

Half Yearly Exam. – 2023-24 PDV

Time : 3:00)

Class : 11

(M.M.: 100

Subject : English

Part- A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow- 3×4=12

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the missile man of India was born in a middle class Tamil family in the Island town of Rameshwaram in the former Madras state on 15th Oct 1931. His father Jainulabdeen had not much formal education but he possessed great wisdom. His mother Ashiamma was a caring and loving mother and housewife. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was one of the many children who lived in an ancestral house and was a small member of a huge family. During the time of second world war, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was eight years old. He could not understand the complicity of war but during the time, a sudden demand for tamarind seeds increased in the market. Due to this demand, Kalam was able to earn his first wages by selling tamarind seeds in the market. He mentions in his autobiography that he used to collect the tamarind seeds and sell them in the provision shop near his home. During those war days, his brother-in-law Jallaluddin told him many stories of the war. Later, Kalam traced those stories in newspapers with his cousin Samsuddin.

His life was clearly full of struggle. However he still faced all odds and became an inspiration to the new generation of India. He has been a luminous star in Indian history and has proved to be true people's president. He was a person who always dreamed of India being a developed country. He is known for famous quote "You have to dream before your dreams can come true." His deep interest in aviation urged him to fulfil his dream of being an Aero-

nautical Engineer. In spite of coming from a poor background, he never discontinued his education.

- (a) Do you think that Kalam was a hard working boy in childhood?
- (b) Which quote defines the man that Abdul Kalam was?
- (c) Why was he called 'missile man' of India?
- (d) What did Kalam's interest in aviation lead to?

Section- B (Waiting)

2. Write an essay on anyone of the following topics- 10
 - (a) Your favourite leader
 - (b) Child Labour
 - (c) Horror of Terrorism
 - (d) Climate change
3. Write application to the S.P. of your district about the rise of the criminal activities in your area- 8×1=8

OR

Write a letter to your father requesting him to send the money for depositing the hostel fee.

Section- C (Grammar)

4. Change any two the following sentences into indirect narration- 2×2=4
 - (a) He says, "Ram plays the cricket match."
 - (b) Ram said to Shyam, "I am reading the book of Grammar."
 - (c) He said to Sita, "You have gone to Delhi."
5. Combine any two of the following sentences into simple sentence- 2×2=4
 - (a) You are very weak. You can't pass the examination.
 - (b) He finished his homework. He had glass of milk.
 - (c) A man went to my house. He was blind.

6. Translate the following passage into English- 7
सुकरात एक महान दार्शनिक थे। उनका जन्म 400 ई. पू. में एथेन्स में हुआ था। वह न्याय के सिद्धान्तों में विश्वास करते थे। वे नगर में पैदल घूमते थे तथा लोगों को ज्ञान तथा सत्य के मार्ग पर चलने के लिए प्रेरित करते थे। वे एथेन्स नगर को एक आदर्श राज्य बनाना चाहते थे। शीघ्र ही वे एक शिक्षक के रूप में प्रसिद्ध हो गये।

Literature

7. Write the answer of any one of the following questions-

8×1=8

Give the charactersketch of Grandmother in your own words.

OR

Write the brief challenges planes faced by the crew members of the sheep- "Wavewalker," from the lesson "We are not afraid to Die. "If we can all be together."

8. Write the answer of any two of the following questions-

5×2=10

(a) How did the narrator's grandfather appear in the portrait?

(b) Describe the 'happiest half hour of the day" for grandmother.

(c) How long did the narrator plan his voyage to last?

9. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems-

(a) A photograph (b) The Laburnum Top

10. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow-

4×2=8

"The cardboard shows me how it was
When two girl cousins went paddling,
Each one of haliding one of my mother's hands,
And she[^]the big girl- some twelve years or so,
All three stood still to smile through their hair
At the uncle with the camera) A sweet face,
my mother's that was before I was born.

Handwritten note: F close hair

(a) What does the cardboard show?

(b) According to poet, who is the big girl? What is her identity

11. Write the answer on any one of the following questions-6
- (a) Narrate the story "The summer of the beautiful white horse." in your own words.
 - (b) How did the narrator come to know about Mrs. Dorling and the address where she lived?
12. Write answer on any two of the following questions in your own words- 4×2=8
- (a) Why was it difficult for Aram to believe the sight of his cousin Mourad with the beautiful white horse?
 - (b) Who was Khosrov? Give his charactersketch in brief.
 - (c) How did Mrs. Dorling react when the narrator said "I'm Mrs. S's daughter?"
