

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2021-22

Subject—English

Class—IX

Time : 2.45 Hrs.

MM. : 48

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES:

1. Candidate must write first Roll No. on the question paper.
2. All the question are compulsory.
3. Write the answer each question in the given answer book.
4. Write the correct serial number of each question as mention in the question paper.

Section-A

Q.1 (1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below.

4×1=4

In the north-west of undivided India, near peshawar, there was the ancient and famous university of Taxila. This university was particularly noted for science, especially medicine and the arts, and people went to it from distant parts of India. The Jataka stories are full of instances of sons of nobles and Brahmins travelling unattended and unnamed to Taxila to be educated. Probably students come also from central Asia and Afghanistan as it was conveniently situated. It was considered an honour and distinction to be a graduate of Taxila. Physicians who had studied in the school of medicine were highly thought of and, it is related that whenever Buddha felt unwell, his admirers brought to him a famous physician, who had graduated from Taxila.

(i) Which ancient and famous university is discussed here-

- (A) Nalanda (B) Taxila (C) Vikramsila (D) Mohanjodaro ()

(ii) Where was this university-

- (A) Near phalgaon (B) Near Sirohi (C) Near Peshawar (D) Near Jaipur ()

(iii) Write from the passage word which means "Well known"

(iv) Find from the passage opposite of 'Modern'

Q.2 Read the passage and answer the following questions -

4×1=4

A certain King once fell ill and doctors declared that only a sudden fright would restore him to health but the king was not a man for anyone to play tricks on, except his fool. One day, when the fool was with him in his boat, he cleverly pushed the king in to the water. Help had already been arranged and the king was drawn ashore and put to bed. The fright, the bath and the rest in bed cured the diseased king, but he was so angry with the fool that he turned him out of the country. The fool returned however, and the king ordered him to be put to death. Saying privately that he would only repay fright with fright, he decided the executioner not to use the axe but to let fall a single drop of water on the fool's neck.

(1) What happened to the king?

(2) How could the sick king be cured?

(3) Who alone could afford to play tricks on the king and why?

(4) Find word from the passage which mean-

(a) a shock

(b) announced

(A)

Section-B

- Q.3 Imagine that you are Kalu Ram living in Manadar, Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you some money to buy bicycle. 3

Or

Imagine that you are Arun Kumar composed an e-mail drawing attention of your principal over the non-completion of syllabus in English.

- Q.4 Write a paragraph in about 50 words on "Importance of Trees" 4

Or

Write a paragraph in about 50-60 words on Annual Function using the following outlines :

Occasion.....enjoy.....decoration Heart.....performance..... prizes
inspire known report cultural programme
participants organiser enjoyment.

- Q.5 Write a dialogue between a patient and a doctor, you may begin like this

Patient : good morning, doctor

Doctor : Good morning! What's your trouble?

Or

Write a story with the help of given outlines - 3

A foxhungrysee a crow....., piece of bread.....beak..... thinks
of a plan begins to praise voice sweet sings a
song foolish crow open fall down pick up
..... run away.

Section-C

- Q.6 Choose the correct option and answer the following question. 8×1=8

- (i) The sun in the east.
(A) rises (B) are rising (C) rose (D) rise ()
- (ii) Last week my father..... to Abu road by train.
(A) Go (B) has gone (C) went (D) is going ()
- (iii) She with her four sons going to market.
(A) is (B) are (C) were (D) has ()
- (iv) Bread and butter my break fast.
(A) is (B) are (C) has (D) had ()
- (v) There is too sugar in the coffee.
(A) many (B) a little (C) any (D) every ()
- (vi) They have books-
(A) little (B) much (C) some (D) the little ()
- (vii) Her husband came a car.
(A) by (B) on (C) from (D) to ()
- (viii) He jumped the river.
(A) in (B) into (C) upon (D) at ()

Section-D

Q.7 Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below :

2×1=2

Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the country inspector.

He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wires.

- (1) What did the mechanical teacher do for margie?
- (2) Who was a round little man with red face?

Q.8 Answer the questions in a few words:

3×1=3

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| (1) How old are margie and tommy? | (The fun they had) |
| (2) Where does the traveller find himself? | (The road not taken) |
| (3) Why was Kezia afraid of her father? | (The little Girl) |

Or

Where was Abdul Kalam's house? (My Childhood)

Q.9 Answer the questions in about 30 words

2½×2=5

- (1) How does Tommy describe the old kind of school? (The fun they had)

Or

Why did Eintein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt? (A Truly Beautiful Mind)

- (2) How does Abdul Kalam earn his first wages? (My Childhood)

Q.10 Answer any two of the following questions in about 60 words.

4×2=8

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| (1) How does he narrate the story of the tusker? Does it appear to be plausible? | (Ishwaran the story teller) |
| (2) What are the precious things mentioned in the story? Why are they precious? | (The happy prince) |
| (3) What is the importance of mirror in the story? | (The Snake and the Mirror) |

Q.11 Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context :

1+1+2=4

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Or

Now in memory comes my mother
As she used in years ago,
To regard the darling dreamers
Ere She left them till the dawn.

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