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Half-yearly Examination 2021-2022

English

Time : 2½ hr

Class-10

Max Marks : 70

Note : (i) This question paper is divided into four Sections : A, B, C and D.

(ii) Attempt all questions. Marks are indicated against each question.

Section A (Reading)

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

Buddha found that all men are unhappy - rich or poor. Wealth brings comfort, a fleeting fancy of joy, but no real happiness. While he was in this mood, he came across one of the saints who still performed penance far from the crowd. A passionate desire to do likewise took hold of Gautama. Just then the news was brought to him of his first born son. This is another 'tie to break', said Gautama. He felt like a man whose house is on fire. At night he awoke in a great agony of spirit, went into the bright moonshine; mounted his horse and rode off into the wood. He met a holy hermit in the Vindhya mountains and talked to him but he was not satisfied. Then he went to the jungle with five disciples and there he gave himself up to fasting and penance. But it brought him no sense of truth!

- (a) 'Buddha found out a very specific thing.' What was that thing? 3
(b) What was the news provided to him? 3
(c) Why did Buddha ultimately give up fasting? 3
(d) Which word in the paragraph means 'pain'? 1

Section B (Writing)

2. Write a letter to the Executive Engineer of Electricity Department, requesting him for proper and regular supply of electricity during the examination. 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college/school requesting him/her to change your subjects.

3. Write a descriptive paragraph on a social figure you admire the most using the clues given below : 6

- (a) Introduction
(b) Early life
(c) His/Her achievements
(d) Awards and honours
(e) Conclusion.

OR

Many children get nervous before the board exams, which affects their health and performance. Good counselling is needed to help them

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overcome what is called 'examfever'. Write an article on 'Need for counselling before board exams'. You can take help from the given clues:

- Board exams approach, extra classes are held.
- Many schools failed to de-stress the students.
- Need for the help of professional counsellors.
- Parents can also help their children in guiding them.
- Ensure a positive environment at home.

Section C (Grammar)

- Read the following sentences carefully and write their subject and predicate : 2
 - Her father has gone to Mumbai.
 - The Principal has addressed the students.
 - Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : 2
 - Suresh has umbrella.
 - I found a bag. bag contained a coin.
 - Change the following sentences into passive voice : 2
 - Rahul eats a mango.
 - Did Dinesh not kill a snake?
 - Frame correct sentences by re-ordering the words : 2
 - has my book taken who?
 - you a pilot become fly can aeroplane and an.
 - Change the following sentences into indirect speech : 2
 - Hema says, "I want to become a doctor."
 - Amar said to her, "We have been working hard since morning."
- Translate the following into English. 5

नई दिल्ली भारत की राजधानी है। भारत के राष्ट्रपति और प्रधानमंत्री नई दिल्ली में रहते हैं। नई दिल्ली में लाल किला और कुतुब मीनार प्रसिद्ध ऐतिहासिक इमारतें हैं। प्रगति मैदान और अप्पू घर यहाँ के आकर्षण हैं।

Section D (Literature)

- Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

 - Is anyone born hating another person? 2
 - What should people do according to Nelson Mandela? 2

7. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4
 (a) How did post-office employees help Lencho? How did Lencho react to their help?
 (b) What were the difficulties faced by Nelson Mandela in achieving freedom for his people?
8. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words each : 4
 (a) Why does Anne think that paper has more patience than people?
 (b) What is the greatest wealth of a nation in Mandela's opinion?
 (c) Why was Lencho's soul filled with sorrow?
9. Match the words of List A with their meaning in List B : 3
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| List A | List B |
| Pleading | immediately |
| Right away | angry |
| Annoyed | requesting |
10. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below:
But his locked in a concrete cell, <https://www.upboardonline.com>
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.
- (a) Who was locked in a concrete cell? 2
 (b) Name the poem of the stanza. 2
11. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems : 4
 (a) Dust of snow (b) Amanda
 (c) The tiger in the zoo.

OR

Write four lines from one of the poems given in your text-book.

12. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words each : 4
 (a) How was the behaviour of the doctor towards the dog?
 (b) What kind of thief Hari Singh was?
 (c) What was Horace's hobby? How did he manage to fulfill his hobby?
13. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4
 (a) Mrs. Pumphrey was responsible for Tricki's poor condition. Describe it in detail.
 (b) How Anil plays a vital role for changing views of Hari Singh towards life?
 (c) How can we say that the lady was more professional than Horace Danley?
14. (a) State which statement is true and which one is false : 2
 (i) Anil was 15 years old.
 (ii) James Herriot was a veterinary surgeon.

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(b) Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following sentences : 2

(i) Sherry was the name of

- (a) a dog at Shotover Grange (b) a servant
(c) the lady (d) a safe in the Grange.

(ii) Mrs. Pumphrey was a

- (a) poor lady (b) selfish lady (c) rich lady (d) gentle lady.

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