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Half Yearly Exam 2024-25

Class-IX

ENGLISH

Time: Three Hours 15 Minutes]

[Max. Marks : 70

General Instructions:

First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.

All questions are compulsory.

This question paper is divided into two parts: Part-A and Part-B

Part-A consists of 20 multiple choice questions carrying 1 mark each.

(v) Read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet.

Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet.

Part-B consists of descriptive type questions.

Marks are indicated against each question.

PART-A

Multiple Choice Questions

(Questions No. 1-3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

A few years ago, most people were happy using earphones to listen to music on their portable cassette players or listening to CDs on their Discmans. However, both of these now seem pretty cumbersome gadgets to use while jogging, exercising or cycling.

Recently, especially in big cities, all this has changed. The techno-battle raging today is not between bulky cassette players and Discmans, anymore. Now, it is between light and tiny gadgets called iPods and MP3 players. One of the reasons for their popularity is the technology they are based on, which allows one to store lots of songs on such small devices.

The main difference between iPods and MP3 players is the technology they use to compress audio files. Digital audio and video compression standards were formed by the Moving Picture Experts Group (MPEG). MP3 is a part of this standard. Therefore, what we popularly know as MP3 is not actually a type of a file, but a technology for compressing sound files into smaller ones.

1. The techno-battle raging today is between:
 - (a) light and tiny gadgets, i Pods and MP3 players
 - (b) dark and small gadgets
 - (c) bulky cassette players and Discmans
 - (d) light and bulky gadgets

2. One of the reasons for the popularity of i Pods and MP3 players is the technology they are based on, which allows one to:
 - (a) take these anywhere
 - (b) go on listening without any break
 - (c) afford these at cheap rates
 - (d) store lots of songs on such small devices

3. The word used in the passage for 'hard to handle' or manage because of size or weight' is
 - (a) Ponderous
 - (b) Bunglesome
 - (c) Cumbersome
 - (d) Clumsy

(Q. Nos. 4-8): Choose the correct option of answer the following:

4. Find the correctly spelt word: 1

Servent

Sarvent

Servant

Sarvant

5. A person living permanently in a certain place. 1

Resident

Native

Domicile

Subject

6. One who loves mankind is called: 1

Optimist

Philanthropist

Optometrist

Truant

7. Which of the following words is mis-spelled?

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Receive

Deceive

Conceive

Percieve

8. Fill in the gap with a suitable preposition: He has no desire fame.

1

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(Questions No. 9-10) Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to- on a screen, you know.

And then when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had had when they read it the first time.

"Gee", said Tommy, " what a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."

9. Who turned the pages?

1

Margie

Tommy

(a) and (b) both

none of them

10. Tommy's guess was that

1

Margie would possess the book.

Margie would tear apart the book.

) Margie would throw away the book after she had read it completely

Margie would sell the book.

(Questions No. 11-13) Based on your understanding of the prose lessons choose the correct option to answer the following questions

What did Kezia make for her father? 1
a pin cushion
a pillow
a bedsheet
(D) a handkerchief

12. When was Einstein born? 1
14 March, 1879
14 March, 1878
13 March, 1879
13 March, 1878

13. 'Everything suddenly looked black', says Evelyn. Why? 1 1
because she was profoundly deaf. coffee
because the weather was stormy.
because she would be sent to a school for deaf.
both (a) and (c)

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

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;

14. What does 'yellow wood' mean? 1
(A) an old forest
(C) a forest with yellow leaves in autumn season
(B) wooden yellow colour roads
(D) yellow leaves

15. The poet stood there for a long time because 1
he was waiting for someone.
he just wanted to look at the roads.
he just wanted to look at the roads.
he needed someone to help him.

(Q. Nos. 16-20): Choose the correct option following questions: to

16. Sitting in storm at his friend's house Prashant was worried about: 1
(A) food

- (B) his family's safety
going back to his village
his own safety
17. The family members decided to sell To because 1
they did not like him anymore.
they couldn't afford the loss.
the tonga driver wanted to get it back.
they were getting a high price for him.
18. Iswaran was an asset to Mahendra as he was 1
a wonderful cook
entertaining
entertaining
all of these
19. The currency of the Kingdom of Fools was : 1
duddu
dollar
coin
rupee
20. The Happy Prince was gilded with thin leaves of 1
A. laurel
B. evergreen shrub
C. fine gold
D. fine gold

PART-B Reading

21. The drink of Asia for hundreds of years, tea is believed to have been brought to Europe by the Dutch. Today, from the remotest corner of Ladakh to Buckingham Palace, tea is synonymous with cheer.

It is rightly said that there will be no agreement on a perfect cup of tea. Though for tea drinkers the brew is addictive, the preferred method of preparation and taste differs from person to person and region to region.

Today many varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market. An innovation is the tea-bag that is easy, quick and less messy than traditional ways of brewing tea. Green tea is popular in China and the Far East. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests and is a social occasion. Unlike the tea, we are familiar with, green tea is not drunk with sugar or milk.

Some scientists believe tea prevents tooth decay because it is a rich source of flouride. Tea is also a folk remedy for stomach upsets, flu and diarrhoea. Research suggests that drinking tea reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer and lowers cholesterol levels in the blood.

- a) What is the innovation in the tea market according to the passage? 2
- b) According to the passage, how is green tea drunk? 2
- c) How do you say that tea is a former drink of Asia? 2
- d) The word used in the passage 'for the habit which you are unable to stop'. 1

22. Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to avoid smoking. 4

OR

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

23. Write a descriptive paragraph on 'Your mother' on the basis of the given clues:

Forties teaches English-High school-English Grammar-considerate woman-Surgery-
Profound affection-encouragement-inspires 6

OR

Write an article on "Corruption in Educational Field".

(Hints: You are Sakshi/Rajat. You want to take admission in one of the best schools in Shimla You scored the highest marks in the entrance test yet were denied admission. The seat was offered to the candidate who paid one lakh as "Donation". Write an article with the help of following clues:

Corruption seen is every field-diminishing the moral traditional values-leads to frustration-encourage wrong cultural traits and bad habits.)

Grammar

Change the following sentence into indirect speech: 2

He said, "Do you go to school on foot?"

Change the following into passive voice:

The letter will be written by my father. 2

Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary: 2

he said what is your name

Translate the following into English: 4

एक लोमड़ी बहुत चालाक थी। एक बार वह खाने की खोज में घूम रही थी, लेकिन उसे कुछ नहीं मिला। कुछ समय बाद उसने एक पेड़ पर कौआ देखा। उसकी चोंच में रोटी का टुकड़ा था। लोमड़ी ने उस टुकड़े को पाने के लिए एक युक्ति सोची। लोमड़ी कौवे के पास गयी और बोली, "कृपया एक गाना गाओ।"

(Literature)

25. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: 3 + 3 = 6

a) Why did Margie's mother send for the County Inspector ?

OR

Why did Kezia avoid her father ?

b) why did albert Einstein leave his school?

OR

How did Evelyn hear music despite being deaf?

26. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4

How does Evelyn hear music?

Write down the achievements of Albert Einstein?

27. Mention a few things that the poet wants to do when he goes to Innisfree. (in about 40 words) 3

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

(Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

Write the central idea of any one of the following poems: 3

Rain on the Roof.

On Killing a Tree

c) No Men are Foreign.

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

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Give some examples to show that Toto was a naughty monkey?

b) What was Johnsy's belief? What did Behrman do for her?

Answer any one of the following in about 60 words:

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a) Justify the title of the story 'A House is not a Home.'

b) Suppose the little boy in the story "The Lost Child" found his parents in the end.

Describe his feelings and reactions in your own words.

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