HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2023-2024

Subject—English
Class—X (Tenth)

Time : 3¼ Hrs.

MM. : 70

General Instructions for the Examinees :

(1) All the questions are compulsory.

(2) Write the answers in the given answer book only.

Section : A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow ;   6

Gandhiji great aim in life was to improve the condition of the poor and people suffering, and to aid people in any way he could, but always without using force. He was against every sort of evil, no matter of what kind. When he tried to find out about the condition among the poor farm workers, the people crowded around him by the hundreds. When the police ordered Gandhiji to leave the place, he refused and in the court he explained why he could not obey. Then he asked the court to punish him for breaking the law. The court did not know what verdict to give in such a case, and so let him go free.

(i) Gandhiji was against :   1

   (a) Non-violence   (b) The poor and the rich

   (c) All-evils   (d) None of these

(ii) Gandhiji was ordered to leave the place by the :   1

   (a) Police   (b) Magistrate

   (c) People   (d) British Lawyer

(iii) What was Gandhiji great aim in life?   1

(iv) When did the farm workers crowd around Gandhiji?   1

(v) Find the word from the passage which means 'help'.   1

(vi) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'never'.   1

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2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :   8

The difference in the ways of thinking and perception in the people of two different generations which results in behavioural difference and sometimes, conflict among them is usually called generation gap.

Generation gap is generally seen in the family between parents parents and their children. It is not only because of the gap in age, but also because of the way parents react to a particular situation. Children being very young and immature do not understand the way of thinking of their parents. In many cases, the parents, even if they are matured do not empathize with the changing value and thinking pattern of the modern world. This create a communication gap between these two generations.

Generation gap between parents and children is mostly caused by parents themselves. They do not talk openly to their children and do not take part in solving their problems. This behaviour gives the impression about parents being authoritative persons, because they only dictate without understanding the problems faced by their children. As a result, the children become mentally isolated from their parents. Some parents become so busy with their work that they don't spend quality time with their family, which makes them completely unaware of how their children are growing, what kind of mentality is being developed in them, and so on. This ultimately creates a gap between them.

To overcome this problem, parents should show interest in all matters of their children and deal them positively. Giving time to the children, having open communication, and allowing the child to feel free, will eventually reduce the generation gap to a tolerable extent.

(i)   What is mainly discussed in their paragraph?   1

     (a) Modern world   (b) Generation gap

     (c) Children   (d) Parents

(ii)   Most of the Parents don't spend .... time with their family.   1

     (a) Tree   (b) Weekend

     (c) Quality   (d) Leisure

(iii) What is the generation gap?   1

(iv) Why is the generation gap there in the families?   1

(v)   Why are the parents responsible for the gap?   1

(vi) What steps need to be taken to overcome this problem?   1
(vii) Find the word from the passage which means 'separated'.   1
(viii) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'aware'.   1

Section : B (Writing)

3. You are Dharuv living in Bundi. Your friend Aditya has won a gold medal in Gramin Olympic. Write a letter congratulating him on his success.

   (Word limits 30 words)   4

OR

You are Harshita/Jayesh of Mahatma Gandhi Government School, Bundi. Write a formal e-mail to the Principal of your school at principalbundi@gmail.com requesting to arrange a lecture on 'How to use computers.'

4. Write a story using the outline given below. Assign a suitable title and moral to it. 4

   A hare .... proud of his speed .... laughs at the tortoise .... slow speed ....
   challenges .... run a race .... race begins .... here runs fast .... sleeps
   under a tree .... tortoise goes on .... reaches the goal .... loses the race ....
   hare wakes up .... runs fast.

OR

A Shepherd .... grazes sheep .... thinks of a mischief .... cries "wolf! wolf!"
.... villagers angry .... one day a wolf really comes .... cries for help ....
people do not believe kills many sheep.

5. Computers are going to play a very important role in the field of education. A lot of can be learnt with the help of computers. Imagine about a future classroom and write in about 60 words about it.   4

OR

Develop a short paragraph with the help of given outlines in about in 60 words.
Morning .... exercise .... fresh .... less pollution .... increase lungs
capacity .... calm and fresh .... refresh us.

