

Half-Yearly Examination, 2024-25

C/10,000

English

Class: 12

Time: 3 Hours 15

Min.[M.M.: 100

General Instructions:

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted only for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This paper is divided into four sections A, B, C and D
- (iii) All the questions are compulsory.
- (iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

Section "A" (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

Life is not a bed of roses but a bed of thorns. It is full of dangers and difficulties. They have to be overcome. If we are to succeed in life. In the race of life, we should not be afraid of the risk which is but natural. Success in any work in life goes to those persons who welcome risk. Science would not have made such wonderful achievements if our scientists had not risked their lives and comforts. The more difficult a work is, the harder should be our efforts to perform it. Life is not a smooth sailing. Putty difficulties frighten a weaker heart who is not prepared to take a

risk. But brave heart achieve fame and honour because they enjoy taking risks, in short risk brings success and work miracles

- (a) How is man's life? 3
- (b) What should we do to succeed in life?. 3
- (c) Who are frightened by petty difficulties? 3
- (d) What do brave hearts achieve 3
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'anxious'?
- (ii) Which word in the passage means "fear" 1
- (iii) Write the adjective form of miracle 1

Section B (Writing) -

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words :- 10
- (a) Your Aim in Life
- (b) Unemployment in India and its solution
- (c) Mobile phone: Boon or Bane
3. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your sister's marriage. 10

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper explaining about frequent power cut in your locality.

Section 'C' (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :5×2=10
- (a) One should not abuse his father. Which word in this sentence

is an error:

- (i) should (ii) his
(iii) not (iv) one

(b) The phrase 'At a stretch' means:

- (i) slowly (ii) continuously
(iii) very fast (iv) rapidly

(c) The synonym of 'Laudable' is:

- (i) praise worthy (ii) able
(iii) disable (iv) liable

(d) The antonym of 'stale' is:

- (i) flash (ii) flush
(iii) fake (iv) fresh

(e) The country ruled by a king:

- (i) democracy (ii) monarchy
(iii) matriarchy (iv) Oligarchy

5. Answer the following: $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) Change any one of the following in indirect speech:

- (i) He said to me, "What did you do yesterday?"
(ii) She said, "How beautiful is the rain!"

(b) Combine any one of the following as directed:

- (i) He is poor. He is happy. (complex sentence)

(c) Transform anyone of the following as directed-

- (i) She gives him her lunch box daily. (Passive voice)
- (ii) She is too weak to walk. (Remove too)
- (d) Correct anyone of the following sentences-
- (i) She is junior than me.
- (e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentences to make the difference in their meaning clear:
- (i) Descent, Dissent (ii) Idle, Idal

6. Translate the following passage into English: 5

भारत एक कृषि प्रधान देश है। यदि यहाँ पढ़े-लिखे लोग खेती की ओर ध्यान दें, तो हम लोगों की गरीबी दूर हो सकती है। हमारे गाँवों में सुधार की जरूरत है। शिक्षित व्यक्ति जब गाँव में रहने लगेंगे तो उन गाँवों का सामाजिक जीवन विल्कुल बदल जायेगा। स्कूल की पढ़ाई पूरी करके इन दिनों हर एक विद्यार्थी विश्वविद्यालय में प्रवेश लेना चाहता है। यह धारणा उचित नहीं है। विद्यार्थियों को इन विषयों पर ठीक से विचार करना चाहिए, तभी वे साहस के साथ भविष्य का सामना कर सकेंगे।

Section 'D' (Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each: 4+4=8

(a) What did M. Hamel say about the French language?

Or Why did Mukesh volunteer to take the narrator home? Who were there in the home?

(b) Where was the pool and what opportunity did it offer?

Or What prompted Gandhiji to urge the departure of the British?

8. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words: 7

(a) How did Douglas succeed in over coming his fear of water?

(b) What could be some of the reasons for the migration of

people from villages to cities.

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions

that follow-

3×2=6

Driving from my parents home to Cochin last Friday morning. I saw my mother, beside me, doze open mouthed, her face ashen like that of a corpse.

- (a) Where was the poet driving to?
- (b) Who was sitting beside her?
- (c) What did the poet notice about her mother?

10. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems: 4

- (a) Keeping quiet
- (b) A thing of beauty
- (c) My mother at sixty-six

11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each: 4+4=8

- (a) What did Sam write in his letter to Charley?.

Or

What prediction was made at the Tiger king's birth?

- (b) Who was Geoff Green? What did he offer to the students?

Or

Who was Sadao? Where was his house situated?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words-7

- (a) Who was Sam Weiner? What did he write in his letter to Charley?
- (b) What was the Vow of the Maharaja? How did he fulfil it?

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