

Halfyearly Examination 2022-23

Sub- English

Class- 9th

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

M.M. 70

Note:

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted only for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections.
- (iii) Section 'A' contains multiple choice questions. candidates have to choose the correct option and write answer in the answer script.
- (iv) Section 'B' contains descriptive answer type questions.
- (v) All Questions are compulsory.
- (vi) Marks are indicated against questions.

Section-A

(Q.N. 1-3) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Himalayas are beautiful mountains to the North India. They stretch for two thousand miles from Kashmir to Assam. Some of the world's highest peaks are in the Himalayas. The highest peak is Mount Everest. The tops of the mountains are covered with snow throughout the year. Therefore, we call them the Himalayas or 'the abode of snow'. There are many beautiful lakes and forests in the Himalayas. Many passages connect India with Tibet, Turkistan and Afghanistan. Many rivers, the Ganga, the Yamuna, the Brahmaputra and the Beas flow from these mountains. The climate and the scenery of these mountains are so charming that people have built many hill stations there. Many visitors go to the hill stations for pleasure and relaxation.

1. Where is Himalaya situated?

- (a) North India (b) South India
- (c) East India (d) West India

2. What other name is given to the mountains of the Himalayas?

- (a) the abode of snow
- (b) greenfields
- (c) the abode of stones
- (d) the abode of trees

3. Which rivers flow from the Himalayas?

- (a) Ganga (b) Yamuna
- (c) Beas (d) All of these

(Q.N. 4-8) Choose the correct option to answer the following:

4. am/reading/a story/a book

- (a) I am reading a book story.
- (b) I am reading a story book.
- (c) A story book I am reading.
- (d) None of these.

5. Honesty the policy best is.

- (a) Honesty is the best policy.
- (b) Best policy is the honesty.
- (c) The honesty is best policy.
- (d) None of these.

6. Which word is correctly spelled?

- (a) science. (b) by cycle.
- (c) journey (d) excellent

7. He me against eating junk food.

- (a) advised (b) told
- (c) suggested (d) said

8. The little girl.to wear the sweater.

- (a) refused (b) denied
- (c) said no (d) forbade

(Q.N. 9-10) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Evelyn Glennie's loss of hearing had been gradual. Her mother remembers noticing something was wrong when the eight-year-old Evelyn was waiting to play the piano. "They called her name and she didn't move. I suddenly realised she hadn't heard," says Isabel Glennie. For quite a while Evelyn managed to conceal her growing deafness from friends and teachers. But by the time she was eleven her marks had deteriorated and her headmistress urged her parents to take her to a specialist. It was then discovered that her hearing was severely impaired as a result of gradual nerve damage. They were

advised that she should be fitted with hearing aids and sent to a school for the deaf.
"Everything suddenly looked black," says Evelyn.

9. When did Evelyni's mother notice that something was wrong with Evelyn?

- (a) 8 years old (b) 10 years old
- (c) 12 years old (d) 14 years old

10. What was the name of Evelyni's mother?

- (a) Kezia (b) Isabel Glennie
- (c) Clarisa (d) Jesica

(Q.N. 11-13) Based on your understanding of the prose lessons choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

11. What nightmare did Kezia have?

- (a) A giant with a knife
- (b) A butcher with a knife and rope
- (c) An accident across the countryside
- (d) A dreadful smile of the Macdonalds

12. Who told this story to the writer?

- (a) His granny (b) his mother
- (c) his father (d) a homeopath doctor

13. Which religion did Abdul Kalam belong to?

- (a) Muslim (b) Hindu
- (c) Christian (d) Jewish

(Q.N. 14-15) Based the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

And being faint with fasting,
For the day was almost done,
He asked her, from her store of cakes,
To give him a single one.

14. What made the Saint weak?

- (a) Fasting (b) illness
- (c) anexity (d) problems

15. What did the saint ask the women?

- (a) double cake (b) single cake

- (c) triple cake (d) none of these

(Q.N. 16-20) Based on your understanding of the lessons in the book 'Moments' choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

16. The man lifted the child:

- (a) high. (b) and then dropped.
(c) in his arms. (d) up twice.

17. At Grandmother Toto threw:

- (a) a ball (b) a plate
(c) a glass (d) some water

18. This merchant is to :

- (a) be set free (b) be pardoned
(c) pay (d) blame

19. There is no Mystery so great as:

- (a) Misery (b) Poverty
(c) Affection (d) Shame

20. Young Prashant decided to go to the Red Cross Shelter to look for:

- (a) rice (b) tree branches
(c) some help (d) his family

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21. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: Zoos should be illegal because humans do not have the right to capture animals, tear them from their families, and jail them, even if the animal is endangered.

