

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2023-2024

Subject—English

Class—IX (Ninth)

MM. : 70

Time : 3¼ Hrs.

General Instructions for the Examinees :

- (1) All the questions are compulsory.
- (2) Write the answers in the given answer book only.
- (3) Write the correct serial number of each question.
- (4) Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions.

Section : A

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 7
- Forest are called the 'green gold' of a country because they are a country's wealth. There are numerous advantages of having green forests. They give us rain prevent floods and give us a number of valuable products. We get timber for building our houses, wood for furniture, fuel for cooking food. Besides these, we get many other useful products from them. They are honey, wax, gum, oil, herbs, lac and dyes. Think of the paper mills. Can they produce paper without getting wood from the forests? The industry of the artificial silk depends on forests. Forests add to the beauty of a country and provide shelter to wild animals. During wars, they give cover to armies.

Forests maintain fertility of soil. They are helpful in reducing level of pollution. They are necessary to maintain balance in nature. They are vital for good climate. They reduce intensity and frequency of natural disasters like a drought, flood, storm, etc.

- (i) Green gold of a country is called -
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| (a) coal | (b) gold mines |
| (c) animals | (d) forests |

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- (ii) Forests reduce the level of
- (a) oxygen (b) pollution
(c) nitrogen (d) rain water
- (iii) The natural disaster mentioned here are -
- (a) earthquakes (b) pandemic diseases
(c) drought, flood, storms (d) rain and hail storms
- (iv) Lac and dyes are product of -
- (a) industries ~~(b) forests~~
(c) foreign countries (d) chemicals
- (v) Timber is used for -
- (a) cooking food ~~(b) building our houses~~
(c) weapons (d) planting saplings
- (vi) Write the similar word of
'countless' from the passage -
- (vii) Write the opposite word of
'genuine' from the passage -

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

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Surya Singh, prince of Manipur, once came to the city of Delhi on business but because it was secret, he did not bring any servant with him. This explains why a man like the prince was travelling alone. On the way he saw a man who was weak and tired. The man was sitting beside the road.

"Which way are you going?" "Good sir," was the reply, "I am going to Delhi and must be there before night, but I shall never reach the city because I am tired." Surya Singh got off the horse, and told the man to get on it instead of him.

The man seemed to be waiting for this offer and he gladly got on the horse. Surya Singh walked beside him. At the city he asked the man to get down. The man looked surprised. "Why should I get off my horse?" he said.

- (i) Who was the prince of Manipur? *Surya Singh*
- (ii) Why did Surya Singh come to Delhi?
- (iii) Where did Surya Singh meet the man?

- (iv) What did the man say to Surya Singh at the city?
- (v) Find opposite words
 (a) sadly (b) always
- (vi) Find words which mean
 (a) a sovereign's son (b) happily

Section : B

3. Imagine that you are Ankur a student of IX class and your father is a poor farmer. Write an application to the principal of your school requesting him for exemption of your school fee. 5

OR

You are Ankita a student of IX class. Write a formal email letter to the principal of your school at principal-bund@gmail.com requesting to arrange extra classes for English and Mathematics.

4. Your school is organising 'the world environmental day' you have been asked to deliver a speech on this programme. Write a speech in 80-100 words on 'Importance of Forest.' 4

OR

Write a short paragraph on 'My Best Friend' in about 80-100 words.

5. Read the outlines carefully given below and write a story in 80-100 words. 4
 A cap seller village to village sells caps fire sleeps under a tree comes down takes away caps thinks of a pain throws does the same collect goes away.

OR

A fox hungry here and there goes vineyard sees a bunch ripes and sweets comes wants very high can't reach jumps in vain said sour

Section : C

6. Fill in the blank with correct form of the verb. 4
 (i) I went... (go) to Kota yesterday.
 (ii) He usually take.. (take) breakfast at 8 a.m.

- (iii) We do..... (do) it tomorrow.
- (iv) Look! They play..... (play) very well.
7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate pronoun - 2
- (i) The book which... we bought today has no pictures. (whom/~~which~~)
- (ii) I know the man whom. helps everyone. (who/~~whom~~)
8. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners - 2
- (i) She is best girl of the school. (a/~~an~~/~~the~~)
- (ii) They went to buy groceries. (~~some~~/~~any~~)
9. Fill in the blanks with correct preposition - 2
- (i) She did not agree me. (with/~~at~~/~~to~~)
- (ii) He jumped the river. (at/~~into~~/~~in~~)

Section : D

10. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow - 5

I was born into a middle class Tamil Family in the island town of Rameshwaram in the erstwhile Madras State. My father Jainulabdeen, had neither much formal education nor much wealth; despite these disadvantages, he possessed great innate wisdom and a true generosity of spirit. He had an ideal helpmate in my mother, Ashiamma. I do not recall the exact number of people she fed everyday, but I am quite certain that for more outsiders ate with us than all the members of our own family put together.

I was one of many children - a short boy with rather undistinguished looks, born to tall and handsome parents. We lived in our ancestral house, which was built in the middle of the nineteenth century. It was a fairly large pucca house, made of limestone and brick, on the mosque street in Rameswaram. My austere father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries. However, all necessities were provided for, in term of food, medicine or clothes. In fact, I would say mine was a very secure childhood, both materially and emotionally.

- (i) What were the disadvantages to Kalam's father?
- (ii) What were the qualities of Kalam's father?
- (iii) How was Kalam's mother a social lady?
- (iv) When was Kalam's ancestral house built?

- (v) Find the words from the passage which mean -
 (a) unsophisticated (b) inborn

11. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words : 2×3=6

(Three out of four)

(i) What subject did Margie and Tommy learn? (The Fun They Had)

(ii) When was her deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?

(Evelyn Glennie)

(iii) Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of the Pungi?

(The Shehnai of Bismillah Khan)

(iv) Why was Kezia afraid of her father? (The Little Girl)

12. Answer any one question out of the in about 80 words :

3×1=3

(i) Why was Kezia punished by her father? (The Little Girl)

(ii) What is Einstein's contribution to knowledge of science?

(A truly Beautiful Mind)

13. Read any one of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow : 4

“Wind come softly

Don't break the Shutters of the windows

Don't scatter the pappers

Don't throw down the books on the shelf.”

(i) What does the poet request to the wind?

(ii) What destruction does the wind cause according to the poet?

OR

Away, away in the Northland,

Where the hours of the day are few,

And the night's are so long in winter

That they cannot sleep them through;

(i) Why has the word 'away' been repeated twice?

(ii) Why can't the people sleep the nights through in the Northland?

14. Answer any two question out of three in about 20-30 words -

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(i) What is the central idea of the poem 'The Read not taken'?