Section : C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in bracket :   ½×4=2

   (i) The patient had died before the doctor .... (come)

   (ii) The doctor .... (visit) the patient everyday.

                                                                          P.T.O.

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(iii) Jiya .... (return) from Kota yet.

(iv) Vijay .... (do) exercises on tenses now.

7. Rewrite the following sentences by transforming from direct to indirect speech.   1×2=2

  (i) The doctor said to Jagan, "Take the medicines daily."

     The doctor advised Jagan ....

  (ii) Rahul said to Hari, "where do you live?"

     Rahul asked Hari ....

8. Read the sentences carefully and choose the correct alternative :   1×2=2

  (i) Who .... a prize by you?

    (a) was given   (b) was giving

    (c) is giving   (d) has given

  (ii) Somebody .... my watch.

    (a) has stolen   (b) is stolen

    (c) stole   (d) has been stolen

9. Choose the correct form of verb to ensure subject verb concord.   1×2=2

  (i) Every One .... (was/were) asked to switch off their cell phones.

  (ii) One of my friends .... (is/are) going on a trip to Goa.

10. Frame question to get the following answer :   1

  Q. Where ....?   Ans. We are going to the bus-stand.

11. Add question : Tag to the statement given below :   1

  (i) Few people will go ....?

Section : B (Text Book)

12. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 6

Tenth may downed bright and dear. For the past few days. I had been pleasantly besieged by the dignitaries and world leader who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil.

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and

nations for the installation of South Africa first democratic non-social governments.

(i) The dignitaries and the world leaders were coming to .... before the inaugration. 1

    (a) India
    (b) America

    (c) Japan
    (d) South Africa

(ii) The inauguration was held on 1

    (a) 10th June
    (b) 20th May

    (c) 10th May
    (d) 5th May

(iii) Where did the ceremonies take place? 1

(iv) Why did people gather there? 1

(v) Find from the passage the word which means : to be surrounded closely by. 1

(vi) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'same' 1

13. Answer any three of the following questions in about 30 words : 2×3=6

    (i) What does courage mean to Mandela?
    (Nelson Mandela A Long Walk to Freedom)

    (ii) Why does Anne want to keep a diary? (From the Diary of Anne Frank)

    (iii) What was Valli's favourite past time? (Madam Ride the Bus)

    (iv) Where is coorg ? (Glimpses of India)

14. Answer any one of the following questions in 80 words : 3×1=3

    (i) Draw a character sketch of Lencho.

OR

Why was the young seagull alone on his ledge?

15. Answer any one of the following questions in about 40 words : 2×1=2

    (i) Draw a character sketch of Lomov.

OR

What do you learn from the play 'The proposal'?

16. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : "Amanda" 2×2=4

I am is orphan, roaming the steet

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet. P.T.O.

(i) What is Amanda doing? What does she yearn for?

(ii) Is Amanda an Orphan? What does she say so?

OR

"A Tiger in the Zoo" (Leslie Norris)

He is stalks in his vivid stripes, The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet rage

(i) What is the tiger doing in his cage?

(ii) Why is the tiger in quiet rage?

17. Answer any two of following in about 20 words :   2×2=4

(i) Who lives with Belinda in her house. (Tale of custard the dragon)

(ii) How can you identify the Asian lion?   (How to tell wild animals)

(iii) What do Fire and ice represent? (Fire and Ice)

18. Answer any one of following questions in about 80 words :   1×3=3

(i) Give the character sketch of Noodle. (The book that saved the earth)

OR

Draw a character sketch of Anil. (The Thief's Story)

19. Answer any two of following questions in about 20 words :   2×2=4

(i) Why is Bholi's Father worried about her? (Bholi's)

(ii) Why is Matilda always unhappy? (The Necklace)

(iii) Why did max enter Ausablis room? (Midnight visitor)

20. Choose the correct alternative :   1×2=2

(i) Grriffin was a .... (Foot prints without feet)

(a) Scientist   (b) Doctor

(c) Teacher   (d) Businessman

(ii) What is the name of the nursery book that had saved the Earth?
(The Book that Saved the Earth)

(a) Little Star   (b) Mother Goose

(c) Baby Book   (d) Short Stories

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