Animals are abused, not given enough space and exercise, and they suffer from stress, boredom, and depression. Many animals die prematurely because of a bad diet and bad living conditions. Some polar bears get only ten meters of space when in their natural habitat they walk hundreds of kilometers. In Woburn Safari park in Bedfordshire, the government of England admitted to killing excess monkeys.

Animals, if reintroduced, will no longer be able to survive in the wild. Animals born into zoos will no longer know how to hunt and do other things that are necessary to survive. Two lynxes released into the wild were found dead from starvation even though the area was full of hares - the lynx's natural prey. There is a commonly held

misconception that zoos are not only saving wild animals from extinction but also reintroducing them to their wild habitats. They would be better off if we just kept them in their natural environment. If we keep building zoos and keep taking animals captive, they will be dependent on the human race and not get to do things that are natural and important to their inherent nature.

Zoos are morally wrong. Humans are animals too. What if humans started putting each other in zoos? There would be an outrage. What if other animals got smart and started keeping us in zoos? We would probably euthanize them for being dangerous.

We should protect the natural habitats instead of creating animal prisons. The real reason people have zoos is because it helps them make tons of money. The revenue garnered is mostly spent on concession stands, gift shops, and other improvements, not for the good of the animals. Zoos don't really care for the animals like they say they do, they care about all the money their animals make them. True sanctuaries rehabilitate animals until they are ready to go back to the wild. They do not breed animals, jail them, and trade them to other zoos and circuses.

Imagine yourself as an animal. You're stuck in the same room for maybe the rest of your life. You have been torn from your family. People stare at you the entire day like you're not even a living being with feelings. You think about why you were the one that had to be thrown into a cage away from your family and natural environment. What did you do wrong anyway to get such a punishment? Isn't this cruel? Animals should not spend their entire lives in captivity simply to fulfill our desire to see them. Keeping an intelligent, complex and social animal like a chimp in any zoo does nothing to protect his relatives threatened in the wild. We must think about the mismatch between lavish spending at zoos and the scarcity of resources available for conserving threatened species in the wild.

Answer the following questions in your own words:

- (a) Why should zoos be declared illegal?
- (b) Why will animals living in zoos not be able to survive in the wild?
- (c) Pick out the words from the passage which mean the same as:
 - (a) untimely
 - (b) delusion

- (c) readapt (d) collected

(d) Pick out the appropriate option which means the same as the following words as used in the unseen passage:

released

- (i) left (ii) freed
(iii) discharged (iv) exempted

22. Answer any one of the following:

(a) Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the marriage party of your elder brother.

(b) Write a letter to the District Magistrate drawing his attention to the nuisance loud speakers in your locality.

23. Answer any one of the following in about 80-100 words:

(a) Taking the information given below in the input, develop it into a paragraph (100-150 words). You can invent your own details.

(b) In today's age of stress and anxiety, children need to understand the importance of sleep, a healthy diet and lifestyle over addictions to social networking and the overuse of the cell phone. Write an article of 120 words on 'Fitness Mania' being the need of the hour.

24.(a) Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech: She, "Let us wait for our children."

(b) Change the following into passive voice :They say that he is thief.

(c) Punctuate the following: the principal said to suresh sit down and keep quiet.

(d) Translate the following passage in English:

ईश्वर महान् है। वह न्यायी है। वह दयालु है। उसने हमारे लिए चाँद बनाया है। उसने सूर्य बनाया है। आदी घर बनाता है। वह पुल बनाता है। वह एक भी फूल नहीं बना सकता। हमें उसकी पूजा करनी चाहिए। मैं की प्रार्थना करता हूँ।

25. Answer the following in 30-40 words each :

(a) How does he describe the old kind of teachers?

Or Name the various places and causes for which Evelyn performs.

(b) Who were Abdul Kalam's school friends? What did they later become?

Or Why did the doctor go to the verand? Why was the disappointed?

26. Answer anyone of the following in about 60 words:

- (a) What do you know about Bismillah Khan's awards and recognition?
- (b) Give a brief character sketch of Santosh?

27. What does the poet like to do when it rains? (in about 40 words)

Or Write four lines from any poem prescribed.

in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

28. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems in about 50-60 words:

- (a) The Road Not Taken
- (b) Wind
- (c) The Lake Isle of Innisfree

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words.

- (a) What is Johnsy's illness? What can cure her, the medicine or the Willingness to live?
- (b) How did the cyclone arrive?

30. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words.

- (a) How has Prashant the super cyclones wreaked in the life of the people of Orissa?
- (b) What is Johnsy's illness? What can cure her the medicines or the willingness to live?