# Half Yearly Examination 2021 Subject - English

Time: 3 hour Class - XII<sup>th</sup> M.M.:90

Instruction: First 15 minutes time has been alloted for the candidate to read the question paper.

- Note-(i) All questions are compulsary.
  - (ii) Marks are indicated agains each questions.
  - (iii)Read the questions very carefully before you start answering them.

## [Section - A]

Q-1: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set there on:-

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In th early morning the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so the work done at the time is generally well done. In many cases the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him) with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it/All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refereshing and after a sound night's rest rises early next morning in good health and spirits for the labours of a new day.

It is very plain that such a life as this is far more conducive to

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health than that of the man who shorten his working hours by rising late, and so can afford in the course of the day little leisure for necessary rest. Anyone who lies in bed late, must, if he wished to a correspondingly late hour, and deny himself the hour or two of evening exercise that he ought to take for the benefit of his health. But, in spite of all his efforts, he will probably not produce as good results as the early riser, because he misses the best working hours of the day.

- (1) What is the advantage of rising early? (3)
- (2) Why is the arly riser not tempted to hurry over his day's work? (3)
- (3) Why is the late riser unable to do his work properly. (3)
- (4) What enables the early riser to go to bed at the proper time. (3)
- (5) a) Explain the underlined portion.
  - b) Find out the word in passage which is the synonym of the word 'enticed'.
  - c) Find out the word in the passage which is the antony of the word 'attention'.

### [Section - B]

Q-2: Our true identities are not defined by our caste, but by our humanity. In light of this, Write an article on the topic "casteism - A curse to our society'.

OR

Mobile phone: Boon or Curse

OR

Role of Media

OR

Money is only a tool. it takes you wherever you wish, but you

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are the drive. In light of that write an argumentative article in 100-150 words on the topic "Money - its uses and abuses. you are Rohan/Roohi.

Q-3: Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about rash and reckless driving by the people in your city, suggesting preventive measures. (10)

#### OR

Write a letter to the District magistrate complaining of the blowing of loudspeakers till late night disturbing the neighbour hood in their sleep and studies.

#### [Section - C]

- Q-4: (a) Change the following Sentences into indirect form of speech
  "Why did you not come to school yesterday?" asked the teacher,
  "My mother is very ill and my father has gone to Kolkata,"
  replied Govind.
- (b) Combine the following sentences into complex sentence: (2)
  You must work harder. You will not pass.
- (c) Transform the following sentence into passive voice:
- (2) Students are doing a lot of work.
- (d) Transform the following sentence into superlative degree: (2)
  No other city in India is so costly as Delhi.
- (e) Correct any one of the following sentences: (2)
  - (I) We are tired form the price rise.
  - (ii) I enjoy to have breakfast in the bed.
- Q-5: (a) Use any one of the following idioms/phrases in your own sentences so as to make their meanings clear: (2)

- (ii) Beat about the bush (I)A man of letter (b) Give the synonym of any one of the following words:-**(2)** (ii) Verbal (i) Contentment (c) Give the antonym of any one of the following words:-(2) (ii) Mundane (i) Deserter (d) Substitute one word for any one of the following expressions: (2) (I) One who knows everything. (ii) One who cannot read and write. (e) Use the following words in sentences of your own so as to bring **(2)** out the difference in their meanings clearly:-(ii) Break (i) Brake Q-6: Translate the following into English:-(5) आधुनिक बनने की अन्धी दौड़ में आज हम भारतीय संस्कृति के मूल तत्वो कोही भूलते जा रहे है। इसीलिए जीवन का गांभीर्य समाप्त होता जा रहा है। ऐसा लगता है कि हम न्यनुवार की ओर दौड़ रह हैं। इस युग की स्त्रियों, लडके, लडकियों का पहनावा अब शालीन नहीं रह गया है। दूसरी ओर, सामाजिक तथा पारिवारिक मूल्य-मान्याताएँ भी समाप्त-सी हो गयी है। प्रेम का स्थान घृणा ने ले लिया है। नवयुवतियों तथा महिलाओं के प्रति अत्याचार निरन्तर बढते जा रहे है। इस स्थिति के लिए अनेक कारण जिम्मेदार हैं जिनमें उन कार्यक्रमों कर निम्न स्तर भी सम्मिलित है जो आज हमारे देश में दूरदर्शन पर हमें देखने को मिलते है। एक और कारण है स्कूलों में और कॉलेजों में नैतिक शिक्षा का अभाव। [Section - D] Q-7: Answer any two of the following questions:-(8) (a) Why did Franz think of running awa from the school that morning.
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(b) What forces conspire to keep the workers in the bangle industry

_	f firozabad in poverty?		
(c)H	ow was Gandhi able to influence lawyers? Give instan	ces.	
0-8:	Answer one of the following questions:-	(7	-
(a) H	low does Douglas make clear to the reader the sense of	panic t	hat
g	ripped hm as he almost drowned? Describe the details	s that ha	ave
n	nade the description vivid.		
(b) V	What are the instances in th story 'The Rattrap' that sho	ow that	the
	haracter of the iron master is different from that of his o		
	in many ways? https://www.upboardonline.com		
Q-9:	Read one of the following extract and answer the	given	the
. (	questions given below:-		
(a)	and yet, for these		
	children, these windows, not this map, their world,		
	where all their future's painted with a fog		
	A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky		
	Far far from rivers, capes, and stars of words.		
(i) W	ho are these children?	2	
(ii) How is the future of the children mentioned here?		2	
(iii)	Identify the poetic device used in 'sealed in with a lead	l sky'.	2
(b)	Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen		
	Bright topaz denizens of a world green		
	They do not fear the men beneath the tree;		
	They pace in sleek chivalric certainly.		
(i)D	escribe the tigers created by Jennifer.	2	
(ii) Why are the tigers to Jennifer not afraid of the men?		2	
(iii) How do the tigers differ from Aunt Jennifer?		2	
Q-10	0: Give the central idea of any one of the following:-	4	

Q-11: Answer any two of the following questions:

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- (a) What did the British officer's secretary tell the Maharaja?
- (b) What is the moral issue that the story 'Should wizard hit Mommy's raises?
- (c) Will Derry get back to his old seclusion or will Mr. Lamb's brief association effect a change in the kind of life he will lead in the future?
- Q-12: Answer one of the following questions:-

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- (a) Do you think that the third level was medium of escape fo Charley. Why?
  - (b) How would you explain the reluctance of the soldier to leave the shelter of the doctor's home even when he knew he couldn't stay there without risk to the doctor and himself?

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