

# Half Yearly Examination, 2023-24

Time : 2.30 hours

Class-XI

M.M.: 100

Subject-English

**Note-**All questions are compulsory:-

## Section--A [Reading]

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

Man is a gregarious animal living in a society. His neighbours are the people who are immediately around him. Because of their close proximity and constant pressure of society they play a crucial role in our lives. Their significance was recognised by Jesus Christ more than two thousand years ago when in one of the Ten commandments he said "Love thy neighbour as thou love God." It subscribes to the view that God is present in all human beings. By loving our neighbours we should not only have peace and happiness but would also come closer to God. Just as love begets love similarly if we show love and compassion to our neighbours they are bound to reciprocate. This relationship can bring about immense Joy and happiness in our lives for they are always at hand to help us in our hour of need. In today's highly mobile and competitive society our friends or relatives are rarely available near our place of residence or around us when we need them the most. It is in these trying times that the help and assistance our immediate neighbour comes as a boon to us. It is therefore of paramount importance that we have good and friendly relations with our neighbours.

- Why is man called a gregarious animal? 3
- What crucial role do our neighbours play in our lives? 3
- How is loving our neighbours equal to loving God? 3
- Why is it good to have friendly relations with our neighbours? 3
- Which word in the passage is opposite of 'Often'. 1

- ii. Which words in the passage means 'Closeness'? 1  
 iii. What does the phrase 'at hand' mean in the passage? 1

### Section:-B [Writing]

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words. 10
- Moral Education
  - Usefulness of Yoga
  - Keeping School Neat and Clean
3. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily about water scarcity in your locality suggesting ways to improve the position of water supply. 10

Or

Write a letter to the Principal of your College requesting him to arrange co-curricular activities at regular intervals.

### Section:-C [Grammar]

4. Change the following sentences into Indirect speech. 10
- He said to me, "I have completed my work".
  - The teacher said, "The earth moves round the sun".
  - He said to Mohan, "How much money do you want?"
  - The teacher said to me, "Sit in your class and learn your lesson."
  - He said to his friend, "Work hard."
5. Change the following as directed. 10
- He writes a letter. (Into Passive voice)
  - They believe me. (Into Passive voice)
  - The synonyms of 'Delightful' is. \_\_\_\_\_
  - The antonyms of 'Good' is \_\_\_\_\_
  - The antonyms of 'Honest' is \_\_\_\_\_

6. Translate into English :- 5

विक्रमादित्य उज्जैन के राजा थे। उज्जैन उनकी राजधानी थी। वे बुद्धिमान तथा न्यायप्रिय राजा थे। उन्होंने कभी किसी निर्दोष व्यक्ति को दण्डित नहीं किया। उनके दरबार में बहुत से विद्वान रहते थे। कालीदास उनमें से एक थे। कालीदास

ने कई प्रसिद्ध नाटकों की रचना की। शकुन्तला उनका सर्वश्रेष्ठ नाटक था।

7. Answer the following question in about 40 words each- 8

- a. Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother. Did their feelings for each other change? (The Portrait of a Lady)
- b. How does the story suggest the optimism helps to 'endure the direst stress'? [We are not afraid to die]

8. Answer any one of the following question in about 80 words. 7

- a. The author's grandmother was a religious person. What are the different ways in which we come to know this? [The Portrait of a Lady]
- b. What lesson do we learn from such hazardous experiences when we are face to face with death? [We are not afraid to die]

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow. 6

The Cardboard shows me how it was.

When the two girl cousins went paddling,

Each one holding one of my mother's hands,

And she the big girl-some twelve years or so.

- a. What does the word 'Cardboard' denote in the poem?
- b. Who were the three girls captured in the photograph?
- c. Name the poem and the poet of this stanza.

10. Write the central idea any one of the following poems. 4

- a. A Photograph
- b. The Voice of the Rain

11. Answer any two of the following question in about 40 words each:- 8

- a. How did the narrator react on seeing the horse and Mourad? [Summer of the Beautiful white Horse]