give the central idea of anyone of the following poems-

- a) My mother at sixty six  
b) Keeping quiet

11. Answer the following questions in about 60 words-

- a) Why was tiger hunting banned in Pratiband?

OR

What did Sam write in his letter to Charley?

- b) What was the third level? Where was it situated?

OR

How did the author reach Antarctica?

12. Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape of Charley?

OR

What was that students on Ice programme? What was its aims?